



# District C Roars



**Issue 10**

**District Governor Richard McKellar**

**April 2016**

## Hum

Hum is a common word that we are all familiar with and that has nine definitions in the dictionary. By itself we usually attribute the word to singing with closed lips and without articulating words. But, what if you pair the word hum with other words or letters, i.e., humvee – larger than normal; humdinger – possibly an accomplishment above and beyond; humming – gladness in your heart and expressing it; humbug – perhaps a situation where one has fallen short of a goal or goals; humility – state of being humble; or human – I will let you guess that one.

If you turn some of the above words around and apply to the everyday Lion, a lot of them would fit in nicely. For example, hum - service oriented people are happy people, and Lions are service oriented and, occasionally, you hear a Lion hum. Humvee – whenever a lion serves those who cannot serve

themselves they are “larger than normal”, having gone above and beyond. Humdinger – that is when all clubs in a district contribute to the projects, the Indiana Lions Foundation and Lions Clubs International Foundation.

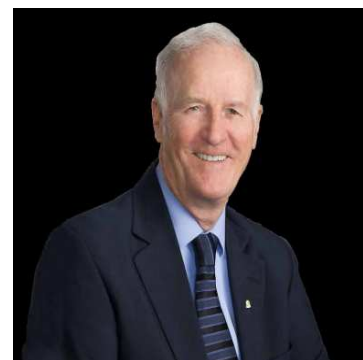
We have a few humbugs – that could be when perfectly capable Lions do not step up and share the leadership responsibilities, but let others carry the total load.

Finally, humility – Lions by nature are humble in most everything they do to serve mankind. Human, I guess we all are. Each of us have our faults, but it is the good in us that leaps forth when it comes time to serve. It is not the awards or rewards that gives the Lion the courage and energy to rush towards new horizons in service. It is something within that tells them it is the only right thing to do.

I would encourage each one of you to resolve to move to a higher level in your Lion service to mankind whether it is local, state, national or international.

By the time you get this Easter will have passed. My hope is that you celebrated it in the right way and that celebrating it renewed your desire to serve. Would you say this message is about serving?

DG Dick



*Gov. Dick*

## April is a Big Month of Change

Each year April is a big month of change for Lions. Not only has Spring arrived and the beginning of our outdoor activities, but our clubs are also starting to prepare for next year with officer elections and of course our state convention in Shipshewana.

Clubs are encouraged to have your officer elections completed by April 15<sup>th</sup> but definitely before May 1<sup>st</sup>. As soon as your club holds its election or after it is known who your officers are going to be, club secretaries are reminded to file their Club Officer Report using the MyLCI web page at <https://mylci.lionsclubs.org/Login.aspx>. These reports are to be completed by May 1<sup>st</sup>, and the club's president, secretary, treasurer, and **membership chair** positions are required to be considered complete.

I would encourage as many Lions who can to take the drive over to the convention and support District 25C's own PCC Vernon Provines for State Comptroller and PDG Charlie Short for International Convention Committee. Each of these

Lions received the endorsement during the election at our District Convention in February and will be voted on during the state convention on April 29-May 1, 2016. In order to cast your vote, a Lion needs to register on either Friday or Saturday with the vote to be held on Sunday morning. Good luck to both of these Lions.

April is also the time when the teams are forming and preparing for club officer trainings in May. If all goes as planned, we will be having 5 trainings throughout the district to reach as many club officers as possible. We have made a lot of progress in recent years in our club officer training, and this Spring will be no different. As we are putting together training locations and dates, please be on the lookout for more information about these sessions in the coming weeks.

I was fortunate enough to be able to have a team building meeting in Crawfordsville on March 16<sup>th</sup> with 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor-Elect Chloe Weyrauch and Lion Doug Eversole, candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor. We started laying out the goals for the district in 2016-17, and there is a lot of excitement building

towards the Centennial year of Lions.

As mentioned above, Lion Doug isn't actually our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor-Elect as he wasn't able to be elected at the District Convention in February. A special election will be held during a "Special Convention" during the 1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting on August 13, 2016. This meeting will be held at the Young America Lions Club, and I'm certain the meal will be terrific. So put this date on your calendar.

With only three more months left this year, let's finish strong and send DG Dick out in style!

