

DISTRICT 25-F NEWSLETTER

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A message from your District Governor

I would like to thank everyone for the great turn out at the District Convention. I'd especially like to thank my club, the Greenfield Lions Club for hosting the Convention. The International Director, Anne Smarsh was very impressed with our District and the state's projects that are in our District. She and her husband DG Tom enjoyed their stay with us very much and was very impressed with our projects.

The Trustees did a good job of presenting their reports. They were very informative and kept within the time allotted. The elections went smoothly. Lion Steve Winegardner was elected District Governor for the coming year and Lion Sue Topf was elected Vice District Governor for the coming year.

At my official visit to the Centerville Lions Club, they said that Trustee Mike Crull of the Eye and Tissue Bank had given a presentation about the Eye and Tissue Bank and the history of it. It was very informative. It made me happy to know that our trustees are out visiting clubs and letting the clubs know what is going on with the projects.

During the month of March, I have made 12 Official visits with 17 clubs. Each visit was enjoyable with good food, fun and wonderful fellowship. It was great to hear how each club is serving in their various communities. Their projects are many and varied and designed to earn funds to help others.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Lion Governor-Elect Steve Winegardner and his wife Cindi who had suffered a stroke. We certainly wish her a speedy recovery. Also, congratulations to the Greenfield Lions Club on their 75th anniversary.

Don't forget to attend the District State Convention on April 29-May 1 at Bloomington.

Lions in District 25F keep up the good work! Remember our motto: WE SERVE!
DG Ray

VDE Stephen Winegardner

Let me begin by thanking each of you for remembering Lion Cindi and me in your thoughts, prayers, cards, visits, and telephone calls during the last two weeks. After suffering a stroke, Lion Cindi continues to improve at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana.

Thanks to the Lions of District 25 F who have stepped up when asked to serve in a leadership role at your club, zone, region, district, and state level. Five State Project Trustees were elected at the District 25-F Convention last weekend. Lion Mark Harris, Leader Dog Trustee was the only new trustee elected. There are still more positions to fill and serve in my new Cabinet, so be ready when asked.

Spring is the time when many Lions Clubs begin their fund raising activities. Does your club have something planned and have you advertised it in this newsletter? If your club does not have anything planned, how about your neighboring club? In the spirit of Lionism, I would encourage you to make plans to attend an activity at a neighboring Lions Club? Better yet have you asked if they could use your help at one of these fund raisers? **Be generous with your time!** We are all Lions for the same reason, **"We Serve"**. How about asking someone to join your club? I hope you have included a new member from your club in this activity of helping neighboring clubs so they gain a better understanding of our organization.

Congratulations to the Greenfield Lions Club and President Pearlora Johnson, hope your arm gets better quickly, for hosting the District 25-F Convention last weekend. Great job everyone! It is always good to listen to an International Director speak. ID Anne Smarsh and her husband DG Tom entertained us with their stories and experiences in Lions. Among other topics, ID Anne talked about the relief efforts by LCIF and how we as Lions make things happen for the disadvantaged people of the world. It was very inspiring and I walked away with a little higher step and prouder to be a Lion.

The District Trustees did a great job presenting information on the Indiana Lions State Projects. DG Tom Smarsh had nothing but praise about what we do in District 25-F and the State of Indiana to help other people. See the pictures taken during State Project tours.

It was also a great time for individual Lions Clubs to donate funds to State Projects, Indiana Lions Foundation, State Committees, and Lions Clubs International Foundation. Thanks for all clubs who have donated during this year and it is never too late to donate funds.

Last but not least I accompanied Governor Ray on two official visits this month. Thanks Ben Davis and Carthage/Knightstown for hospitality, the fellowship was great.

Presidents please print this newsletter for members of your club to read. If you are a Club President and read this newsletter, please send me an email or telephone me to indicate you have received it. We are not there yet but are gaining momentum.

Don't forget the two work days schedule at Camp Woodsmoke this month, April 2 and 9.

You may contact me by telephone (317)293-6107 or by email sew_law@msn.com.



