

History of the Carmel Lions Club



1936-2011

HISTORY
OF
CARMEL, IND.
LIONS CLUB

From Its Two Beginnings
In The 1930s To 2011

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INTRODUCTION

This is meant to be a keeper. It is meant to be a source of reference that can be used at any time in the future. The first three chapters are the result of a lot of detective work. They are based on pieces of information gathered from many sources which I indicate. Finding that The Noblesville Ledger carried a lot of stories on the Carmel Lions Club compelled me to read every microfilmed page from in the 1930's to the early 1950's. This was enormously time-consuming, but I found nuggets of information that were available no place else. After 1966, the problem shifted. The problem became one of too much information instead of not enough. No club minutes survive before 1966. After this, there is nearly a complete collection of club and board minutes along with various other material. From this point on, the problem was what to leave out. Still, I felt compelled to read all the thousands and thousands of pages to be sure I did not overlook something that should be included. One decision I made was to exclude all references to programs at the meetings, except in some cases. There are just so many of them. These were mainly for edification and entertainment of the moment unlike that other kind of program, the project kind which epitomizes the Lions credo of, "We Serve." Perhaps, programs of the meeting kind could be gathered together into a supplement to this work at some other time. Yours in Lionism, John Rutherford.

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Chapter 1: Club Had Shaky 1930 Beginning

By John Rutherford

The Lions Club of Carmel, Indiana, has had two beginnings.

The first was in 1930 before the economic toll of the stock market crash (a few months before) began to have serious effects on the local community. By 1932, however, the Depression had become severe, and the club disbanded, losing its charter.

Four years later the economy was improving, and a brand new club, with some of the same members, was formed.

While the official history of the present Carmel Lions Club begins with the 1936 charter, as far as Lions International is concerned, the two clubs were one in practice, as far as the Carmel community was concerned.

Thus, the club in 2011 celebrated its 75th anniversary, not its 81st.

Charter Member Recalls

Present in 1986, at the 50th anniversary celebration of the club under the second charter, were two charter members of both Carmel clubs, Lester "Leck" Hinshaw and Marcus Kendall, along with Oakley Horton, a charter member of the first club. Lion Leck and Lion Marcus in time served as president of the second club while Lion Oakley was the founding secretary of the first.

Lion Hinshaw at the 50th anniversary banquet recalled that not only the deepening Depression but also dissent in the club, over a club project that failed, caused the first club to begin falling apart.

"Carmel then wasn't a very big place," he said. "The businesses depended on the farm trade, and someone said that farmers and their wives wanted a comfort station, so we decided to build one and put our club house over it. We started digging the cellar and the pits for the toilets when someone said that they would be too close to the town's well."

Members and others in the town began to argue over how far away from the well the facility should be, and the resulting disagreement, plus

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the economic hard times, did the club in. The location of the comfort station was to have been on a vacant lot on the north side of Main Street west of Range Line Road where the livery stable that was destroyed in the 1913 downtown fire had stood.

On May 16, 1930, the Noblesville Ledger introduced the club to the county as follows:

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BUSINESS MEN OF CARMEL ORGANIZE LIONS CLUB

Everett Stroud is President and Oakley Horton Secretary

(Special to The Ledger)

CARMEL, Ind. May 16 – The business men of Carmel met at the Legion Hall and organized a Lions Club with a membership of nineteen. Officers were elected as follows:

President--Evert Stroud.

First Vice Pres.--Dr. C.M. Donahue.

Second Vice Pres.--Oscar Applegate.

Third Vice-Pres.--Dr. A.B. Claypool.

Secretary--Oakley Horton.

Treasurer--Chester Bailey.

Directors--LaRue Hinshaw, Fred Stratton, Marcus Kendall. Fourth director to be supplied.

The club will meet at the Legion Hall each Friday evening. Wednesday evening May 21st will be chapter night when the newly organized club will entertain something like two hundred members and their wives from other meetings in this part of the state.

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On May 27, 1930, a story in The Ledger began as follows:

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LIONS CLUB AT CARMEL GETS UNDER WAY

(Special to The Ledger)

CARMEL, Ind. May 27—Carmel's newly organized Lions Club held a Charter night celebration on Wednesday, May 21st, at the Legion Hall in Carmel, and it proved a very enjoyable as well as instructive meeting. The room and tables were decorated with baskets and vases of flowers and presented a very pretty setting for the occasion. The Carmel Lions had their wives as guests, as well as some forty members of other clubs with their wives. The Central Lions Club, of Indianapolis, sent a large delegation and furnished a nice part of the program, this club being the sponsor of the Carmel club.

Special guests of the occasion were Dist. Gov. Edward O. Snethen of Indianapolis, who was the principal speaker of the evening, and M. Cloyde Sullivan of Champaign, Ill., who is known all over the United States as "Harmonica Mike," he being a professional entertainer on the harmonica over radio stations and at various meetings and entertainments.

Lion Lorenz D. Ginger of the North Side Indianapolis Lions Club was a very efficient toastmaster and Edward Kenner, State Lion Song Leader, of the Central Indianapolis Lions Club, had charge of the songs, which were largely special Lions songs set to familiar music.

The ladies of Carmel's American Legion Auxiliary served a very nice banquet and Carmel's young men's orchestra furnished some real peppy music.

The Ledger concluded its report with the entire program, which, in addition, to what is listed above, also included:

Singing of "America," invocation by Lion Fred Lime, singing of "Hail! Hail! The Lions Are Here," welcome address by Lion C.M. Donahue; response by Rev. C.A. Wagner; reading by Oakley Horton; marimba solo by Dalton Wicker; presentation of charter by Gov. Snethen; acceptance of charter by Lion Evert Stroud; Indianapolis Triple Quartet; singing of "Indiana Lions;" and benediction by Rev. O. P. Van Y.

