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By the time you receive this letter I will be attending the Lions Club International Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota. I am looking forward to learning a great deal from the training seminars, leadership classes and the many other activities that will be at the convention. As my year ends as VDG, it has been a very busy time for me traveling and meeting some of you, and going to seminars, leadership training, council meetings and conventions. Although the time went rather quickly I am very excited to share with you all what we have learned through this process.

I look forward to meeting and visiting with you. First of all I want to thank you for being Lions and for all that you do for your communities and our great organization.

We have been around for over 80 years now and have accomplished a lot. We have expanded to over 200 countries with a membership of over 1.3 million strong. We have been called everyday heroes and miracle makers for a good reason. Because YOU made it happen. Take some time and give yourself credit for being the best. Yes, we have been around for over 80 years and want to continue this tradition for ever. Please have fun being a Lion while you work on your projects and enjoy the fellowship together.

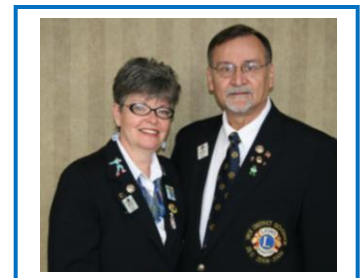
Our motto is "We Serve." On my district governor pin you will see a circle of men and women surrounding the globe with the message "Working Together for a Better Tomorrow." I strongly believe in this message. Not one of us can do it alone. We need to work together and support each other to make this happen. I will do my best to communicate with all of you to make our District 25C the best. Please send us your up-coming projects, pictures and special events so we can include them in future newsletters. My newsletter editor is Lion Suzanne Graden and her info is listed here at the side of this newsletter. Also, please don't forget to send me the MMR reports either by e-mail or snail-mail.

Every governor has a goal to leave the district better and stronger at the end of his or her year. I wrote an article for the Hoosier Lion last year stating that we are the best kept secret. We should be proud of who we are and what we do for our communities and the world around us. I would like to ask each and every one of you to spread the good news about what we do.

Our theme from International President Eberhard Wirts is "Move to Grow." Without growth, we will not be able to continue the services that we provide for our communities, state, and the world and be the miracle makers and every day heroes that make us the greatest non-profit organization in the world. I ask you to invite your friends, co-workers and neighbors to your meetings and your projects so they can see what Lions are all about. All too often we hear people say that they were never asked. So please don't miss the opportunity to ask them if they want to become members.

We owe it to ourselves to be the best that we can be. I am looking forward to working with you to grow together. I wish you all health and happiness.

Yours in Lionism,
DG Nick





Thoughts from 1st Vice-District Governor John Sabol...

After a recent conversation with our District Governor Nick, it is obvious we have a lot of work to do. In our district we have some clubs in trouble and membership needs a boost. DG Nick has ideas to build our membership and help those clubs having problems. With all of our effort, and DG Nick's leadership, we can strengthen District 25C. Our State projects and communities depend on the Lions. DG Nick will continue PDG Charlie's project to get the Miracle Van on the road for District 25C. We need to get behind this project and with an extra effort, complete it this year.

For Lions this may be one of our most challenging years. The economy will hold people back. People are changing jobs and moving around. While they are in transition one of the first things to suffer is volunteerism. We need to double our effort to encourage members to hang in there. The work we do is too important. I know our community of Brownsburg would lose a lot if the Lions weren't here. The July 4th parade, carnival and fire works would probably be the first to go. In our area, some cities that normally sponsor fire works displays won't be able to do so this year because of the economy. Sometimes what we do is not easy, but often, that which is worthwhile never is.

1st VDG John Sabol

DG Nick's 2009-10 Goals for Lions Clubs of District 25C:



Every governor has goals for their district to achieve while fulfilling their year in office. My goals are as follows:

- 1) Maintain the number of membership that each club has now and add 2+ members for the year.
- 2) Charter a new club with 30+ members.

I want our goals to be real and do-able. We can accomplish these goals if we work together.



Save the Date ...

July 6 – 10	International Convention	Minneapolis, MN
September 24 – 26	USA/Canada Lions Forum	Memphis, TN

DG Nick's Schedule and Events ...

July 2 – 10		International Convention	Minneapolis, MN
July 18 & 19		Indiana Lions Eye & Tissue Bank Retreat	Carmel
July 30 – Aug. 1		1 st Council meeting	Merrillville
*August 22	Saturday	1 st Cabinet meeting	Brownsburg
September 13	Sunday	Indiana Lions Eye & Tissue Bank Board Meeting	Eye & Tissue Bank Headquarters
September 19	Saturday	Brownsburg Lions Club 80 th Anniversary Banquet	Brownsburg American Legion Hall
September 20	Sunday	Indiana Lions Eye & Tissue Bank Open House	Eye & Tissue Bank Headquarters
November 7	Saturday	Banner Night	Brownsburg American Legion Hall
November 21	Saturday	2 nd Cabinet meeting	Clinton

Starting July 20th, DG Nick will start scheduling club visitations. Please contact him early so you can get the date you want.

