



# “LOVING INDIVIDUALS OFFERING NEEDED SERVICES”



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## DG COLUMN

I would very much like to thank everyone for your tremendous support at my Banner Night celebration in Liberty last month. I can't speak for everyone, but I had a great time! Not only did we have a great meal and a very moving program on Cancer Control from Lion Dottie Flack; I was also honored with the presence of 182 Lions and guests, many of whom drove several hours to attend. In those immortal words of the great philosopher, Elvis: "Thank you, thank you very much!"

By the time you receive this newsletter, I will be packing for my next Lions event, the USA / Canada Leadership Forum. I expect to be gone for about 6 days – 2 of which will be travel days. I used to consider travel days to be "lost" days, but, now that I have been properly trained in the use of more effective time management by Lions International, I realize that these are actually "found" days. They can be used for reading, writing, and sleeping (among other things) so that I won't be wasting any valuable work time doing these types of things during my nights. Apparently, the only difference between "found" time and "lost" time is purely in the attitude of the person that is traveling (or waiting in an airport, or the hospital waiting room, or whatever).

Speaking of "found" time, I want everyone to find the time to attend our Fall Cabinet Meeting at Shelbyville on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. I have attached a sign up sheet to this newsletter that will also allow you to sign up for individual breakout training sessions. Please take the time to complete it now, and submit it to Lion Cliff Yancey of the Shelbyville Lions Club, so that we can adequately plan for this event. Please note that we have even tried to help you to "find" a little time to play the ponies, socialize, or just meet with other Lions from around the District to exchange ideas during the afternoon of this Cabinet Meeting.

Even though we have discussed it on several occasions, I would also like to reiterate the need for each Club to develop their own crew of certified vision screeners. Not only do we want you to have some screeners present from your own Club, we also need you to help your neighboring Clubs when they are doing a vision screening project in conjunction with one of their projects, too.

Our Vision Van Program is making a huge difference to a lot of Hoosiers. We have now screened more than 1,000 adults and about half that many children. However, the significant thing is not the numbers that have been screened, but in the numbers that have been referred for professional assistance and in the numbers to which we have provided financial assistance. Not only are we helping people to see more clearly, and saving the eyesight of many who might otherwise have lost it; we are also having some other, even more profound, impacts on some lives. I can't give you details on each of our referrals, but I would like to share a summary of what happened with one of the individuals that we recently screened. This individual was an adult who had some unusual symptoms show up during his peripheral vision screening. Even though he did not appear to have Glaucoma, he did have some other symptoms that looked very suspicious. He was referred to Lion Dottie Flack at our Cancer Control Program at the IU Med Center, where a specialist found that he had cancer developing behind one eye. As a result of the early detection of this problem, the cancer is now being treated and his prognosis for recovery is good.

During a recent visit to the Greensburg Lions Club, one of my Cabinet members seems to have "acquired" some extra baggage. We would like to see this Club property returned to its rightful owners and the culprit has reluctantly agreed to return it; but, only if the Club President and Secretary from Greensburg will both attend an upcoming official visitation to another Club in the District, or, if they have not recovered it prior to that date, at our Fall

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Cabinet Meeting in Shelbyville. Rumor has it that the property in question may be raffled off at our Fall Cabinet Meeting, if it has not been claimed by then. Once the Club property has been returned or properly disposed of, the culprit will be suitably "whipped."

