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District Governor—Ronald Spivey

GOVERNOR'S ARTICLE

This is the last of the Mohicans. The last newsletter I will be writing as District Governor. As I said the first time I rode Space Mountain-what a ride. I think we are in better shape now than a year ago. We have more Clubs. I believe we have in this year looked up and seen that we can't keep doing the same old things. I feel that we now have a good sense of a direction for our District. I have learned so much this year. I have seen into the part of Lions that lead them to be Lions. That place in a person that puts them in position to help others. I have watched this fire burn bright and at times nearly go out because of discouragement or lack of help. My fire is no different than anyone else's. Some have poured water on my fire and some have poured fuel. I have learned that bright or dim the fire is still there. What Lion are you? Do you fuel fires or pour water on them. I am going to be a Past District Governor soon. Will I be one of those that sit and criticize or one that uses what I have learned to help and encourage. In Clubs with PDG's as members, those Clubs are either thriving or sitting still or dying. From what I have seen these conditions are controlled much by their PDG members. If you are a PDG that is doing everything for your Club, Stop Doing That!! Encourage new, young, or at the same time other members to do more. We cannot nurture new leaders if we won't let them try. If you are one of those PDG's that just sit there, stop doing that. Get into the fray. Use your fire to light more fires. If you are a PDG that shoots down any new idea that comes along-Stop Doing That. Be open-minded. All PDG's are looked to for guidance. Be that PDG that digs in and helps others to step up to get near the fire. Don't stand in the way, lead the way. Point Lions in the right direction with what got you where you are. You got to be District Governor because at some point someone saw a fire in you, and lead you to the office. PDG's should be fire builders not water carriers. Personalities will shut a Club down quicker than anything. Look into yourself. Look at your Club members. Do you have a member that is a Club bully, a Lion that puts down new ideas or ideas that are not their own? If so please try to talk to them and help them to change. Clubs, we need all of our members.

District Governor Article Cont...

I feel this is one of the main reasons we loose them. The last two years we didn't get Vice District Governor Elects until the last minute. This must stop. We have to show our membership the correct way for them to learn and progress into the offices of VDG & DG. Much needs to be done with this. This can be and should be a job for our Past District Governors.

On the lighter side, remember our motto is we serve- not we eat. If the biggest thing you do at your meeting is eating then you are missing the point. I want to say thank you to the District for allowing me to be your District Governor. I know I have tried to do my best. In every instance hindsight is better than fore sight, so at this point

I think I could have done more. But I am just stepping down as District Governor, not dying. I can still do more next year. Try to visit other Clubs to see what they do and team up to do more. Go to District Events. Learn more so you can do more. Remember the bottom line. Help Others.

My thank yous and awards are going to wait until our new Governors First Cabinet Meeting in July. Be there.

In this newsletter I do have to thank one person, my newsletter, computer, email daughter in law, Punky. As most people know I am not a computer person, without Punky no newsletter would have ever been done. She is a very busy mother of 3 and works a full time job. Every month she took time to help me and the District with the Newsletter and every other month with the Hoosier Lion page. Thank you Punky!!

**Thank you,
District Governor Ron Spivey**

Dates To Remember in June

- June 4 Installation of Officers- Lafayette
- June 8 Speech & Hearing Meeting
- June 10 Oxford Installation of Officers
- June 22 Installation of Officers- Battleground
- June 23-27 International Convention, Bangkok, Thailand
- June 25 Induction of New Members- Lebanon
- June 27 My last day as District Governor

VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR ARTICLE

**What an Honor!
DGE Charlie Short**

Lions of 25C, it has been my honor to serve you this year as Vice-Governor. As of this writing, there are only two clubs I was unable to visit this year. I've put in the effort to get to know you, and I have enjoyed getting to know all of you.

We have all benefited from the great leadership of DG Ron Spivey this year. He will be a tough act to follow. Our finances and documents are in good order. We have three-going on four-new clubs, and there is a sense of possibility in the air. Our participation in the State Projects and LCIF efforts is the highest it has been in years. DG Ron has left the District in much better condition than he found it. He will continue as MERL team chair for 2009. Thanks Ron.

I intend to keep the momentum going for next year, but I need your help. As of this writing, I am looking for good Lions to serve as trustees for the Cancer Control and Leader Dog State Projects. We are also in need of people to fill out various district committees and help the chairs achieve their goals. Our Motto is "We Serve". Step up to the plate and contact me if you are ready to serve our district this year. Tell me what you want to do, and we can work together to make your service meaningful to you and Lionism.

Lions, I thank you for the opportunities you have given me to serve you this year. I have learned a great deal. Let's look forward to this new Lions year with excitement and optimism as we serve our communities, our Hoosier state, and our world. There's nothing stopping us now!

New Members

John Mackey- Clinton

Robert Spence- Clinton

Rebuilds & New Clubs

In the month of May, 2 Club members stepped forward and asked for some help to rebuild their Clubs. Carl Goss of Crawfordsville and Al McConnaha of Lebanon. We were successful in both towns and recruiting a few members. Thank you to these dedicated Lions for their ability to step up to this task. I will be willing in this current Governor's year or the next to help to rebuild any Club that asks. Thank you!! DG Ron Spivey