

DISTRICT 25F NEWSLETTER

December 2011

“MAKE A DIFFERENCE”

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DG Stephen Winegardner

Let me begin this last news letter of 2011 by wishing you and yours a Very Joyous Holiday Season! Lion Cindi and I wish the Lions of District 25F the happiest of Holidays and a very prosperous New Year. Although some of us have been through trying times this year, we all have a great deal to be thankful for, so enjoy some time with your families. It is a great time to “**MAKE A DIFFERENCE**”. Remember we are Lions and “**WE SERVE**” people less fortunate than ourselves world wide.

After my plea last month on how to improve attendance at District and Multiple District functions, I expected to receive a few telephone calls with suggestions on changes that could be made to improve attendance. I'm sorry to report that I did not receive one telephone call during the month. This feedback, while it may seem very trivial to you, is very important as planning for the District 25F Winter Cabinet meeting on January 21, 2012 in Versailles, see insert, is in the final stages and I would like to cover information during this meeting that allows you as a Lions Club member to learn something new about the association. So again I make a plea to Lions members throughout District 25F to call me or send me an email with ideas so I can include them in the Cabinet meeting for January. What do you want to learn?????

Don't forget about the Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference being held on January 7, 2012 at Lawrence Central High School on Indy's north-east side. This is a one day Conference with five workshops, twenty eight seminars, free buffet lunch, commemorative pin, proceedings CD, and an enjoyable day with Lions from throughout the State. The cost for this conference is \$35.00. I would encourage you to invest a few hours of your time and \$35.00 to learn more about Lions and how “**We Serve**” our communities. Remember, our District attendance goal is 70 members this year, so don't wait until the last minute, pre-register now. There was information on this conference in last month's news letter and in the October issue of “**THE HOOSIER LION**”. Make plans today to attend before the holiday rush is upon us and you forget.

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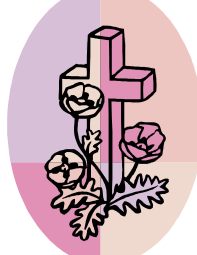
Perhaps you have heard some discussion about redistricting MD25 and reducing the number of Districts from 8 to 7. This effort is to get Districts C, E1, and E2 out of the transition battle they continue to fight, not enough member in their respective Districts to meet Lions Clubs International guidelines. You will be glad to know that this activity does not include any Lions Clubs in District 25F. The agreed solution will be to merge the four northern most counties in District E1, Vigo, Clay, Owen, and Morgan into District C. The remaining eight counties, Sullivan, Greene, Daviess, Martin, Lawrence, Monroe, Brown, and Jackson, currently in District E1 will be merged into District E2. District E1 would cease to exist. We will hear more about this solution during our Winter Cabinet meeting in Versailles as we will have to vote on this Indiana Lions Constitutional amendment during our District Convention in March. If adopted by a 2/3 majority in each District Convention, it will then be voted on at the MD 25 State Convention in April. After approval by a 2/3 majority at the MD State Convention it will be submitted to Lions Clubs International Board of Directors for their consideration/approval (probably in November 2012). That Directors meeting will be held in Indianapolis.

Official Visits have gone very well to this point. I have visited nearly 50% of the Lions Clubs in District 25F and enjoyed all of them. Thanks to the Clubs that have scheduled their Official Visit and I would like the other Clubs to get on the stick and get your visitation scheduled through the Cabinet Secretary Malynda Clevenger. See the District Directory for her contact information. She is the keeper of the District calendar and knows when dates are taken. **DO NOT** call or contact me for this date as I do not have the latest information on reserved dates. If you do schedule your Official Visit, I will contact your Lions Club and tell you when I will be coming.

Remember, if you have someone in your Lions Club who will be seeking election to a District or State office, please get their letter of endorsement sent to PDG Bud Lowery. See the District Directory, page 23, for his contact information so he can read the names into the record at the January 21st Winter Cabinet meeting. (new email—blowery603@comcast.net)

The thought for this month! Club Presidents, has your Zone Chair contacted your Lions Club for their required visits this year? They are required to make three visits to your Lions Club during the year. The first visit is past due as it should have been completed by the end of September. By the way have you Zone chairs visited the LCI web site to access the records for Lions Clubs in your Zone?