*** Club secretaries and treasurers should plan on attending the 1st Cabinet meeting. There will be a training session included that will be beneficial for you, your club and District 25C.**



Leo News



District 25C Leader Dog Trustee Chairman, Larry Graden receiving a donation to Leader Dogs for the Blind from the Hendricks County Leo Club

Puppy Day at Leader Dog

Have you ever thought about visiting Leader Dogs for the Blind? This is a great opportunity to visit the campus and individuals involved with the program.

The annual Puppy Day at Leader Dogs for the Blind will be on Saturday, July 25th at the school in Rochester Michigan. Puppy raisers will return to Leader Dog with their puppies in training to reunite their puppies with their parent(s) and a day of activities including training classes. Tours of the student dormitory and the kennels will be available. For more information, contact Sam Ziegenmeyer in the Puppy Development department at sziegenmeyer@leaderdog.org or call her at 1-888-777-5332, ext 1114.



Spotlight on Clubs and Projects



Pictured are Clinton Lions Dean Strohm and John Stroot along with Drake (with the glasses) and his family.

Indiana Lions Eye and Tissue Bank with the Clinton Lions Club and the Clinton community are providing funds for eye treatments for Drake Eisele who has exotropia (an imbalance of eye muscles that result in one or both eyes turning outward).

We are so happy that Drake is getting along very well with his eye treatments. Lion Rich Yelich summed it up this way. "The visit with Drake and his family to our club makes it worth being a Lion."

From the Editor: You too, can have your club's service projects and activities featured in the "Spotlight on Clubs and Projects" section of the District Governor's monthly newsletter. It's easy... just send your picture to me at lionsuzanne@indy.rr.com. Include a description of the event that includes what the photo shows (persons and places) and when and where it was taken.

Additionally, there will be a "What's Happening in District 25C" that will feature your club's future fund raisers and community activities. Just send the information to the editor at lionsuzanne@indy.rr.com.

If you do not have access to the internet, send submissions to Lion Suzanne Graden, 7850 Highland Meadows Drive, Brownsburg, IN 46112. Be sure to include a stamped, self-address envelope if you want the photo(s) returned.

Deadline for the newsletter is the 20th day of month prior to the publication date, anything received after that date will appear in the following issue.

The district needs your club to contribute photos of service projects and community activities for publication on the District 25C website. Let other clubs as well as potential new members know what you do and how you impact your community. Send your submissions to furner@ameritech.net. Digital format is preferred; if you send hard copy



photos, self-addressed stamped return envelope must be included if they are to be returned to the submitter, maximum of 3 photos per submission. Be sure to indicate your preference for publication with appropriate labels and/or accompanying text.

Acceptable digital format: JPG; TIF; PDF; BMP. Photo size: at least 350 pixels for clarity; cropping is OK.

Adequate and appropriate documentation is essential for publication. Be sure to include what the photo shows; when was it taken; who took it; where was it taken; and who are the persons and/or places in the picture. Don't forget text to describe the event and why it is important. Deadline for photo submission is a floating deadline with website submissions considered for publication as they arrive and as time permits.

State dues were recently increased by \$4.10 effective for the 2009-2010 Lions year. Your club will see the increase on this district dues statement.



Dues per member per year:

State Administration Fund	\$ 10.75
State Convention Fund	1.25
District Governor's Administration Fund	2.00
District Cabinet Administration Fund	1.65
International Convention Fund	1.25
<u>International Reserve Fund</u>	<u>0.75</u>
Sub-total State and District Dues	\$17.65
<u>International Dues</u>	<u>\$39.00</u>
Total Dues per member per year	\$56.65

In Recognition of Service and Commitment to Lionism...

On June 17th, Lion Calvin Cottrell was presented Lions International Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. Lion Calvin has been a member of the Rossville Area Lions Club for 20 years. Lion Calvin has served the Rossville Lions Club in many ways. Most recently he was instrumental in developing the ice cream sales project. He spent many tireless hours building the ice cream trailers, supplying the trailers, and scheduling events. The ice cream sales have become the main revenue source for the Rossville Lions Club.

Outside the Lions Club, Lion Calvin has demonstrated his humanitarian character as a member of the Clinton County Antique Tractor Club and his hard work on his award winning Christmas light display. The Christmas light is available to public viewing at no cost and has received multiple awards from newspapers and television stations. Lion Calvin is truly a humanitarian.



Pictured is Lion Club President John Willaman (right) presenting Lion Calvin Cottrell (a.k.a. Santa) with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.



DG Nick would like to express his sincere appreciation to all Lion members who accepted district level positions. It is through your dedication and commitment to Lions that allows this organization to achieve the high level of service to the community for which it is known. It is only because of your willingness to serve others that makes it possible for dreams to come true.

Yours in Lionism,
Nick

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