DGE Ross



## Get Moving!

Spring looks to be here, despite the spring storm Selene that dumped a lot of snow on parts of the Midwest. Today as I write this, we have a beautiful and sunny spring day in Vigo County. Our spring flowers and trees are in bloom, giving us a beautiful indication of the cycle of life.

Let's use that burst of energy in nature to help us get moving, get out and get busy! What's your passion in the spring? Cleaning house? Cleaning the garage? Cleaning up the yard? Besides our own homes and businesses, let's think of some "cleaning up" we can do in our areas. For those of you who live in more rural areas or smaller towns, consider arranging for a dumpster to "clean up" the area around your club/town. Work with your solid waste management district to see if they can arrange a reduced fee for the dumpsters, as most fully funded solid waste district programs are on hold.

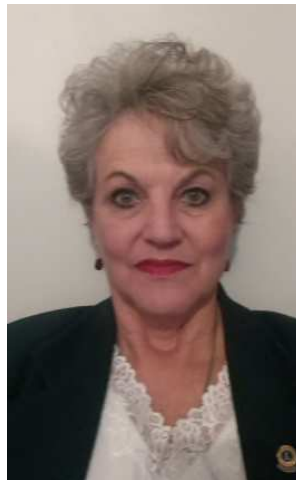
In addition, your club might like to help out a neighbor(s) that is unable to do yard work or spring cleaning any more. If you know of someone in that situation, ask them if your

club can be of service to them, as they probably were to someone in their own lifetime.

Get Moving, Get Out and Get Busy! also applies to Membership Recruitment. There is a Membership Webinar that you can virtually attend on March 31, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. Eastern time. Register by going to <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1238085650513781505>.

Remember: Get Moving, Get Out and Get Busy!

Yours in Lionism,  
Chloe Weyrauch  
1VDGE 25C



## CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD

Don't let your club miss out on receiving the "Club Excellence Award" for Lion Year 2015-2016. Clubs that strive for excellence in community service, membership growth, leadership development, communication and club management deserve special recognition. These five elements are critical to the growth and continued progress of any Lions club and are the foundation of the Club Excellence Award.

### Criteria summary:

- Conduct three or more service projects
- Contribute to LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation) our charity arm
- Achieve a net growth in membership or sponsor a new club
- Communicate the club's service projects effectively to the public and the membership

- Have a majority of the club officers participate in a leadership program at the zone, region or district level.
- Host meaningful meetings and submit club reports in a timely manner
- Remain in good standing (pay International dues, state dues, and district dues in a timely manner)

Many clubs have been participating in our "public relations" program this year. Continue to send announcements about your service projects and fundraising efforts to PDG Sara Provines, who distributes them to club secretaries and presidents throughout the district. Many clubs have seen an increase in inter-club participation in events. (Communicate)

Training sessions for officers are being planned and announced. Encourage your officers to attend one close to you which counts toward this award. (Participation in leadership program)

Qualifying clubs receive a banner patch and the club presidents receive a pin (one of the nicest LCI gives) to recognize their accomplishment. Last year 11 of the 57 District C clubs qualified for this award. Another 11 would

have if they had only made a donation to LCIF during the year. 22 District C clubs did not make a donation to LCIF last year. This year we have already cut into this number significantly. Let's not let this happen this year. If your club has not made a donation to LCIF please consider doing so in the near future. Our goal is to have 100% of the clubs participate in "our charity" by making a donation to LCIF. Any personal gifts made by a Lion in your club will also be credited toward the club's participation.

If your club is planning its awards for this year, consider giving a **Melvin Jones Fellowship** to one of your Lions. I can give you the number of credits your club has earned toward a Fellowship! Just send me an e-mail, and I will get the information to you. I can also give you a list of the Melvin Jones Fellows your club has. Perhaps you missed someone.

Again, LCIF is receiving recognition from Charity Navigator for the prudent use of funds donated to it. Not many charities achieve recognition from this organization for multiple years. Stand up and be a proud part of this great humanitarian service our organization carries out at home and throughout the world.

*Karen McKellar*

District 25 C LCIF  
Coordinator

[kadica@tds.net](mailto:kadica@tds.net)

## **Membership Recruitment Seminar**

**Logansport ---  
Monday, April 4  
(9 am to noon)**

On Monday, **April 4, 2016**, PDG Ronnie Martin (Freeport, Texas) will present a seminar on membership development at Trine University Logansport Campus at 421 E. Broadway (downtown).

