

# JANUARY 2011

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# A LETTER FROM DG JOHN

Lions of E-2. It's great to be a Lion. We begin another year and yes VDG Fred and second first lady Beverly we are half way there. Last year was a good and exciting year for Kathy and I and this year looks like another fun year meeting new Lions. We are about half way done with our club visits. Being District Governor has proven to be a blessing this year. In December we made several visits and worked the State Hospital project with the Evansville Eastside Lions. They fix the patients and staff a great meal and have them join us in singing Christmas carols. I heard one of the staff say they look forward to the Lions Club party because they and the patients have a good time. Lots of good things coming up in January. January 8th Mid Winter in Indianapolis I hope to see many Lions there from E-2. Much information at this conference and a good time. January 13 is a visit to New Salisbury and January 15th is our third cabinet meeting at Hardinsburg with the great cooks of the Hardinsburg Club. We need you to

call or e mail your reservation to Lion Kathy at 812 649 4039 or [jw.kw1970@yahoo.com](mailto:jw.kw1970@yahoo.com). It's OK to pay at the door but we need you to let us know how many are coming so we can prepare enough food. Lion Bea will let you know as soon as we get all the information about the menu and the cost and of course our guest speaker. On January 17 we are visiting the Wheatland and Bicknell Clubs. We hope to slip in a couple of close club visits in January. A word on the District Convention coming up on March 11, 12 and 13th. This will be at Casino Aztar in Evansville. To get the Lions discount on the rooms at \$69.00 your reservation must be in no later than February 11th. So keep that in mind.

I have a prayer I want to share with you; I think it really drives home what we do.

#### Lions Prayer

My Lions Club is comprised of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

It will be active, if I am.

Its chairs will be filled, if I



help fill them.

It will do great work. If I work

It will be bonding, if I bond.

It will make generous gifts to many causes,

If I am a generous giver.

It will bring others into the fold,

If I invite and bring them

It will be a Lions Club of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity and mercy, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my Lions Club to be. Amen.

Have a Happy New Year.

*DG John &  
Lion Kathy*

## WELCOME NEW LIONS TO THE LIONS FAMILY!

### CLUB

Evansville Eastside  
Jasper

### NEW MEMBER

Michael Skvara  
Adam Scales

### SPONSOR

Bill Schulz  
Mark Fehribach



## A LETTER FROM VDG FRED

Here we are at the year two thousand eleven. I bet we look at the world differently today than did our grandparents, or our great grandparents in 1911. Today we know that we can quickly change the way that we look at the world. When we change our perspective, our view around us changes. It's not only how we look at the world, but our vantage point. Our United States President in 1911 was William Howard Taft, the only president to serve as a Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. I can imagine his perspective changed significantly from the president to the supreme court. Our perspective can change from moment to moment if we have our hand on the TV remote. From one news program to the next someone is trying to get us to view the world from their perspective. Nobody in 1911 had the ability to see things from other peoples perspective as we do now.

The world from our perspective is the most important that we will ever view. From our perspective we can know how our parents looked, to us, we can know what our

house looks like, to us, and we can know what our street looks like, to us. If we did not have eyesight our perspective would change, we would have to touch and hear to get perspective. It would be very difficult to explain the sunrise or sunset to a blind person, just as a blind person would find it difficult to explain beautiful music to a deaf person. Perspective is different for all of us. It is also our perspective that makes our house a home. We see our neighbor's house but our neighbor see's a home.

If your neighbors are not Lions their perspective of you and what Lions do may be different than what the reality is. That is one thing that we may be able to change about Lions, other's perspective. In your community Lions may be the people who built the park, or who collect eyeglasses, or who hold the pancake breakfast. For us as Lions we don't often try to change people's perspective. This is a new year and it's time to get our communities to see Lions as a benefit to have around. As always, the remaining Lions will have to work hard to get our communities to view us from our perspective. It will take a little extra time to clean up the park and replace the plantings and maybe even do some painting before spring gets too far along, but now is the time for planning.

