

# DISTRICT 25-B

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## SERVICE IS THE KEY

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### DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS

To date I have been able to visit over 50 clubs in our district. I have enjoyed seeing how active our clubs are. I've learned of the different ways clubs raise funds to support the ever growing needs in our communities. I've had the privilege of inducting new members, honoring a member for 55 years of service, presenting awards, and being part of the fun and sometimes zaniness that can go on during a meeting. These are some of the things that I enjoyed about being a District Governor.

We now need to turn our thoughts toward our District Convention. It is our opportunity to reconnect with friends, hear how our State Projects are doing, get updates on Lions service. We will have the opportunity to elect our leadership for the next year. We will elect our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, District Governor, and Trustees. The convention will be on March 19, 2011 and promises to be a fantastic Lions day.

Our featured speaker will be International Director Haynes Townsend from Dalton, Georgia. He will speak immediately after our lunch buffet. Director Haynes is an energetic, dynamic speaker who will challenge and encourage us. Make plans now to attend. I would personally like to invite every Lion. You can help by sending in your reservation and then encouraging your club members to attend. Invite a new Lion, or a Lion who is considering taking a leadership position in the club. Be creative.

The registration form, along with other happenings around the district, is elsewhere in the newsletter. Take advantage of the opportunities that are provided to encourage us in leadership and service.

Service is the Key,  
DG Kaylene

### SUB-DISTRICT CONVENTION SPEAKER

Haynes H. Townsend



Hayes Townsend, from Dalton, Georgia, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 92nd International Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in July 2009. Director Townsend is a judge.

A member of the Dalton Noon Lions Club since 1979, he has held many offices within the association including club president, region chair, zone chair, district governor, district librarian and multiple district leadership chair. He also served as a presenter at the USA/Canada forum. ID Townsend has received numerous Lions awards.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Townsend is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He is currently the chair of the Dalton-Whitfield Christmas Parade and was honored as the Judge of the Year by the State of Georgia.

Director Townsend and his wife, Donna, also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters.

## MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Indiana Mid-Winter Conference is now history. More than 300 Lions and Leos enjoyed a keynote speech from PID Harold Ott, attended seminars, browsed State Project tables, bid on silent auction items and got caught up with old friends. Our District had 16 first time attendees along with 6 Leos. District Leo President, Laurel Dispenza led a seminar titled, "Leos, What's Next!". The Auburn Classic Lions Club participated in "Successful Clubs Share Their Stories" workshop.

One new attendee shared, "If I would have known who much I would learn from this day, I would have gone a long time ago". Another stated, "I heard about our 5 State Projects in a new way which made sense to me as a new Lion".

Thank you Lions, for sharing what you experienced at Mid-Winter with our clubs. Your enthusiasm and new knowledge are a great asset.



Pres. Julie Vose



Lion Erik Weber



Lion Andy Smith

## ZONE MEETING SCHEDULE

Zone 1A Alanna Kauffman

April 5, Tiffany's, Topeka

Zone 1B John Barrett

Feb. 9, Wall Lake Tavern, Orland 6:00 pm

Zone 2B Ken Krauter

Feb. 17, Eagle's Nest, Columbia City – 6:45

Zone 2C Jim Mason

Feb. 10, Auburn House of Pancakes

Zone 3A Richard Davis

January 26, New Haven Library 6:00 pm

Zone 3B Mike Keesler

March 1, Georgetown Library 7 P.M.

Zone 4A Kathy Morton

Feb 2, Huntington University – 6:00

Zone 4B – Alan Arnold

Jan. 22, Brickhouse, Monroe – 12:00 noon



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## VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S PAGE

Oh my! It's time to get my wife a Valentine's Day present. After 36 Valentine's Days I am plum out of ideas. A woman can only have so much jewelry and after 100s of bouquets of flowers they can just be boring. NOT! Feel free to email ideas to [lewking56@yahoo.com](mailto:lewking56@yahoo.com). If you don't my wife may be disappointed.

Are you affected by the Winter doldrums and blues. If so, I read a good reminder regarding things we can do to counter-act them:

Get up and move around. Even if you just get 10 minutes of exercise at a time, it helps.