PDG Ronnie, Lead New Club Development Consultant for Lions Clubs International, is a dynamic and highly skilled recruiter and is FUN! Plan to join us on Monday morning and learn innovative ways to recruit members and/or refine your current ASK. All Lions interested in learning more about membership development are welcome to attend.

If your club or zone would like a visit from PDG Ronnie on Wednesday evening, April 6, we would love to visit with you to share membership growth/retention ideas.

If you would like to attend the April 4 seminar or have PDG Ronnie visit you on April 6, contact me at [lionpatshort@aol.com](mailto:lionpatshort@aol.com) or 765)743-3160.

PDG Pat Short – GMT

## What are your dreams for your club?

As you know we are working on starting a new Lions Club in Logansport! It's exciting!

While the main push will not take place until the week of April 4-8, we already have several charter members signed up. They are energetic and anxious to get this club up and running and helping their community.

As part of this process, for the past 12 months, I have been attending the monthly meeting of the Cass County Resource Network (a loose affiliation of non-profit organizations supported by the local United Way). CCRN has adopted a list of hopes and dreams for its community.

These equally apply to our Lions clubs as follows:

- ✚ We want our communities to be progressive and united  
*(Lions working with other organizations for the good of our towns)*
- ✚ We want our communities to provide good support to our young people  
*(Vision screening and KidSight, dictionaries, reading action programs)*
- ✚ We want a safe and drug-free community  
*(Lions Quest program, In. Lions Foundation and LCIF grants)*
- ✚ We want to live in a unified/interactive community with mutual understanding between cultures  
*(outreach and inclusion of other cultures)*

What is your club doing to realize its dreams for your club and community?

So what's this got to do with MEMBERSHIP? Everything! Let the people in your towns see you out **helping others and having fun:** good times and good deeds attract others. Our clubs and members need to be bright and shining in our towns. So now that we have "attracted" potential new

members, what do we have to offer them?

- a way to make a difference in the world
- a way to enjoy a rewarding experience
- a way to grow, learn and share
- a way to expand their horizons through networking
- a way to serve their community
- a way to develop young leaders
- a way to share their talents
- a way to make new friends

If we convey these benefits of being a Lion, our clubs will grow and be stronger. So get out there- show your friends, neighbors and family why you enjoy being a Lion and invite them to share these good times.

GMT Pat Short



## LIONS CLUB MEMBERS CONDUCT VISION SCREENING

On Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, members of the Plainfield Lions Club, with assistance from Sheila Christoff, Operation KidSight Program Coordinator, conducted free vision screenings to children at the Little Quakers Academy Preschool, located at Clarks Creek Elementary School in Plainfield. A total of 61 children were screened over the 2 days. Parents of 2 children were notified that the screening indicated that their child may have a vision disorder and the parents were strongly advised to make an appointment with an eye doctor. Operation KidSight is a program carried out through the volunteer efforts of Lions of Indiana, under the oversight of the Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Inc., for children ages 18 months through 6 years.

Lion Tom Iles

## Hospitality: Sweet C

Dear Lions of District C,

If you are going to the Lions State Convention, might you consider bringing a box of cookies, some sweets, nibbles, small cans of soda (regular and diet), a bag of pretzels, or crunchy chips for the hospitality room?

Of course there will be fudge, but Lions cannot live on fudge alone! We'd like to have a variety of yummys to offer the rest of the Lions in the state.

You, dear Lions, are the basis of hospitality in our Hospitality Room, so let's show our pride in our Lions, especially our Governor ! Thanks for your help. See you there!!

Charlotte Query  
[jequery@bluemarble.net](mailto:jequery@bluemarble.net)

## Where's the Governor?

### April

5 Brookston  
6 Camden  
9 Foundation  
19 Monrovia  
20 Bainbridge

29- May 1, State  
Convention

### May

3 Paragon  
17 Morgantown  
23 Cloverdale

### June

2 Gosport  
11 Foundation

Call 317-769-2427 or  
email: [macagcon@tds.net](mailto:macagcon@tds.net)  
to set up your club's visit, if  
you have not done so yet.

