

DISTRICT 25F NEWSLETTER

(MAKE A DIFFERENCE)

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DG Stephen Winegardner

I think I've finally recovered from the International Convention and am beginning to get into the routine of running our District 25F business. Have all Club Presidents and Secretaries received your new District 25F Directory? If not please contact me and we'll get one mailed to you. My telephone numbers and email address is to the right.

This month I would like to draw your attention to a few things "I BELIEVE" we can do better as a District. The first has to do with club activities reporting by the Club Secretary at LCI when they submit the WMMR at the end of the month. Only fifteen clubs have reported activities this year, twelve this month. That means that forty nine clubs have NOT reported activities this year, fifty two this month. Summer months are busy times for club activities both fund raising and service activities so please take the time to report these events. If nothing else, once you get into the habit of reporting these activities, it gives the District Governor a place to look for activities your Lions Club organizes. If you are looking for ideas to expand your Club's service activities, remember one of my six goals, look on page thirty of the July/August edition of your "Lions" magazine for suggestions from our International President Wing-Kun Tam. August was the month to focus on youth. October is the month for sight related activities

There are eight clubs in District 25F who are more than two months behind in submitting their WMMRs. One club has not submitted a WMMR since February 2011. These reports are to be submitted every month and your membership dues are based on the current membership count at Lions Clubs International. I know we can do a better job of accomplishing this task. If you are a new Club Secretary and are not familiar with how the reporting is to be completed, please ask someone, because help is available.

How many clubs are participating in the Club Points Contest? Remember we talked about this contest during Organization Day at Camp Woodsmoke, page 15 of the District Directory. It is my hope that more Clubs than we have seen in the past will participate in this contest by reporting earned points to Cabinet Secretary Malynda Clevenger. There will be a complete update at the Fall Cabinet meeting. If you have not scheduled your District Governor visit by now your Club has lost 75 valuable points. Only thirteen of the sixty four Clubs (20%) have scheduled their official visit, so get busy, look at your calendars and get your visit scheduled through CS Malynda. A big **Lions ROAR** to those Clubs that have scheduled their visit. Remember the goal is to have visited 40 to 45 Clubs by Thanksgiving.

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Governor's Message Continued

The next two important dates for District 25F are Saturday September 10th for Banner Night and Sunday October 16th for the Fall Cabinet Meeting in Scottsburg. The organizing committees for both of these events have worked very hard to make them successful, so you should show your support by making plans to attend these functions. There should be a flier in this news letter for the Fall Cabinet Meeting where the new Global Membership Team and Global Leadership Team organization will be discussed.

Have you asked a potential new member to help you on one of your club's activities?

Remember, this news letter is the major communication device from the District Governor to the membership and from club to club, so take advantage of it to promote your club activities in an effort to increase attendance. You may contact me by telephone (317)293-6107 or by email sew_law@msn.com.

Do you remember your first time?

Recall the awkwardness, lack of expertise leading to embarrassment and how flustered you felt due to your ineptness?

That is what the Cabinet Treasurer felt as he tried for the first time to use Email to collect the club dues for the State of Indiana and District 25F.

Early in June, 2011 Emails were sent to all Club Presidents and Secretaries requesting current names, addresses, telephone number and Email addresses of FY 2011-12 Club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers. Information available was the prior year's 25F directory and good Lion Denise Salsbery.

The majority of the clubs responded quickly and information was proved correct when follow up Emails were sent out the middle of June, 2011.

BUT, some clubs did not answer. Some had failed to update telephone numbers/Email addresses and a few did not list any officers for the club. This led to many phone calls to various other sources, e.g., Region and Zone Chairs, PDG's, Lions known to be in the club.

In summary, more respect for just how hard it is for Lion Denise Salsbery to gather information for the district directory. Club Secretaries have the responsibility to send the needed information and deliver to Lion Denise on time. Club Presidents, the CEO of the club, should check that this has been done. The Club Treasurer should be aware that the club has an obligation to pay International, and State/District dues twice a year. All dues are based on the number of members reported to International as of June 30 and December 31. International each month sends out a bill to each club and that bill has a membership count at the lower left hand corner. Each dues paying period, July and January International will list each member by name. Club Secretaries and Treasurers should peruse this list. The Cabinet Treasurer does not have any more information than the number of members reported to International.