Avoid negative thinking – this is a big one for me. While I am a positive person, at times I let the negative take over.

Think positive thoughts and maintain a sense of humor, gratitude and love.

Practice relaxation techniques: I know, your 1st thought is the same as mine was. "I don't have time for this". But we all need to take time. I recently obtained my 1st Blackberry. Yes, I have made one step out of the Dark Ages. I enjoy finding music on it and just sitting and listening. Last night I listened to "The Prayer" with Andrea Bocelli and Celine Dion and then to "Stars and Stripes Forever" by John Philips Sousa. I must say it helped me to relax.

Eat healthy foods...my current condition reveals that I am a big (no pun intended) failure at this one. We just got through the holidays and we have the intentions to eat right. And lo and behold, Girl Scout cookies go on sale. Is anyone of you successful at saying no to a Girl Scout. I am not.

By the way, since it is the month of love, if you love our District Governor, invite a new person to become a Lion this month.

For Lions of 25B,  
VDG Lew King



## LEADERSHIP IS THE KEY TO SERVICE

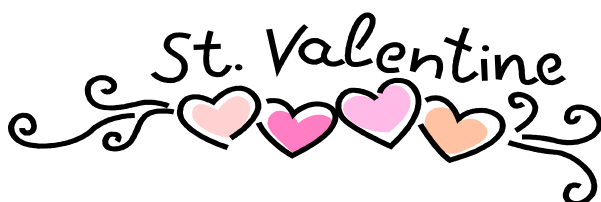
We are more than half way through our Lions year. Club presidents, it is time to be reviewing and adjusting your goals and plans. The ultimate objective remains to leave your club stronger, and hopefully bigger, on June 30th then you found it on July 1, 2010.

The rest of my article is directed to club 1st VP's-next year's club presidents (presidents and Secretaries if your 1st VP does not get the newsletter please share this information with them). 1st VP's, you should be starting with the process of getting ready for your year as your club's president. The district offers you an excellent tool to get started with that process. Lew King is planning a workshop for "his" club presidents. Two opportunities to attend will be held: the first on Saturday February 26th at the Dupont Road Library; the second on Saturday March 5th at the Coventry Library. One library is on the far north side of Fort Wayne the other the southwest side, both with easy access from I-69. Each session will start at 10:00 (the libraries open at 10:00) and we will be finished by 4:00 p.m. DG Kaylene will provide pizza for lunch!

These sessions will not cover the same "nuts & bolts" that will be covered at the New Officers Training sessions held in May; they will be devoted to the planning process. The agenda will include: evaluating your club; setting a couple of goals based on that evaluation; putting a plan in place to reach those goals; and finally putting together the team to help you. Please mark your calendars to attend those sessions; Lew King will be contacting you with more information.

1st VP's, like all of the club presidents before you, your objective should be to leave your club a stronger, and hopefully bigger club than when you took office.

Dave Fiandt  
25 B Leadership Chair



## NEW MEMBERS

NAME	CLUB
David Ober	Albion
George Harden Jr.	Anthony Wayne
Holly Albright	Auburn
Connie Rademan	Auburn Classic
Jacquelin Myers	FW Central
Ronnie Lytle	McMillen Park
Chad Crews	Ligonier
Carmen Gierhan	Ligonier
James McDonald	Ligonier
Troy Mullins	Ligonier
James Vachon	Roanoke
Matt Bunyan	Tri Lakes
Jason Herron	Tri Lakes
Mike Most	Tri Lakes



## WELCOME TO THE DISTRICT 25-B FAMILY OF LIONS

### LIONS COMPLETING SERVICE

NAME	CLUB
Paul Riley	FW McMillen Park
John Michel	Huntington



### THEY WILL BE MISSED

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CALENDAR

February 1 – Anthony Wayne  
 February 2 – Angola  
 February 3 – Shipshewana  
 February 17 – Harlan  
 February 21 – Albion  
 February 28 – St. Joe



## DINING IN THE DARK

If you are sighted, have you ever thought about what it would be like to be blind? Or if you are blind, have you ever wished your loved ones could know what you experience just for a short while?

