

# Carmel Lions Club – Newsletter

## March 2018



### Your 2017-2018 Board of Directors

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David DeVilbiss

Tim Fischer

Ron Todd

## President's Message

Hello Lions! With the start of spring we have a lot of events to plan. The Rummage Sale is this week on Friday and Saturday. If you have not brought your donations in yet you still can. Bring them to the Clubhouse on Thursday between 5pm and 7pm. If you can help pack up at the end of the sale on Saturday at 3pm please come and help.

The spring Pancake Breakfast is just around the corner. If you have not received your pancake tickets please contact Tom Lorson. The presale of tickets and volunteering to work the breakfast is key for a successful pancake breakfast.

We Serve.



President Angie

## Welcome New Members

This is all new members since the start of the Lions Year on July 1; listed with sponsor.

Thanks for joining us:

		Sponsor
Alison	Burkhard	Tim Fischer
Erin	Jump	Angela Swenson
Jim	Lepp	Tom Lorson
Nyo	Nyamedi	Tom Lorson
Kyle	Rich	Tom Lorson
Judy	Shaffer	Claire Campbell

## Lions State Convention Hosted by District 25-D

Up-Date from David DeVibiss

This year, the Lions of Indiana State Convention will be hosted by our District, with a Convention Hosting Committee led by Carmel Lion PDG Kathy Lozier and PDG Betty Weist. Now is the time to register for this event, to be held April 27 through April 29, 2018 at the Horizon Convention Center in Muncie, a one hour trip (55 miles) from Carmel.

A "day trip" to Muncie on Saturday, April 28, will provide an opportunity to participate in afternoon informational seminars (no cost), enjoy the Saturday Lunch program that includes recognition of Lions' achievements (\$20./meal), and/or the Saturday Dinner with International President Aggarwal (\$35./meal). Exhibits related to

**Lions service and fund raising are open all day on Friday and Saturday (no cost). You can purchase a T-Shirt (\$25 ea.) and (optionally) participate in the Strides Walk for Diabetes on Saturday afternoon in support of this important Lions health initiative.**

**Carmel Lions should have an interest in participating in the Convention Voting this year, as Carmel Lion District Treasurer Bob Yunker is a candidate for Lions State Comptroller and the Indiana Eye and Tissue Bank will have a resolution on the ballot. To vote, you need to register on-site Friday or Saturday, then vote on Sunday morning. Our Club will have at least eight open voting delegate slots available for members who are not PDG's or PID's.**

**Please note that Guests are welcome and encouraged to attend, but everyone must register and pay for meals by April 1, 2018 for regular pricing. If you are late, there is a \$5 per meal added charge and you cannot register after April 21, 2018. Registration is also available online at: <http://indianalionsconvention.org/convention-registration>.**

**Application attached:**

**Carmel Lions Club:** Proposed slate of officers for this up-coming year, at the next meeting the slate will be presented in front of the club and nominations will be taken from the floor and if none are presented the nominations will be closed.

**Sincerely,  
Tim Fischer**

**President : Greg St. Amour  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President : Steve Gross  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President : Jason Randlett  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President : Bill Ryan  
Secretary : Rick Dossey  
Treasurer : Carl Kinker  
Membership Chair : Tom Lorson  
Tail Twister : Open  
Lion Tamer : David DeVilbiss  
1st Year Directors : Dwight Gossett**

# **Pancake Breakfast April 21<sup>st</sup>**

## **From Tom Lorson:**

**Dear Lions, The Spring Pancake Breakfast is just around the corner on Saturday, April 21 from 7:00 - 11:00 a.m. We need your help -- the success of the breakfast is contingent upon our presale tickets. The more tickets sold, the more the Club can do. Tickets will be distributed at the March 13 meeting.**

**Signup sheets for workers will be at the next three meetings. All Lions are needed. Ron Block will contact the cooks and kitchen help.**

**And a big thank you to Karen Butler for landing our pancake sponsor, Chernoff Cosmetic Surgery.**

**Please contact Tom Lorson with any questions.**

## **Lions Eye Screenings**

**From Lion: William Nesbitt  
Carmel Lions members,**

**I wanted to share the attached article regarding our partnering with the Zionsville Lions Club to perform eye screening for local youth. Lion Richard McKellar of the Zionsville club will be publicizing this activity soon.**

## **Keeping the Vision: The Power of We**

Lions Club International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal of Delhi, India, has emphasized as his operating theme “the power of we,” which encourages Lions to work together to strengthen the impact Lions bring to their communities. The Carmel Lions Club and Zionsville Lions Club, two clubs that serve communities adjacent to each other but are in different districts, have taken President Aggarwal’s directive to heart. In October 2017, they began partnering together to provide vision screening (mandated by the Indiana State Legislature) to some 10,000 first, third, fifth and eighth graders in City of Carmel and Boone County (in which Zionsville is located) public and private schools.

Given the sheer size of the task of testing area students’ vision acuity, this partnership has proven to be invaluable, with trained volunteers from both clubs (and additional support from Lebanon and Logansport

Lions) committing to screening a minimum of two days a week. Using eight Optec 5000 screening devices and 10 volunteers per screening, they can screen 300 children in one morning, with each child out of his or her classroom for only about 15 minutes.

“This is so helpful to me,” said Kendra Scales, HCA, the school nurse at Eagle Elementary School in Zionsville, echoing the sentiments of many of the nurses at schools they screen. “In previous years I would have done this myself with one machine. [The Lions] get everything done in a couple of hours. Doing it myself would take all day.”

