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District Governor—Ronald Spivey



GOVERNOR'S ARTICLE

Membership, Membership, Membership!!! Get new members, ask someone to join. Start a new Club, be a guiding Lion, ask a Club to sponsor a new Club. Wow!! I am getting tired of all of this. I realize that probably most of our Lion members in our District are tired of hearing about membership. One thing is a fact: If we just go to meetings and do fundraisers and projects and don't get new members, we will go out of business. Many Clubs, or should I say most Clubs are making this an everyday thing and are actively looking for new members. This is what we want to happen. Make it a habit and it will take care of itself. Thank you for your work and patience. My year as Governor is winding down and at the same time District Governor Elect Charlie Short's year is getting going. He needs all Clubs to turn in their PU101 forms as soon as they can. Don't wait on this, do it now. He needs this information so he can get his District Directory together. You need 4 officers on this form. They are President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chairperson. All 4 are very important. Also supply their phone numbers, addresses, and if they have email, that address too. The State Convention was held in Fort Wayne Indiana and was a busy time for my wife and me. It is a learning experience and fun too. But as I have said before and have heard others say, there is not enough there to draw our rank and file members. The Convention caters to those Lions that have been in the organization a long time and are Past District Governors or District Governors or State Leaders. I as District Governor even felt a little sense being out ranked and overlooked! Sorry folks, but that is how I felt. There should be more for the Lions to learn about, more seminars and this would be a great place for our always-stressed new member orientations. Also there should be awards presented at the State Convention for Mr. & Mrs. Average Good Lion Member, so they can have a reason to be there and a sense of belonging. Every year for my 3 years of going to the State Convention, it has been the same. Same people, same awards, same script. What happened to the Challenge to Change? Remember that? Everyone wants Lions to step up to be our leaders of tomorrow. If we, and I don't mean the Clubs I mean the ID's, the PID's, and our other leaders don't start recognizing these Lions before they are old, frail, or dead, they may never come to a District Convention, let alone a State Convention. Our President Mahendra Amarasuriya has challenged us to change and I have tried in every way. Now I challenge our State Leaders to do the same.

Thank you,
DG Ron Spivey 25-C

Vice District Governor Article

A Look Ahead for 25C

By: DGE Charlie Short

About this time of year, everyone starts asking what the "New Agenda" is going to be....what great project we are going to take on....what wonderful thing we are going to do? Truth be told, we don't have anything revolutionary planned, but it's still vitally important.

Our goals are simple: #1 -- Keep the Momentum Going; #2 -- Action Now; #3 -- Build the Team.

DG Ron Spivey has been the envy of the State's other districts this year. He has been relentless in his efforts to jump-start our district. It has been my honor to serve with him. As of this writing, there are more Lions, clubs, and activity in 25C than when DG Ron took office. He has been nominated for IP Mahendra Amasuriya's Challenge to Change Award by his fellow DG's. I intend to keep this momentum rolling for 2008-9 ---- The Year of Hoosier Heroes.

First VP Al Brandel will be sworn in as International President in Bangkok next month. His approach is very solid, straightforward, and low glitz: Everyday Heroes Working Miracles Every Day. I like that. Focus on the work, and build your team around it. Lions, it isn't hard. Just do the work. Tell our story. More projects mean more exposure. It means more awareness and greater acceptance of what we do. It makes it so much easier to ask others to be Lions!

We are reinstating depth to the District as well. We are reinstating the Region Chair positions, and will have all Zone Chair positions filled. Zone activity is key to clubs working with each other to do more than they can do alone. Region Chairs can help solve area issues because they were Zone Chairs once too! Club officers, lean on these people to help you accomplish more and have a better year. Many hands make light work!

As you know from our visits, DG Ron and I have worn the same uniform this year. We firmly believed going into this effort that 25C was at least a two year project. VDG Nick Xinopolous thinks the same way. So if you think this effort is going to change or go away, it isn't. It is critical for our part of the state that we have healthy, active, growing clubs. We have no intention of letting Lions fade away on our watch. Stay tuned for more on the specifics next month.

I will be looking forward to discussing with the club Presidents and Membership Chairs their goals and action plans for next year. After we decide on our plan for the year, I'll work hard to help your club achieve its goals. It is only by your club making it happen that the District will grow, too. Thanks for being 25C Lions- **the Hoosier Heroes!**

Dates To Remember

May 3	Danville Charter Night
May 7	Crawfordsville Membership Meeting
May 13	Wolcott O.V.
May 14, 15	Lebanon Club Membership Drive
May 20	Crawfordsville Club Membership Drive
June 10	Oxford Installation of Officers
June 23-27	International Convention, Bangkok, Thailand

New Members

Thomas M Skiles-Rossville Club

Carolyn Hale- Rossville Club

Activity Report Submission

Attention Lions:

As of July 2006, club secretaries have been instructed to submit their Activity Report information through the Lions Web site. Paper forms have been eliminated.

The following instructions will guide you through online Monthly/Yearly Online Activity Report.

1. Go online to: www.lionsclubs.org
2. From the home page, locate: *Submit Membership and Activity Reports*.
3. Enter your *member number*.
4. Enter your *password*.
5. Click on the *Club* link in the Gold Menu Bar.
6. Click on *Reports*.
7. Click on the *Go* button next to Monthly/Yearly Activity report.

The 2007-08 Monthly/Yearly Activity Report will be accepted through July 15, 2008.

