

# DISTRICT 25F NEWSLETTER

January 2012

“MAKE A DIFFERENCE”

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DG Stephen Winegardner



**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR**

With the first news letter of 2012, Lion Cindi and I wish you and yours a Very Happy New Year. Hoping that all your wishes for the New Year come true but remember, you have to set some goals or make those wishes for 2012 become a reality. Where would you like to be or what would you like to have completed by December 2012. I hope they include some activities with your Lions Club. Remember the three mottos associated with Lions this year, “WE SERVE”, “I BELIEVE”, and “MAKE A DIFFERENCE”.

Three Lions Clubs from District 25F submitted entries for the annual MD25 Peace Poster contest. All posters were beautiful, very artistic, and demonstrated the theme “Children Know Peace”. The detail in each poster was unbelievable. It was a very tough decision for the judges to determine our District F winner which was then judged at the MD25 level. Unfortunately the Peace Poster from District 25B was judged the winner and will be sent to Lions Club International as the MD25 entry. Congratulations to the three local winners, Peyton Glover, Aimee Stewart, and Rachel Schiffli, good job this year and don't forget about entering next year. The three Lions Clubs, New Palestine, Osgood, and Indianapolis Franklin Township are to be commended for involving youth in their club's activities. See the pictures on page 4 of all three entries. They will be displayed at the Winter Cabinet Meeting in Versailles.

Don't forget the Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference being held on January 7, 2012 at Lawrence Central High School on Indy's northeast side. It is not too late to make plans to attend this one day Conference with five workshops, twenty eight seminars, free buffet lunch, commemorative pin, proceedings CD, for the price of attending. Because you waited, the cost for this Conference is now \$40.00. Our District attendance goal is 70 members this year. Additional information on this Conference can be obtained by referring to the December issue of "THE HOOSIER LION". Hope to see you there.

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District Governor's Message Continued

Again another month passes without an email or telephone call from Lions Club presidents or members about topics to cover at the Winter Cabinet meeting in Versailles. I am very puzzled<sup>2</sup> because when I decided to be YOUR District 25F Governor, I thought there would be at least a little dialogue between District 25F Lions Clubs Presidents or their members and the District Governor. The question still begging an answer by this issue is; are members receiving and reading the news letter or do they not care about what goes on at the District level? I would make the point that the association (Lions Clubs International) provides benefits and opportunities that enables your local Lions Clubs to participate in fund raising activities and community service activities with minimal risk to your members. An easy way to learn of these benefits is to attend a District Cabinet meeting.

Official Visits are going very well to this point. I have visited 34 Lions Clubs in District 25F and enjoyed all of them. Nineteen Clubs have scheduled their Official Visits through Cabinet Secretary Malynda, which is much appreciated. I would like the remaining ten 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 not schedule your Official Visit it could be made on a date that is not convenient for you Club.

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.

The thought for this month! Club Presidents, Zone Chairs, and Region Chairs how are you doing with the goals you set for yourself at the beginning of this Lions Year. This is the Mid Term time. What would your grade be? If you don't know the requirements or expectations of your position, please contact me and I'll tell you.

My contact information is telephone (317)293-6107 or by email [sew\\_law@msn.com](mailto:sew_law@msn.com)



CLERMONT

Member Linda Maynard  
Member Jeffrey Sipes

FRANKLIN

Member Myron Harden &  
Susan Harden  
Sponsor Tom Flack

INDY FRANKLIN

Member William Weber  
Sponsor Floyd Selke

LIBERTY

Member Danka Klein  
Sponsor Sue Cartee

NEW PALESTINE

Member Mary Reynolds  
Sponsor Jeff Bell

SCOTTSBURG

Member Ryan Penrod  
Sponsor Charles Stephen  
Meyer

VERSAILLES

Member Bryan Gilpin

**Welcome, Lions to 2012!**

As we start this New Year, I would like to discuss our role as Lions: to each other, to our organization, and throughout the world. Each and every year Lions are visible in their communities when they hold projects, do vision screening, give scholarships, help feed the needy, and so much more! It is my belief that our value as Lions begins with our home club. Take a moment to reflect on the importance of the friendships we have made, and the good we have done in our community.