My contact information is telephone (317)293-6107 or by email sew_law@msn.com

| DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP | | | LIONS COMPLETING SERVICE | |
|---------------------|------------|-----------|--|--|
| | THIS MONTH | THIS YEAR |  BEECH GROVE Richard Petrecca BORDEN Helen Cook | |
| OPENING BALANCE | 1,821 | 1,829 | | |
| ADDED MEMBERS | 10 | 52 | | |
| DROPPED MEMBERS | 16 | 66 | | |
| CLOSING BALANCE | 1,815 | 1,815 | | |
| NET GAIN/LOSS | -6 | -14 | | |
| WORLDWIDE | 1,380,569 | | | |



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Holiday wishes from VDG Sue

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, everywhere we go! Not much snow yet, though. Decorations are being placed in our homes, our towns, our cities. Everywhere we go, we can see the signs of Christmas. Many of our clubs are making preparations for their annual Christmas gathering, and I am sure that good fellowship will be had by all. Many of our clubs will be purchasing presents for needy families, and perhaps supplying food for those families to enjoy a good Christmas dinner. That is what we, as Lions, enjoy doing for others. It makes us feel good that we can help those less fortunate than ourselves.

In the past few years, the themes of our District Governors have encouraged us to do just that. PDG Bob Price gave us a Challenge to Change for Growth. PDG Merle Goldman asked us to Dream It, Believe It, and Do It. PDG John Scott encouraged us to Care and Serve Together. Last year, PDG Ray Hawkins felt that part of our mission was Helping Others Have a Better Life. As Lions, we have certainly done all of these things.

Two themes this year are International President Wing Kun Tam's theme of "I Believe", and District Governor Steve Winegardner's theme of "Make a Difference". I certainly hope that each and every Lion in our District does believe that he or she makes a difference. I know that "I Believe" that Lions "Make a Difference" in our communities, and throughout the world. Please continue to make that difference throughout this holiday season, and continue on through the coming years. It is those small "unsolicited acts of kindness" that people remember, and they don't cost us much. Cherish what you have by Serving. Remember that we always receive much more than we give.

It is my honor to serve as your Vice District Governor this year. Lion Jim and I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Please stay safe in your travels, and I look forward to seeing you next year on January 7, 2012, at Mid-Winter Conference!



Free and Affordable Hearing Aids

Do you know someone (a non-Lion) on limited low income who needs a hearing aid? Maybe Lions Speech & Hearing can help. Contact your district trustees for more information. Ask your trustees to visit your club to make a Speech and Hearing presentation.

PDG Merle Goldman
Washington Township LC
Tel. 317-253-5991

Lion Melissa Baker
Milan Lynn Lions Club
Tel. 812-654-1873

DG Stephen Winegardner
Pike Township Lions Club
Tel. 317-293-6107

CLUB PRESIDENTS, SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS

It is dues paying time again. Both International and State of Indiana/District 25F dues statements will be sent to each Lions Club in January, 2012. Both are based upon the membership numbers as of December 31, 2011 as reported by each Club Secretary. Each International bill includes a membership count and this should be reviewed by the Club Secretary and any discrepancy should be corrected before December 31, 2011.

International dues are paid semi-annual per capita \$19.50 per regular members and \$9.75 per family members of same household. No International dues are paid for Life members. International will "prorate" dues for new members.

State and District dues invoices will be sent out to each Club President, Secretary, and Treasurer by email as was done in July, 2011. State of Indiana dues are \$7.00 and District 25F dues are \$2.30. Total \$9.30 paid semi-annual per capita. These dues are not "prorated" and life member pay the full amount.

The district operates on the cash basis, i.e., nothing is recorded on district books until cash is received or a check is written. Only monies passed through the Cabinet Treasurer are recorded on the spread sheet showing club donations. Therefore club donations made directly to a project, committee or foundation **ARE NOT** shown on the statement prepared by the Cabinet Treasurer.

The cabinet treasurer request that all clubs making donations to multiple projects present one check for the total amount of donations made payable to: District 25F Treasurer. Attach to the check information including the name of project and the amount of the donation made to that project.

Any questions please contact me.
Yours in Lionism,
Lion Dick Getts, Cabinet Treasurer
District 25F

NOTES FROM THE CABINET SECRETARY

TO SCHEDULE YOUR CLUBS OFFICIAL VISIT CONTACT ME AT MJDC61@AOL.COM. ALSO A REMINDER THAT DG STEVE IS ENCOURAGING EITHER REGION WIDE OR ZONE WIDE VISITS THIS YEAR DUE TO THE HIGH COST OF GAS. AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2011 THE FOLLOWING CLUBS ARE BEHIND ON THEIR MMR'S.

DATE LAST FILED 10/2011

Aurora, Borden, Clermont, Everton, Fairland Triton, Fortville, Indy Washington, Lewisville, New Castle, New Palestine, New Salem, Rising Sun, Shelbyville, Vevay.

