

"ESTABLISH THE WORK OF OUR HANDS"

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS

First of all, I would like to thank all of those involved in making our first Cabinet Meeting of the year a huge success. We had a great turnout, good food and some healthy discussion. Some of the highlights were:

- Good food and fellowship
- Leo District President Andrea Brune's report for the Leos
- PDG Kaylene's presentation of funds for the support of the Burn Unit Guest Rooms
- Tailwister Burtie's sale of 2 peach cobbles (raised \$89)
- 85 people in attendance

Comments from 1st International VP
Wayne Madden

Thanks Zone Chair Alanna for putting the Cabinet Meeting together. You are awesome.

Several challenges lie ahead of us. A quote that I plan to use this year is, "The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it." (Michelangelo). As we embrace our challenges, let's set the bar high. Is it better to set a goal for district membership growth of +1 or +61? As you know I am setting my sites on the latter. And I believe that we could even reach greater heights.

Here are our goals for the year:

1. Plant 2000 trees
2. Increase net District Membership by 61
3. Start at least 1 new club
4. Continue supporting the costs of the Burn Unit Guest rooms

Please keep these goals in front of your clubs.

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Achieving them requires teamwork and endurance. But we can do it. Do you believe? I believe because I have seen what you have accomplished in the past!

As we heard on Sunday, we have 2 Leos committed to attending the International Convention in Busan, Korea. A donor has agreed to pay up to \$5000 of their expenses. They will need a chaperone. We now need to raise money for her. If you have ideas on this please let me know ASAP. We will work together to accomplish this.

Please contact me soon so that we can get my official visit scheduled with your club. Also, for those presidents that have not informed me of their goals, please email them to me at: lewking56@yahoo.com. Thank you very much.

If you have not registered for my Banner Night, it's not too late. See details in this newsletter.

Keep up the great work and enjoy your Labor Day weekend! Thanks for all you are doing.

We Serve,

DG Lew King



VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S PAGE

Greeting from the 1st VDG Richard Davis

Wow, what a start for District 25B. We have had our first Cabinet Meeting and District Governor Lew Kings banner night is coming up on the 16th. During the Cabinet Meeting DG Lew mentioned the movie "Bucket List". This is one of the fairly recent movies that I enjoyed. Where the two characters who were terminally ill made a Bucket List, a list of things they want to do before they die. Of course one of them had the money to help both of them to accomplish their bucket list. I was thinking about just the idea of making a list of things we should do, (of course not because we are going to die) as Lions here in Indiana.

Up unto this last spring I had only seen the brochures of four of the State Project. I had seen the Leader Dog for the Blind school being a puppy raiser, so I really didn't need to put this on my list, but just check it off as an Indiana Lion. But when the DGE and the VDGE did tours of the other four State Project, the brochures came to life. That is where this Indiana Lion Bucket List comes into play. I think every Indiana Lion and especially those of us in 25B should visit the State Projects physically. When we visited the Eye and Tissue Bank it became very clear how important this state project is and why we should continue support this project. Next was the Indiana School for the Blind. Our tour of the school was impressive. What impressed me the most was the pictures of the graduating classes and the library where we saw the Braille machines and how many volumes it takes for a normal book to be put into Braille. Then we drove down to IU hospital and the Speech and Hearing department. With our tour and briefing it was brought the brochures to life. Understanding about loaning hearing aids and how they have helped people who needed be loaned one to make sure it was what they needed was eye opening for me. Especially for the loaning for the children. Our last stop was the Cancer area and to see all the plaques on the walls and what the Lions of Indiana have donated was impressive. What was more impressive was the machines and how they are use in helping the care and cure for cancer. After visiting all these projects physically I have come away with a more understand and appreciation for what we as Indiana Lions do for our communities and state.

I would like to encourage all Indiana Lions to go and visit these areas as individual, clubs, zones or even the District. It will have more meaning to you then just having someone talk about the project and hand out the brochures. Every Indiana Lion should have this on the Bucket List.

