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District Governor—Ronald Spivey

GOVERNOR'S ARTICLE



First of all I want to say "Thank you". Thank you to the Lions and non Lions that came to this years District Convention and took part and helped make it happen. Thank you to Mike Joyce of Clinton Club for, as always, showing us a better, clearer way to look at our photo screening efforts. His display was great and took much time to create. Also a Big Thank You to the Vision Van crew from District F that came over and put on a seminar on vision screening for both adults and children, thank you Jack Salsbery, Ed Reier for the use of your equipment and your time to help us here in District C be better Lions. Thank you to Ray Furner for the seminar on Captel- a phone for the deaf and hard of hearing, your enthusiasm and knowledge is always great. Thank you to Pat Short who really has come into her own with the Peace Poster Projects. Pat- you, I know made a great impression on our members. Thanks to Al and Margi McConnaha for planning and conducting the Necrology Service. This was a very touching part of the Convention, and I know it took time to plan. Thanks to John Stroot of Clinton for being there on behalf of the School for the Blind and visually impaired. John is in his self an inspiration to me and I know to the kids at the school. Thanks to Nick Xinopoulos for his display and knowledge on the Eye Bank Project. It is always a pleasure to see Nick and share hi noticeable join of being a Lion. Thanks to Michael Booth for playing the piano for the Necrology Service and probably sitting through the Convention on the worst seat in the house. Thanks to Bill Penn of Delphi for having the ballots for voting and teaching us all the voting processes and how it all works. Thanks to Carl Goss of Crawfordsville for, as always, helping me to be better and for showing me the way it is to be done. Carl- from the first I have felt that you took me under your wing. Thanks to Ron Hinshaw of Tipton for his precise want to keep the financial part of Lions on track and paid up, and for your display of shirts for our members. Thanks to Charlie Short for just being there, because I know you were fighting the flu and didn't feel well. Thank you also for your display and knowledge on Cancer Control. Thank you to Glen Wentland for your Indiana Beach Days display. This is a great project and a good asset to our cause.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR ARTICLE CONT.....

Thanks to PDG Billy Chastain for singing louder than me so no one could hear my bad voice. Thanks to Owen and Margery Matz of Frankfort for all of their help counting votes and registration of voters, and also to Margery for taking Convention minutes. Thanks for the Leadership presentation. Thanks to North Vermillion High School for their building use, and to Ruth, the cook, her food is always great! The decorations were real nice-candles, center pieces and our colors were real eye catchers. Thanks to Rocky for her help with tables and chairs, decorations and all that she did. Thanks to Corey for his help and guidance. Thanks to Julie, Patty, and Jill for all that they did, you all were great with signing people in and helping things work out. Thanks to student, Ross Carli, for doing the sound system for us. Thanks to Bill from Cayuga for the real neat, flashing sign at the entrance to let everyone know where we were. And, certainly, last but not least, Thank you to my club for really stepping forward and putting this together, Dave-for being the sign up, money man, and a big thanks to Pat Taylor for the little extra peace of mind he let me have, just knowing he was helping. Thanks guys and girls!! If I have left anyone out I am Truly Sorry.

DG Ron Spivey

MORE NOTES FROM THE GOVERNOR

Part of my duties as District Governor is to visit all District C Lions Clubs. My wife and I like to do this. During this process we have many late nights and travel some pretty long distances. We live at the South West corner of our District and some of our Clubs are right at 120 miles one way. About one third of the Clubs set up the date for us to visit early in my year. To this date though I still don't have visits set with some Clubs. The best way for all Clubs to set a date for a current Governor to visit is to set that date early in the Governor's year. This allows that Governor to reach the Clubs with a plan and message early so that the Clubs and the Governor can more or less be on the same page, and learn about each other early so they can have a better, longer relationship. In the future with future District Governors please keep this in mind. Set your visit from the Governor early, so that you and they can have a better and sooner understanding of what is going on currently.