The work that we do as Lions is extremely important, and it takes organization to accomplish this work. Whether it is a club project, a district meeting, a state or international convention, it takes hard work and dedication to make these successful and worthwhile.

It takes many dedicated Lions to run a district, a multiple district, or Lions International---good people who give their time to service. At the district level, we have a governor, a vice governor, a cabinet secretary, and cabinet treasurer. There are six state projects, which each have three trustees, plus trustees for Camp Woodsmoke, officers and members of the board for the Vision Van. There are eight regions, and each one has a region chair, and two zone chairs. There are 63 clubs with officers, plus a Board of Directors. In addition, we have 32 committees with chairmen. There are more than 1800 Lions in District 25F, yet the same people volunteer each year.

Within our district, there are zone chairs, region chairs, and committee chairs who unfortunately do not do their jobs. Each position has specific responsibilities, and it is YOUR responsibility to do the job if you accept the position. Training and assistance is available for every position. Lions International has formed the new position of Global Leadership and Global Membership Teams. Lions Pat Price and Jean Acre are there to help you and your club.

To those of you who have consistently done your jobs with the pride of Lions, **I Thank You!** To those of you who think the position is an honorary one, and you don't have to do anything, please step aside, and let us look for someone else to do the job.

To the trustees, please don't wait for the phone to ring to ask you to make a presentation, make some phone calls and schedule presentations, so that we can inform clubs about our state and district projects.

To the zone and region chairs who never hold a meeting, please take the time to schedule one. It could be scheduled during the evening, on a Saturday morning, whenever it is convenient for your zone. We usually have chili, ham and beans, or something light, and then people bring desserts, salads, etc. We have a social time, and then get down to the meeting. Primarily we discuss what is going on in our region and district, and get to know the other clubs. Lions always leave those meetings with more knowledge than we had before. The exchange of ideas is essential to keep our clubs thriving. We find out places where we could help another club, or perhaps even a new project we would like to try.

Sometime in the near future, I will be in contact with many of you to ask you to take a new role in our District. Lions International, through its Policy Manual, has an outline of the Progression of Office, and the qualifications for each office.

We live in an extremely busy world, and our lives get busier all the time. I am the first one to recognize that, and sometimes I am the last one to ask for help. I ask now for your help to continue the strong tradition of service that we have in District 25F. As always, I want to thank you for everything that you do. In our World of Service it means so much. The good feelings that we have at Christmas time should last through the year, and they can with your service to Lions.

VDG Sue Topf

# PEACE POSTER CONTEST

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JUDGES – PDG John Scott, Activities Committee Lion Linda Scott, Zone Chairperson Lion Fay Bunker, and VDG Sue Topf judging Peace Posters.



This Peace Poster was created by Peyton Glover, Age 13, Doe Creek Middle School. It was submitted by the New Palestine Lions Club.



This Peace Poster was created by Rachel Schiffli, Age 11, Bunker Hill Elementary School. It was submitted by the Indianapolis Franklin Township Lions Club.



This Peace Poster was created by Aimee Stewart, Age 12, Jac-Cen-Del School Corp. It was submitted by the Osgood Lions Club.

## PLEASE SUPPORT LIONS PROJECTS

District 25 F Projects

Camp Woodsmoke

Vision Van

MD25 Projects

Cancer Control

Eye & Tissue Bank

Indiana School for the Blind & Visually Impaired (ISBAVI)

Leader Dog

Speech & Hearing

Indiana Lions Foundation



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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## KID SIGHT

Why you should attend?

At the last 25F Cabinet Meeting, I heard that it was said: “25F does not support Kid sight and never has”, or words to that effect. I was not there, my bad, but I thought New England would be a change.

Believe me, as one of the start-up members of both programs, nothing could be further from the truth.

That is why you should attend the January 21, 2012 District Cabinet Meeting in Versailles.

The truth shall set you free. Lion Janice Chapman, Director of Kid Sight, or a qualified representative, and I, will present a seminar about both programs, their compatibility, and their differences. Why we chose one program and the reasons for doing so.

SO, if you want the facts, not the rumors, attend the Cabinet Meeting and for once “Get the facts and only the facts”.