Again in summary, the Cabinet Treasurer will bill, by Email, the Club dues for January to June, 2012, the first week of January, 2012. Email will be to Club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers. The Presidents because, as CEO, is responsible to see that all club obligations are met. The Secretaries because they report to International and their club members. The Treasurers because they write the checks.

Really final summary. The Cabinet Treasurer is now more skillful and coordinated. It is with great confidence and composure that the next billing cycle will be calm and tranquil.

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“DO YOU HAVE TO BE A SENIOR CITIZEN TO BE A LION?”is the question I was asked earlier today while doing vision screening at Chapel Glen Elementary School in Indianapolis.

Oddly enough, this question did not come from a kindergarten or first grade student, it came from an adult teacher's aid! After my initial shock of being called a senior citizen (I ran to the nearest mirror, looked at my reflection, and sure enough, she was right!), I knew I was going to change the focus of this month's newsletter article.

Perception, in many cases, is reality. This very nice woman perceived that since every Lion that she saw appeared to be a senior, that it was a requirement for membership. I very quickly assured her that we loved younger members, and in fact, many of our clubs are installing young adults as members.

Just as soon as that class left, I hurried out to the hall, asked the ladies to go and spruce up their make-up, checked the men, and there was nothing more that I could do other than ask them to put on their hats to cover a few bald spots! Fact of the matter is...we WERE all senior citizens! I, of course, was one of the babies of the group!

Yet another fact is that, when a Lions Club, such as the Chapel Hill Lions, makes a commitment to screen over 3,000 students in a single school district, it takes a lot of time and volunteers. Many Lions have daytime jobs, and must work to support their families. They serve in a multitude of other ways which conform to their schedules. Without those young members, we could not do other fundraising or service projects.

Reality is that the median age of Lions in the United States is continually increasing. Each and every year, our District Governor discusses membership in our district. Goals and remedies are reviewed, yet the numbers decline. Questions are asked, membership meetings are held, new plans are put in place, but the results are the same.

How can we, as Lions, change the perception that Lions are all old? Today, my answer was to smile more, walk with a little skip in my step (which made my hip hurt), and make an appointment with my hairdresser! But, at the end of our day, we were all feeling a little older.

In the long run, a little hair color, a little more lipstick (not for the men), newer hats, will not change a thing if we do not try to “make a difference” in our clubs by inviting new and younger members.

When was the last time that you invited one of your children to attend a meeting? ... or a neighbor? ... or a friend?... or someone at church? Open your meetings to more people, have applications forms at every function, show your pride in being a Lion!

Decatur Central Lions Club held the annual 4-H fair this year, and on the first night all five State Projects were displayed and Vision Screenings were done. People stopped, talked, and found out more about Lions. Several people expressed interest in becoming a Lion, and applications were completed. We need to do this at every pancake breakfast, fish fry, or special event that we have. We do not have the luxury of waiting until someone else does it.

The bottom line reality is that being a Lion is being a part of the world's largest service organization, and knowing that our motto is “WE SERVE”. In a few short years, our organization will be almost 100 years old, but it is certainly not a senior citizen. It is a thriving, vital group of Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services. Ask someone to become a part of our Lions Pride.

P.S. Thanks for all you do!