The Ledger concluded with a list of charter members and officers. the same as in the May 15 newspaper story excerpt for addition of Worthy Pucket, lion tamer; R.A. Cooper, tail twister, and Oliver Applegate as a director.

Charter Members of 1930 Club
Oscar Applegate, Chester F. Bailey, Oliver M. Applegate, Ross A. Cooper, A.B. Claypool, Claude M. Donahue, Chas. Y. Foster, E.M. Hardin, LaRue Hinshaw, Oakley Horton, Lester Hinshaw, Earl Jeffries, Marcus Kendall, Otis W. Nutt, Worthy E. Puckett, C.D. Peck, Fred Stratton, S.C. Saffell, Evert M. Stroud, W. Stanley and Loyd Smith.

I have a photo copy of the 1930 charter banquet program given to me by Lion John Klotz along with an original 1936 charter banquet program. He got them from a friend, Jean Flint of Carmel. Her father, a Lion from Crawfordsville, introduced quests at the 1936 event and may have been at the 1930 event.

This is on the back of the 1930 charter banquet program: On dismissal facing flag-salute. "I am an American. God help me to do my duty as such."

This appeared in the Noblesville Ledger on June 11, 1930:

**NEW LIONS CLUB
AT CARMEL HOLDS
FIRST MEETING**

(Special to The Ledger)

CARMEL, Ind. June 10—The first regular meeting of the newly organized Carmel Lions Club, was held Friday evening, June 8th, at the Jeffries Restaurant with sixteen members present. Following an excellent lunch, the body adjourned to the Legion hall where the business session was held.

The committee on a constitution and by-laws presented their report and after discussions as to membership fees and other regulations, the amended report was adopted. Membership fees were set at twenty-five dollars and dues at nine dollars a year.

Several suggestions were made as to community activities, which it would advisable for the Lions to sponsor, and several were accepted. It was decided to cooperate with the town board in getting all traction cars to stop at the Carmel station as a means of eliminating the hazard at the crossing on Main street West. Plans were made to prepare a parking lot for patrons of the town. This was referred to the committee on community activities.

An effort will be made to assist the town board in running a proper water main to the school house to insure fire protection and obtain lower fire insurance rates. A committee of three from each township was appointed to discuss this with the trustees. Other suggestions were made and held over for future meetings.

Keen interest is being shown in the new organization by all members, and all are willingly cooperating to demonstrate its value to the community. Definite programs will be advanced to back up the Boy Scouts in their work, foster the trade at home spirit in the community and secure a general cooperation of merchants, churches and citizens in all constructive programs.

A delegation of several members will represent the club at Zionsville's charter meeting of June 20.

Starting All Over

Four years after the club disbanded, hard times were becoming less burdensome, and some in the town voiced the notion, according to Lion Leck Hinshaw, that a Lions Club was still needed to help do things, through voluntary action, that town government was reluctant to do through forced taxation.

So, the Westfield Lions Club agreed to sponsor a new Lions Club under a new charter.

Emboldened by the Lions Clubs motto, "We Serve," the new club hit the ground running in 1936.

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Chapter 2: Early Years Of New Club, 1936-1950

By 1936, the economy was improving, and a new Carmel Lions Club was formed.

The new club was organized on April 24 by the Lions Club of Westfield, Ind., according to an organizational report sent to Lions International, paving the way for chartering.

A photocopy of this report was procured from Lions International by Past International Director (now an International Vice-President) Wayne Madden of the Auburn, Ind., Lions Club. Lions International received it on April 28, according to a hand-stamp imprinted on it.

This April 28 date is the same date the charter on the wall in the clubhouse is signed. A club is only provisional, however, until it accepts the charter, which completes the founding.

The organizational report gives the number of charter members as 20. This increased to 24 by the May 26 charter night, when the club formally accepted the charter.

The organizational report says dues were due on June 7.

Officers were listed as:

Dr. H.C. Hutson, president.
Russell Fisher, 1st vice president.
Wilmer Stanley, 2nd vice president.
Maurice Edwards, 3rd vice president.
C. L. Golding, secretary.
Edgar Kinkaid, treasurer.
Lester Hinshaw, lion tamer.
C. W. Compton, tail twister.
R. W. Carey, Fred Zell, Ralph Slaughter and
M. E. Kendall, directors.

Committee chairmen were:

Ralph Slaughter, charter night.
Wilmer Stanley, membership.
C. L. Golden, finance.

A Charter Roster sent to the club by Lions International listed the names of those on record as of April 24 as charter members together with their addresses (all Carmel) and their occupational classifications as follows:

Charter Members in 1936

C.T. Bailey, real estate, R.W. Carey, insurance; C.W. Compton, stock dealer; Dr. Ross Cooper, M.D.; Maurice Edwards, elevator operator; Russell Fisher, teacher; C.Y. Foster, elevator; C.L. Golding, Ford dealer; Lester Hinshaw, merchant; Casey Hobbs, insurance; Dr. H.C. Hutson, dentist; Roy Jeffries, merchant; M.E. Kendall, elevator; Edgar Kinkaid, elevator operator; Dewey R. McVey, real estate; Howard Morris, clothing; Ralph Slaughter, grocer; Wilmer Stanley, plumber; A. Vic Almond, coal; and Fred Zell, dairy. The term "elevator" refers to an elevated storage facility used by dealers who bought grain from farmers.

Added before charter night were Jason Newlin, Ho-mer Jessup, George Stout and Tracy Morris, classifications not given, as listed on the Charter Night program.

(Charter members of the 1936 club who also had been charter members of the 1930 club were C.F. Bailey, Ross Cooper, Chas. Y. Foster, Lester Hinshaw, M.E. Kendall and W. Stanley.)

1936 Charter Night

The charter for the new Carmel Lions Club was presented to club President H.C. Hutson by Claude Rich, District Governor of Indiana South District, at a banquet in Carmel at a place not now known.