Now is the time to get your name in the local paper with a story of what Lions have done in and for your community. If you club has provided a scholarship or sent someone to youth camp, let people know. You may be able to attract some new quality members if your community see's the recognition that your club receives from the local media. Most people want to do good things for their community but they also want some recognition for their service.

Thought for the day: You can get everything in life you want, if you will help enough other people get what they want.

Goodbye for now,  
*VDG Fred*

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# FROM A FELLOW LION

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Here's a poem I read at the Hardinsburg LC Christmas Party. There was a good crowd and PDG Nancy Lambert received a Dr. W.P. Woods Award from Herb Stevens for her work for the IN Lions Foundation. Best wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
-Bill Willis

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## Christmas Time in 25-E2

By PDG Bill Willis, Dec 11, 2010

We're gathered together at a Christmas party,  
for district fellowship and a meal that's hearty.  
A toast for the season and to Governor John  
Who traveled the world from dusk 'til dawn.  
And to First Lady Kathy here's a tip of the hat;  
From the US to Australia she patiently sat.  
Our Wilcox couple went from their Rockport abode  
To that land where they drive on the wrong side of the road!  
Kualas and walabees and Lions galore,  
With smiles and accents you have to adore.  
The DG school with each council member  
Were part of the bonding that they'll always remember.  
And we'll also remember this year of 2010  
As they traveled in E2 to each Lions den.  
And here's to Hardinsburg to the Bearcat Center  
Where a nice covered dish is the price to enter.  
In the Council of Governors they give lots of hugs,  
And they take their orders from President Scruggs.  
The directions given in purpose and scope  
Follow International's theme, "A Beacon of Hope."  
We are so thankful for each of God's gifts  
And this joyful season, for each heart God lifts.  
As part of this Christmas season report  
We ask for each Lion's prayer support.  
For Lions John and Kathy, for Fred and Beverly,  
Working for our district, industrious and cleverly.  
And from all of our cabinet to each person here,  
May you have a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

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## SCHEDULE A GOVERNOR'S VISIT

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Function: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to DG John Wilcox, 601 Walnut St., Rockport, IN 47635, jw.kw1970@yahoo.com

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# MID-WINTER CONFERENCE SILENT AUCTION

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**JANUARY 8, 2011**

Again this year there will be a silent auction at the Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference on January 8, 2011 in Indianapolis. Each Indiana Lions District is asked to donate at least 3 items worth \$20 or more for the auction.

Last year every district made an outstanding effort to make the auction a great success and over \$1000 was raised for the Leo program. If you have items to donate for the auction please contact Bea Oppel who will organize our district's participation.

## **Tune in Friday Night of the Mid-Winter Conference**

### **Brian Allen, Competition Winner, to Perform**



Sixteen year old, Brian Allen is the winner of the Lions Club International Global Youth Music competition that was held at the International Convention in Sydney Australia against finalists from Australia, Canada, China, Ecuador, England, Korea, Taiwan and Tunisia. Prior to the final portion of the competition, Brian won the regional and national titles after competing against other American violinists via YouTube.

Before the Lions Club competition, Brian primarily participated in local competitions in Bloomington and Indianapolis. He is also a member of IU's internationally acclaimed Violin Virtuosi, a collection of eight young violinists from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music's Pre-College String Academy.



**A bright future ahead**-Brian's short-term plans will include lots of practice time throughout the fall to prepare for spring competitions and possibly early entrance into college. As for the long-term, Brian has always dreamed of being a solo concert violinist like Joshua Bell, but has recently "wised up" to the facts of how much touring goes with that type of career. "It is a very hectic lifestyle," Brian said. "It's not stable, especially if you have a family." He has yet another goal now: to be concertmaster of a major orchestra.

#### **All Lions and Guests...Join Us!**

**Brian will perform after the Friday night dinner on Jan 7th.**

Social 6:00pm Dinner 6:30pm at Lawrence Central High School. Cost \$16.00 per person. To attend, please complete the registration form that was in the October issue of the Hoosier Lion or visit the Indiana Lions website at: [www.indianalions.org](http://www.indianalions.org)  
Or contact PDG Jim Query, 2408 Shepherd Patrick Rd., Spencer, Indiana 47460

E-mail: [jequery@bluemarlble.net](mailto:jequery@bluemarlble.net) Phone: (812)829-4496

#### **TO REACH LAWRENCE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL:**

Exit I-465 (east side of Indianapolis) at Exit #40 to East 56th Street. Go east to first stop light, turn north (left) on Caito Drive. This is the west side of Lawrence Central High School. Go to north side of the building and park in the North Parking Lot. Enter building at Door #11. This door is midway across back of the building.