On March 13, the Lakota Chapter of the American Council of the Blind of Indiana and the Tri-Lakes Lions Club will bring an extraordinary event to the Eagles Nest Event Center in Columbia City. Participants will enjoy a three-course meal utilizing a blindfold to create “darkness” which will allow you to savor the smell and taste and touch and sound of your dining experience. Music and conversation will become more intimate and immediate. Sensations will be stimulated. It will expand your imagination and understanding of what individuals who are blind experience throughout their lives.

In addition to giving everyone a whole new way to think about darkness, vision and the power of perception, Lakota’s goal is to raise funds to continue its services for the blind and visually impaired in our community. The Tri-Lakes Lions Club funds programs such as eyeglass assistance, Operation KidSight, Lions Eye and Tissue Bank and Leader Dog School.

Tickets are \$50.00/person or you may reserve a table for eight for \$500.00. Please call Sue L’Esperance at (260) 248-9692 if you are interested in taking part in this amazing evening.

For safety, no children 12 and under permitted.

### Entertainment

Carolyn Clifford-Hindbaugh  
 Keyboard Player for Blue River Big Band

### Keynote Speaker

Linda Scribner

*A unique experience into a world  
of smell, taste, sound, texture....in total  
darkness!*



## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

You have been doing a fantastic job of recruiting new members this year. I have especially appreciated the positive attitude that has been displayed over the whole concept of membership growth.

There could be several reasons I suppose. There are more Membership Chairs on board; there are more Presidents who set goals; there has been more training; there are more clubs that understand the importance of getting new members.

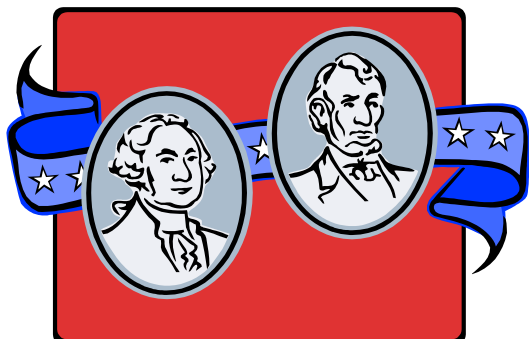
It could be that more people have heard about the state membership contest. That is right, if you get a new member this year, your name will be included in a drawing with others from around the state to win \$400.

It might even be that we are recognizing that in these economic times, our communities need more help, and we are looking more consistently for people who will answer the call to service. Maybe people are more open to serving right now.

Whatever the reason, we need to keep it up. The next two to three months are the critical months for finding new members. After that, people will start thinking about summer and vacations. Now is the time.

I have a thought; I would like to take a month off from writing a membership article. I can not convince the Governor to let me. So here is my challenge. Write next months' article for me. Tell me what is working in your club, and we will put it in this column next month. In exchange for that, I will donate 20 bucks to your clubs' administrative fund. Just email it to me at the following address: [esouers@consideritsolved.com](mailto:esouers@consideritsolved.com)

District Membership Development Chair  
PDG Ed Souers



## LAND OF LAKES LIONS CLUB

District 25B  
January 17, 2011



District 25B Lions:

Re: Used eyeglass recycling

Region I is planning the 20<sup>th</sup> annual used eyeglass recycling night for 2011. It will be held:

**DATE:**

Tuesday March 08, 2011

**TIME:**

5:00 PM

**PLACE:**

Angola VFW Post #7205  
1301 North Wayne Street (across from Walgreens)  
Angola, Indiana 46703

**MENU:**

Chili and refreshments

**COST:**

\$6.00 per person



As in years past, come prepared for an evening of work. Do not wear good clothes. Bring other Lions with you.

This is an enjoyable evening. Plan to attend!!! If you have used eyeglasses and cannot attend that evening, please drop off your collection of used eyeglasses to PDG Jim Wyatt anytime before Saturday March 6, 2010. If you have any questions or need more information, contact PDG Jim Wyatt at [jwwyatt@frontier.com](mailto:jwwyatt@frontier.com) or 260-316-1777.