## Leadership Lines

I'd like to congratulate every Lion in 25C this month for everything that you are doing. The clubs are more active now than ever! Your fundraisers are keeping your service projects funded and the state projects and LCIF growing. The number of club secretaries filing club reports are up (Thanks DGE Ross and Secretaries) and new members are coming in all the time. It has truly been a great year. Great work, everyone!

But let me ask you a question. It's important, and worth asking. Because in the blizzard of email, messages from officers, the pursuit of goals, and the march of the calendar, it is easy to lose sight of it.

*Are you having any fun?*

In all our doing, let's not lose sight that one of our leadership goals should be that everyone in the club ENJOYS their club and its activities. It's the vitamin shot in the week that gives color to sight and spring in the step. Our accomplishments make them proud to say they are a Lion. But FUN keeps the club moving to success and happily growing,

At the end of the day, that's what really keeps your leadership goals in sight: your members LOVE the club and the fun you have doing everything together. They are willing to give their spare time to their club and your goals for the year because they meet cool people and have a great time doing things with them. New Lions love a happy ship, too.

Well, whatever you plan for your club, make sure that there is plenty of good fun built into the plan too. Nothing wins like a great project done with a smile, and nothing grows like a club that is having fun doing great things together.

This will be my last installment of Leadership Lines. I've really enjoyed being your GLT Leadership Chair, but I'm moving on. Enjoy New Club Officer Training next month and State Convention at Shipshewana! I'll see you there!

PDG Charlie Short

## **Law Camp**

It's time for Law Camp! Each club will be getting flyers that contain applications, information about what a child needs and, of course, a Golf Outing to help sponsor the Lions Law Camp!

Please note that there is a change this year: only the 6th, 7th and 8th grade camps are available. 5th and 6th grade camps have been eliminated.

For further information you may go to:

[www.indianatroopers  
youthservices.org](http://www.indianatroopersyouthservices.org)

or call me at  
812-240-0545

25 C District Law Camp  
Chair  
ID Linda Tincher

Don't forget to vote for District C's candidate for State Comptroller!



**The Spencer Lions Club**  
Proudly Supports  
***PCC Vernon Provines***  
for State Comptroller

***WE SERVE***



# 2016 INDIANA LION STATE CONVENTION

APRIL 29—MAY 1, 2016

*"In the Heart of Amish Country"*

*Shipshewana, Indiana*

Hosted by the Lakeville Lions Club and Lions of District 25-G

With Honored Guest

**INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT DR. JITSUHIRO YAMADA**

## Convention HQS Hotel Blue Gate Garden Inn

800 S. Van Buren St., Shipshewana, IN 46565 (800) 545-4725

**Room Rate: \$89.99 plus taxes (complimentary breakfast)**

Call for reservations or reserve online at <http://www.bluegategardeninn.com/>  
Choose "Book Now",. Choose "Group Code" & type "Lions2016". Choose dates of stay. Click "Check Availability" & select your room reference. Call for reservations

Registration Form (one per person)

Name & Title (as desired on name badge) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Golf Outing	\$ 50.00
Friday Amish Farm Luncheon (No longer available)	Closed
Friday Evening Authentic Amish Haystack Dinner	\$ 15.00
Saturday Celebration Luncheon	\$ 13.00
Saturday Evening All State Banquet	\$ 16.00
Sunday Brunch	\$ 11.00
Indiana Lions Convention Pin	\$4.00

**Reservations  
received after  
April 1st  
Add \$5.00 per Reg  
  
NO MEAL  
RESERVATIONS  
ACCEPTED  
AFTER APRIL 21st**

**Send Registration form to: Jeanine Juel, 3204 Village Court, Goshen, IN 46528.  
Make check payable to: Indiana Lions State Convention OR register and pay online  
at <http://indianalionsconvention.org/convention-registration/>**



Your ISBVI Lion Trustees are sponsoring a **work day** at the school in Indianapolis on **Saturday, May 21, 2016**. This is a great opportunity for you/family/friends to walk the walk and put our “**We Serve**” motto into action. Our schedule for the day will be:

- 8:30 am            Registration and donuts (of course!)
- 9 am – 1 pm       Morning work Session
- 1 pm               Lunch (provided by the school)
- After Lunch       **Tour of the School** for those interested
- After lunch       Afternoon work session  
                         until done