1VDG Richard Davis

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CALENDAR

BANNER NIGHT AT ACD MUSEUM:
September 16th, 2011



25B BANNER NIGHT

Who: DG Lew King

What:: Banner Night

Where: ACD Museum, Auburn, IN

When: Friday Night, September 16, 2011

Time : 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Entertainment by: Auburn Community Jazz Band
Big Caddy Daddy (70's, 80's, & 90's music)

Why: To celebrate District Governor Lew's year

Cost: \$25 Per person

Business Dress Suggested



Club: _____

Name: _____

Guest: _____

Number attending _____ **At \$25.00 each**

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Phone Number _____

Make check payable to:

Auburn Noon Classic Lions Club

Send to: Lion Doris Blickenstaff

5377 CR 23

Auburn, IN 46706

Museum will be open so you can see the cars.
It will be an evening that you will not soon forget.

MEMBERSHIP KEYS

School is back in session and fall club meetings are starting up. It's been a busy summer with numerous fundraisers and service projects. These projects serve a dual purpose, we raise money and provide service, but we also expose the community to what Lions Clubs "do". Wearing a Lions pin or vest is the easiest membership tool we have.

As membership chair or committee member, ask your President for a couple minutes at each meeting to remind the club about the membership goal. Keeping the goal in front of the club is a simple way to stress the importance of getting new members. Be creative.

A few years ago, Lion Bev Fiandt wrote a resource for the FW Central Club titled the Membership Minute. Each segment takes 2-3 minutes and highlights various aspects of Lionism from how and why Lions began, to who Lions are. It can be used as a recruiting tool as well as orientation for new members who have joined our family of Lions recently. Look for downloadable segments on our District 25B website in the next few weeks. www.indianalions25B.org

Our District membership goal is to end the year +61. We have 61 clubs. 61 clubs divided by a net growth of 61 members = 1 net member per club. Even if it's been years since you've been to school, that's pretty basic math. Look for ways to keep members active and involved. That will give you a head start on our goal.

Meet with your committee. Think through your membership and formulate a plan to reach out to people in the community who can bring a new level of excitement and enthusiasm. Numerous resources can be found at www.lionsclubs.org You will be amazed how many people want to be part of the World's Largest Service Organization. All you have to do is ask!

PDG Kaylene

District Membership Team Coordinator
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IPFW CAMPUS CLUB

The IPFW Campus Club will be restarted in September. Do you know students and/or former Leos who are attending IPFW? If so, please send me their name and we will invite them to become a member of the Campus Club. Let's continue serving the community with our IPFW students.



LEO COLUMN

The founder of Wal-mart once said, "High expectations are the key to everything." I run the Leo program on that basis.

The international staff reports, Leo Kayla Yoder, our district vice president did a great job of presenting a seminar on the Burn Suite Project.

She also was our candidate for the Leo of the Year award. She was a winner. She represented the Sharing Hearts Leo Club.

To put this perspective, Lions Clubs International gives out about 14 of the Leo of the Year awards per year. The odds of one of the clubs in 25B getting one of these awards is about 1 in 300 in a single year. 25B has now won one 10 years in a row. No other single district has accomplished this.

We on the International Leo Advisory Panel are also pleased to announce that the Leo program continues to grow. For the first time in history we are now over 6000 clubs (6083). We only lost one club in June, but we added 72. All seven constitutional areas showed an increase with Africa, India and the Middle East showing the most. The United States, Canada and Europe had the least. Africa, India, and the Middle East are on pace to overtake the United States in two to three years. We increased Lions Districts participating by 2 (682), nations by 1 (139), Leo Districts by 3 (226) and Leo Multiple Districts by 1 (41).

Former Leo Justin Stech (West Noble) is living permanently in Australia. He called a few weeks ago to update me and talked for an hour and a half (Him not me). He sends best wishes to all.

International Leo Advisor Panel Member

MD Leo Club Chair

Lion Doug Rodenbeck

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INDIANA LIONS FOUNDATION

If your club has not had a presentation by your Indiana Lions Foundation lately, you are missing important Lions information. Your current Trustees are waiting for your call to put on a program about the Foundation/Indiana State Office Building Holding Corporation.



Please give us a call for a Lions Program.

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PDG Don Cooper-R-260-490-1533, C-260-615-5350, dkcooper81@msn.com (note 3...Os in the address)

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Just like Lions are the best kept secret in many communities, we feel the Indiana Lions Foundation/State Office Holding Corporation is the best kept secret in the Indiana Lions communities. Give us a call, we have some interesting news for you!