Yours in Lionism  
PDG Jim Wyatt



## PLEASANT LAKE LIONS CLUB



Many Lions Clubs are fortunate to have a meal served by a local church or service club. Have you thanked your servers lately? Pictured above some of the people that prepare and serve meals for the Pleasant Lake Lions Club. Thank you for your willingness to serve.



A tailtwister can make a meeting pretty lively. Take the above picture for example. Lion Jeri Treesh received the mouse as a door prize from Pleasant Lake Tailtwister, Lion Ralph Kugler.

## LEO COLUMN

Several months ago I tried to get some publicity for Lions. A well known media celebrity told me. “Why should I be interested in Lions? I’ve been to one of your meetings and all you are is a bunch of old men in orange vests, who sing silly songs.” That’s a direct quote. You and I may not think that is fair, but an image problem is out there.

If we are serious about recruiting new members and growing, we should stop chasing the recruiting gimmick of the month and first address our public perception.

International is in the process of rebranding the Leo program. Retooling the business model from the top down. For example, my International panel has been told that the International Directors want us to try to come up with ideas to produce a more even mix of high school and college Leo Clubs. This may not be the silver bullet, but re-evaluating our business model is simply good business.

That does not mean changing who we are or what we do. It means changing how we do it and creating a fresh image. Even with the Leos this change will not be rapid. Our worlds will not be upset, but some change is inevitable. So if you have any suggestion as to how we can market the Leo program to collage age people or ideas that would make it fit them better, please let me know. International is right, looking at ways to update our image is wise.

District Leo Club Chair  
International Leo Advisor Panel Member  
Lion Doug Rodenbeck  
DRLEOGURU@YAHOO.COM



Editor Notes: Lion Doug reported the bell ringing contest results.

In the high school challenge :

1st place - Woodlan/ Harlan \$2044.72

2nd place - Concordia Key Club \$826.44

3rd place - Sharing Hearts \$ 627.95

Prairie Heights Pride Leo Club was not part of the challenge, but they collected \$ 1265.88.

In the adult group challenge:

1st place - Anthony Wayne LC \$1368.18

2nd place - Central LC \$ 1287.66

3rd place - Shoaff Park LC \$614.61

Congratulations to all

# Chapel Ridge Lions Club Pleasant Lake Lions Club

and

## District Governor Kaylene Souers



Invite all Lions and Guests to attend the  
56<sup>th</sup> Annual 25B District Convention

Special Guest:

International Director Haynes Townsend

When: Saturday, March 19, 2011

Where: Elegant Occasions – Huntertown, IN

Time: 8:30 - 9:15 am -Registration

9:30 am Opening Session

12:00 pm Lunch Buffet

Cost: \$15.00 –

includes Continental Breakfast & Lunch

Reservation Deadline: March 14, 2011

Make checks payable to: District 25B Lions

Send reservations to: Lion Elten Powers

398 E. Bellefontaine Road

Pleasant Lake, IN 46779

Email: [eltenpowers@hotmail.com](mailto:eltenpowers@hotmail.com)

Phone: 260-475-1293



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Number of Reservation @ \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

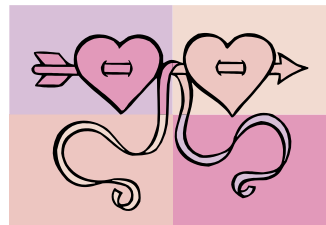
# INDIANA DISTINGUISHED LION AWARD

Lions of 25-B, it is time to recognize those longtime lions who have quietly gone about their Lionistic career with no fanfare. Now is the time to get your nominations in for the Indiana Distinguished Lion Award for 2010. Information and applications can be found on the Indiana Lions website, or contact any Foundation Trustee. The Foundation would like to recognize these Lions with 25 or more years of membership. All nominees will be awarded a certificate at the State Convention in Bloomington, with the overall winner announced at the same time. This is a wonderful way to recognize one of your longtime members with statewide recognition! Nominations can come from: a club, the sub-district cabinet with the approval of the DG, Or by the Council of Governors with the approval of the CC. Now is the time to get those applications in as the deadline is February 1, 2011. Lions may be nominated multiple times, so if you have a good candidate, please submit his name.