DATE LAST FILED 9/2011

Carthage, Charlottesville, Connersville, Decatur Central,

DATE LAST FILED 8/2011

Indy Downtown, Metamora

DATE LAST FILED 6/2011

Charlestown

IF YOU NEED HELP PLEASE LET ME KNOW.



PLEASE JOIN US AS THE
VERSAILLES LIONS CLUB

HOSTS

THE DISTRICT 25F WINTER CABINET MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2012 AT 8:00 a.m.

AT THE

SOUTH RIPLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
1568 SOUTH BENHAM RD
VERSAILLES IN 47042

Continental breakfast and lunch will be served.

For more information call Jerry Gilpen (812) 621-0735 or
Jean Acre (812) 593-6093

Winter Cabinet Meeting Registration Form

Cost: **Before January 2, 2012: \$20.00 per person**
After January 2, 2012: \$25.00 per person

Mail check to Versailles Lions Club
PO Box 361
Versailles IN 47042

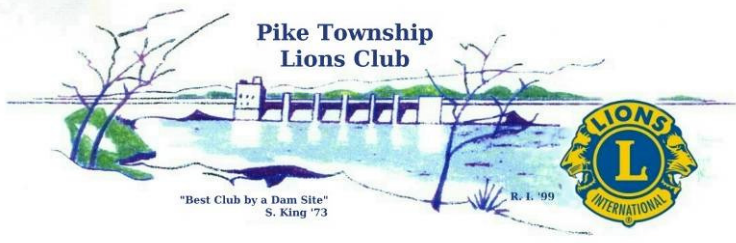
Name & Club _____

Number Attending _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

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|---|--|--|---|
|  | <p>AURORA Member Brett Hamilton Sponsor George Feustel</p> | <p>FORTVILLE Member Richard Garst Member Kevin Massa Sponsor Lee Guthrie</p> | <p>RICHMOND NOON Member William Davis Sponsor Mike Talbot</p> |
| | <p>BLUE RIVER Member Dawn Barnes Sponsor John Barnes</p> | <p>INDIANAPOLIS FRANKLIN Member Alan Retherford Sponsor Robert Jackson, Sr.</p> | |

Governors Calendar December 2011

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-----|-----|------------------------|
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 "OV" Franklin | 6 | 7 "OV" Rich- mond | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 "OV" Borden | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 1 st day of Winter | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 CHRIST- MAS | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 New Years Eve |
| JANUARY 1 New Years Day | 2 | 3 "OV" Jefferson- ville | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 "OV" Austin & Scottsburg | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |



Pike Lions Club Breakfast Schedule
 Pike High School Cafeteria
 5401 W. 71st Street (Also can enter from Zionsville Road)

2011-2012

September 17
October 8, November 12, December 10, January 14

Our Menu

1. Pancakes and Sausage
2. Biscuits and Gravy
3. Breakfast Combo / Consisting of Pancakes, Biscuits and Gravy
4. Lion Carl Stewart's Famous Scrambled Eggs
5. All you can EAT!!
6. All Breakfasts include: Applesauce, Juice, Coffee or Milk
7. By special request French Toast

Price - \$5.00
 Time - 7:30 AM to 10:00 AM

“Carnations for Christmas Sale”

**Red, White and Pink Mixture
 \$14.00 per dozen**

Thursday, December 15th

Proceeds to Pike Lions’ Club projects

- Leader Dogs for the Blind - Vision Screening
- Camp Woodsmoke
- Cancer Control - Speech and Hearing
- Youth Outreach - Youth Exchange
- Scholarships - Community Service

Contact any Pike Lions’ Club Member

GREENFIELD LIONS CHRISTMAS TREES
 Located on North SR 9 in Greenfield just south of Big O Tires.



“MAKE A DIFFERENCE”

Blue River Lions Club

Pancake & Sausage
 Breakfast
 Bake Sale

Saturday December 3,
 2011
 6:30-10:30 a.m.

500 S 300 W
 Shelbyville, In.

\$ 5.00 Donation

RICHMOND LIONS CLUB

Lions,

Go to our website (www.richmondionsclub.com) and click on the links for the two fund raisers that are going on. Both sites allow online registration and payments. Encourage your friends to order fruit online and pick up.

By the time this is distributed, Thanksgiving will have passed. Denise and I hope you all had a Happy T-Day and are gearing up for the Christmas season. 8

I know Lions Clubs all over are preparing to “Feed the Needy”, “Visit with Santa”, “Shop with Santa”, or whatever your club calls celebrating the season by helping those less fortunate than we are. Some are preparing packages for the “Troops” in far off places. As a retired member of the Armed Forces, I know these mean a lot to the “Troops”.