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# FROM THE EDITORS

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Receive newsletters via e-mail and save the district money by keeping us apprised of your up-to-date e-mail address.

View the directory on our website (districte2.com) and keep us updated with any changes by informing us at [gtbest@gmail.com](mailto:gtbest@gmail.com) with cc to DG John at [jw.kw1970@yahoo.com](mailto:jw.kw1970@yahoo.com) or via snail mail at the addresses listed in the adjacent column.

Newsletter information must be in to the editor (Alisha Sonner) by the 20th of the month in order to be seen in the following month's issue.

Comments about the newsletter are welcome at e-mail or snail mail addresses.

Thank you,

*Alisha Sonner  
& Tyler Best*

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# 2011 INDIANA LIONS STATE CONVENTION

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**APRIL 29, 30 AND MAY 1, 2011**

Bloomington – Monroe County Convention Center  
2011 Exhibits Form

If you would like to have an exhibit during the 2011 Indiana Lions State Convention in Bloomington, please contact PDG Gary Ochs to reserve your 8' table and chairs. You can reach his email address at [gochsinlions@att.net](mailto:gochsinlions@att.net) and/or complete the Exhibits Form below ASAP. There is NO cost for an 8' table(s) and (2) chairs for Lions and their local or Indiana state projects. But, for all non-Lion exhibits there is a \$50.00 fee. We are hoping that all Indiana Lions Clubs with outstanding community projects will have an exhibit display. There will be NO charge for your wireless or electrical hook-up. All displays/exhibits and the silent auction will be from 9:00 – 5:00 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday, April 29 & 30, 2011.

Mail to: PDG Gary Ochs; 106 Edgewood Drive; Bedford, Indiana 47421

Exhibitor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Lions Club/District: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions: \_\_\_\_\_

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## COME ONE, COME ALL

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Come one Come all to the 3rd cabinet meeting.  
Good food, good fellowship, good fun!

**JANUARY 15, 2011 - 10 AM TO 4 PM**  
**(HONORARY MEETING 9 AM TO 10 AM EST)**

Bearcat Civic Center, 9271 W US Hwy 150, Hardinsburg, Indiana

PDG Charlie Crawford will be having a surprise guest  
speaker about 10:30AM EST

Lunch \$8.00 per person

Soup and sandwich chips and desert

Reservations and mail checks to: Kay Lambert

8149 S Co RD 575 E, Marengo, IN 47140

Phone: 812-723-4316

E mai:l [kaybob@blueriver.net](mailto:kaybob@blueriver.net)

May be paid at the door but we need a number of persons  
so we don't run out of food by January 12th

# PHOTOGRAPHS



Mr. & Mrs.  
Santa Claus

VDG Fred inducting two  
new members for the  
Hardinsburg Lions Club



PDG Nancy Lambert receiving  
the W.P.WOODS award  
and the W.P. WOODS  
PROGRESSIVE award.

# PHOTOGRAPHS



Future Lions ....  
Kyia Oppel and  
Jayla Greenlee



Future Lion ....  
Madison Oppel



Official visit  
Newburgh  
Lions Club



New Salisbury Lions Club at North Harrison Middle School Craft  
and Bake Sale

# PHOTOGRAPHS



Crew at the Evansville State hospital Christmas Party.



Official visit Salem Lions Club presenting of 16th W P Woods award to the club president.

Official visit Salem Lions Club presenting a Melvin Jones award. The 20th for this club.