If your Club has not already scheduled an official visitation, please do so as soon as possible. I will do my best to accommodate everyone's first choice of dates, but due to the physical limitations of only being able to be in one place at a time, I must honor all requests in the order that they are received. Therefore, you may want to have a backup date, in case I am already booked on your first date. I look forward to visiting everyone this year, whether it is on a single Club basis, or in a joint or Zone visitation scenario. Several Clubs have already scheduled joint Official Visitations with me, which will not only help me with my schedule this year, but, should also allow them to share ideas with one another, as well.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Lions who helped Lion Paul Shane and the Indiana Lions Foundation projects by working at the State Fair and at each of the work details at the Speedway (Indy 500, Brickyard 400, and the Formula One Race) this year. Your help at these projects has allowed us to purchase and pay off our Indiana Lions State Office Building. Your continued support at these projects will allow us to be able to develop and maintain that office, and your club also has the option to request that a portion of these monies be funneled back into your own club so that they can be used for your administrative needs at the local level. Normally, your club does not have this type of opportunity, since most of our funds are raised from the public. Of course, any monies that are raised from the general public cannot be used for administrative expenses. However these monies represent hourly wages that we each earn as "temporary employees" at the state fair and at the racetrack. By working these shifts, we can have monies funneled back into our own clubs to subsidize dues, pay for postage, or whatever. (We can even use these monies to support our normal club projects with the public. Imagine that!) If your club does not need these monies, you may continue to donate them to the Indiana Lions Foundation. One example of their many worthwhile projects includes support of the White Cane project – providing the monies needed to purchase stickers and supplies. Another is the many matching grants that they have provided to individual Clubs for the purchase of needed equipment for Lions projects throughout Indiana and for equipment that we donate to our communities such as defibrillators, fire fighting equipment, playground equipment, etc

*DG Carl*

## **VDG COLUMN**

What a beautiful time of year – it makes you feel great to be a Lion, fulfilling our motto "We Serve". In fact several Lions from our area of Connersville, Liberty, and Centerville were able to help the Williamsburg Lions Club with their car show and vision screening on Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>. This was our first chance to attend a car show and it was great. They had a great turnout for the eye screening, with several referrals. On Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>, we assisted, along with the Liberty Lions, the Brookville Lions Club car show and vision screening.

There were 126 antique cars and trucks on display. These vehicles were so beautiful, some I had never seen or heard of or perhaps were before my time. Ha! Several were eye-screened, so in all both Clubs had a successful showing. If you ever want to put on a car show with perfection, call on these two Clubs for a fun-filled and successful day.

This is what Lionism is all about. Helping others and Clubs working side by side. Try it, it's fun and you come away with new friends and a feeling of accomplishment. That's what "We Serve" is all about.

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will be on our way to the USA/Canada Forum in Reno, Nevada Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there. If you never have been, you are missing an experience of a lifetime. They have so much to see and do, and their guest speakers are outstanding. Give it a try. You will come back renewed in the spirit of Lionism.

That's all for now. Have a safe and fun-filled summer in serving Lionism and hope to see you soon.

Remember: "Do It Now, Today, Will Be Yesterday, Tomorrow."

*VDG Earl*

### **Fall Cabinet Meeting:**

Please plan to attend our second Cabinet Meeting of the year at Indiana Downs in Shelbyville, on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Listed below is a rough agenda of our activities so that you can plan accordingly.

#### **October 17<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting**

**at**

#### **Indiana Downs in Shelbyville**

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| 8:00-8:30   | Church Service - in Second Floor Conference Room  |
| 8:00-9:00   | Registration and Breakfast (Coffee/Juice/Danish?) - Second Floor Family Pavilion            |
| 9:00-9:50   | DG Business Meeting - on Second Floor Family Pavilion                                       |
| 9:50-10:00  | Break   |
| 10:00-10:40 | Guest Speaker - Second Floor Family Pavilion  |
| 10:40-10:50 | Break   |
| 10:50-11:20 | Training - In 3rd Floor Suites  |
| Choice of:  | New Member Training Program   |
|             | Or  |
|             | Retention Program   |
|             | Or  |
|             | Leaderdog Program   |
| 11:20-11:30 | Break   |
| 11:30-12:00 | Training-In 3rd Floor Suites  |
| Choice of:  | Membership Recruiting Program   |
|             | Or  |
|             | Club Extension Program  |
|             | Or  |
|             | Leadership Development Program  |
| 12:00-3:30  | Buffet Lunch, Horse Racing, and social time- Second Floor                                   |
| 3:30-4:10   | Committee Reports-in tent next to track   |
| 4:10-5:00   | Closing Comments by Guest Speaker and DG, followed by 50/50 Drawing - in tent next to track |
| 5:00        | Dismiss   |

*\*Please note that these times are approximate, and subject to change.*

District 25F Cabinet Meeting  
 Sunday, July 17, 2004  
 Camp Woodsmoke

District Governor Carl Sharp Jr. called the meeting to order. Carl introduced: Cabinet Secretary Bob Dance, Cabinet Treasurer Reed Fish and PR Chairman Duane Nickels.