VDG Sue



We Serve

INDIANA LIONS DISTRICT 25-F
"Make a Difference"

The Pike Township Lions Club
of Indiana Lions District 25-F
Invite you to celebrate with us at

District Governor Steve Winegardner's

Banner Night

Saturday, September 10, 2011

Dress: Business Attire

Pike High School Freshman Center
Zionsville Rd. and W. 71st. Street
Indianapolis IN 46234

Reception: 6:00 p.m. Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

\$18.00 per person before September 1, 2011
\$25.00 after September 1, 2011

MENU

Buffet - 2 Meat Entrees, Assorted Veggies, Beverages and Dessert

Early Bird Registration until September 1, 2011

Make Checks Payable to: Pike Lions Club

Send to: Lion Patricia Price

8607 Woodreed Ct

Indianapolis IN 46268

Phone: 317-293-1460

Clip and send with check- **PLEASE PRINT**

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Name(s) 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Our District and how it works

Let's look at District 25F. The District covers the southeastern 20 counties of Indiana. Only one county does not have a club. Why? There used to be a very valuable club there. Then people lost interest, people aged (see VDG Sue's great article on aging), and no new members could be found. Did we look? Yes, but just not in the right places.

Our district is divided into 8 regions, each region in two zones. Each region has a Region Chairperson (RC) and each zone has a zone chairperson (ZC). When was the last time your club saw either or both? or you attended one of their R/Z meetings?

Zone Chairpersons should schedule at least three meetings each year at each club. The first should be done by the end of September. Why? The Zone Chairpersons are the eyes and ears of the District. They let the District Governor (DG) and Vice Governor (VDG) know what the clubs are doing, what their problems are, and what should be done.

A certain DG went on his official visit to a club once, and was handed some checks and the club charter. It was that club's last meeting. Nobody knew except the club. Could it have been saved, nobody knows; but nobody tried, because nobody knew.

Much like club secretaries are to clubs, ZC are the most important persons in the District to the DG. They must keep up their clubs and keep the DG informed.

If you accepted a ZC or RC position, follow the guidelines. Get the visits done and most of all, keep the DG informed.



Lion President Chuck Lewis, Chapel Hill, with DG Steve during their official visit.

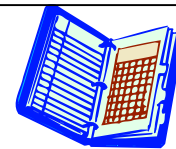


Lion Jim Halstead of the Chapel Hill Lions Club received "The Lion of the Year Award" from President Chuck Lewis.

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Lions Marita Gibson, Secretary, and Bill Stewart, President Greensburg Lions Club pictured with DG Steve during the District Governor's official visit.



DISTRICT GOVERNORS CALENDAR  
 SEPTEMBER 1: LIBERTY "OV"  
 SEPTEMBER 7: SOUTHPORT "OV"  
 SEPTEMBER 15: MILAN "OV"  
 OCTOBER 4: REGION 2 "OV"



Please join us as the

# Scottsburg Lions Club

Hosts

## The District 25F Fall Cabinet Meeting

*October 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.*

At the

Mid-America Science Park  
821 South Lake Rd. South  
Scottsburg, IN 47170

Lunch will be served with buffet choices of Fried chicken, Baked ham or Salisbury steak. Includes salad, drink and dessert

For more information call Steve Meyer (812) 278-6958 or  
Scott Murphy (812) 820-0771

Fall Cabinet Meeting Registration Form

Cost: **Before October 1, 2011: \$15.00 per person**  
After October 1, 2001: \$18.00 per person

**Mail check made out to "Scottsburg Lions Club"**  
**PO Box 144**  
**Scottsburg, In 47170**

Name & Club \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### 9/11 REMEMBRANCE

The Speedway Lion Club will be hosting a 9/11 remembrance at the Gazebo at Meadow Park at 5700 Meadowood Drive, Speedway, on that date. It will begin at 1:30 with a community gathering. We will be having the Zionsville Community Band there for the entertainment portion. We will be needing some volunteers around 12:30 to help put chairs out and some to help with handing out water/snacks. Also there will be tables available for anyone who would want to display anything that they have about 9/11 that they would want to share. Please contact Reed Fish if you are available to help.

### Fountain City Lions Club

Pictured are members of the Fountain City Lions Club as they are cooking pork chops for the welcome home Vietnam Veterans Celebration the in Richmond for their evening dinner.



Pictured above are Morgan Clevenger, Tim Cox and Mychal Clevenger

### VIETNAM VETERANS CELEBRATION



Above are Larry Gardner, Tim Cox and Rudy Reimsyder.



