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The Official Newsletter of Richmond IN Lions Club

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, February 2nd:

Wednesday meeting, 12 Noon, Golden Corral.

Saturday, February 12th: Winter District Meeting (Registration form in January District newsletter and needs to be submitted by February 9th), Union Chapel Methodist Church, 2720 E. 86th Street, Indianapolis IN

Wednesday, February 16th

meeting, 12 Noon, Golden Corral. Speaker: Denise Retz, Richmond Parks Department.

Update: Special Olympics

For numerous reasons, including sudden illnesses of board member spouses, the January Board meeting was unable to conduct the usual business, which included a vote as to whether to proceed with the Special Olympics "Turtle Dash". As a result, at the January 16th meeting, members participated in a Zoom/conference call with Stephanie Manner, Indiana Special Olympics Special Events Coordinator. Numerous questions were discussed with the following answers:

•The event would be a Richmond Lions Club event, with profit being divided between the Richmond Lions Club and Special Olympics Wayne County.

•Special Olympics parents and athletes could assist with the event as Richmond Lions Club volunteers. This would include selling tickets as well as helping the day of the event.

•The Special Olympics logo could be used in advertising but it's placement in the advertisement, brochures and tee shirts would require approval by Special Olympics.

•Stephanie suggested we make contact with Lion William McDonald, Indiana Lions Special Olympics chair person for additional support with the event.

Following the discussion, the group decided to form a committee, to continue to explore the details for the event. Committee members are: Lions Mike Talbot, chair, Buckland, Smittkamp and I. Smith.

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From the District Newsletter

First of all, I have no longer been forwarding the newsletter, as the District is sending it to all those who have an e-mail address on file. If you're not receiving it, and would like to receive the newsletter, please either e-mail or USPS the club secretary.

DG Locke mentioned in his comments that if there is an interest in starting a specialty club, there are resources available in the District to "get the ball rolling". A specialty club is defined as "a group of people from a school, place of business, local Volunteer Fire Department, etc. who would like to affiliate with a Lions Club." This possibility has been discussed in the past. Might be a good time to re-explore the possibility.

The following state committees will be electing trustees at the State Convention. If you have any interest in any of the following positions, see the January District Newsletter for information related to applying:

- Cancer Control
- Leader Dog
- Indiana Eye Bank
- Speech and Hearing
- ISBVI (Indian School for the Blind and Visually Impaired)
- Indiana Lions Foundation

Speaking of Elections

Speaking of elections, we will need to have the ballot for officers for the Richmond Lions Club in place by the end of February.

Positions needed are:

- 2nd VP
- Director two to serve from 2022-2024
- Assistant Tail Twister
- Assistant Lion Tamer

Consider your role on the leadership team of the Richmond Lions Club.