Pictures above left to right: DG Ray Hawkins and President/CEO Tim Fischer of the Indiana Lions Eye and Tissue Transplant Bank during the State Projects tour during the District 25F Convention. DG Ray Hawkins and Lion Dottie Flack, Indiana Lions Cancer Control Patient Advocate in front of the Lions Plaque at the Indiana University Department of Radiation Oncology. DG Tom Smarsh (Kansas), DG Ray Hawkins, and Superintendent Jim Durst at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. At the right: DG Tom Smarsh (Kansas) and DG Ray Hawkins enjoy a short Poem from James Whitcomb Riley during the Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing tour.

District Convention
Greenfield Central Junior High School
March 20, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 10:11AM by District Governor Ray Hawkins. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Cabinet Treasurer Lion Pat Johnson. Lion Myrna Shane, Cabinet Song Leader, led us in singing God Bless America followed by the invocation by Lion Rev. Carol Wilson, Cabinet Chaplain.

First item on the agenda was the secretary's report by Cabinet Secretary, Lion Malynda Clevenger. Motion by PDG Jack Salsbery to accept secretary report, 2nd PDG Jack Buckland. Motion passed. Next was the treasurer's report by Cabinet Treasurer, Lion Pat Johnson. Motion by PDG Jack Salsbery to accept treasurers report, 2nd PDG John Scott. Motion passed.

PCC Bob Booher, Rules Chair announced we would be following Roberts Rules of Order for the meeting. PDG Bud Lowery, Nominations/Elections Chair came forward to conduct the election proceedings. He began by reading the names of those on the ballot and asked them to stand. Each candidate was given the opportunity to either speak or have someone speak on their behalf. VDG Steve Winegardner spoke on behalf of Lion Sue Topf, Vice District Governor candidate, while the ballots were being passed out. Once everyone had a chance to mark their ballots, the ballots were collected and given to the cabinet secretary to be counted later. PDG Bud also announced that Camp Woodsmoke Region chairs were needed by in regions 4, 5 & 6. If anyone is interested they need to contact DG Ray or Lion Don Greer, Camp Woodsmoke Chair.

The floor was then turned over to the DG for project reports. The reports were given by the following: Cancer Control Lion Dottie Flack; Eye & Tissue Bank Lion Mike Crull; Leader Dog & Leadership Lion Reed Fish; ISBVI Lion Linda Scott; Speech & Hearing PDG Merle Goldman; Indiana Lions Foundation Lion Gene Wagoner; Camp Woodsmoke Lion Don Greer; Vision Screening PDG Jack Salsbery and Membership Development PDG Tom Slattery.

Since we finished the morning session early DG Ray asked ID Anne Smarsh what her thoughts were concerning our various projects. ID Anne spoke very highly of our commitment level to the projects as well as the Lions that had taken time on Saturday to show them around. She was also very impressed with our District projects.

PDG Bob Price gave a brief presentation for LCIF.

PDG Vern & PCC Linda Tinchler from District E-1 talked about the State & International Conventions and Lions Law Camp. Being no further business at that time the meeting was adjourned for some social time before lunch.

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:05PM by Lion Wayne Beck, Greenfield. He began by introducing the head table and then turned control of the podium to DG Ray who introduced our guest speaker for the convention ID Anne Smarsh from Colwich, Kansas.

ID Anne gave a very informative and insightful talk after which she presented her ID "friendship banner" to DG Ray Hawkins, Lion Pearl Nora Johnson and Lion Dottie Flack. District Governor Ray then presented ID Anne with a WP Woods award. The District Governor also presented gifts to ID Anne and her husband Lion Tom. The District Governor then made the following presentations with ID Anne's help: Melvin Jones Award to Lion Pat Johnson, Cabinet Treasurer, and International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation to Lion Don Greer, Lion Gene Wagoner, PDG Ed Reier and Lion Wayne Beck. Lion Wayne Beck then presented ID Anne with the Greenfield Lions Club "friendship" banner and anniversary pin.

The Governor then asked if there were any donations and donations were received from the following clubs: Decatur Central, Indy Washington, Clermont, Pike, Speedway, Franklin, and Indy Franklin.

The Cabinet Secretary was asked to come forward to announce the results of the morning elections, the results are as follows: District Governor Elect VDG Steve Winegardner, Pike, Vice District Governor Elect Lion Sue Topf, Clermont, Project Trustees: Cancer Control Lion Don Stowers, Beech Grove, Eye & Tissue Bank Lion Mike Crull, Hope, Speech & Hearing Lion Melissa Baker, Milan, ISBVI Lion Linda Scott, Decatur Central, Leader Dog Lion Mark Harris, Richmond.

