

Scores for Service



The Official Newsletter
of Lions District 25-F
April, 2020



April 13 is National Scrabble Day...because it's a thing you can do inside.

Unprecedented Times

District Governor Don Mullen

Well, here it is 3/18 and I actually started writing this article on 3/15 with an entirely different message. However, with the spread of COVID-19, it would be irresponsible not addressing this fluid situation. Daily and sometimes hourly, we receive new information that effects how we are to move forward. In response to this, let me say that maybe my most important responsibility as District Governor is the well-being of each and every Lion in the District. What I have done to date, as you may know, is to temporarily suspend my last 5 Official visits. I have also notified each Club President and Secretary to be very prudent when considering to conduct meetings and events. I've also had every member in the District who has an email address sent a message encouraging them to be prudent in taking care of themselves and their loved-ones. As Governor I cannot tell the Clubs to cancel or suspend activities. I can only encourage them, and hopefully set an example, to do what's right when considering our demographics.

As for the 5 clubs with remaining official visits, I will re-evaluate mid-April. As this situation continues to unfold, either I or Secretary Andrea Feeny will contact you about a date that works best for your clubs.

As far as the State Convention, and by the time you read this there may be a final decision, at the end of April, the people who have been working on this for the last couple of years are constantly evaluating all info available. If you were considering attending, please hold your reservations until a final decision is made. Once we know, we will immediately communicate what is happening.

As Governor and personally, please be cautious, prudent and informed in taking care of yourselves, you loved-ones and in conducting you daily business. As I've said, we are in an unprecedented period in the history of our country. However, as history teaches us, we will survive and come out of this stronger than ever.

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Now, let me get back to the message I started 3 days ago. On 3/15 we did conduct our District Convention. 45 Lions registered and 40 attended. I cannot thank you enough to taking the time out of your weekend, particularly under the circumstances, to do so. I cannot thank the Clermont Lions Club enough for stepping up to offer the use of their clubhouse when our schools were closed. It is a terrific example of Lionism at work showing that where there is a need Lions are there to help. That brings me to my home club, Ben Davis. The club had already put time, effort and money into planning and organizing the Convention. They, too, showed up to help make the adjustment seamless. I also want to thank the BD members who helped organize and work the event. I appreciated each of you very much. Finally, thanks so much to Dr. Jeff Butts, Superintendent of Wayne Township Schools, for taking time from his hectic schedule on Saturday to greet and speak to those at the Convention.

Our District hosted International Director Steve Thornton and his spouse Lion Becky. They were gracious enough to attend Clermont's 75th Anniversary celebration the evening before the convention. We very much appreciated and enjoyed their visit. ID Steve's message at both events was appreciated by all who attended both events. During the Convention, District Secretary Andrea Feeney and District Treasurer Pat Bigham each received a President Certificate of Appreciation, the 4th highest award in Lions. These two are highly deserving as both have gone way beyond what their responsibilities are. This recognition was not just given, it was definitely earned. Personally, they have been beyond helpful to me. It was my privilege to nominate them for this distinguished honor. There are actually two other report.

Don Mullen, 25FDistrict Governor
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Be the Helper

VDG Ken Faulkner

What a Difference a month makes. Most of us Lions love to be around people. We love to help people; We Love to Serve people! But our Government wants us to stop the spread of this virus so stay away from everyone.

I'd like to thank the Clermont Lions Club for allowing us to have our District Convention at their club after they ordered all schools closed. We had our elections and we got to do the District's Business. Congratulations to VDG Jeff & 2VDG Linda, you'll both make excellent District Governors!

I feel like we are at a standstill, waiting on important events to be cancelled. During the writing of this article the International Convention in Singapore has been cancelled. So, what's next? How do Lions Serve when sheltering in place? I have several ideas, the next time you must go to the store, pick up some thank you cards. Fill them out and deliver

them to the local nursing home. Better yet do this as a club project where everyone gets involved and send them to the Class of 2020 who may not get to walk thru commencement. Here in Clermont, our Wayne Township Schools is feeding students breakfast and Lunch via school buses, ask if they need volunteers in your Local schools. Mr. Rogers said it best, "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my Mother would say to me, Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are the helping."

Lions are helpers, Lets prove to the world that we are helpers just a little bit at a time.

