



"Serving the Westfield community since 1930"

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# Bits and Bite 'em from the Westfield Lions Club

## From Lion President Sanborn . . .

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### For your information . . .

Lion International President Wing-Kun Tam challenged Lions worldwide to plant over one million trees. As of October 2011, over two million trees have already been planted.

**Source:** IP Wing-Kun Tam at the 2011 USA/Canada Forum

Fellow Lions:

I'd like to start by thanking everyone who made the 81st Anniversary a success. My thanks go to Lions Jeff Larrison, Don Russel, and Bob Benson for their presentations. Special thanks go to Lion Joel Davis for making all of the arrangements. Bruce Hansen from the Westfield Historical Society gave an informative and entertaining presentation about Westfield's history.

On a personal note, I'd like to thank Lion Bob Benson for his presentation in honor of the Lion who sponsored me into the club, Dorsal Walker. I know Lion Dorsal's family members who were in attendance found it quite moving.

Congratulations to our 2010-2011 Roy Hadley Lion of the Year Award winner, Lion VDG Dan Wilcox. Congratulations to Lions Bob Benson and Ted Engelbrecht who both received Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards. We will recognize more Melvin Jones Fellows Awards in the next couple of months.

We had quite a bit of discussion at the business meeting. I appreciate everyone's comments. Lions Bob Benson and Don Russel gave a really good presentation concerning our strategic plan. I thought LVDG Dan had a really good comment which I paraphrase as "We need to clearly state why the Westfield Lions Club exists".

I agree with the sentiment expressed by several members during our open discussion and in response to my "survey" that we should do more, be more visible and let the community know what our true capability is. I suspect there are many needs in the Westfield area that we don't know about. If we knew about them, we could be more generous.

Well, our newsletter editor has told me that I tend to be long-winded, even when I start out thinking, "I can't think of anything to write for this month". Thus, I'll sign off by saying that I look forward to seeing everyone on November 3rd, if not sooner.

## From 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lion Rogers . . .



### Say What?

*"Not everybody trusts paintings but people believe photographs,"*

**Ansel Adams,  
Photographer**

Did you know that the Colts team has had a motto that guides them to give their all at every practice? It is "next man up". This year the team is struggling with an 0-6 record as I'm writing this entry. I think that it's likely that no other team in the history of the NFL has lost ALL of their team captains to injury. Offense, defense and special teams captains have all gone down with an injury and are out of the game. And yet, the team is competing, giving a great effort and getting better with each passing week. It can only be because the backups are eager for a chance to show what they can do and have embraced the motto "next man up" by preparing themselves to lead.

And how about our club?

When our president asks for someone to lead a project, do we shout "pick me, pick me!" or do we suddenly realize that we have a shoe untied and avoid eye contact? Can we embrace the "next man up" notion? Some of our guys have chaired the same project many times and might welcome the chance to pass the "mantle of leadership" to a Lion with fresh ideas. (Hey newer Lions! If you have an abundance of fresh ideas, don't hold back. The rest of us WANT to hear 'em.) The ideas don't have to be original, the best ideas that I ever had, I stole from someone else.

So, what skills do you have that have yet to be put to use as a Lions? I hope that we can each consider what more that we have to offer in Lionism as our president (and the next one) seeks to make our club better.

It's time for the next man to step up.

Put me in coach.

## Westfield Lions Night of Honor

At the October 6, 2011 meeting of the Westfield Lions Club the Lions recognized those who have served. Presiding over the ceremony was Lion Don Russel. Lions Ron Perkins, Bob Benson, and Ted Engelbrecht each received Progressive Melvin Jones Awards. Lion VDG Dan Wilcox received the Roy O. Hadley Lion of the Year Award.

Lion Bob Benson presented to the family of the late Lion Dorsal Walker a posthumous Melvin Jones Award. Awarding posthumously has only recently become available to Lions.

After the awards, Bruce Hanson of the Westfield Historical Society provided a glimpse into the past of the Westfield community and its residents. His was a very entertaining presentation.

Also in attendance was Julie Sole, Executive Director of the Westfield Chamber of Commerce. (see pictures of ceremony on page 4)

## WHS Leos Update . . .

The Westfield High School Leos had a couple of events affect the club this month. On October 9, the WHS Leos competed in the annual Brian's Trike Race at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired – and won! Their competition was Leo Clubs from around the area, all of whom they bested by having the fastest times all day. The team consisted of Leos Kyle Duvall, Alex Schulke, Leo President Anna Skinner, and Leo VP Sam Sobczak. (see photos below)

Also, this month, nineteen new members were added to the WHS Leo Club. Added to the six returning Leos, the club has twenty-five members with more on the way. President Skinner reported to us that the club has several projects already in the works.



## Westfield Lions and WHS Leos Participate in Grand Junction Derby

The Westfield Lions Club cheered them on and cooked hotdogs and hamburgers (see picture on page 4) while the WHS Leos (see pictures above) negotiated the Lions' car in the Third Annual Westfield Grand Junction Derby. This gravity start, manpower uphill race was another success for the Lions, Leos, and Westfield Community. Even though the Leos didn't win their class, they pushed the car to victory more than once in the head-to-head competition. Congratulations to everyone who participated. A special thank you goes to Lion Secretary Jeff Larrison who spearheaded the food tent.

## Lions Dates of Note . . .

- November 8, 2011                      Election Day
- November 11, 2011                    Veteran's Day
- November 16, 2011                    2<sup>nd</sup> District Cabinet Meeting – **Sheridan Lions Club** – 6:00P
- November 18-19, 2011                Westfield Lions Poker For Sight
- November 24, 2011                    Thanksgiving Day
- December 1, 2011                      Westfield Tree Lighting

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## Westfield Lions Club Vision Discussed

Any good organization keeps an eye is always trained on the future. Loins Bob Benson, Don Russel, and David Vaughn comprise the committee that has been working with the Lion membership to develop a plan to ensure the Westfield Lions can continue to serve the community.

While the committee is facilitating and driving the discussion, it is up to you, the Westfield Lions to decide who the club is and where it should be in the future. Make sure the committee gets your input by participating in the meeting discussions and surveys. You, the Westfield Lions can lay the groundwork for future generations of Westfield Lions.

## Pictures From Around the Westfield Lions



## About Westfield Lions...

Chartered in 1930 with 21 members, the Westfield Lions Club has been serving the Westfield community and surrounding areas for over 80 years.

**Note:** The deadline to submit articles, pictures, and news is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Send them to danwpu@comcast.net.

## Corrections:

Westfield Lions – “We Serve”