This community service goes far beyond offering convenience though. These volunteer vision screeners help catch vision issues in children that might otherwise go unnoticed. Problems with sight can cause blurry vision, eyestrain, and headaches, among other conditions, and may result in learning impairment if students can’t see the board or projected words and numbers.

Through one-on-one interaction with the children, volunteer screeners are building trust with the younger generation and are sometimes able to identify vision-impaired children who may be going without glasses because of financial hardship. Another Lions Club program works to provide glasses to individual children when this need arises.

“At a recent screening, an eighth grader was identified who indicated he had worn glasses but they were broken and his parents were financially unable to replace them,” recounts Zionsville Lion volunteer Karen McKellar. “The screening indeed showed that he was probably unable to function in school without glasses. After researching the need within a week, an eye exam was scheduled and a brand new pair of glasses secured for this young man, who was very grateful.”

The vision screeners have a new sign that says “Vision screening provided by Carmel Lions Club” on one side and “. . . Zionsville Lions Club” on the other, so they can flip it to whichever community they are serving on any given day. But it seems clear as Carmel and Zionsville Lions

### **March 6th: Board Meeting**

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**March 13th: General Meeting Meal**  
**Objective: Open meeting no speaker**

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**March 27th: General Meeting Meal**  
**Objective: Meeting Speaker Susan Brooks, United States Representative IN 5<sup>th</sup> District  
KPs, Bob Yunker\*, Jim Thompson, Charley Shoup**

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# Upcoming Events

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**March 31:** 2018 Carmel Marathon  
**Objective:** Service  
**Project Leader:** Dwight Gossett, Alice Gossett, Jim Colter

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**April 21:** Spring Pancake Breakfast  
**Objective:** Fund Raiser  
**Project Leader:** Tom Lorson

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## April Meetings

**April 10th:** General Meeting  
**Program:** Christine Pauley, Clerk-Treasurer Carmel : Fiscal city up-date  
. KPs David DeVilbiss\*, Clair Campbell, Dale Alianello

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**April 24th:** General Meeting  
**Program:** Program Committee Speaker TBA  
KPs, Bob Kraft\*, Glen Sipkins, Ron Bussell

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## Carmel Lions Club Board Meeting March 2018

Carmel Lions Club Board Meeting Minutes March 2018

Meeting commenced at 7:07 p.m. and concluded at 7:50 p.m. David DeVilbiss provided refreshments.

Rick Dossey asked for approval of the February minutes. Greg St. Amour made a motion to approve, Jeff Adair seconded and the board approved.

Carl Kinker presented the Treasurer's report; Bill Shaffer made a motion to approve; Greg St. Amour seconded, the report was approved.

Membership: Tom reported two have applied for membership, and several others are strongly considering membership.

Erin Jump: Angie Swenson made a motion to approve application, Bill Shaffer seconded, and Board approved.

Jim Lepp: Tom Lorson made a motion to approve application, Steve Gross seconded, and Board approved.

Buildings and Grounds: Jason Randlett will be distributing keys to members that have requested them. He will be installing a lock box for all members to use as needed. Likewise, he will suggest that the scout groups establish their own lock boxes, so that multiple keys do not have to be distributed to the troops.

Jason suggested that clubs & organizations regularly using the clubhouse have sponsors that are member of our club. Angie represents Girl Scout troops, while Tim speaks for the Boy Scout troops. It would be good if other members could sponsor and liaison with other groups -- like 4H.

Aaron Mueller will be cleaning up the mulch beds prior to the pancake breakfast; Bill Shaffer and the scouts will be planting flowers this spring.

Jason stated his intention to cook/grill more meats on site for upcoming regular meetings. The grilled chicken was very well received by members and guests at our last meeting.

Spring Pancake Breakfast: The breakfast will be held on 4/21/18; Tom will be distributing tickets to sell at our upcoming regular meeting. Karen Butler may have a sponsor lined up for the event.

Rummage Sale: March 16th and March 17th. Continue brining your sale items to the clubhouse now.

Carmel Marathon (3/31/18): Volunteers are still needed to help distribute water at this year's marathon -- contact Dwight Gossett if you can assist.

State Convention: Doug Lozier asked the club to bestow a progressive Melvin Jones award upon the International President during his visit to this year's state convention (April 27-29 in Muncie). Bill Shaffer made a motion to apply the credits from our annual donation to LCIF for this purpose, Jeff Adair seconded, and the board approved. Concurrently, Doug has been actively trying to consolidate credits earned in the past by current and former members, so that we will have several more Melvin Jones awards to bestow upon our own members.

New Officer Nominating Committee: Angie Swenson, Tim Fischer, Bill Nesbitt, and Ron Todd will comprise this year's committee. They are finishing up recruitment of Lion Tamer and Tail Twister.

2018 Golf Tournament (7/26/18 @ Prairie View): Dwight Gossett is seeking 25 members to fill out committees for this year's golf tournament. In particular, we need support in acquiring sponsors and prized/gifts. With the Brat Tent discontinued, the golf tournament is our major summer fund raiser.

2018 Dictionary Project: Bill Shaffer will lead again, and will need help early in the school year. With only one August meeting, he will be recruiting members via e-mail and phone calls.

2018 Fruit Sale: Jeff Adair will not be leading the effort this year -- if you are interesting in leading this fund raiser, please contact Angie or Jeff.

Donations to Lions charities for 2018: Lee Flower thanked the Club for increasing their annual donation from \$1,000 to \$1,200 per year for the Lions charities -- Cancer Control, Speech & Hearing, Eye Bank, etc..

### **Key dates upcoming:**

2018 Fish Fry: 8/17 & 8/18

**Future meetings**: The next board meeting is on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Tim Fischer will host.