Respectfully Yours in Service, VDG Ken Faulkner

Derby Time Comes Early

Joe Klemann

The star of the evening was less than four feet tall and stands on four feet. He has long hair, a very friendly disposition, and seemed delighted to visit dining tables at the Plate to Palate for the Ponies event Saturday evening, March 12. His manners were excellent but still no one asked him to sit and try one of the 20 chef samplings, or to judge a winner. "Buzz" is a therapeutic miniature pony from Brighter Path, Inc., the beneficiary of Nettle Creek Lions Club sponsored celebrity cook-off challenge. This was the third year of a celebrity cook-off event and the money raised went towards the purchase of a second horse like Buzz.



Therapeutic miniature ponies help children struggling to manage disorders such as ADD and ODD, as well as those struggling with negative life experiences. Brighter Path's mission is to enrich the lives of their students by empowering them to face life's challenges through the extraordinary benefits of therapeutic horsemanship.

The hall at 500 West Main was decorated in festive horse racing decorations. Ladies wore derby hats and looked like they were heading to Churchill Downs. Pony-themed centerpieces were raffled away, and many people left with door prizes, many with a horse theme.



The chefs created a wide variety of delicious samplings; everything from Danny Davis Jr.'s Alligator Soup to Candied Pork Belly by Jon Bell, this years winner. Partakers dropped cash into the chef's tip jars to vote for their choose of the winning night's delicacy.



"WOW, we are so very grateful for our turnout last night," said event organizer Robin Nugent. "Everyone was so happy to be attending a fun event to raise money for "a friend for Buzz". We could never have an event like this without our honorary cooks who prepared many awesome dishes. I don't believe anyone could say they left hungry. Our team of Lions want to thank those that purchased tickets, those that donated items, sponsored centerpieces, and helped us in any way."

The names of many creations only added to the fun. Where else will you see names on the menu like "Fish Things", "Dill Surprise" or "Mousaka,"?

"We will see once everything is tallied, but we believe there will be a friend for buzz coming soon," added Nugent. "I'm hopeful we will get to be a part of his/her announcement arrival!"

If you would like to help, contact Brighter Paths, Inc., 2778 N Treaty Line Rd, Cambridge City, IN 47327 or info@brighterpathinc.com.



Club Activities

June 20, 2020; 11AM - 1PM

Behind the Scenes at the Leader Dogs for the Blind.
See Ad later in this newsletter.

September 13, 2020

Indiana Lions For the ISBVI's Brian's Trike Race at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

January 22 - 23, 2021

Mid-Winter Conference at the Crowne Plaza at the Indianapolis Airport.

See Ad later in this newsletter.

Back in Indy !!

The 2021 Mid-Winter Conference returns to the Crowne Plaza at the Indianapolis Airport.



Everything under one roof!
It's a 'One-stop' environment
for Indiana's premier
conference.

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

January 22-23
2021





Dear Constitutional Area I Lion,

I am excited to share LCIF – your foundation – has launched a text-to-donate program. For now, the text-to-donate program is only available for Constitutional Area I. We are exploring a text-to-donate program for other Constitutional Areas (CA) where possible.

We see communities are in need and caring Lions are ready to change it. But the reality is this: comfort and compassion alone cannot heal those suffering through disease, disaster, and other devastation. It takes funding. It takes *Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service*. While Lions are doing *and* giving, we need your help to make our efforts go even further!

Here are the ways you can text-to-donate:

- Text **LCIF** to **243725**.
- Make a donation online at <https://donate.onecause.com/lcif>.

If every Lion in CA I donated \$5, we would fund more:

- Lions Quest programs for classrooms
- Immediate relief to victims of natural disaster
- Diabetes screenings
- Equipment for young cancer patients
- Access to food for chronically hungry people
- Access to clean water

Thank you for your contribution and don't forget to share our text-to-donate program with your family, friends, and fellow Lions in CA I. Your donation will support the efforts of Lions clubs and partners in serving communities locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants.

In friendship,

Gudrun Yngvadottir
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



Is your Club event on the District Calendar? Check here:

www.indianalions25f.org/calendar.html



2019-2020 CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

Club must be chartered prior to January 1 of the fiscal year to qualify.

