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My fellow Lions,

You are receiving this newsletter earlier this month due to our District Convention on February 27th. The Convention will be in Lafayette, Indiana at the Holiday Inn Select – City Centre. We are excited about our convention and having International Director Eugenio Roman as our keynote speaker who will be accompanied by his wife Lion Ibis. They are from Puerto Rico so we hope the Indiana weather will be kind to them. In case you have missed reading in our previous letters, we want you to have another opportunity to be part of this year's convention. I hope you are considering attending. It will be a lot of fun. All of our state projects will be represented by our trustees who will be conducting short seminars that will inform us on how well we are doing in representing our district.

In spite of negative numbers in membership shown for January, February is looking very promising to be on the plus side once more. I want to share a success story with you about maintaining and increasing membership from our Clinton Lions Club.

In January, I received a phone call from Lion Secretary Dean Strohm telling me that they were about to lose 7 members of their club. As a result of a lengthy conversation with Lion Dean, members of the Clinton club (President Steve Thompson, Treasurer Tim Morgan, Membership Chair Rich Yelich, Lion John Stroot, Lion Harold Rinehart as well as Secretary Dean) took it upon themselves to visit and talk with these Lions to find out why they no longer wanted to be Lions. Not only did they save 6 out of the 7 members, they also recruited 2 additional Lions along the way.

Following this, they had a membership drive to invite potential Lions to their club. They had eleven people come to the membership drive dinner and they gained 7 new members for the month of February.

I was also pleasantly surprised by PDG Jerry Thacker of the Clinton Township Van Bibber Lake Lions Club. A year ago, this club was ready to fold. Having few members, these Lions were determined to overcome the downfall and committed themselves to rebuild the club. These determined Lions went to work and started a variety of projects within their club and were able to re-instate 3 members and they expect to recruit new members as well.

ANYTHING is possible when we all get involved. Positive things will happen.

I want to encourage all of you to stay in touch with your members who are not attending the meetings and not participating in club projects to let them know that you have missed them. Encourage participation with all of your members and make your meetings interesting and remember to have fun.

Although Lions have been around for 80+ years, don't ever take it for granted that your community knows what Lions do. Please continue to invite your family, friends and neighbors to your meetings and activities and share with them our success stories.

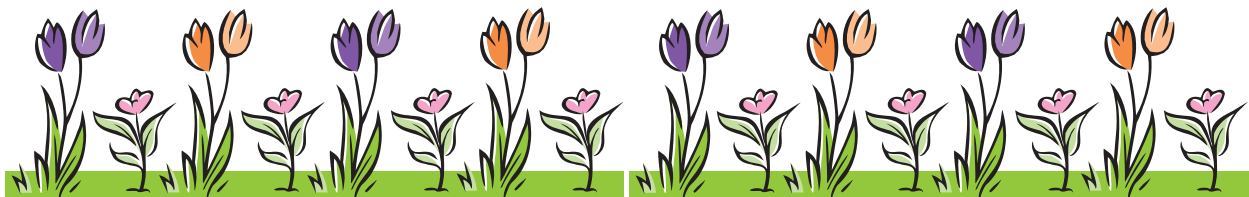
Thank you to many of our clubs with the increase in membership. Be sure to file your MMR report with International and send me a copy so the new members can receive the publications from International and the State.



Just a Reminder: All of you should have received the invoice for your club dues. Please make sure that you have sent the club dues payment to the District Treasurer Lion Ray Furner.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Convention.

Yours in Lionism,
DG Nick



DG Nick's Schedule and Events ...

February 27	Saturday	District 25C Convention	Lafayette
March 3	Wednesday	Official Visit	Crawfordsville
March 17	Wednesday	Official Visit	Whitestown
March 20	Saturday	All you can eat breakfast	Brownsburg
April 14	Wednesday	Official Visit	Walton
April 22-25	Thursday-Sunday	Indiana Lions State Convention	South Bend

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



A famous motivational speaker, Dr. Wayne Dyer, used this phrase in many of his presentations,,, “You will see it when you believe it.”