### BUSY BUSY MILAN



Above left: Dictionaries presented to all the new sixth graders at the middle school Left. Mr. Karstetter's special needs classroom was presented with dictionaries. They have never had their own dictionaries to use in class so this was a big event. 50 other dictionaries were also presented to the high school

Above right: Milan's annual Lion Daren Baker Memorial Golf Tournament Scholarship fundraiser was held. One of the sponsors pictured above is Lion Dr. Ray Furner of CapTel/Relay Indiana along with recently graduated high school golfers and future Lions Samantha Stabile, Joey Russel, and Daniel Holman. Four (4) \$500 scholarships are funded from this event.





August 2011

Dear Lion,

Judy and I recently returned from visiting our [disaster relief](#) projects in Joplin, Missouri, USA. I can tell you that the disaster is unlike anything I've ever seen. More than 7,500 homes were destroyed, and 50,000 people remain displaced. Seven Lions were among those who lost everything. In the middle of this disaster, the local Lions' commitment to helping their friends and neighbors rebuild is truly inspiring.



With your generous support, Lions Clubs International Foundation, local Lions, and Lions from surrounding States are mobilizing more than US\$150,000. Lions are traveling from near and far to provide first-hand assistance.

We are able to be more effective by leveraging these funds through working with other relief organizations. Working with First Response Team of America, a non-profit organization, the Lions have helped clear debris from 23 home sites. Judy and I helped clear one home site during our visit, and I must tell you this is hard, hot, but rewarding work!

We also took part in a shopping trip at a local grocery store. The Lions bought needed food supplies for Lafayette House, a home for battered women and children, which has seen a 66 percent increase in needed services since the storm. To ensure the school year will begin on time on August 17, the local Lions are providing funds for needed school materials.

These projects are just a few examples of how we are helping Joplin rebuild. Because Lions live in the affected communities, we are committed to helping for as long as it takes, even though we know this will take several years. Other organizations come in, make an impact and then leave, but Lions are still there everyday giving their hearts and hands to bring hope to so many in need. You've heard me say that Lions stands for "Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services." I witnessed this in Joplin!



Joplin is not the only place where our disaster relief efforts remain ongoing. Later this month, Judy and I will travel to Haiti to meet with Lions and other relief organizations. Wherever there is a need, you can be sure Lions will be there!

Lions, we are changing the world at our fingertips. By serving in our communities, we are having an impact around the entire globe.  
Serving today for a better tomorrow,

Sid L. Scruggs, III  
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

# FOOD & FESTIVALS

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Fellow Lions,

It is that time of year again, so mark it on your calendars, clear your schedule and head on over to Camp Woodsmoke for our annual Pork Chop Sunday.

**September 25, 2011**

Memorial Service starts at 11:00am

Meal starts at 11:30am and runs until 4:00pm

Meal costs:

Advance Ticket \$8.00

(sent to every club president in MD-25F, and from the camp's trustees)

At The Door \$9.00

Menu: Smoke Grilled Pork Chop, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Applesauce Bread & Butter, Ice Cream, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Water

There will be music throughout the day, wagon rides around the camp. The whole camp will be open and everyone can enjoy the facilities and trails.

So clear your schedules and make the trip over to Camp Woodsmoke "The Best"

Check out Camp Woodsmoke's website for more details.

[www.campwoodsmoke.org](http://www.campwoodsmoke.org)

## FISH FRY

at the

### Clermont Lions Club Park

3201 Tansel Road, Clermont, Indiana

Friday, September 16, 2011

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

ADULTS: \$7.00

(fish or pulled pork sandwich, choice of 2 sides, dessert and drink)

**Children: \$4.00-\$5.00**

(hot dog, fish or pork, applesauce, chips, cookie and drink)

**Dine in or Carry Out**

**Blue Grass Band plays 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

**Come and enjoy the fun!!!**

Contact Sue Topf at (317)291-3949

We wish to thank all of you who helped with the Indiana Lions Foundation Projects this year which included:

500 Race and practice

400 Race and practice

Moto-GP race and practice

State Fair

Because of your time and effort you make sure that Lionism is strong and well in Indiana.