An original printed program was given to Lion John Klotz by Jean Flint, a friend of his living in Carmel, whose father, of Crawfordsville, was on the Charter Night program. Lion John presented it to Lion John Rutherford for his collection of Lions Club memorabilia.

The printing is on yellow stock with the front cover depicting the Lions emblem and these words:

Charter Night. Carmel Lions Club, sponsored by Westfield Club, May 26th, 1936

The second page has the menu:

Green Beans, Dressing, Escalloped Potatoes, Spring Salad, Hot Rolls, Butter, Strawberry Short Cake, Coffee.

The third page lists order of the program:

Call to Order, W. E. Furnas, Westfield Club. Invocation, Rev. Hazen Sparks, Methodist Church, Carmel. Songs, Ed Kepner, Indianapolis Club. Introduction of Toastmaster, W. E. Furnas, Westfield Club. Welcome, C. Y. Foster, Carmel Club. Response, J. F. Beals, Westfield Club. Introduction of Guests, J. P. Flint, Crawfordsville. Special Number, Peggy Miller. Address, Dr. Robert Phillips, Past International Director. Presentation of Charter, Claude Rich, Governor, Indiana South. Response, H. C. Hutson, President of the Carmel Club. Closing Song, Ed Kepner.

The back page contains names of officers and members, as previously listed above.

First Year A Busy One

The revived Carmel Lions Club got off to a fast start.

Wayne Madden, past International Director, delivered the address at the club's 65th anniversary celebration in 2001.

In his remarks he drew upon the activities of the Carmel Club over the years from information he had received from Lions International. Later, he sent me photocopies of the activities summaries for my collection of Lions memorabilia. The first one follows with verbatim heading and text:

Outstanding Activities 1936-1937

Sponsored a play given at the High School Auditorium.
Met with the P.T.A. to erect safety signs at main roads entering the town.
Sponsored a Children's Christmas Party.
Promoted speed restrictions on highway near church during meetings and funerals.
Sponsored three-day Carmel Centennial during which the club operated bingo and refreshment stands.
Sponsored Girl Scout troop.
Gave treats to children.
Gave Christmas baskets to needy families and sponsored town Christmas lighting program.
Contributed to school luncheon fund for undernourished children.
Gave treats to children. Met with Conservation Club and with Westfield Lions.
Netted \$36 on three basketball games. The money was turned over to a playground fund established by the club. (Editor's Note—It isn't clear what the club did to earn this money—J.W.R.)
Held Ladies Night.
Cleared vacant lot and graded it for a croquet court.

Girl Scouts

In her 1987 book, "Carmel Second Discovery," Dorothy "Dotty" Smith devotes a section to the histories of many Carmel organizations. One of them is labeled, "Girl Scouts." It begins this way:

"Girl Scouting came to Carmel in 1937 under the leadership of Mrs. Claude Donahue, Mrs. Harriet Jeffries, Mrs. Russell Fisher, Mrs. J.W. Brown, and Mrs. Don Christie."

All of these women were, or were to be, wives of Carmel Lions Club members with the possible exception of Mrs. Brown. This, together with the listing of the club's "sponsorship" of a Girl Scout troop for 1936-1937 in an activities summary compiled by Lions International, indicates that the Carmel Lions Club was host to the first Girl Scouts troop organized in Carmel.

Mrs. Smith goes on to list the Carmel Lions Club along with various churches and schools that have provided places for the Girl Scouts to meet.

As far as is known, the Carmel Lions have provided a place for Girl Scouts to meet without charge all throughout its history. According to Dottie Smith's Carmel history, the number of Girl Scout units at all levels of Scouting in 1969 was 25.

It is difficult to find out for sure if Lions Club quarters were used continuously by Girl Scouts because the booking of space was handled administratively and would not necessarily show up in minutes of actions taken from time to time by the board or club. Also, since there is no charge, there would be no rental payments to show up in financial budgets.

In the Lions year of 2001-2002, two Girl Scout troops were named as meeting in the Lions Clubhouse. Girl Scout Troop 790 was meeting on Thursdays from 7:30 to 8 p.m. on the second and fourth weeks of each month September through May. Girl Scout Troop 555 was meeting on Fridays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the second and third weeks of each month September through May.

1937 Carmel Centennial

The Carmel Lions organized the three-day 1937 centennial celebrating the 100th birthday of Carmel's founding. Carmel began as a 14-lot subdivision at the intersection of Main Street (now called Range Line Road) and Main Cross Street (now called Main Street).

It was called Bethlehem, but, to avoid confusion with another a town on the Ohio River with the same name, the name of Carmel was attached to its first postoffice in 1846 by the U.S. Postoffice Department.

Many in town still called it Bethlehem until 1874 when the unincorporated settlement was officially incorporated as a town with the name of Carmel.

Seventeen chairmen were named to run the event, not all of them Lions, but William Stanley, a Lion, was the general chairman.

A booklet entitled "Carmel Centennial Book" was published for the 1937 Carmel Centennial. It contained a brief history of the town, written by Jane Haines; pictures, of the town; the centennial program and pictures and histories of various community organizations.

The booklet was reprinted for the 1987 Carmel Sesquicentennial – errors and all.

1937 Club Roster

The Centennial Book printed the membership roster of the Lions Club as follows:

Tracey Morris, president; Russell Fisher, music teacher, 1st vice pres.; Edgar Kincaid, elevator, treasurer; George Stout, bookkeeper, secretary; Maurice Edwards, elevator; Doyle Corbin, grocer; Roy Ottinger, gasoline; Howard Morris, men's store; Lester Hinshaw, radio, electric supplies; Marcus Kendall, elevator owner; Wyatt Carey, insurance; W. A. Caperton, Percheron horses; Homer Jessup, farmer, county commissioner; Fred Zell, creamery owner; Glen Smith, filling station owner; Dr. H. C. Hutson, dentist; Jason Newlin, electrician; A. V. Almond, owner, coal yard; C. Y. Foster, owner, elevator; Dewey McVey, real estate; Wilmer Stanley, plumbing; C. L. Golding, Ford garage; Don

Hobbs, insurance; Roy Jeffries, billiard parlor; R. A. Cooper, doctor; H. R. Lamb, well drilling.