As we soon will enter into a New Year, let us recommit ourselves and our clubs to “do the right thing”. Let us bring to fruition that club project we have talked about all last year. Let’s build that ramp for “Pete” so he can get out. Let’s buy that pair of glasses, hearing aids, or whatever we have been discussing. In other words, let’s be LIONS and SERVE as we have never served before.

I look forward to seeing you all next year. Denise and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

PDG Jack Salsbery



Beech Grove Lion Don Stowers recently gave a presentation to the Beech Grove Lions Club on his eyeglass mission trip to Temixco, Moreloes, Mexico. Indiana Lions sponsored a group of 39 people who assisted the Lions of Mexico to provide examinations and glasses, at no cost, for 5,448 patients. Look for Lions recycling boxes at various locations. Picture...Larry Williams Lions president.....Don Stowers and Sister Joan Marie Massura



Clermont Lions Club Secretary Sheri Miller, President Ken Faulkner, Treasurer Patty Lybrook, Zone Chair Fay Bunker after the DG’s Official Visit.

Below: The Greenfield Lions Club award \$1400 to 12 different recipients of 4-H Awards at the Hancock Co. 4-H Fair during their November meeting. This include beef, dairy, & swine showmanship, speech and demonstrations, the Queen and overall 4-H Achievement awards.



Bright Lions Club officers, Vice President James Thatcher, President Celeste Calvitto, Treasurer Art Little, Secretary Tina Hallas enjoy the evening during the District Governor’s Official Visit.



**Hoosier Lions
Believe In Service**



Lions of Indiana 23rd Mid-Winter Conference Saturday, January 7, 2012 Lawrence Central High School

Registration

Mid-Winter Conference registration is now available at the Indiana Lions website under printable forms.

<http://www.harroldconsulting.com/indianalions/website/documents/2012MidWinterRegistrationFormb.pdf>

Join us for Friday Night Dinner

Menu: Swiss Steak, Lemon Basil Chicken, Bi-color Corn, Roasted Red Potatoes, Caesar Salad, Bread and Butter, Desserts and Drinks.

Price: \$16.00 Social Time 6:00 P.M. Dinner: 6:30 P.M.

Be sure to include this on your registration form and prepare to have a great time renewing friendships and making new friends.

Entertainment to be announced

Silent Auction ** Project and Vendor Display Booths

Fun ** Fellowship

New and Historically Popular Workshops and Seminars

5 Workshops ** 28 Seminars

Early Bird Registration November 1st to 30th

Lions, Lioness, Partner-in-Service \$30.00; Leos \$15

Pre-Registration December 1 to 24th

Lions, Lioness, Partner-in-Service \$35.00; Leos \$15

Onsite Registration \$40

Hotel Booking

Drury Inn & Suites Indianapolis NE
8180 North Shadeland Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46250
Telephone: (317) 849-8900

Rooms are being held for Lions. To make reservations, call or click on link below. Rooms are king beds or double queens for **\$94.94 per night** plus applicable state and local tax.

<http://www.druryhotels.com/Reservations.aspx?groupno=2124906>

To Get Lions Rate, Make Reservations by
Tuesday, December 6, 2011



Wayne A Madden
First Vice President

To be Guest Speaker at Conference

Wayne is from Auburn Indiana and was elected to serve as first vice president of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the 94th International Convention held in Seattle Washington July 4-8, 2011.

Vice President Wayne owns an insurance agency. He is also an agent and certified insurance counselor.

A member of the Auburn Lions since 1984, Lion Wayne has held many offices and in 2008 was recognized for his humanitarian service by the governor of Indiana as a Sagamore of the Wabash, the highest honor the Governor can bestow.

Let us Welcome VP Wayne and wife Lion Linda

REGISTRATION FORM

(Each Attendee Must Complete a Separate Form)

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATIONS: DECEMBER 24, 2011

EARLY BIRD PRE-REGISTRATION FROM NOVEMBER 1 TO NOVEMBER 30, 2011

Lions - \$30.00 Lioness - \$30.00 Partner-in-Service - \$30.00 Leos - \$15.00
Friday Night Dinner - \$16.00

PRE-REGISTRATION FROM DECEMBER 1 TO DECEMBER 24, 2011

Lions - \$35.00, Lioness - \$35.00, Partner-in-Service - \$35.00, Leos - \$15.00
Friday Night Dinner - \$16.00

NO PRE-REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER DECEMBER 24, 2011

Mid-Winter Registration(s) _____ Friday Night Dinner(s) _____ +Books @ \$8 ____ Total \$ _____

ON SITE REGISTRATION \$ 40.00

REGISTRATION PRICE INCLUDES THE 2012 COMMEMORATIVE SOUVENIR CONFERENCE PIN, PROCEEDINGS CD, AND THE BUFFET LUNCH.