Lion Gene Wagner read the minutes from the last cabinet meeting from April 17, 2004. PDG Jack Buckland made a motion to accept the minutes as read. PDG Bud Lowery 2<sup>nd</sup> – motion passed.

Cabinet Treasurer Lion Reed Fish gave the Treasurer's report. The line item contribution balance from last year is \$180,600.18.

PDG Denny Shaul requested that clubs not send donations to the state office. All contributions must go through the Cabinet Treasurer. (Whenever donations are received in the State Office, they must then send them on to Cabinet Treasurer Reed Fish.)

Public Relations Chair Duane Nickels discussed Banner Night for August 21 at the Union County Middle School. He has applications for those wanting to attend. Cost is \$15 per person. Lion Duane has District Governor pins to sell for \$5.00 each. All proceeds from these pins will be evenly divided between the two district projects: Camp Woodsmoke and the Vision Van Program. Lion Duane also requested that clubs send pictures and/or articles about their club's activities for inclusion in the Hoosier Lion. Lion Duane announced that he is also in charge of the Governor's Points contest. He needs all information from the Club Secretaries by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the each month.

DG Carl Sharp Jr. gave a brief recap of items that Budget Chairman Lion Dick Getts would be discussing when he arrived:

1. Requesting monies that were previously budgeted for Zone and Region Chairs, but have not been utilized in previous years be used for a speaker at the Fall Cabinet Meeting in Shelbyville. DG Carl has invited PID Allen Broughton from Tennessee. He will check his calendar and get back with DG Carl. PID Allen Broughton is currently in line to be elected 2<sup>nd</sup> VP of Lions International in two years at the International Convention at New Orleans. DG Carl would like to use this money to cover some of PID Allen Broughton's travel expenses.

2. Income and Expenses for the Vision Van Program will now be listed on the Governor's Budget as a separate section from the administrative budget. This category was not previously budgeted, since it is a new program.

PCC Tom Flack gave a report on the Vision Van. In its first 3 1/2 months of operation, 1,085 vision screenings were conducted by the Lions of 25 F. There were 752 adults and 333 children. The total number referred for follow up by professional exams was 455. Total exams provided by Prevent Blindness of Indiana (for those who were not able to afford the care) were 42 adults and 87 children, all of which had their exams and glasses provided for, if needed. If a person lives long enough there is a good chance of getting glaucoma, retinopathy and/or cataracts. PDG Jack and Lion Denise Salsbery are the only non-employees of Prevent Blindness America (Indiana is an affiliate) who have been certified as vision screening trainers. The District currently has 168 certified trained

screeners. The Vision Van Program is also starting to grow outside of our district. The vision screening equipment on the van was loaned to the Lions of 25 F by PBI. We need to purchase equipment of our own, so that PBI can have their equipment back. As a result of the tremendous visibility of our Vision Van Program, the demands for using their vision screening equipment has also increased greatly. The two programs are now promoting each other.

Lion Duane reported there are 17 trained drivers. The Vision Vans e-mail address is [visionvan25f@yahoo.com](mailto:visionvan25f@yahoo.com) Contact PDG Ed Reier if your club would like to set up a date for vision screener training. RC Debbie Watkins from the Brookville area is trying to set up a time to do vision screening training. DG Carl presented Vision Van shirts to Lions Duane Nickels, PDG Jack and Denise Salsbery, PCC Tom Flack, and PDG ED Reier.