Application Date _____

Club Number _____

Club Name _____

Member Number _____

2019-2020 Club President's Name _____

2019-2020 Club President's Email Address _____

<p style="text-align: center;">1. MEMBERSHIP</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Achieved a Net Growth of: _____ *</p> <p>OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chartered new Lions club, Leo Club or Club Branch: Name of club, or branch: _____</p> <p>AND</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Supported member retention by increasing member satisfaction</p> <p>Outline strategy: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>*Based on June 30 cumulative membership report</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2. SERVICE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Started a new service project. <i>Consider one of our Global Causes!</i></p> <p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Contributed to LCIF</p>												
<p style="text-align: center;">3. ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Club is in Good Standing: Not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension. District dues paid and no unpaid balance with LCI greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more.</p> <p>AND</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Key Officers participate in one or more of the following leadership training events:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple District</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International <input type="checkbox"/> Webinars</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lions Learning Center</p> <p>AND</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Improved club operations. Use the Club Quality Initiative to identify opportunities for improving your club.</p> <p>Improvements include: _____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4. MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The club has publicized its service activities through local media or social media</p> <p>Choose all that apply:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Facebook</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Local Paper</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Instagram</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Radio</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Twitter</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Club Website</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Billboards</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Posted or Distributed Flyers</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Presentations to Groups</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Facebook	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Paper	<input type="checkbox"/> Instagram	<input type="checkbox"/> Radio	<input type="checkbox"/> Twitter	<input type="checkbox"/> Club Website	<input type="checkbox"/> Billboards	<input type="checkbox"/> Posted or Distributed Flyers	<input type="checkbox"/> Presentations to Groups		<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
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Date _____

2019-2020 District Governor's Signature* _____

District _____

Member Number _____

Due by: August 31, 2020

Send to: clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org or fax to (630) 468-6828

Awards Mailed to: 2020-2021 District Governors

*If sent from district governor's registered email, it qualifies as signature on applications submitted electronically.

Disqualified clubs have 12 months from original due date to request a review.

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“TIME TO NAIL IT!!!”

**Do something for your health and at the same time
support
“Diabetes Awareness”**

**Join us at the Indiana State Convention in
Bloomington, Saturday, April 25th for a
“STRIDES WALK”**

**The route will be a ½ mile up and ½ mile back on the
B-Line**

**You can register using the Indiana State Convention
registration form**

Questions or comments contact me at macagcon@tds.net

[R. L. McKellar, Strides Walk Chair](#)



*Lions
& guests
are invited*
to a special Lions
behind-the-scenes
event at
Leader Dogs
for the Blind



Saturday, June 20, 2020

Drop in anytime between 11AM and 1PM

In appreciation of Lions' support, your club, family and guests are invited to an exclusive "Lions behind-the-scenes" event at Leader Dogs for the Blind. Experience an activity under blindfold, meet a Leader Dog client, visit the gift shop, take a VIP tour of our canine development center and meet a puppy!

Please **RSVP** by June 15, 2020 to LionsSupport@leaderdog.org or call **248.218.6407**.

~ If you will be utilizing your service dog, please let us know at the time of your RSVP.



Leader Dogs for the Blind | 1039 S. Rochester Rd. | Rochester Hills, MI 48307-3115

DISTRICT 25-F CLUB DONATION NOTIFICATION



Date: _____

The club of District 25-F: _____

would like to make the following donations to the projects so indicated:

DISTRICT 25-F PROJECT

CAMP WOODSMOKE
\$

DISTRICT 25-F COMMITTEE

EYEGASS RECYCLING
\$

DISTRICT 25-F PROGRAM

SPECIAL OLYMPICS
\$

VISION SCREENING
\$

MD 25 LIONS OF INDIANA STATE PROJECTS

CANCER CONTROL
\$

LEADER DOG
\$

VISION FIRST & OPERATION KIDS SIGHT
\$

INDIANA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED
\$

SPEECH AND HEARING
\$

ADDITIONAL

DIABETES
\$

LAW CAMP
\$

YOUTH EXCHANGE
\$

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LIONS FOUNDATIONS

INDIANA LIONS FOUNDATION
\$

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION
\$

TOTAL DONATION: _____

CHECK NO: _____

MAIL TO:
Lion Patricia Bigham
1840 Randall Court
Indianapolis, IN 46240-3133



“Where There’s a Need, There’s a Lion.”
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