Part of my message, a very large part is on membership. Many times when I am speaking at a Club and asking them to go out and ask new people to join the Lions, I can tell by the looks on their faces that they are not going to do this. This causes me much frustration. What is it going to take for some people? I realize that we are getting tired of having membership plans talked about all of the time, but it is a must do thing. If we don't bring in new members and keep the ones we have, we can not last. If we don't last, who is going to do what we do-Answer? **NO ONE**. We are needed and we are necessary and by not getting out there

and bringing in new members you are saying that we are not needed and necessary. Come on folks-Let's go form a plan- Make it work. Putting new members into your Club should be your Clubs priority. Of course, you still need to help your communities to live better lives, but if we don't last that won't happen.

What is the difference from a Non-Lion and a Lion? A non-Lion is a person, living their life going about their business, not seeing what a true Lion sees. I for one am a Lion who when there is a child that needs glasses, and old woman that needs a hearing aid, a d person that needs help because they are just down, and they look up they see me. Me – a Lion standing there reaching out to them with help. Being a Lion is to have a feeling, a vision, a dream and a desire to make this old world a better place.

Be This- Be a Lion!!
Thank you,
DG Ron Spivey

Dates To Remember

- March 4 Plainfield Meeting about New Danville Club
- March 5 Membership Meeting Michigantown Club
- March 11 Romney O.V.
- March 12 Lebanon O.V.
- March 17 Van Bibber O.V.
- March 19 Crawfordsville O.V.
- March 20 Whitestown O.V.
- March 30 Kid Sight Meeting @ Carmel Clubhouse, Carmel, In
- April 3 Logansport O.V.
- April 8 Wolcott O.V.
- April 11-13 Leadership Workshop-Ramada Inn 7701 E 42nd St
- April 25-27 State Convention-Fort Wayne, In

VDG Article

Tales From the Road VDG Charlie Short

Bob Hope and Bing Crosby's "Road" pictures never won any Oscars, but they remain funny and full of life to this day. Why? Because they are **TRUE**. Every traveler encounters strange customs, foods, different languages, and all manner of red tape. And they always will!

So it has been this year, as I have found traveling around this 700 square-mile District we call "C". On our District's bell, it says "C" stands for "Colossal". I'll agree with that! Three-dollar fuel seems to make it even larger! But I've found it to also mean- Considerate, Caring, Committed, and just a little bit Crazy too!

I find on balance, all of the clubs I have visited to be **considerate**. They put up with having another District-level visitor that asks them to do more. They schedule our meetings well in advance, and early in the year. They usually give us a quick standing-o after our introduction, because God knows that's often the only thanks we get for this job. They let us be the sole speaker for the evening. The food's a touch better than normal. Everyone cleans up a little, some more than others. And a few have gone the extra mile in giving me a little something for coming- a roll of stamps, a friendship banner, a gas card- or in the case of one club, just a thank-you card signed by all the members. I can't tell you how much I appreciated these tokens of club support.

I have found the clubs to be infinitely **caring**. I see Lion *Ed Geisler* and his fellow Lions in **Battleground**, and *Red Rinehart* in **Monticello** pitching in to help deliver grocery relief to flood victims along the Tippecanoe river. I see Lion *Darrell Noonkester* and the **Delphi** club not only doing the same, but planning for when Spring arrives and the waters are down for good. Small but mighty **Lucerne** giving a Melvin Jones Fellowship dedicated to Campaign SightFirst II. Many efforts, great and small, dedicated to caring for those folks both in and outside of our immediate communities. **Mighty hearts beat every day in C.**

The Lions of District C are certainly **committed**. They don't just think up something and go do it, they go do it with a plan. They budget the activity and don't quit until they make their number. They recruit new members to help them carry out what they are doing. There isn't much going on in their towns that they aren't aware of, or haven't figured out a way to make happen. **Earl Park** makes it happen. **Zionsville** makes it happen. **Brownsburg** makes it happen. **Rossville** does more for Rossville than it will ever know.