The drawing for the 50/50 pot was held followed by the DG thanking everyone for coming and hoped all had a good time. PDG Jack Salsbery announced there would be a vision van meeting, Lion Tom Smarsh thanked all for their hospitality, Lion Mike Crull announced the details for the Hope Lions Club "zone social", PID Doug Lozier came forward to talk about the USA/Canada forum and DGE/VDG Steve recognized first time attendees, zone chairs & region chairs and also announced if you would like to help on the District level next year to contact him.

Being no further business to come before the assembly Lion Myrna Shane led us in "My Country 'tis of Thee" followed by the Benediction by Lion Rev. Carol Wilson and the meeting was adjourned at 2:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Lion Malynda Clevenger,
Cabinet Secretary D25-F



Above from left to right: ID Anne Smarsh addressing the 25F District Convention. DG Ray Hawkins presenting ID Smarsh with a W. P. Woods Fellowship. Cabinet Treasurer Pat Johnson be presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship from 25F. DG Tom Smarsh receiving a book on the Indianapolis Speedway. ID Smarsh presenting Lion Dottie Flack with a friendship banner.

Left and below: Presidential Letters of Commendation presented to Lions Don Greer, PDG Ed Reier and Lion Wayne Beck. (absent but also receiving the award Lion Gene Wagoner.



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A Note of Thanks

A big thank you for the many cards, calls, and will wishes sent from the Lions of 25F.
Lion Pearlnora Johnson & Family



AURORA

**Member Nicodemus Whitaker
Sponsor Derald Ellinghausen**

ECONOMY

**Member David Williamson
Sponsor Willard Newman**

EVERTON

**Member Leonard Baker
Sponsor Denver Reese**

**Member Patricia Weston
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**Member Paul Weston
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**Member James Eckart
Sponsor William Price**

INDY FRANKLIN

**Member Lisa Rodriguez
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MILAN

**Member James Oberschmidt
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OSGOOD

**Member Marilyn Crum
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SPEEDWAY

**Member Gerald Aikin
Sponsor Ronald Fisher**

**Member Sharron Hill
Sponsor**

**Member Hannah McDonald
Sponsor**

**Member Paul Mc Donald
Sponsor Jerry Hotseller**

VERSAILLES

**Member Cynthia Barnett
Sponsor Jeff Barnett**

**Member Shirley Pavey
Sponsor Tom Pavey**

Member Paul Sipples

TIME?????

When you ask someone to join your Lions club, the first thing they generally say is "I don't have time" and you say to them "it doesn't take a lot of time to serve your community" The average Lion spends less than forty (40) hours a YEAR working as a Lion!!!!!!

A couple of meetings a month, 24 hours, a couple of fundraising events and that's it.

Granted there are some that do a whole lot more than forty (40) hours a month, but that is our choice!

So if you want more hands working at a fund raising event, YOU have to recruit new members for your Lions club. Try it you'll like it.

PDG Tom Slattery

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP

OPENING BALANCE

This month	This year
1,846	1,873

ADDED MEMBERS

8	126
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DROPPED MEMBERS

7	152
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CLOSING BALANCE

1,847	1,847
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NET GAIN/LOSS

1	-26
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WORLDWIDE

1,373,694



GREENFIELD

Edwin Bradley

NEW CASTLE

John Francisco



GOVERNORS CALENDAR”
April 5th Jeffersonville “OV”
April 13th Middletown “OV”
April 14th Edinburgh “OV”
April 19th Morristown “OV”
April 20th Indy Downtown “OV”
April 21st New Salem “OV”
April 29th - May 1st State Convention
May 12th Metamora “OV”

CAMP WOODSMOKE

Fellow District 25-F Lions!

Camp Woodsmoke will be hosting 2 clean up days this spring. The dates for the clean up days are April 2nd and April 9th.

There will be someone at camp from 9am on. So even if you can't get there in the morning then come to camp in the afternoon and help out.

There are things that everyone can do.

We do need some extra help with wood cutting and splitting. The winter was harsh and unfortunately there has been quite a few trees and limbs downed during the winter storms.