## BLUFFTON LIONS LITTLE SWEETHEART CONTEST

Voting for the 2011 Little Sweetheart Contest runs February 7- February 18 at the Markle Bank South, First Bank of Berne in Bluffton, and Professional Federal Credit Union. Contributions, the heart of the voting, will benefit 16 mo. old Colton Nickols, who is being treated for Infant Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. Support the Bluffton Lions by voting for your Little Sweetheart.



# Madden 2012



Wayne Madden was born and has raised his family in Auburn Indiana. Auburn is known as "The Home of the Classics". Some of the finest automobiles ever produced were designed and built in Auburn; the Auburn, the Cord and the Duesenberg. The Madden 2012 Campaign is being primarily funded through individual and club contributions; to commemorate Auburn's automotive heritage the following giving levels are available:



\$25- Auburn Level  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity



\$50-Cord Level  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity



\$100-Duesenberg Level  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity



All Three Pins are available for \$150 \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity

For Lions that are interested in supporting PID Madden's campaign at a higher level, we offer three beautiful etched glass campaign plaques; the Heritage Level features an Irish Crystal Lion. These four additional giving levels are payable in full, or in pledges payable in up to four years, we request a minimum of 25% down.

Auburn Level \$250 \_\_\_\_\_ Cord Level \$500 \_\_\_\_\_ Duesenberg Level \$1000 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Heritage Crystal Level \$5000 \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Four Year (2009-12) Pledge: Level \_\_\_\_\_ Down Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send check or money order payable to: Madden 2012; PDG Ed Souers; 17002 Darling Rd; Woodburn In 46797  
 Visit Us on the Web at [www.lionwaynemadden.com](http://www.lionwaynemadden.com)



# 2011 INDIANA LIONS STATE CONVENTION

Hosted by District 25E-1

April 29-30 May 1, 2011

Bloomington/Monroe County Convention Center

302 South College Ave.

Bloomington, Indiana

Our Special Guests:

International President Sid L. Scruggs III and Lion Judy  
Second International Vice President Wayne Madden and Lion Linda

Courtyard by Marriott Hotel (attached to Convention Center)

310 South College Ave.

Bloomington IN 47401

Room Rate: \$109.00 per night, plus tax, up to March 20, 2011.

Call: 1-800-321-2211 or 1-812-335-8000 for Reservations

(Mention "Indiana Lions Convention")

Registration Form (one form per person)

Deadline: Registration must be received by April 15, 2011

*Please print as desired for name badge:*

Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Evening Dinner      Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Please check one: Chicken  or Beef Brisket )

*(At Monroe County Fairgrounds-10 minute drive from hotel/convention center)*

Saturday Lunch              Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Banquet          Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday Brunch              Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Golf Outing          Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 40.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Shopping Trip to Nashville (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_  
(Transportation available for first 25 registrations received)      (NO CHARGE)

2011 Convention Pin    (Extras are available)                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Voluntary) Donation to 2012 Wayne Madden Fund                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Form and Check, payable to Lions State Convention 2011, to:  
PCC Vernon Provines,

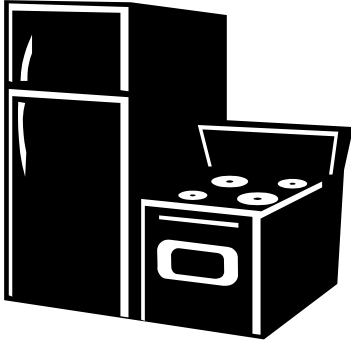
306 West Market Street      Spencer, IN 47460

Contact info: 1-812-829-3168 or provines@sbcsglobal.net



## FOR SALE

Ashley-Hudson 2000 Lions Club Trailer  
Includes Stove, Refrigerator, Sink, Microwave,  
Extra Large Ice Chest, Popcorn Machine,  
If interested, call Lion President Chuck Parker  
at [260-351-2884](tel:260-351-2884) for more information.



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