The Carmel Fair

In 1938, the club launched the three-day Carmel Fair. The Noblesville Ledger gave it extensive publicity, and apparently it was well received. It was a throwback in part to the agricultural fair and horse shows that had been held for many years in Carmel before the World War (now known as World War I).

The following is the first announcement of the fair in the Ledger on Aug. 6, 1938:

**CARMEL FAIR
SPONSORED BY
LIONS CLUB**

Interesting Program For
August 18th, 19th and 20th

**TRACTOR PLOWING
TO BE FEATURED**

On The Lynnwood Farm
On the Last Day

The program has been completed for the Carmel Fair to be held August 18, 19 and 20. The event is being sponsored by the Carmel Lions Club, which reports that it is indebted to the following persons and firms of the county for their generous contributions in making the fair a success.

R. O. Jeffries, Fred Zell, Dr. Ross A. Cooper, Gernie Seeright, Beeson A. Sink, Tuttleben Pharmacy, Floyd's market, Humpty Dumpty, Lynnwood Farms, Foster-Kendall Co., Traction Light and Power, Noblesville Milling, A. V. Almond, Wilkinson Lumber Co., O. W. Nutt Hardware, Colonel Trester, Carmel Lunch, Carr's Barber Shop, Jane F. Haines, Oakley Hutton, Dr. H. C. Hutson, Otha Myers, Charles G. Powell, The Point, Brooks & Hinshaw, Lemuel Carey, Beard Barber Shop, Elenor Beauty Shop, Hazel Applegate, Sam Pursel, R. W. Carey, Ernest Brunson, Ollie Buckles, Evans Café, O. M. Applegate, Noblesville Daily Ledger, Union State Bank Westfield, Frank Fleming, Martin Carey, Carmel Garage, Cozy Cleaners & Shoe Service, Roy Ottinger, Carmel Hatchery & Supply Co., Dr. C. M. Donahue, Florence Jewett, Everett Harvey & Son, Flag Pole, Herbert Lamb, C. L. Golding, J. E. Mendenhall, F. A. Richwine, Paul Manship.

The officers of the fair are Pres., M. E. Kendall; Sec.-Treas. Harriet Jeffries; Assistants, Tracy Morris, H. F. Watson, Earl Jeffries, Roy Ottinger and Wilmer Stanley.

Valuable premiums are offered in the following departments: Agriculture, flowers and home economics.

The management is featuring a tractor plowing contest to be held on the last day of the fair on the Lynnwood farm, three miles east of Carmel.

The fair story also included times and prizes for the following events:

Thursday - Musical entertainment, watermelon eating contest, fat man's race, band contest and special numbers.

Friday - Horseshoe tournament, musical entertainment, cracker eating contest, bicycle races, roller skating races, band concert and special numbers.

Saturday - Tractor plowing demonstration of leading makes of tractors, musical entertainment, ribbon chewing contest, pet parade, band concert and special numbers and cooking demonstrations.

Subsequent stories in the Ledger gave technical details of the tractor contest and long lists of produce, flowers, baking goods, home canning, home improvement decorations and cloth handwork to be displayed and prizes and ribbons to be awarded. Prizes varied from 50 cents to \$7.

Seven county tractor dealerships and Huber Mfg. Co. of Indianapolis entered tractors in the plowing contest. Before the demonstration, representatives of the county agricultural agents office plowed the initial furrows on each one-acre plots of land. Furrows were to be seven inches deep, and all tractors would be started at the same time. The technical staff of Standard Oil Co. computed the amount of fuel used by each tractor, and Chester Quear, Carmel High School principal, and assistants clocked the amount of time each tractor took and the cost of the fuel used.

The pet parade was in charge of Roy Ottinger, George Stout and Russell Fisher. Three Westfield Lions Club members were judges of the parade.

The first fair took an enormous amount of man-hours to plan and execute. While sponsorships and gifts covered expenses, the club began to look for another project, and one, a fish fry, was started the following year, in 1939. The fair eventually saw its day come to an end, but it was still being held in 1940.

The Ledger on Sept. 28, 1939 reported that the Carmel Lions Club observed ladies night with supper in the dining room of the Friends Church.

Another report on a ladies night was in the Noblesville Ledger on Nov. 25, 1938 as follows:

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**CARMEL LIONS
PLAN A BUSY
XMAS SEASON**

CARMEL, Nov. 25 - The Carmel Lions Club entertained the Lion ladies at the M.E. church dining room Tuesday night with the M.E. Aid Society serving the delicious supper.

Plates were laid out for 33 at the long table attractively decorated with small turkeys and

candy corn and all but one of that number were present.

The club members held a business session after the supper while the ladies adjourned in the church auditorium where Mrs. Margaret Austin of the "Dairy Council" in Indianapolis later showed three reels of pictures - "Milk Parade" narrated by Lowell Thomas, "The Human Race" and an animated cartoon, "A Day at Coney Island."

All three pictures were of the educational type on the value of milk in the diet.

The paramount issue of the business session was the coming Christmas season, the party for the children of Carmel, the Christmas lights which are to be strung up in the business district, baskets for the needy, and a basketball game sponsored by the Lions Club on December 17th to raise funds to bolster the treasury for the annual Christmas party.

President Glen Smith stated, with the weather permitting, he proposed to have a "Community Sing" in conjunction with the children's party and all those who like to sing have a special invitation to attend.

The Lions expect to work with the American Legion auxiliary, churches, clubs, and lodges in planning the baskets and donations for the needy so that their benefits may be more widespread.