Dist. Gov. Carl Sharp Jr. gave a recap of the International Convention. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Pres. of Lions International, Clem Kusiak was elected President by unanimous decision at the Lions International Convention in Detroit. His program is "Sharing Success Through Service" and focusing on the youth and the elderly. He also wants the Lions to get the word out on what Lions are doing. We need to let everyone in on the secret of what we are doing as Lions. DG Carl was very excited about President Kusiak's focus this year, as it corresponds almost exactly with DG Carl's previously stated goals for our own district this year. Lion Paul Shane reminded everyone that workers are still needed to work at the State Fair. DG Carl Sharp Jr. asked if any clubs wished to make donations. Connersville Lions Pres. Richard O'Neal presented a check for \$1000.00 to go towards the Vision Van.

Fountain City Lions presented a check for \$300.00 to go to the Quest Program. They also presented a check for \$112.50 for their club dues. Also, Lion Cliff Yancey of the Shelbyville Lions Club indicated that a member of their local community had left approximately \$20,000 to the Lions for our Leader Dog Program.

Lion William Uhrig of the Ben Davis Lions Club presented PCC Tom Flack with a "We Serve" award for arranging for the Chapel Hill Lions to man the Vision Van, while the Ben Davis Lions served a pancake breakfast to the community. PDG Jack Salsbery presented Lion Donna Kumli with a 100% President's Award. Two years ago the paperwork was completed, but sent to the wrong person, where it was filed by mistake. Today that oversight was corrected. No old business or new business was brought up, when called for.

There will be a Region and Zone Chair training meeting on August 29, 1:00 p.m. at the Lawrence Lions Club Building. Lion Dick Getts presented the Governor's proposed budget: This year there are two budgets: Administrative and Vision Van. \$750 was transferred from the previous administration. The dues are based on 2,291. This was an exact count of the Lions in District 25 F, as of May 31, 2004. (See the attached budget sheet.)

PDG Jack Salsbery made a motion to accept the budget – PDG Ed Reier 2<sup>nd</sup> – motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Bob Dance

Cabinet Secretary

# Fall Cabinet Meeting

Hosted by the Shelbyville Lions Club

Sunday, October 17th, 2004

Indiana Downs

4200 N Michigan Road

Shelbyville, IN 46176

317-421-0000

\$15/Person

Registrations should be sent to:

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317-392-9500 (W)  
[yanceybigc@aol.com](mailto:yanceybigc@aol.com)

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

Amount Enclosed (Number of attendees x \$15.00): \_\_\_\_\_

Please send all registrations by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004.



# **CENTERVILLE LIONS CLUB**

## **60TH ANNIVERSARY**

### **CELEBRATION**

**WHERE: CENTERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETORIUM**

**WHEN: MONDAY SEPTEMBER 27,2004**

**TIME: 6:00 P.M. SOCIAL**

**6:30 P.M. DINNER**

**COST: \$10.00 PER PERSON**

**ENTERTAINMENT: SOMETHING GOOD**

**(Eight Young Ladies Who Love To Sing)**

**PLEASE CALL: LION PHIL BENEDICT**

**(765) 855-2558**

**TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION**



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# COLUMBUS LIONS CLUB



## 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**Where: Salin Bank Community Room**

**655 3<sup>d</sup> Street**

**Columbus, Indiana**

**When: October 20, 2004**

**Time: 6:30 P. M.**

**Cost: \$12:00 Per Person**

**Entertainment: Anytime (Barbershop Quartet)**

Come join us for food, fun, fellowship, and entertainment. Salin Bank is easy to reach. If coming on I-65 exit 68 (Highway 46) east to Columbus. Follow Route 46 East (one way) across the Bridge pass two lights. Bank Building will be located on your left. If coming in on US 31 from the North turn on Highway 11 at the North edge of Columbus. Take Route 11 to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (Route 46 East) and follow above directions. If coming in US 31 from the South turn on Highway 46 West. Follow it in to town. Bank will be on your left. See you there.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **@ \$12.00:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks Payable To: Columbus Lions Club Mail Reservations By: October 15, 2004**

**Mail Reservations to: Lion Donna Babbs  
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