CROMWEL-KIMMELL LIONS CLUB



Lion Chuck Sweeney was presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship award by DG Lew King at a joint meeting of the Cromwell-Kimmell, Ligonier and Wolf Lake Lions Clubs on August 15, 2011, held at the Cromwell Community Center in Cromwell, Indiana.

Lion Chuck has been an active Lions member for 24 years and has been a Zone Chair, President, and Secretary of the club.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS TO GET A LEADER DOG?

Once the decision is made to gain greater independence by having a Leader Dog, the next step is to go online or call Leader Dog for the Blind to get an application. Before applying the applicant needs to have white cane training and be able to travel well and independently with a white cane. The process is a little lengthy and this is where the local Lions Club can help. The process normally takes 30 to 60 days. On the application there is information about orientation and mobility, references, and a section for the Lions Club or other sponsor that is assisting with the application. There is a release form so Leader Dog can contact people and organizations listed on the application and it is also needed in the event that the applicant would need to see a doctor while they are in training. There are two additional forms for the applicants Doctors and eye care professional to complete.

After all the paperwork is completed Leader Dog requires all applicants to submit a video demonstrating independent travel skills and a current picture.

As you can tell this is pretty lengthy and this is where an applicant could use the help of their local Lions Club. There usually is no need to provide financial assistance for this process. What might be needed is help filling out the forms, recording the video, or transporting the applicant to their doctor's offices to complete the relevant forms.

Once all the information is submitted it can take 30 to 60 days and acceptance to a class will typically be within 1 to 2 months of acceptance into the program. If an applicant is denied they will receive a written explanation of the reason(s) for denial. In most cases, an applicant is denied because they have not made a basic requirement or due to advice from a medical professional or counselor. Leader dog will not approve an applicant when training is not in his or her best interest.

There is no direct obligation from a local Lions Club except to sponsor the applicant. In other words there is no financial obligation by a Lions Club when they agree to sponsor the applicant except to support the applicant for a Leader Dog. Any other support is up to the local club to decide how much they can do outside the application process. As a personal example a Lions Club became aware of my limited income and agreed to help with the rent for my apartment while I was in Rochester. It was heaven sent.

So the next time someone asks your club to sponsor a Leader Dog applicant all it may take is a little time You never know... you may gain a new member into your club.

Lion Doreen Schuerman, Leader Dog Chair



BRIAN'S TRIKE RACE

October 9, 2011



In 1997 the young president of an Indianapolis Lions Club wanted his Lions Club to serve the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ISBVI) by donating the profits from a unique athletic event; a Trike Race. Thus, the first Trike Race at the ISBVI was originated.

Since that time, the Trike Race has been held annually by the Lions to raise money for items at the ISBVI. Some things have changed over the years, such as the name of the Trike Race. That young president (28 years old) died of an unforeseen congenital heart condition before the second Trike Race, thus the race was renamed in honor of Lion Brian Hiltunen and is now called Brian's Trike Race. The Lions of Indiana have recognized the merit of this event, and now support Brian's Trike Race by publicizing the race and encouraging clubs from all over Indiana to participate by providing racing teams and making donations.

Using adult-sized tricycles, 20 to 40 teams of four participants race around the circle-8 track at the ISBVI, raising money for equipment and services at the ISBVI. We have had teams from across the state, from a variety of age groups, both sighted and visually impaired.

Our main goal is to have a good time while raising funds for the ISBVI and to bring people to the Blind School to build awareness of the demands placed upon and accomplishments of the students of the ISBVI. We are proud of what these donations have helped to accomplish. By matching funds with other Indiana Lions Clubs, the Lions Clubs International Foundation and the Indiana Blind Children's Foundation, Brian's Trike Race funds have helped to purchase a playground and computers and assistive technology for the students at the ISBVI.

Awards are presented to winning teams and all participants are given free T-shirts to commemorate the Trike Race. Students will receive a certificate stating they earned 4 hours of volunteer service to their community—what a great opportunity to help others and have a lot of fun at the same time!

Please make a difference to the children at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. For more information about fielding a team, call me at 317-908-8884 or email pat.henninger@gmail.com

Lion Pat Henninger, Vice Chair
Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc.
And Event Manager, Brian's Trike Race

With the help of local medical personnel and others, the Kendallville Lions Club assisted screening 120 children for sight, hearing, dental, and other general health problems. This is an annual Club project which better prepares children for learning at no charge to the families.



KENDALLVILLE LIONS CLUB

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