PDG Jack R. Salsbery  
President, Vision Screening Program

## District Governors Points Contest

Standings as of December 29, 2011

### **Division 1 (1-15)**

Fountain City 4600  
Hope 3250  
Indy Warren 2750

### **Division 2 (16-35)**

Indy Franklin 6750  
Ben Davis 6350  
Beech Grove 6225  
Indy Center 5575  
Franklin 5150  
Lawrence 5100  
Batesville 4150  
Greensburg 4050  
Greenfield 3550  
Southport 2825  
Columbus 1600

### **Division 3 (36+)**

Pike 9100  
Connersville 4700  
Decatur Central 2925  
Richmond 2750  
Clermont 2450

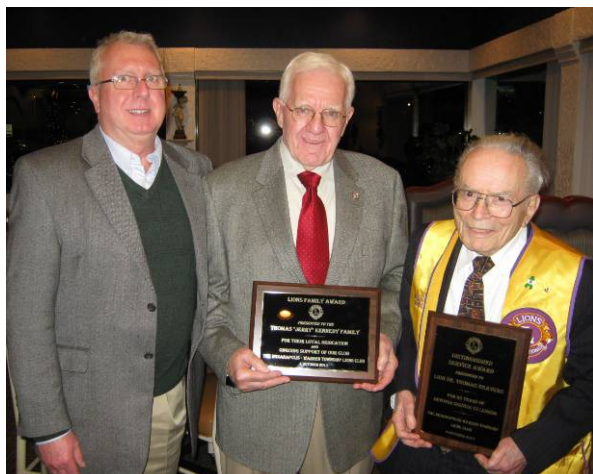
### HOW DO YOU GET POINTS?

Points value—page 15 DG’s Handbook

Suggestions:

Learn about Lions’ programs and get points at the same time.

Attend zone meetings, cabinet meetings, and the district convention.



Indianapolis Warren Township members, R to L, Lion Tom Beavers is recognized for sixty five years of service to Lionism, Tom "Jerry" Kennedy Sr. and President Tom Kennedy Jr. are recognized for their family service to the Club.



At the Beech Grove Lions Christmas Party at the Benedict Inn on December 6th, presentations were made to the following Lions for their long time service to our club. names from left to right in the picture: Lion Tom Thompson, Lion Jim Akers, Lion Norm Woods



Some hard working members of the Indianapolis Center Township Lions Club prepares Pancakes for their fundraiser.



1<sup>st</sup> VDG Sue Topf and her husband Lion Jim enjoy the evening at the Annual Council of Governors Christmas Celebration.

### **IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM THE CABINET SECRETARY**

The following clubs need to contact me to schedule your Official Visit with the Governor  
Charlestown, Edinburgh, Lawrenceburg, Madison, Manilla, Metamora, Morristown, New Salem and Vevay

According the Monthly Membership Reporting History report from Lions International as of December 29, 2011 the following clubs are behind in filling their monthly MMR. If you need assistance please contact me at [mjdc61@aol.com](mailto:mjdc61@aol.com)

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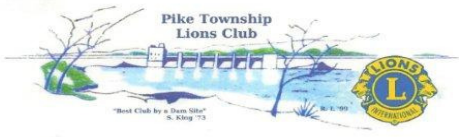
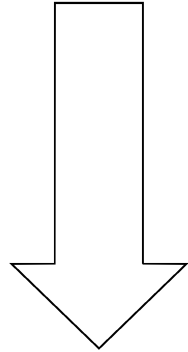
Indy Downtown, Metamora Carthage, Charlottesville,

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Borden, Clermont, New Castle,  
Shelbyville & Vevay

# CLUBS IN SERVICE TO OTHERS DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON



**Pike Township  
Lions Club**

**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

## CHAPEL HILL LIONS CLUB

Serving is a year-round activity for the Chapel Hill Lions Club. Lion Jim Halstead operates a committee of one, assisted by his lovely wife Ann. We refer to it as our Needy Family Assistance program. Throughout the year Jim and Ann respond to requests passed on to them by other Lion members, our township schools administration and our township offices. But Christmas time is especially meaningful to Jim and Ann. This year they have already taken 10 families with a total of 29 children Christmas shopping, spending \$5,023. But quoting Yogi Berra, "it ain't over til it's over".