# PHOTOGRAPHS

Christmas at the  
Rockport Lions Party



Lion of the year  
awarded to three  
Lions this year at the  
Columbia Township  
Lions Club

VDG Fred speaking  
at the Jasper Lions  
Club Meeting



# PRAYER LIST FOR JANUARY

LION KATHY ALDRIDGE - WINSLOW LIONS CLUB

PDG PHIL LANGE - FRANCISCO

LION CHARLIE HAURY - EVANSVILLE EASTSIDE LIONS CLUB

LION WALTER EDWARDS, SR. - EVANSVILLE EASTSIDE LIONS CLUB

LION MIKE HARGRAVE - BOONVILLE LIONS CLUB

LION JEANETTE LANCE - CHANDLER LIONS CLUB

LION WARD HAUB - PALMYRA LIONS CLUB

LION RICHARD (POP) MERTZ, HUSBAND OF LION CLEO MERTZ

ELIZABETH LIONS CLUB

JEFF YOCHUM - BROTHER OF WHEATLAND LION TIM YOCHUM

MEGAN SNYDER - DAUGHTER OF SANDBORN LION ERIC SNYDER

LION JESS WISEHEART - RAMSEY LIONS CLUB

LION AMI YEAGER - RICHLAND LIONS CLUB

LIONS STEVE & JEAN WILLIAMS - CHANDLER LIONS CLUB

LION MERWYN FISHER - EAST WASHINGTON LIONS CLUB

PDG ALVETTA WALLACE - ELBERFIELD LIONS CLUB

LION EVERETT PULLEN - GEORGETOWN LIONS CLUB

LION JIMMIE KING - LACONIA LIONS CLUB

LION JOYCE ASH - MILLTOWN LIONS CLUB

LION KEN OPPEL - RAMSEY LIONS CLUB

RC DAN JAMES - PRINCETON LIONS CLUB

LION PAT DENZINGER - NEW MIDDLETOWN LIONS CLUB

LION CHARLIE BLAKE - EVANSVILLE E/S LIONS CLUB

FAMILY OF LIONS JACK & BETTY FRONING - NEW SALISBURY LIONS CLUB

LION MERLIN (DICK) LILPOP - NEW MIDDLETOWN LIONS CLUB

LION WALT HINDAHL - PETERSBURG LIONS CLUB

LION DOUGLAS CRAIG - PETERSBURG LIONS CLUB

LION CHARLIE GILLS DILLON - ROCKPORT LIONS CLUB

LION BOOTH REYNOLDS - NEW MIDDLETOWN LIONS CLUB

LION DENNIS WEIKERT FRENCH LICK WEST BADEN LIONS CLUB

LION FRANCIS DRABING FRENCH LICK WEST BADEN LIONS CLUB

HELP US UPDATE OUR PRAYER LIST. PLEASE LET US KNOW WHO CAN COME OFF AND LIONS THAT NEED TO BE ADDED. THANK YOU.

**PLEASE PRAY** for PR Chair Bea Oppel's son, Ken, whose body is not responding to the medication for his cancer. She will be spending as much time at the hospital with him as possible. Please copy DG John Wilcox ([jw.kw1970@yahoo.com](mailto:jw.kw1970@yahoo.com)) and Newsletter Editor Alisha Sonner ([alishasonner@yahoo.com](mailto:alishasonner@yahoo.com)) on future articles/photos you would like placed in the newsletter.

# GOVERNOR'S SCHEDULE JANUARY 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Happy New Year! <small>New Year's Day</small>
2	3	4 Tell City Official Visit	5	6	7	8 Mid-Winter Conference
9 Council Meeting	10	11 Evansville Eastside Meeting	12	13 New Salisbury Official Visit	14	15 3rd Cabinet Meeting, Hardinsburg
16	17 Wheatland & Bicknell Official Visit <small>Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday (Observed)</small>	18	19	20	21	22
23 / 30	24 / 31	25 Evansville Eastside Meeting	26	27	28	29

## GOALS

Membership above 1300 and  
3 new clubs in 2010-2011 year

## VISION STATEMENT

“Retain and Grow  
in Membership”

## MISSION STATEMENT

“Inactive clubs will wither and die.  
Active clubs will bloom and grow.”

## SLOGAN

“Lions are originals, not copies.”



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***We Serve***

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