But then there are the clubs that are just a little bit **crazy** in a good way! You just can't go to **Clinton** and see Lion DJ Bonomo and not have a good time. At **Plainfield**, you have to work hard to find someone that isn't grinning from ear to ear. **Cloverdale's** Steak Night was as nice a late summer night outdoors as you could want. The spirit of FUN is alive and well in C! If you aren't having a good time as Lions, go visit these clubs and see how it's done.

So while I don't have the timing of ol' Ski-Nose Hope, the smooth cool of Bing, and have yet to run across Maureen O'Hara, I've seen a lot while visiting all of you this year. I like what I see. Because as far as I'm concerned, C also stands for **CHAMPIONS**.

VDG Charlie Short

New Members

Shawn Nash- Colfax Club
Steve Moore- Colfax Club
Patricia Meade- Flora Club
Reba Evans- Brownsburg Club
Janet Fisher- Brownsburg Club
Yvonne Jenkins- Brownsburg Club
David Martinez- Brownsburg Club
Reid Roethe- Brownsburg Club
Gretchen Xinopoluos- Brownsburg Club
John Dawson- Lafayette Club
Robert Goldberg- Lafayette Club
Mindy Miller- Lafayette Club
Garret DalSasso- Clinton Club
Gary Thompson- Clinton Club

Other News

There will be a meeting at the Carmel Lions Club house 141 East Main Street to discuss the future of the Lions KidSight program at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday March 30th. Lunch will be provided. If you would like to continue screening it is imperative that someone from your screening team to be part of this discussion.

We have some major changes happening in the upcoming Lions year. Dr. Neely, the KidSight Medical Director will be on hand to answer any questions you may have and discuss the new screening devices. PDGs Doug Lozier and Charlie Haffner, the current KidSight Co-Program Directors will also be present. We will be eventually phasing out the photoscreener, which many of you currently use. Please call (317-578-0491) or email kidsight@sbcglobal.net me to let me know if you will be attending.

The Carmel Lions Club House is one and a half blocks east of Rangeline Road on 131st Street, which is Main Street, on the south side of the street. Rangeline runs through downtown Carmel east of Meridian Street (U.S. 31) and west of Keystone Avenue.

Please visit our new website @:
www.indianalionsdistrict25c.org

2008 Indiana Lions State Convention "Lions at the Fort"

hosted by: Lions Clubs of 25-B

Registration Form

April 25-27, 2008

Grand Wayne Center/Hilton Hotel

120 W Jefferson Blvd

Fort Wayne, Indiana

Please submit a separate form for each couple.

Name _____ Title _____

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Club _____ District _____

Street Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone# (____) _____ Email _____

Please list any special needs that you or your guest require _____

NOTE: Please make hotel reservations by calling the Hilton @ 260-420-1100. To receive the special room rate of \$104 sgl/dbl or \$124 tpl/quad, please make your reservation by April 11, 2008. Don't forget to request the Lion rate.

Meal and Entertainment Registration

		Cost	Quantity	Amount
Friday ---	Texas BBQ Dinner and Music At the Botanical Gardens	\$15.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday --	Breakfast: Cash breakfast bar at the Exhibit Hall (on your own)			
	Luncheon: The Magic Of Lionsim with Dick Stoner	\$18.00	_____	\$ _____
	Afternoon tour of DeBrand Fine Chocolates And Allen County Courthouse	\$15.00	_____	\$ _____
	Governor's All State Banquet With PIP Jimmy Ross	\$28.00	_____	\$ _____
	Choose desired dinner entree:			
	____ Breast of Chicken w/roasted red pepper sauce			
	____ Broiled Haddock w/ creole tomato sauce			
	____ Roasted sliced sirloin w/bordelaise sauce			
	____ Vegetarian			
Sunday --	Sunday Brunch (includes one free mug)	\$24.00	_____	\$ _____
	2008 State Convention mugs	\$ 6.00 ea.	_____	\$ _____
	2008 State Convention pin	\$ 3.00 ea.	_____	\$ _____
	Discount: If you register for Magic Luncheon, Banquet & Sunday Brunch deduct \$10 per person		_____	- \$(_____)
	2008 Convention Shirt (yellow with Navy trim)	\$18 (\$20 at the door)	_____	\$ _____
	____ small ____ medium ____ large ____ Xlarge ____ XXLarge			
	Total			\$ _____

Convention Seminars – Saturday Afternoon

Session #1 --- 2:00 p.m.

