



District 25-G



Our Pride is Lions

October 11, 2020

To District 25G Lions:

You are receiving this message to serve as a "mini" October newsletter. Sadly, District 25-G lost PDG Peg VanNevel on October 5. Among her many roles, Peg was serving as district newsletter editor. Peg called me several days prior to her untimely passing and in typical Peg fashion was apologetic that fatigue was delaying her from finishing the October newsletter on her schedule. I assured her that she could take all the time she needed, never realizing it would be our last conversation. PDG Peg was a force in her family, the city of Mishawaka, the Mishawaka Lions Club, and the Lions of District 25-G. Every social unit and organization needs that special person who is willing to step forward and address every need and see to it that the task is completed. PDG Peg was that person for all of us! PDG Peg leaves a void that affects family, city and Lions.

Please do an act of kindness to someone in your life in the memory and honor of Lion Peg VanNevel.

PDG Peg was serving me this year as Global Membership Leader as well as newsletter editor. In the near future, we will be looking for replacements for those two positions to fill out the year. Thankfully, PDG Paul Russell has offered to serve as temporary editor for the next few issues. Anyone interested in filling either position for the balance of the year may contact me at brian10k@aol.com.

The balance of this newsletter is my October message to you and a registration form for the District meeting on October 31 hosted by the Dunlap Lions.

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Lion Brian Thomas
District Governor



A Message from District Governor Brian Thomas

Getting back to normal? For a while I've been hoping and writing that soon we will be back to normal in our lives or least to a "new" normal. Lions clubs would be meeting in person and all projects, be they fundraisers or service-related, would be back on track. I'm going to admit I've lost a great degree of optimism that the old normal is going to reappear anytime soon. Even though Indiana has moved to phase 5, which frees up restaurants and increases large gatherings to a regulated 500, the state is still operating with a mask mandate. The virus and the chance for infection is still out there and will be for the foreseeable future. Even with masks, social distancing, and the promise of an effective vaccine, COVID will be part of our health hazard protocol for a long time. Just like the common cold or the flu, COVID will impact us for years. That being said, our new normal will be to deal with it - practice safe procedures and use common sense while we get our lives back!



Clubs in District 25-G are meeting. I was able to visit 12 clubs in August and September. Fundraisers are being conducted in a drive-thru fashion. Chicken, tenderloins, fish, and pork chops are being offered at many clubs as we try to recover from previously cancelled events. Many service projects occur in a social distanced manner and are continuing - cards to senior citizens, volunteer service to park cleanup, and others are continuing. New member recruitment is happening; I've been able to induct 10 new members on my club travels. All in all, I've found that District 25-G is functioning as "Lions Lite" as we deal with the "new" normal.

Speaking of visits, I've got my car gassed up and filled with supplies, just waiting and hoping your club will extend an invitation for me to do my act for you. As of now, October is pretty open - love to hear from you.

Don't neglect your membership recruitment. Provide an opportunity to your cooped up friends and neighbors to bust out and join the largest service organization in the world - Lions.

In this newsletter, there is information for the October 31st District meeting hosted by the Dunlap Lions. We've arranged for two northern locations and two southern sites for the District meetings. After Dunlap is Laketon in February and Baugo in May. There's no good excuse why your club can't have representation at one of these events, plus it's a check-off box towards achieving a club excellence award.

Don't overlook the corrections page in this issue and continue to send PDG Paul Russell articles and pictures of your club's activities.

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Thoughts

Be kind, as kind as you can possibly be, to everyone and most of all to yourself.

Formulas for living

Admit it when you make a mistake.
Go an entire day without criticizing anyone.



District 25-G - 1st Vice District Governor

This week I made a list of things to do before winter arrives. A list is always helpful especially when you can cross out the things you have finished or accomplished. Are there things that you and your club are wanting to get done before the end of the year? What new goals have you set for yourself and your club?

Right now, I am between my first and second Council meetings. At the second Council meeting, I will again be learning about the workings of Multiple District 25. I am looking forward to gaining more wisdom in this process.

As First Vice District Governor, I am a part of a group of First Vice District Governors from around the world. I have received information from my Group Leader and we are called "Group 24". (Yes, there are 24 members in this group.) In this group there are First Vice District Governors from Bangladesh, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and more, all the way to Indiana in the U.S. There will be virtual training sessions leading up to a week in February when we will meet in person in St. Charles, Illinois. What new visions will all of these First Vice District Governors come up with?!?! I am looking forward to this experience and will be eager to share them with you.

In reviewing our last District 25-G Newsletter, I do see new ideas of service popping up in various clubs. Keep up the good work of generating creative ideas as. . .

We Serve with New Visions!

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Global Service Team Notes

Here we are a quarter of the way through this Lions year with clubs doing many great projects. As Lions, we are all part of the Pride, so let's be proud of our accomplishments by telling our stories of success. It's time for the Lions to Roar. This can be done by sending a news article to your local newspaper, Hoosier Lion newspaper, and this newsletter. But, most important, is to make sure your Club's officers are doing the necessary reporting of activities and membership to Lions Club International (LCI). All filing of these reports can only be done on line.

A Club can appoint a member as Club Service Chairperson to help the Secretary and President make these reports. Not all elected Presidents and Secretaries are comfortable using a computer or may not have internet access. If you are a club member who is comfortable using a computer, ask your President if you can help with making these reports. LCI uses this information when working with other Partners in Service to show Lions Clubs' tremendous hours of volunteering in all areas large and small.

As your District GST, I'm proud to note that 75% of clubs are reporting their MMR's each month as required by LCI. However that leaves 25% still needing to do so. DG Brian has a goal to have a percentage increase of clubs reporting by year's end. I have a goal of 100% reporting and will be asking Zone Chairpersons to help achieve this goal. One District in Indiana has already accomplished 100%. Lets all work together to be the Second District to do so.

GST Lion Al Beehler

District Directory Corrections

- 1-year Leader Dog Trustee is Brian Thomas.
- 3-year Cancer Control Trustee position is vacant and will be appointed by DG Brian. If you are interested in this position, please contact DG Brian.
- New Paris Lions Club President is Lion Dave Neff <dneff@aol.com>.