**Thanks so much**

*PDG Billy Chastain*

*Marilyn Smith Lions of Indiana State Office*

# Williamsburg Lions

"All you can eat  
Breakfast"



Saturday, September 10, 2011

7:00-10 am

Williamsburg Community Center

Cost : \$5.00

Under 8 years: \$3.00

Serving: Pancakes, sausage, sausage gravy  
& biscuits, scrambled eggs, orange juice  
and coffee

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## Buffet Fund Raiser

At

**Mozzi's Pizza**

**2221 W Main St. –  
Greenfield**

on

**Monday, September 19th,  
2011**

**5:00 to 8 p.m.**

**Greenfield Lions Benefit Buffet**  
**Proceeds of "All You Can Eat" buffet**  
**will be used by Greenfield Lions Club to**  
**help fund local community projects**

### Price List

Adult Buffet - \$7.65 plus drink

Age 0-5 Buffet - Cost of drink only

Age 6-12 Buffet - .40 cents per year of age plus  
drink

**So, bring friends and family and en-  
joy Mozzi's Pizzi and help support  
the Greenfield Lions!**



### **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**

**Levi Coffin Day**

**44th Annual**

### **Fountain City, Indiana**

The Fountain City Lions would like to invite you and your family's and friends to come and experience all of the markets and fun with us this year. We will be having a drawing of \$500.00 dollars and the proceeds are going to help the city with the Christmas lights.

All proceeds go to projects funded by the **Williamsburg Lions Club**:

- Christmas aid for those in need at Northeastern High School
- Northeastern High School Senior Scholarships
- Williamsburg Lions Club Ball Park

State Projects the **Williamsburg Lions Club** contributes to:

- Camp Woodsmoke
- Leader Dog Program
- Eye and Tissue Bank
- Cancer Control

TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_ HANDICAP: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_

The cost will be \$50.00 per player. This fee covers green fees and cart. Each team can only have one single digit handicapper. Team handicap must be accumulative of 40 or over. All handicaps on winning teams must be able to verify.

October 2nd 2011  
1:00 PM

## 2011 Natasha's Hope Annual Golf Outing



Liberty Country Club  
1391 N US Highway 27  
Liberty, IN 47353

**Sponsorship Opportunities:**

**GOLD PACKAGE** \$600  
Entry fee for TWO teams (6-8 people total)  
FOUR hole sponsorship

**SILVER PACKAGE** \$300  
Entry fee for ONE team (3-4 people total)  
TWO hole sponsorship

**TEAM SPONSOR** \$200  
Entry fee for ONE team (3-4 people total)

**HOLE SPONSOR** \$100  
ONE hole sponsorship

1st place - \$500  
2nd place - \$300  
Random Team Drawing - \$100

There will also be a 50/50 drawing and a \$20 team skins game - one skin goes to charity

Men over 60 - Gold Tees  
Ladies and under 13 - Red Tees  
All Others - White Tees

Please contact Jim Snyder for more information at:  
(765) - 969 - 1276

Come out and support this terrific cause! This is an amazing end of season opportunity to have a great time and help out some of those in need in our local communities!

### NEW PALESTINE FALL FESTIVAL

**When:** Sept. 8-10

**Time:** Thursday & Friday 5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Saturday: 11:00 a.m. Parade. Serving after.

**Location:** New Palestine Lions Clubhouse and Ground on SR. 52 in New Palestine

**What:** Fish, pork chops, booths, rides, entertainment

### CHARLOTTESVILLE LIONS CLUB FISH FRY & TENDERLOIN DINNER

**When:** September 10th

**Where:** Charlottesville Fire Department

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Fire Department on U.S. 40 in Charlottesville

**Purpose:** To support both the Lions Club and the Charlottesville Fire Department



Chapel Hill Lions does eye screening for all students in Wayne Township Schools



Lion Pat Lybrook of the Chapel Hill Lion Club helps distribute dictionaries to third graders at Robey Elementary.



Lion Jim Topf takes the "Blind Walk" at a recent visit to Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, MI