(Ed. Note: There followed a list of attendees, all Lions and their wives except for the speaker and Rev. Morrow. JWR)

An announcement in The Ledger on Dec. 17, 1938, extended "to all Carmel" a cordial invitation to attend the club's Christmas party that night where all children would receive a treat and meet with Santa Claus.

Judging of Christmas Lighting

The club announced judging for the best Christmas lighting of homes, both inside and outside, would be conducted between Christmas and New Year's Day with announcement of winners made after Jan. 1, 1939.

Fish Fry Oldest Carmel Event

In 1939, the first two-day Carmel Fish Fry was held. It was still going strong in 2011, making it Carmel's oldest yearly community event.

Announcement of the first fish fry was buried by the Noblesville Daily Ledger in the story of a meeting of the Westfield Lions Club.

"Invitations were read by the secretary to the Carmel club's fish fry on Friday and Saturday evenings," the Ledger reported on Saturday, Sept. 23, 1939.

No other mention of the fish fry was found in the Ledger until one year later when the following story appeared on Sept. 24, 1940:

CARMEL LIONS NOT TO BE OUT DONE BY OTHERS

The Carmel Lions Club is not to be out-done by any other club this year or any other year. Last year they held a fish fry and decided to make it an annual affair because of the success they had. The date for this year is Friday and Saturday nights, Oct. 4 and 5. The location has been announced as on the vacant lot between the drug store and Carmel Hatchery on State Road 431. Many valuable and desirable prizes will be distributed among contestants and the program committee is working hard to arrange a good time for big, little, young and old. The proceeds will be used for the annual Christmas treat and program for the kiddies of the community, which has been an annual affair since the club was organized.

Although not as large in members as some of the clubs in their zone, the Carmel Club has done a great deal of community work and has made progressive strides for the betterment of the club itself. They have their own hall and serve their own banquets. Apparently every member recognizes his obligations and from all appearances, does his full share of Lionism.

(State Road 431 was carried by Range Line Road at that time.)

An 8-column wide banner at the bottom of Page 1 of the Noblesville Daily Ledger a few days later proclaimed:

2ND ANNUAL FISH FRY SPONSORED BY
CARMEL LIONS CLUB FRIDAY AND
SATURDAY OCTOBER 4TH AND 5TH PUBLIC
INVITED

On Oct. 5, 1940. this story appeared:

FISH FRY IS BIG SUCCESS

Six Hundred People at Carmel Event
The second annual fish fry sponsored by the Carmel Lions Club started off last night (Friday) with much enthusiasm. The crowd was much larger than anticipated, but was served without delay. It is estimated that the more than six hundred people were served and a larger crowd is expected to attend tonight (Saturday). They serve fish, hamburger, wieners, slaw, baked beans, pie, cake and coffee besides some soft drinks. Three tables, approximately 60 feet long, were constructed for patrons and the grounds were well lighted. The wives of members of the club are

doing the serving, assisted by several young women. In case of rain, the public will be served either at the school gym, or in the Legion Hall. The public is cordially invited to attend tonight.

How to Count Annual Fish Frys

The two-day fish fry has been held each year annually since 1939. In counting the number of fish frys, don't forget to start with 1939 as the 1st. Thus:

10th was in 1948 20th was in 1958
30th was in 1968 40th was in 1978
50th was in 1988 60th was in 1998
70th was in 2008

72nd was in 2010
73rd was in 2011
74th will be in 2012
80th will be in 2019

Leck Hinshaw's Movie

A 15-minute home movie of Carmel people was shot by Leck Hinshaw. It shows a Carmel Lions Fish Fry and a watermelon eating contest and pet parade associated with a Carmel Fair sponsored by the Lions Club.

The movie begins with footage of a large crowd milling in a field with a sign in front saying "CARMEL WILLKIETOWN."

This sign was either in Carmel or in Elwood, where the Hoosier-born Wendell Willkie gave his speech accepting the Republican nomination for president.

Since Willkie was a darkhorse candidate who got the nomination in September 1940 after the two front-runners deadlocked, the Fish Fry scenes that followed must have been of the second fish fry, not the first as some have surmised.

The movie wound up in the hands of Dean Kendall, son of ex-Lion Marcus Kendall. Dean gave a DVD copy of it to Lion Robert Ferrin.

Club Met At Various Places

While an above story refers to the club having its own hall and serving its own banquets, stories in that time period never say exactly where this particular hall was located.

The club is known to have met at times over the Carmel Barber Shop and also over the Carmel Garage (which later became Economy Elevator), and elsewhere.

On Sept. 28, 1940, a ladies night was held in the dining room of the Friends Church on Range Line Road. The supper for 48 was served by the Dorcas Society. A home movie of a recent trip was shown by Glen Smith,

By the middle 1940's the club was meeting in rooms of a house located on the site of the present Carmel Lions Club building on East Main Street.

What is known for sure is the club bought the 2-acre site on contract in 1945 and remained in the house until building the present clubhouse some time in 1950 or 1951, precise date not found.

The second summary of activities by Lions International and provided by Past International Director Wayne Madden follows with verbatim heading and text:

Outstanding Activities 1943-1945

Sponsored Boy Scout financial drive.
Sent boy to Boys State.
Enrolled in Red Cross Blood Bank.
Held Ladies Nights.

Wrote representatives regarding immediate payment to dependents of members of the Armed Forces.
Conducted Membership Development program.
Sponsored two-day fish fry raising \$500.
Also held a Draw on two \$25 War Bonds.
Entertained guests at Ladies Nights.

Met with American Legion regarding series of Defense meetings.
Host to District Governor.
Arranged to purchase \$100 War Bond and \$25 worth of Stamps.
Entertained School Principal.

Contributed toward Sight Saving Committee of Columbus Ohio Lions Club.