We as Lions should take this advice. When we start to believe our club is going to grow or our next project is going to be better than ever, it will happen. According to Dr. Dyer this belief has its own motivational power. Your conscious will find the proper way to get the job done to accomplish the task you set out to do.


We have used this idea before and didn't know it. Before the first time you rode a bicycle you had the desire. You believed you could do it. After all, you could see many other kids riding bikes. Your father or mother put you on the bike and gave it a push. Your belief and desire were so great you learned quickly. After that, riding was easy. You learned more skills along the way and became proficient.

Sometimes all we need is a little motivation. Believe your club will grow. Believe there are many people who really want to join an organization like the Lions. All they are waiting for is someone to ask them, and that someone should be you.

Learn and read more about Lions and the work they accomplish. This will arm you with the knowledge you need. So that when people ask, who the Lions are, you can tell them. With authority you can tell them who and what the Lions are, and then you can ask them with confidence and enthusiasm to become a member of the largest non-governmental volunteer organization in the world.

One last thought to ponder, whether you think you can or you think you can't, you're right.

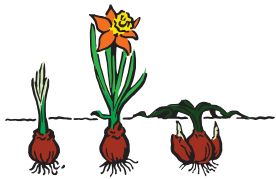
1st VDG John Sabol



INDIANA LIONS STATE CONVENTION
Century Center
South Bend, Indiana
April 22-25

There will be a Silent Auction at the Indiana Lions State Convention again this year. We ask Lions from each district to bring items worth \$20 or more for the auction. Our Convention Committee approved donating the funds raised to the LCI Haitian Relief Fund.

The Silent Auction Committee will be prepared to receive your items in the Exhibit Hall at the Century Center Thursday between 12:00 & 5:00, Friday between 8:00 & 5:00, and Saturday before 9:00 a.m.



A Roaring Welcome to these new Lions:

BATTLE GROUND	Travis E. Parker; Ryan M. Tyson
BROOKSTON	Jessica B. Kinney; Marcia K. Thomas
CAMDEN	Nathan Trapp
CLINTON	Doug L. Andrews
CLINTON TOWNSHIP VAN BIBBER LAKE	Michael Clutts (Re-instated)
FLORA	James T. Hedrick
FRANKFORT	Antonio Menijivar
LADOGA	David Reeves; Darin Garrett; Marcus Light
LAFAYETTE	Robert Eugene Hardy
LIZTON	Christopher M. Hill
NEWPORT	Steven Rudzinski
OXFORD	Karen P. Ahlbrand; Terry D. Howard; Kathy J. Winchester
ROSSVILLE AREA	Gary A. Miller; J. Richard Rausch; Dottie Ticen
ROYAL CENTER	Kevin Drane
ZIONSVILLE	Chad J. Sweeney; Yasmin L. Stump

In Memory...

<i>Clinton...</i>	<i>Herbert A. Cox</i>
<i>Frankfort...</i>	<i>Raymond A. Kristensen</i>
<i>Jamestown Community...</i>	<i>Robert N. Wolfenbarg</i>
<i>Ladoga...</i>	<i>William G. Gerald; Stanley Mason; William J. Mercer</i>
<i>Lucerne...</i>	<i>Frank Myers</i>
<i>Oxford...</i>	<i>La Moine J. Pluimer</i>
<i>Perrysville...</i>	<i>Merle Scott</i>
<i>Rossville Area...</i>	<i>Richard E. Cottrell</i>

Although their service is complete, their legacy continues.



TIPS ON BEING A GOOD SPONSOR

Submitted by Past President Lion Pat Chastain, Brownsburg LC

Your job of being a sponsor doesn't end when you place the Lion pin on a new member; your job has really just begun.

You should

- ★ Sit with the new member at his/her first few meetings
- ★ Introduce the member to other members of the club
- ★ Answer any questions the new member may have, and if you can't answer them, direct him/her to someone in the club who can
- ★ Find out the new member's interest
- ★ Invite him/her to participate in the club's projects and events
- ★ Call or e-mail the member if he/she has missed a couple of meetings. Ask if there is a problem or if there is anyway you can help
- ★ Encourage him/her to attend an orientation meeting, and if possible, go with them

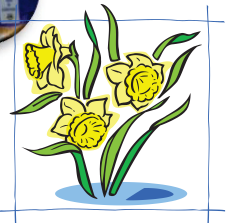
MAKE THE NEW MEMBER FEEL THAT HE/SHE IS A VALUED ADDITION TO THE CLUB!