- ____ Hearing Dogs for the Hearing Impaired
- ____ Indiana Lions Eye & Tissue Transplant Bank
- ____ Club Development & Retention
- ____ Indiana Telephone Relay Access Corp

Session #2 --- 3:00 p.m.

- ____ Training & Idea sharing for Leo Clubs
- ____ New Technologies for the Visually Impaired
- ____ Indiana Lions for Leader Dog
- ____ Indiana Lions for Cancer Control

Please mail registration forms to: Lion Molly Clay, P O Box 186, Leo, IN 46765. Checks should be made payable to: Indiana Lions 2008 State Convention. Registrations must be received no later than April 15th, 2008.

Poster Woods Letter From the Monticello paper Indiana Beach Web site
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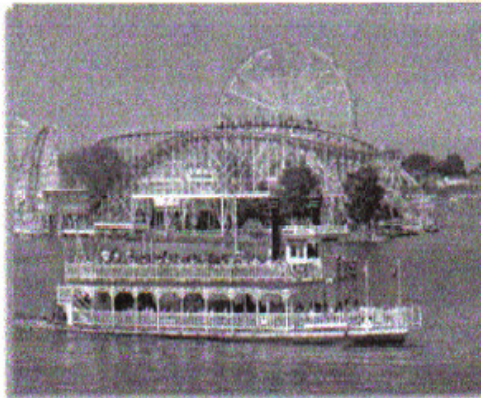
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would like to invite you to attend
LIONS DAYS at the Beach!!

Sundays

July 20th & 27th 2008

Help the Lions Clubs raise funds for
Service projects

Advance Combination Passes will be sold for \$15.00
(\$32.50 value) by Indiana Lions Club Members,



LIONS CLUBS HAVE A NEW FILING REQUIREMENT

It's short, easy and electronic – it's the new E-Postcard
Don't throw away your tax-exempt status – be sure to file your e-Postcard

- **How do you know if your Lions Club has a filing requirement?**
If you are a small tax-exempt organization that normally has annual gross receipts of \$25,000 or less and does not have to file Form 990 or 990-EZ, you must file the e-Postcard (also known as 990-N).
- **When is the e-Postcard due?**
It's due by the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of your tax year. Lions Clubs operate on a fiscal year, July 1 – June 30, and the e-Postcard will be due by November 15, 2008.
- **What information does your club need to provide on the e-Postcard?**
 - a legal name and mailing address and any other names used,
 - a Web address if one exists,
 - employer identification number (EIN),
 - organization's annual tax period,
 - the name and address of a principal officer, and
 - a statement confirming the organization's annual gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less.
- **What happens if you don't file?**
You risk losing your tax-exempt status! Any Lions Club that fails to meet its annual reporting requirement for three consecutive years automatically loses its tax-exempt status under the new law.
- **Why is the IRS calling it an e-Postcard?**
Because it's as simple as sending a postcard and it's electronic.
- **Need more information?**
Go to www.irs.gov/eo for complete details and while you're there sign up for Exempt Organization's free email newsletter, EO Update, to receive up-to-date information posted on the charity pages of irs.gov.

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Lion Ron Spivey
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Dear District Governor Ron and Tess,

Congratulations on a very successful District 25-C Convention this past weekend! My wife, Lion Sue and I enjoyed being at your convention and were treated very warmly by the Lions in your District.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks for the generous gift of the W.P. Woods Fellowship in my name. We also appreciated all of the goodies in our room and the needlepoint Lions calendar.

We enjoyed dinner with you on Friday evening and with the other Lions on Saturday evening. Thank you, also, for taking us to Indianapolis on Saturday to all of the wonderful Lions projects. We enjoyed every minute!

You are very dedicated Lions. Keep up the great work!

Yours in Lions Service,

Russ Sarver
Russ and Sue Sarver
International Director