Supported and helped modernize Volunteer Fire Department.
Corresponded with Service men.
Contributed toward Red Cross.
Entertained two WAACs at Ladies Night.
Staged Patriotic meetings.

Contributed \$25 to Tri Kappa Sorority to provide medicine and medical care for children.
Host to Superintendent of Indiana State School for the Deaf.
Bought and installed flood lights for playground.
Sponsored 4-J Club Shows.
Held Fish Fry.
Held Ladies Night.

Host to principal, basketball squad and coach from high school.
Sought to reduce speed of truck traffic.
Worked on Skating Rink.

Bought and distributed food and clothing to needy at Christmas.
Worked on tennis courts.

On Jan. 23, 1945, J. B. Stephens, recreation director of Noblesville, spoke to the Carmel Lions Club. He talked about community recreation and about the program he developed at Sweetser, which was about the same size as Carmel. His

program was designated a model program by the State Board of Health.

The Ledger reported, "As the Carmel Lions Club has spent considerable time and money in recent years in community recreation projects, members were much interested in and greatly appreciated the talk."

Twenty-five club members enjoyed dinner served by Mrs. Mildred Donahue.

This story appeared on Jan. 28, 1945 in the Noblesville Daily Ledger:

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**CARMEL LIONS
ENJOY "EVENING
WITH RILEY"**

CARMEL, Feb. 28 - "Ladies Night" was observed by the Carmel Lions Club Tuesday evening with a dinner meeting at the American Legion Gun Club cabin west of town.

Guest speaker was Ed Snethen, Indianapolis attorney, who presented a delightful program entitled "An Evening With Riley" and portrayed various characters and reviewed incidents in the life of the Hoosier poet. Mr. Snethen gave several of his poems.

A brief business meeting was in charge of the president, George Verplank, and secretary, Leonard Compton. The dinner was served under the direction of Mrs. Freda Hinshaw.

Members and guests present included Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Almond, Mr. and Mrs. John Banning, Mr. and Mrs. Newell Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hinshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Huey, Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Nutt, Mr. and Mr. Roy Ottinger, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pfothauer, Mr. and Mr. Harry Siemantel, Mr. and Mrs. George Verplank, Mr. and Mrs. John Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Max Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hagen, Rev. and Mrs. Glen Rinard, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Yeager and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stethen.

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Club Puts Down Its Roots

A story in The Ledger on March 29, 1945, about a Lions Club meeting said the club met for dinner "in the Lions Club rooms."

This reference to "rooms" indicated to me years later that the club was meeting, perhaps for the first time, on the site that was to host the club's meetings for the rest of the century.

The story said a war veteran, John Reddick, related his war experiences in the North African, Sicilian, Italian and French campaigns over a period of 31 months.

Also at the meeting a program was given by members of the Carmel FFA chapter whose adviser was John Banning, a Lion.

Contract Signed March 27, 1945

In doing research for this history, I came across a signed copy of the contract of purchase

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by the Lions Club of the house on this site. It was dated March 27, 1945, two days before the March 29 date of the above article. At this time it was not known publicly that the Lions had purchased the property (that came nearly a month later), but it could have been known that the Lions were meeting in rooms in the house that had belonged to Margaret E. Shackelford who had died the previous Nov. 18, 1944.

The following is the story in The Ledger on April 25, 1945 about the purchase:

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**CARMEL LIONS
BUY A PROPERTY**

**To Have Club Home; De-
Moss Talks On Scouting**

CARMEL, Apr. 28 - In a business meeting following the regular meeting of the Carmel Lions Club Tuesday evening, plans were made for improvements on the residence property recently purchased by the Club from Mrs. Margaret Dinkelaker.

The property, located on East Main Street in Carmel, includes a bungalow and considerable ground. The club plans to remodel the residence into a Club Home. Richard Hagan is general chairman in charge of the new property and he named several "one man" committees to be responsible for various improvements planned on the grounds.

Mrs. Dinkelaker had become owner of the property following the death of Mrs. Shackelford, her mother.

Purchase Agreement Summarized

Margaret Hull, a friend of mine who was with the Associated Press when I was with The Indianapolis News, was the daughter of Mrs. Dinkelaker. She let me photocopy originals of the purchase and other agreements with the Lions Club, dated March 27, 1945, that came into her possession. The purchase agreement gives the legal description of the property, now known as 141 E. Main St., Carmel, as follows:

Part of the West one-half of the Southwest quarter of Section 30, Township 18 North, Range 4 East, as follows: Beginning 34 and one-third rods West of the Northeast corner of said West half and run thence South 32 rods, thence West 10 rods, thence North 32 rods, thence East 10 rods to place of beginning, containing 2 acres, more or less.

The Lions Club agreed to pay \$4,500 for the land and buildings as follows:

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\$500 before or at the ensembling and delivery of the agreement, "the receipt where-of is hereby acknowledge," and \$4,000 to be paid in equal semi-annual payments of \$250 plus 5 1/2 per cent interest per annum "upon the whole sum remaining. The Lions agreed to pay greater payments at any time or the entire amount fully paid, in which case the club would receive title through a warranty deed.

On the other time, if the Lions were to be in default for 60 days or in breach of other terms of the agreement, they would be at risk of forfeiting all they had paid and the agreement nullified.

The club "shall not remodel the building or make any improvements to said property unless the plan and specifications for the same shall have been first submitted to, and approved in writing, by the seller."