Come and help us beautify and improve this campus! Send the registration form below by mail or email to:            Lion Alan Arnold

595 E. State Rd. 124

Monroe, IN 46772

Email: [pamalarn@centurylink.net](mailto:pamalarn@centurylink.net)

It's a great day of fun, hard work and camaraderie and a chance to meet other Lions from around the state as well as visit this beautiful campus. This is one of **your** Lions State Projects.....take a few hours to help beautify and improve it. You'll get great satisfaction from doing so....and of course, a **free lunch!** See you there.

PDG Pat Short (Lafayette LC)

PDG David Parker (Riley Township LC)

Lion Becky Mannan (Cloverdale LC)

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

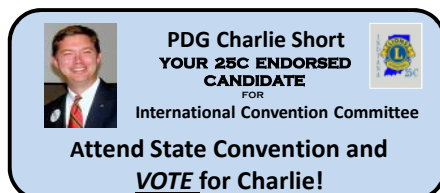
**PDG Charlie Short  
For  
International Convention Committee**

Dear 25C Lions:

I am now your *endorsed* candidate for the International Convention Committee! I would serve a three-year term, helping make your experience at Convention as smooth and as **fun** as possible!

International Convention is an amazing time to meet Lions from all over the world, compare notes, and borrow a few great ideas for your club. My goals in this role are simple: First, support the current committee and their goals for Chicago and Las Vegas. Secondly, provide appropriate support for all Indiana Lions attending. Finally, wrapping the experience we have gained over the next two years, into a great convention experience in Milan, Italy!

International Convention Committee is an administrative, non-policy making body that serves to provide improved communications, logistics, and opportunities for our Lions at Convention. The time is right for myself (and PDG Pat) to serve in this manner, and we thank you in advance for your support at Shipshewana!



PDG Charlie Short (25C) informed attendees at the Lions District 25A Convention in LaPorte, IN on March 12 that he was a candidate for election to the Lions of Indiana International Convention Committee for a 3-yr term commencing July 1, 2016.



YOU ARE INVITED!  
An Indy Race Party!



**JOIN US IN WELCOMING**

**INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT**

**DR. JITSUHIRO YAMADA TO INDIANA**



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Where: Foyt Wine Vault 1190 Main St. Speedway

When: Tuesday, April 26th ---- 6pm Social time -

6:45 Opening Remarks    7pm - 8:15 Dinner

Suggested Dress: Race Theme Recognition for Best Racing  
Costume      Cost: \$10 received by April 23rd \$20 at door

"Race Day" Menu:    Rib-Eye sandwiches, Brats or  
Hamburgers, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Chips, Apple Salad  
and Dessert. Ice Tea and Lemonade included.

Cash Bar will be available for Beer, Wine and Soft Drinks.

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**Checks payable to: Lions of Dist. 25F and mail to:**  
**PCC Reed Fish**  
**8344 W 21st St**  
**Indianapolis, IN 46234**

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**Lions Of 25-F**

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The Lafayette Lions Club was recently instrumental in a Leader Dog being retrained as a diabetes alert dog and matched up with a young lady, Alexis, in the Lafayette community. The Dog, Cricket, was one of the graduates of Leader Dog School who had no aptitude for this job, but who did, however, have the skill set and desire to be a very good diabetes alert dog. Through the involvement of ZC Bob Hrdy and Lions Steve/Diane Haby, this match was made possible and now we have a very happy and safe young lady and a very happy dog!



PDG Charlie participated in Visual Acuity seminar at district 25A convention mar 12 in Laporte IN. Left to right: lion Rodriquez, p. Kay Nottingham Chaplin (presenter), PDG Patrick Rodriquez.



***Quote from The Lions Clubs Cookbook (1994 edition): The only one who never makes mistakes is the one who never does anything.***

Dear Lions of District C! Please send articles and photos for the monthly newsletter to:

Lion Charlotte Query  
[jequery@bluemarble.net](mailto:jequery@bluemarble.net)

by the 20th of the month.

Please send flyers to PDG Sara Provines at: [sjprovines@att.net](mailto:sjprovines@att.net)  
for publication between the newsletter publications.