What's happening in 25C?



Frankfort Lions Club presented W.P. Woods awards to Lion Don Sedwick and Lion Art Beard on Governor's night. Also in attendance were the Colfax Lions Club as guests. L to R: Judy and Don Sedwick and Art and Barb Beard.

Frankfort Lions Club added a new member on Governor's night. DG Nick Xinopoulos (left) installed Antonio Menjivar (middle) who was sponsored by Lion Sylvia Barbier (right).



What's happening in 25C, continued

Clinton Lioness Club received an appreciation service award from DG Nick Xinopoulos for the Club's continued support of Lions Projects locally as well as at the state and international levels. Pictured L to R: Clinton Lioness Club members Carole Morgan, Sue Weber, Tina Blackburn, Nancy Blackburn and Antonette Bonomo and District 25-C DG Nick Xinopoulos.



Clinton Lions Club President Steve Thompson (left) received an award from District Governor Nick Xinopoulos (right). The Club was recognized for their continued support of Lions projects at the local, state, and international level.



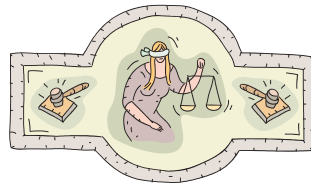
DG Nick Xinopoulos inducting Terry Turchi into the Clinton Lions Club while sponsor Clinton Lion Rich Yelich places the Lions lapel pin on Lion Turchi.



Guests at the Clinton Lions Club meeting on Jan. 27 included (L to R) 2nd VP Lion David Martinez (Brownsburg), ILETTB Trustee Lion Suzanne Graden, Cancer Control Trustee Lion Paul Morrison, Speech and Hearing Trustee PDG Ron Spivey, and Leader Dog Trustee Larry Graden.



Editor's note: Need a meeting program? There is a pool of Trustees of the state projects and Indiana Lions Foundation available to give your club a presentation. Contact Lion Suzanne Graden at lionsuzanne@indy.rr.com or 317-852-0552 to schedule.



State Law Camp

State Law Camps give students entering the 7th and 8th grades a behind the scenes look at the criminal justice system. The four-day co-ed camps are held at universities around the state and offer an advanced look at law enforcement through field trips, exciting demonstrations and motivating programs. Campers meet peers from around the state, participate in recreational activities and leave with a greater understanding of the police field.

The cost this year will be \$135.00. Applications are available on the district website, www.indianalionsdistrict25c.org. **APPLICATIONS WITH PAYMENT MUST BE SENT TO: PCC LINDA TINCHER, PO Box 158, Riley, IN 47871.**

Even though the application says to do so....DO NOT SEND MONIES OR APPLICATIONS DIRECTLY TO THE TROOPER'S ASSOCIATION OR TO THE STATE POLICE!!!!

If you need information contact PCC Linda Tincher, State Law Camp Chair (vtincher@ma.rr.com, 812-894-2750 home, 812-240-0545 cell) or your local district Law Camp Chair. Programs are available.

Clubs wishing to make donations only, should handle their contribution just like donations to state projects – send it to the Cabinet Secretary! The Cabinet Secretary will record the donation and then have the treasurer deposit it and send it on to the State Comptroller.



Miracle Bus Project 2010 Update
Information provided by PDG Charlie Short
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Vehicle: The bus remains in Greencastle awaiting suitable weather to drive it to Oxford, where it will be hosted by the Oxford LC. LT Taylor of the Greencastle LC has put a battery tender on the bus to keep it ready.



Equipment: The Indiana Lions Eye and Tissue Bank purchased a photoscreening camera for use on the bus! Meetings with optical equipment reps will give us a competing proposal for the bus screening equipment.



Training: Training on the new equipment will be held at Zone meetings and special sessions in March, and April. Training sessions will be scheduled for Greencastle, Zionsville, Lafayette, and at least one northern zone.

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