(Please add \$8.00 extra for Proceedings Book.)

Workshops and Seminars will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Send registrations early to assure getting the Workshops or Seminars of your choice.

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND CORRECT REMITTANCE TO:

PDG Jim Query, 2408 Shepard Patrick Rd., Spencer, Indiana 47460

Make Checks Payable to: Indiana Mid-Winter Conference

E-Mail Address: jequery@bluemarble.net Phone: (812) 829-4496

ID () PID () CC () PCC () DG () VDG () PDG () Lion () Lioness () Leo () Partner-in- Service ()

Name _____ Club _____

Address _____ Lions Office _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ District 25- _____

Phone Number _____ E-Mail Address _____

Hearing Impaired Need Signer () How Many Mid-Winter Conferences Attended ()

() This is my first Mid-Winter Conference. I was encouraged to attend by _____.

Review the Workshop and Seminars offered. Then circle your selections below. **CIRCLE 1 WORKSHOP OR 2 SEMINARS (NOT IN THE SAME LINE) FOR BOTH MORNING AND AFTERNOON.**

"MORNING"

WORKSHOP: (9:45 A.M. – 11:45 P.M.) _____ - _____ A _____ C _____ E _____

"OR"

SEMINAR: (9:45 A.M. – 10:45 A.M.) _____ 1 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____ 10 _____ 13 _____ 19 _____ 25 _____

"AND"

SEMINAR: (11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.) _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 8 _____ 11 _____ 14 _____ 20 _____ 22 _____

"AFTERNOON"

WORKSHOP: (2:15 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.) _____ B _____ D _____ E _____

"OR"

SEMINAR: (2:15 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.) _____ 4 _____ 11 _____ 12 _____ 15 _____ 18 _____ 21 _____ 24 _____ 28 _____

"AND"

SEMINAR: (3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.) _____ 7 _____ 9 _____ 16 _____ 17 _____ 23 _____ 26 _____ 27 _____

HELP 25-F REACH ITS GOAL

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Registration forms are out for the 2012 Mid-Winter Conference and District Governor Steve and 25-F have a goal of **70 Lions**. Please plan now to attend and help obtain this goal.

The conference will be held at Lawrence Central High School on Jan. 7. It is a good place to learn more about Lionism and First International Vice President Wayne Madden will be the keynote speaker. Registration prior to Nov. 30 is only \$30. That includes a light breakfast, registration packet, conference CD and pin and noon lunch plus drinks throughout the day.

There are 5 workshops (2-hour sessions) and 28 seminars (1-hour sessions) to choose from. This is a good time to improve your leadership skills and enjoy a day with fellow Hoosier Lions.



THE LIONS OF INDIANA 23RD MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2012

LAWRENCE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL LAWRENCE, IN

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Registration & Continental Breakfast | 8:00 A.M. – 9:10 A.M. | Lunch | 12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M. |
| Displays And Silent Auction | Open until 3:30 P.M. | Keynote Speaker | 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. |
| Opening Session | 9:15 A.M. – 9:35 A.M. | Afternoon Workshop | 2:15 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. |
| Morning Workshop | 9:45 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. | Third Session Seminar | 2:15 P.M. – 3:15 P.M. |
| First Session Seminar | 9:45 A.M. – 10:45 A.M. | Fourth Session Seminar | 3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. |
| Second Session Seminar | 11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. | Closing Session | 4:35 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. |

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE SILENT AUCTION

Again this year there will be a silent auction at the Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference on January 7, 2012 in Indianapolis. Each Indiana Lions District is asked to donate at least 3 items worth \$20 or more for the auction.

Last year every district made an outstanding effort to make the auction a great success and over \$1200 was raised for the Leo program. If you have items to donate for the auction please contact 1st VDG Sue Topf, who will organize our district's participation.



25F Lions Clubs “serve” especially during the holiday season. Please send me an email of what you did to help people in your community. I would like to have what was done at the end of November or in December to help your community. Please help spread the word of how Lions serve. Send to wbeck@aol.com. It will be put in the January Newsletter.



DIRECTORY CHANGE

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