Valeria or Rick will have an official list of things that need to be done to get the camp ready for the rush of spring and summer use.

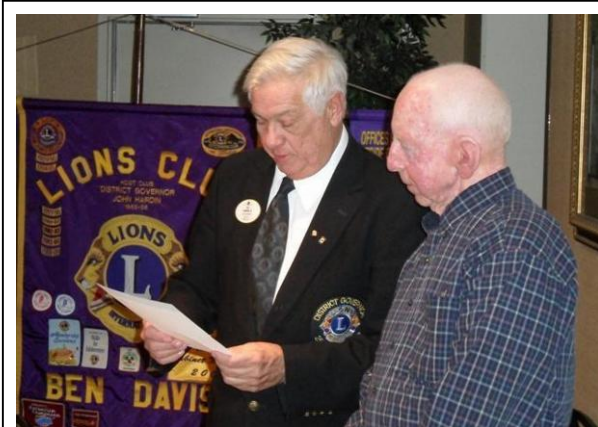
So tell your clubs, and please plan on coming to Camp Woodsmoke during one of these two days we set for our spring cleaning. If you have new members this is a perfect time to introduce them to all that Camp Woodsmoke has to offer.

There is more information on the camp's web site: www.campwoodsmoke.org

If you have any questions you can call:

The caretakers @ 812-527-2656

The Secretary @ 812-584-1046



The Ben Davis Lions along with MD-25F District Governor Ray Hawkins presented Past President Rex Adkins with a Life membership into the club. Rex Adkins joined the Ben Davis Lions Club in October 1978 became president of the club 1988-1989 and received the Melvin Jones Fellow from the club in 2008.



On April 23rd the Ben Davis Lions will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast at Ben Davis University 1155 S High School Rd from 7-11am Cost at door \$5.00.

At this event we have door prizes and silent auction items.

In this picture is Lion Carl Finchum holding an IU 1981 NCAA basketball autographed by some of the players including Randy Whitman and Lion Johnny McDonough holding a mini helmet autographed by 5 Indy 500 winners which include: Dario Franchitti, Gil de Ferran, Arie Luyendyk, Al Unser, Jr., Bobby Unser, and 4 time Indy 500 winner Rick Mears which will be 2 of the many silent auction items will we be having.

District 25F Social hosted by the Hope Lions

Thursday, April 7, the Hope Lions Club is hosting their annual "White Elephant Sale" at the Hope Moravian Church. The meal will be served t 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$12 payable at the door. Everyone is encouraged to bring items that they no longer desire and then they can purchase something they would like or can use.

All money from the auction will be divided between Camp Woodsmoke, Vision Screening, and the Eye Glasses Mission to Mexico.

RSVP to Lion Mike Crull by March 30. Email: mwscrull@comcast.net. Call: 812-546-0441.

Meal menu is Moravian ham loaf, home cooked vegetables and dessert.

3rd Annual Lions Golf Outing

Fri. June 3rd 1:00pm

at The Links

11425 N PR Links Lane New Palestine In.

Go to Golf Page to sign up and Pay using Pay Pal or Credit Card.

Nplion.com

UPCOMING LIONS EVENTS

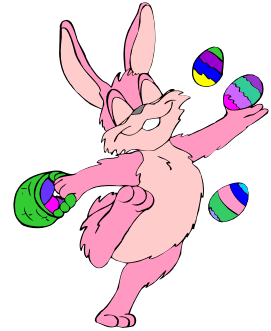
April 7—Hope Lions Social 6:30 p.m.

April 23—Ben Davis Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction

April 29-May 1—State Convention at Bloomington



Lion President Minna Fred Zeilinga III and DG Ray Hawkins during the joint official visit to Carthage/Knightstown .



Start the New Member and New Lion's Year Off Right!

Region 1 will be holding a Member Orientation session on June 29th at the Clermont Lions Club building at 6pm. This is a great opportunity to have new members, or those who have not had the opportunity to attend this training, to learn the history and the structure of Lionism at the club, district, state and International level. We encourage sponsoring Lions to accompany the members and we also invite other Zones and Regions to attend. To reserve your spot please contact Lion Reed Fish at RFish@Amfam.com or 317-241-2422.



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