Consent to Improvements

On April 6, 1945, Mrs. Dinkelater in a separate document, gave her "consent for Lions Club of Carmel, Indiana, to make certain alterations and/or improvements" to property purchased on March 27, 1945, from her "as set out below:

1. Grading, leveling and filling where necessary, the grounds, and landscaping same with trees and shrubbery.
2. Installing modern plumbing facilities to accommodate two rest rooms.
3. Redecorating, such as painting woodwork, repairing or covering floors, etc.
4. Repairing and installing new electrical wiring, when and where necessary.
5. Construct a side driveway and parking facilities.
6. Repair old entrance to basement or construct new entrance.
7. Remove or remodel back porch.
8. Remove partitions between the west room (bedroom) and Living Room.
9. Move the small building and repair same for use as a tool shed.
10. Install Lions Club sign at the front of property.
11. Repair and point foundation where necessary.
12. Construct an outdoor furnace and tables.
13. Remove grape arbor.
14. Erect a fence along the west side of the property (Note: There is no mention made of replacing the house with a newly constructed clubhouse, but this could have been consented to later.)

Club Put Up Street Names

At the 50th anniversary banquet of the Carmel Lions Club in 1986, I asked Leck Hinshaw to verify that the Lions Club put up the town's first street signs as a club project, as I had heard. He said yes. Before that, names of streets had shifted over the years, and some were known by different names by different people.

Not only that, he said, but he took the opportunity to come up with a new street naming system that he thought would simplify the finding of addresses. It is based on four quadrants formed by the intersection of Main Street and Range Line Road. Avenues runs east and west while streets run north and south. SE, NE, NW and SW at the end of a street or avenue would designate the quadrant. The number before the street or avenue would designate the precise location. Example: 110 First Street SE (or SW or NE or NW). Alas, not everyone, including special delivery mail carriers, remember which way the streets and the avenues run.

This was in the early 1940's when several Lions Club members were on the town board.

Lions on Town Board

1930-1936: Russell Fisher, Herbert Lamb, Ross Cooper, Marcus Kendall, Rue Hinshaw (clerk-treas.).
 1936-1940: Rue Hinshaw, Charles Compton, Herbert Lamb.
 1940-44: Rue Hinshaw, Herman Nutt, Harry West.
 1944-48: Rue Hinshaw, Herman Nutt, Harry West, Newell Brooks.
 1948-52: Rue Hinshaw, Herman Nutt, Newell Brooks.

On May 23, 1945, The Ledger reported that Harrell Mossburg, director of the Fish and Game Division of the State Department of Conservation spoke at a ladies night at Carmel School's dining room.

1945-1946 Club Officers

In July, 1945, according to a Ledger story, officers of the Carmel Lions Club were Lester Hinshaw, president; Harry Burgher, first vice president; Herman Nutt, second vice-president; Harry West, third vice-president; Leonard Compton, secretary; Jason Newby, treasurer; Chester Quear, lion tamer; John Dean, tail twister, and A.V. Almond, Roy Ottinger, Marcus Kendall and John Featherston, directors.

Pitch-in at Forest Park

On July 5, 1945, ladies night was observed with a pitch-in supper at Forest Park at Noblesville.

Fish Fry Hosts Newsboys Band

On Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, 1945, the club held its annual Fish Fry "on the newly purchased club grounds on East Main Street," according to the Ledger. The first night the 50-member Indianapolis News' Newsboys Band presented a concert as part of the festivities.

"Preceding the event," reported the Ledger, "several members gave the club a thorough cleaning while other members were busy hoeing weeds in the tomato patch on the club grounds."

Community Auction

On Nov. 2, 1945, the club had what it described as "a big community auction sale" under "a huge tent" on the Lions property.

Donkey Basketball

On Feb. 4, 1946, donkeys provided by a promoter were ridden by some members of the Lions Club playing against the American Legion for two eight-minute periods. Other games matched boys and girls from classes at the high school.

Price Controls

On Feb. 14, 1946, the Ledger reported that Charles Wyrich of the U.S. Office of Price Administration in Indianapolis spoke to the club. He said all World War II controls had been lifted except sugar rationing and price controls, still needed because of concern about inflation.

Housing of The Future

At the March, 1946, ladies night Ed Justice, sales promoter at Midland Building Industries in Carmel, said there were signs the lumber shortage caused by the war was abating and new home building would begin to boom. He predicted one-story ranch-type homes would be popular with new features to include automated, regulated heating; indirect lighting; kitchen exhaust fans, newly styled bathrooms and fewer basements.

High Roller

For several years, the results of the Carmel Lions Club Bowling League at the Broad Ripple Alleys were reported in The Ledger. On March 21, 1946, it reported that Herman Nutt rolled a "brilliant" 632 in three sets for the highest league score in two years.

Club Organizes Softball League

"A Carmel community softball league is being organized under the sponsorship of the Carmel Lions Club," The Ledger reported on May 24, 1946. "Games will be played under the flood lights on the school athletic field." The lights were installed by the club two years earlier.

Teams were formed under the sponsorship of Carmel American Legion, Lynnwood Farms, Clay Center School, Carmel FFA and Foster-Kendall Co. Earl Overman, new high school athletic director, would oversee it.

Building Shook

Hilda Humpke Hadley came to Carmel as a young lady with her parents and other family in 1945. In 2011, she recalled the Girl Scouts meeting in the old house, probably in 1946. They were not able to dance because the building was so rickety.

In April, 1946, there were 24 graduates from Carmel High School, about the same number as members of the Carmel Lions Club. Sheridan High School graduated 60.

1946-1947 Lions Club Officers

Roy Ottinger, president; A.V. Almond, 1st vice-president; Chester Quear, 2nd vice-president; Kenneth Booth, 3rd vice-president; Newell Brooks, secretary; Gilbert Long, treasurer; Henry Burgher, lion tamer; Richard Hagen, tail twister; Marcus Kendall, Leonard Compton, George Pattison, Charles Gregg, directors.

Lions learned that 48 Hamilton County residents were killed in World War II, according to the War Department.

Public Address System First Used

For the second year in a row, the Indianapolis News Newboys Band played in concert one night at the 1946 Fish Fry "on the club ground on E. Main St." The next night WIBC radio stars Country Cousin and Emmy performed.