Lion business meetings can often bore a tortoise to death, but when Lion Jim gives his Committee Report we are always reminded of why, and proud of the fact that we are, Lions!

## GREENFIELD LIONS CLUB

Purchased gifts for two local nursing homes at \$150. each

Took 22 children shopping for Christmas clothes and a gift at approx. \$2500

Collected food and supplies for the Hancock County Food Pantry at annual Christmas Party.

## MIDDLETOWN LIONS CLUB

Rang bells for Salvation Army

Helped work at local Food Pantry

Gave gifts and played Santa Claus to two Middletown Nursing Homes

Serve coffee and doughnuts to two local Nursing Homes every Monday, year round.

## WILLIAMSBURG LIONS CLUB

On the first weekend of December, the Williamsburg Lions Club will prepare 36 Christmas fruit baskets to be given to our "senior citizen" friends and neighbors.

We are also donating \$750.00 to Northeastern Elementary School in Fountain City, IN to help purchase Christmas presents for needy elementary students and their families.

Each month on the third Saturday, we have an "all you can eat" pancake breakfast to help fund these projects. Our January breakfast will be on January 21st.

# Governors Calendar JANUARY 2012

| Sun                | Mon                               | Tue                      | Wed                  | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| 1<br>New Years Day | 2                                 | 3<br>"OV" Jeffersonville | 4                    | 5   | 6   | 7   |
| 8                  | 9<br>"OV" Austin & Scottsburg     | 10                       | 11                   | 12  | 13  | 14  |
| 15                 | 16<br>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day | 17                       | 18                   | 19  | 20  | 21  |
| 22                 | 23                                | 24<br>"OV" Versailles    | 25<br>"OV" Speedway  | 26  | 27  | 28  |
| 29                 | 30                                | 31                       |                      |     |     |     |
|                    |                                   |                          | FEBRUARY 1           | 2   | 3   | 4   |
| 5                  | 6                                 | 7<br>"OV" Aurora         | 8<br>"OV" Middletown | 9   | 10  | 11  |

| DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP   |                 |           |
|---|-----------------|-----------|
|   | THIS MONTH      | THIS YEAR |
|  | OPENING BALANCE | 1,815     |
|   | ADDED MEMBERS   | 7         |
|   | DROPPED MEMBERS | 21        |
|   | CLOSING BALANCE | 1,801     |
|   | NET GAIN/LOSS   | -14       |
|   | WORLDWIDE       | 1,376,509 |
|   |                 | 1,829     |
|   |                 | 59        |
|   |                 | 87        |
|   |                 | 1,801     |
|   |                 | -28       |



**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



THE LIONS OF INDIANA 23<sup>RD</sup> MID-WINTER CONFERENCE  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2012  
LAWRENCE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL LAWRENCE, IN

| <b>CONFERENCE SCHEDULE</b>           |                         |                        |                        |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 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.  |

## “MAKE A DIFFERENCE”



### MELVIN JONES

Born: January 13, 1879 Fort Thomas, Arizona Died: June 1, 1961 Flossmoor, Illinois (age 82)

In 1917, Melvin Jones, a Chicago businessman, conceived the idea of business professionals pooling their energy, talent, and resources toward the service of others with an objective of effecting great change in their communities. Today, the organization he founded, the International Association of Lions Clubs, commonly referred to as Lions Clubs, is the largest network of service clubs in the world.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship was founded in 1973. As of January 2010, there are 302,745 MJF worldwide.

For MJF contributions or inquiries, contact LCIF Donor Services Department at: 630-571-5466 x6897



## 2012 IMPORTANT DATES

January 7—Mid-Winter Conference  
January 21—Winter Cabinet Meeting-Versailles  
March 11—District Convention-Pike Freshman  
April 26-29—State Convention-Merrillville  
June 22-26—International Convention-S. Korea

### **DIRECTORY CHANGE**

P.16, 22 & 26 new email for PDG Ed Reier to: [sgtreier@myninestar.net](mailto:sgtreier@myninestar.net)



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