District 25-C State Convention/Cabinet Meeting
April 25, 2008
Hilton Hotel, Fort Wayne, IN

DG Ron Spivey called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation given by Lion Nick Xinopoulos.

Roll Call was conducted with a sign-in sheet. Twenty-two Lions, representing eight different clubs, were present.

PDG Bill Penn passed out and collected ballots for nominations and election of the 2008-2009 VDG.

Each of the three candidates for International Director (PDG Doug Lozier, PDG Dick Silveira, and PDG Billy Chastain) stopped in and gave a short speech on their qualifications for this position.

PDG Bill Penn announced the unanimous election of Lion Nick Xinopoulos as VDG for the 2008-2009 term. Lion Nick gave a short acceptance speech, thanking everyone for their support and pledging to do a good job.

DG Spivey acknowledged and introduced all PDG's, IPDG's, VDG, VDGE, District 25-C Treasurer and their spouses.

Comments from VDG Charlie Short: Recognition was given to DG Ron Spivey for getting new clubs started and the importance of this. Key fundamentals for this next year will be: Building a team of leadership, concentrating on Zone and Regional chairs, and developing new clubs and membership.

Treasurers Report: District 25-C Treasurer Owen Matz reported the largest expenses were the District and State Conventions. The budget is in good shape, close to expectations. There are still four clubs who have not paid their dues for the second half. Clubs have been contacted and reminded they are late.

Comments from DG Ron Spivey: There are still two months to go and work continues to sign up new clubs. He hopes to have four new clubs before the end of June when VDG Charlie Short will be sworn-in at the International Convention held in Thailand. New clubs in Danville and Avon are in process. Veedersburg, Jamestown and Lafayette are possible new clubs in the future. Membership drives are planned soon for the Crawfordsville and Lebanon clubs. At this time, DG Spivey introduced IPIP Jimmy Ross who gave the club a challenge of opening five new clubs each year. Membership and retention have both been problems in recent years. In closing, DG Spivey stressed not only signing up new clubs but also continuing to work to support them both financially and with encouragement.

Lion Pat Short praised DG Spivey for being a breath of fresh air and praising his energy.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40

Minutes respectfully by:

Owen N. Matz, Jr.,
Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer District 25-C

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New Process for Monthly Membership Reporting by Clubs Effective April 2008

Overview & Frequently Asked Questions

Overview

Beginning in April 2008, there will be a change in the submission dates for clubs to report their monthly membership reports (MMRs). These reporting changes will apply both to clubs that report their membership transactions online (through the online WMMR system) and for clubs that submit paper MMRs to international headquarters. As explained below, the overall goals are to (1) enable LCI to produce more timely cumulative monthly membership reports, and (2) provide more consistency and accuracy between the LCI cumulative monthly member report and Club Billing Statements and District Financial Recap reports.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What exactly will be the changes to monthly membership reporting?

Currently, membership reporting is released by LCI on a one-month lag. For example, the May Cumulative Membership and Club Summary Report is released on June 29 and utilizes transactions (adds or drops) that are created through on the 28 of June. As such, the "May" report has transactions that were created from May 28 through June 28 4:00 PM (local time in Oak Brook).

Under the new membership reporting process, which will become effective in April 2008, reports will be released as of the most recent calendar month end. For example, the May report will have transactions that were created from May 1 - May 31st. The report will be generated 5 days after the last day of the month.

Q: Why were the changes necessary?

This will allow the association to report membership on a timely basis.

Q: Will the due dates change for monthly membership reporting?

Yes, for clubs that report online through the WMMR system, transactions must now be entered by the last day of the current month. And for clubs that file paper MMR reports, they must submit paper MMRs to LCI by the 20 of the current month.

Transaction entered on the WMMR will be reported in the current month. For example, transactions entered on July 7 will be considered a "July" reporting.

Mailed reports, must be received by the 20th of the month, to be included in that month's cumulative report. Reports received after that date, will be recorded in the membership system with the current month; however will be included in the next month's cumulative report. The following are the dates to submit each month's report, effective beginning in April 2008:

<u>Month</u>	<u>MMR Reporting (mailed)</u>	<u>WMMR Reporting (online)</u>
July	July 1 - July 20	July 1 - July 31
August	August 1 - August 20	August 1 - August 31
September	September 1 - September 20	September 1 - September 30
October	October 1 - October 20	October 1 - October 31
November	November 1 - November 20	November 1 - November 30
December	December 1 - December 20	December 1 - December 31
January	January 1 - January 20	January 1 - January 31
February	February 1 - February 20	February 1 - February 28
March	March 1 - March 20	March 1 - March 31
April	April 1 - April 20	April 1 - April 30
May	May 1 - May 20	May 1 - May 31
June	June 1 - June 20	June 1 - June 30

BRAILLE ALPHABET AND NUMBERS USED BY THE BLIND

Close your eyes and read this with your fingers.

a	b	c	d	e	f	g
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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o	p	q	r	s	t	u
v	w	x	y	z	,	.
Capital sign		Number sign			?	

The braille system is comprised of signs formed by combinations of 6 dots numbered in the following arrangement:



Letters are capitalized by adding a dot 6 in front of them. Numbers are represented by adding a number sign, comprised of dots 3, 4, 5, 6, to the first ten letters of the alphabet. Punctuation is formed in the lower part of the cell.

Braille can also be used to write foreign languages, music, and math, science, and computer notations.

