

Lions Club of Richmond IN Inc.

Serving Richmond Indiana Community
since October 5, 1924

Richmond Lions Club is a member of the
Indiana Lions District 25F Inc.



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 29th	District 25F Pork Chop Sunday, 11:30 am to 4:00 pm
October 2nd	Monthly Board/Business meeting at Golden Corral, noon
October 12th	Fall District Meeting - St. Maurice Catholic Church Activity Center, 8874 No. Harrison Street (St. Rt. 48) Napoleon IN - Reservations due by October 1st.
October 16th	Regular Meeting, Golden Corral - Program TBA
October 30th	Lions will serve the Richmond Wayne County Soup Kitchen

95 AND STILL HAVE DRIVE - THE RACE

True to our motto, "95 and Still Have Drive" three Richmond Lions (pictured here are Jill Moore and Jack Buckland) and CC Ron Bigham participated in Brian's Trike Ride on Sunday, September 15th at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Thanks to CC Ron for stepping in to be the 4th person on the Richmond team. It's my understanding that all finished the race without injury including PDG Jack Buckland.



95 AND STILL HAVE DRIVE - THE PARTY

"95 and Still Have Drive" was the theme of our 95th Anniversary celebration held on September 13th at Willie and Red's famous Smorgasbord. Forty-seven Lions and guests attended the event. PDG Earl Whipple from Connersville presented the Richmond Lions with a congratulatory letter congratulating the Club on 95 years of service to the Community. In part, the letter states: "The Richmond Lions Club has made an immense impact on the community with its many events, fundraisers, and donations. Thank your carrying on the mission of Lions everywhere by helping to make the world a better place." Connersville Lions sponsored the Richmond Lions on October 5, 1924. Lion Ron Smith noted the accomplishments of the Club during their 95-year history. Lions were amazed to hear the Club has raised over \$2,000,000, yes that's six zeros, which has been used to support local, district, state and international projects of Lions. Here are just a few of the projects and expenditures over the 95-year history:

- \$30,000 to the Wayne County Fair when Kuhlman Center was built
- \$30,000 to the Linear Accelerator for IU Medical Center Simon Cancer Center
- \$10,000 to Campaign Site First II to treat River Blindness. Incidentally, Lions may recall this money was raised by having a large jug at meetings, where Lions were encouraged to deposit loose change in the jug
- \$8,000 to the Richmond Parks Department to construct a shelter house as our Lions International Century Legacy Project. The shelter was dedicated as a "Legacy to Lions Past, Present and Future."
- \$8,250.00 for eyeglasses for school age children and adults
- \$4500 for District 25F Vision Screening Equipment
- \$2,000 to Camp Woodsmoke for maintaining Cabin D sponsored by the Richmond Club as well as installing new lights in the dining room.
- This is in addition to our annual contributions to Lions Projects and Philanthropic Grant program

In addition to spending money, Richmond Lions over the past two years have:

- Completed Vision Screening for 4,661 students through the District Vision Screening program
- Screened 238 preschoolers with KidSight
- Served 1300 meals at our local soup kitchen
- Maintained a plot at the Richmond Rose Garden
- Served hot dogs and chips to over 3,000 people at the Annual Back to School Bash

MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP - MARK MORRIS

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a Melvin Jones Fellowship by District Governor Don Mullen to Lion Mark Morris. Lion Mark has been a Lion since March of 1980 and has maintained 100% attendance during the 39 years he has been a member. He has served as Tail Twister, Director and many committees over the years as well as assisting with all projects. Congratulations to Lion Mark for this well-deserved honor.



SERVICE PROJECTS OPPORTUNITIES

Soup Kitchen - Lions Buckland, Jones, David Rohrer, Deloris Rohrer and Reeves served 92 individuals at the Wayne County Soup Kitchen on July 31st.

Vision Screening - As the new school year begins, so does school eye glass screenings. Lion Jack Buckland has several screenings scheduled beginning in September. If this is something your interested in, give Lion Jack a call. Help is always welcome.

Rose Garden - with all the spring rains, the Rose Garden is blooming prolifically. Lions Buckland and I. Smith have worked diligently to keep the Lions Club plot dead headed and weeded.

Kids Sight - Lion Idris Smith screened 39 preschoolers at Head Start in July. Several more pre-school screenings are scheduled in September.

CLUB NEWS

- The annual District 25F Pork Chop Sunday is Sunday, September 29th from 11:30-4. As in the past, the Richmond Lions Club provides tickets for members and their guest. See Lion Lehman or I. Smith for tickets. If you take tickets and do not attend, you will need to reimburse the Club for the tickets.
- In addition to celebrating 95 years and riding in Brian's Trike Ride, Richmond Lions also continued to work at the Rose Garden, Screened 700 plus students in area schools and 38 pre-school children with Operation KidSight.
- I am not afraid of an army of lions led by a sheep; I am afraid of an army of sheep led by a lion. - Alexander the Great

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart. - Helen Keller