



RICHMOND LIONS CLUB, INC  
AMPLIFIER  
June 2018

May has been a busy month for the Richmond Lions Club with several changes occurring. These changes include:

- LEADERSHIP
  - Kim Poinsett has resigned from the Club
    - Lion Dick Lehman will assume the Presidency through the remainder of the 2017/2018 year
  - Lion Dick Lehman desires NOT to serve as President for the 2018/2019; but will continue as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice pending the Club's approval
  - Lion Andy Smittkamp will serve as President during the 2018/2019 Lions year. A BIG thanks to Lion Andy for his willingness to step up.
- Committee Chair changes
  - Bob and Diana Robbins have resigned from the Club as a result of health issues and a desire to spend more time with their family. This leaves a gap in fund raising chairs for the following fund raising activities:
    - Golf Outing—Diana had chaired this activity for several years. Lions Jack Buckland and Andy Smittkamp will chair this activity tentatively scheduled for early October.
    - Auction—Diana was also instrumental in this fund raiser, which for the 2018/2019 year has been cancelled.
  - Dudley Fetzer has resigned from the Club leaving gaps with the following:
    - INConcert—this has been our major fund raiser for the past several years, raising in excess of \$8,000 per year. Lion Idris Smith has agreed to attend the monthly INConcert meetings. ALL LIONS will be needed to sell tickets and continue to obtain sponsorships to maintain this fund raising activity which has been our major source of income over the past five years.
    - Philanthropic committee—Lion Idris will chair this committee for 2018/2019
    - Web-site—Lion Idris Smith will assume the management of this communication tool
    - Amplifier/Newsletter—Lion Idris Smith will assume the responsibility of the newsletter.
    - Director for 2017-2019

**Welcome new member, Jill Moore.** Lion Jill has been a member of the Hagerstown Nettle Creek Club. She has been a Lion since 2012. She is an Indiana Lions Leader Dog Trustee and a puppy trainer of future Leader Dogs. Welcome Lion Jill.

**LIONS SERVING:** Even with all of the above changes, Lions have remained active during the month of May. Lion Mike Talbot along with Lion Morris and Fetzer presented and supervised a STENT (Science, Technology Engineering and Math) program for 70 students from CR Coblenz School. Lion Talbot presented a lecture, followed by students being divided into groups of four to build a vehicle that represented the principles of inertia, gravity and friction. The winning group was the group whose car went the farthest distance. At the conclusion of the program students had time to enjoy Skating.

Lions Buckland and Idris Smith have been busy waking up the roses at the Richmond Area Rose Garden in preparation for the Richmond Symphony Orchestra's Annual Chocolate in the Garden and First Bloom and Glow events. Lions Dick Lehman, Don Duke and Idris Smith helped park cars for the Chocolate Garden Event on Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Club also provided eye exams and glasses for two adults in the Richmond area; as well as support for a local Earlham student to participate in an Internship in China through the "Freedom Fund" which will involve working to solve water pollution problems. The goal is that this information will be shared with local organizations upon the completion of the internship.



Lions Talbot, Morris and Fetzer presenting the STENT program

Upcoming Events:

- June 6<sup>th</sup>—Monthly Board and Business Meeting. This is an extremely important meeting to attend as we will be making decisions related to 1<sup>st</sup> VP and Director for 2018/2019 as well as meeting frequency and schedule.
- June 6<sup>th</sup>—First Bloom and Glow—Richmond Area Rose Garden. Lions will again park cars at this event. Always a beautiful time to see the glow of the hot air balloons. Tickets are required for the buffet prior to the Balloon Glow and are \$20.00. See Lion Buckland for buffet tickets. The Glow is free as is strolling through the garden.

- June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> –Centerville Lions Fish Fry—Friday 4-7:30pm and Saturday 11am to 7:30 pm. Centerville Christian Church Fellowship Hall 111 N. Morton Ave. Advanced tickets \$10.00, at the door \$11.00. See Lions Ron or Idris Smith for tickets.
- June 13<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting—Lion Jill Moore—Leader Dog Trustee and puppy trainer
- June 15<sup>th</sup>—Richmond Parks Department will show “The Lion King” at the park on Ridge Street which was our Lions International Legacy Project. Lions are encouraged to promote and attend this neighborhood event. Encourage family members, grandkids, etc. to come enjoy the movie. Movie begins at 8:30.
- June 20<sup>th</sup>—Regular meeting—Brain Storming session—Where to from here? Another important meeting to attend as the Club begins to plot its way forward for 2018/2019. One important topic—the future of the fruit sale.
- June 22<sup>nd</sup>—Annual INConcert “Blast at the Overpass” featuring Jay Jessie Johnson Band and Laurie Morvan. Gates open at 6. Concert begins at 8. See either Lion Idris or Lion North for tickets. Remember this is where 60% of our annual income originates. And, you don’t have to work to earn the money.....just buy a ticket and come enjoy good guitar music and an evening under the stars. All money from ticket sales goes directly to our Lions Treasury. Lion Idris has posters available if you have a location where one can be placed.
- June 27<sup>th</sup>—Regular Meeting—Annual Awards and Instillation of officers for 2018/2019.

**INConcert Update:** Since I just came from the June meeting and have additional room on the 3d page of this Amplifier, here’s the Lions Club current status with INConcert:

- We are currently 4<sup>th</sup> in sponsorship and ticket sales.
- We could potentially loose up to \$6,000.00 in sponsorships for the 2019 season. (My opinion from reviewing the 2018 sponsor list.)
- **EVERY SINGLE LION**—active or not **MUST** step up and obtain sponsorships. I’m developing a list of Richmond businesses who are **not** currently sponsoring INConcert and will soon be asking Lions to make contacts with these folks. If we are to continue our **ESSENTIAL** work in Richmond we **MUST** continue to work on this fund raising project. It requires **NO STRENUOUS ACTIVITY** , and minimal time
- Another upcoming event is “Depot Fest” scheduled for September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Depot. The INConcert committee is planning a “Soul Train” to break a Guinness World Record for the Longest Soul Train. More information to follow as available.