President Roy Ottinger reported in The Ledger, "Despite the shortage of many commodities, the Lions obtained an ample supply of fish, hamburgers, ice cream, cake pie and many other good things to eat."

A Ledger story also reported "bleacher seats as well as tables placed on the club ground for the convenience of visitors, and a public address system is being used for announcements."

Apparently there was little or no seating in the old house on the property the Lions were buying.

Constitution and Bowling

The Lions met for dinner and business in September, 1946, in the basement recreation room at the home of member Chester Quear. Harry Dawson, who served in India during the war, told of his experiences. A.V. Almond presided in place of President Roy Ottinger who was on a hunting trip in Canada.

The club spent \$30 for literature for Constitution Week in the Carmel School. It also OK'd moving the Carmel Lions Bowling League of teams sponsored by businesses and organizations from Broad Ripple to alleys in Noblesville.

Signs Boost Club

In November, 1946, the club met for a ladies night in the dining room at the Friends Church. John Beasley, a nutritionist, spoke. Kathleen Piper, a harpist, played. The club approved placing Lions Club signs at four entrances to the town.

Safety Patrol Proposed

In December, 1946, the club proposed the organization of Safety Patrols where school children crossed the two state highways going through town. The schools agreed to select student guards with the club to pay for the belts and badges. Also that month the club erected Christmas decorations downtown.

In March, 1947, a ladies night was held at Little Eagle Christian Church. The church was located northwest of Carmel west of Westfield. Church ladies served the meal. Member George Verplank, a contractor, talked about highway and bridge construction.

First School Board Chooses Lion

The township line put Carmel into both Clay and Delaware townships. A jerrybuilt, two-township school system had been rigged up by the township trustees of the two townships.

The State Board of Accounts suggested creation of a school board to simplify the bookkeeping. This was agreed to with a board consisting of the county superintendent of schools and the two trustees. At its first meeting on May 19, 1947, Lester Parker, a Lion, was named High School principal replacing Clyde Sutton who retired.

An elected school board came later as did enlarging Clay Township to include the western part of Delaware.

1947-1948 Club Officers

Carmel Lions Club officers for the 1946-48 club year were Leland Huey, president; Chester Quear, first vice-president; Herman Nutt, second vice-president; Merritt Murphy, third vice-president; Bill Fish, secretary; Newell Brooks, treasurer; John Dean, tail twister; Ivan Yeager, lion tamer, and Marcus Kendall, Tracey Morris, A.V. Almond and Leonard Compton, directors. The installation was "at the Lion Hall."

Street Carnival

The Lions Club sponsored a street carnival the week of June 10-14, 1947, with rides by an Indianapolis company. Lions proceeds went to finance community projects.

Club's Intention Made Known

A Ledger story included this sentence: "The Lions Club at the present time is buying a property in Carmel with the intention of developing it into a community house and playground."

Homemade Pies A Big Hit

Homemade pies got top billing in the promotion for the 1947 Carmel Lions Fish Fry. A story in the Noblesville Ledger credited the Lions with promising, "Nothing except home-made pies will be sold."

That was the year of the shifting dates for the fish fry, usually, but not always, held in August. It was first set for Sept. 12 and 13. Then, with no reason given, it was reset for Sept 19 and 20.

It also said there would be carnival-type games on the grounds, and, on the last day, an "old-time fiddlers contest."

Tour of New School

A December 1947 ladies night began in the library of the new John Strange Elementary School in nearby Washington Township of Marion County. Dinner followed in the dining room followed by a tour of the building led by Lion Chester Quear.

Basketball Team Feted

In March 1950, the club honored the Carmel basketball team with a dinner in the Friends Church basement.

New Slogan for City

In February 1948, the club adopted a slogan, "Carmel Can and Will." It asked all organizations do likewise, but there is no indication any did.

Kindergarten Move Discussed

The following was in a story in the Ledger on July 20, 1948, on a meeting of the Carmel Lions Club: "Ivan Yeager reported the committee in charge of arrangements for the kindergarten were favorable to install a toilet and lavatory, a heating system and drinking fountain and new linoleum in three rooms to be put in by the Lions members assisted by the Kindergarten Mothers Club and fathers. Kindergarten is to be held in the Lions Club House."

Nothing more was written immediately but a story in 1950 looking back says there was remodeling and the kindergarten moved in 1948 from the public library basement. The mothers club, however, according to one story, already was holding its meetings in the Lions Club. The context, including reference to "three rooms," indicates these stories refer to the old house on the property, not to the future new clubhouse where a one-room addition for the kindergarten was built in 1951.

The private kindergarten closed in 1956 when the public school began to offer kindergarten.

Lionism Is Topic

In January, 1950, Rev. Ray Echols, pastor of Carmel Methodist Church and member of the Lions Club, spoke to the club on Lionism.

Club Joins Cancer Control Battle

In 1949, the Carmel Lions Club joined other clubs in raising funds for the new statewide Lions Cancer Control Fund. The money went for purchasing a million-volt X-ray that doubled the I.U. Medical School's cancer fighting facilities. The club has continued with donations each year since.

Presidents of Carmel Lions Club

1936-37 Dr. H.C. Hutson; 1937-38 Tracy Morris;
1939-40 Glenn A. Smith.

1940-41 Jason Newlin; 1941-42 Maurice Edwards;
1942-43 Roger Kincaid; 1943-44 S. Fenstermaker Jr.;
1944-45 George F. Verplank; 1945-46 Lester Hinshaw;
1946-47 Roy Ottinger; 1947-48 Leland Huey Jr.;
1948-49 Chester Quear; 1949-50 Herman Nutt.

1950-51 Newell Brooks; 1951-52 Leonard W. Compton;
1952-53 Wayne McMahan; 1953-54 George Yount;
1954-55 John Gradle; 1955-56 Don E. Fry;
1956-57 William E. Thornberry; 1957-58 Robert McKenzie;
1958-59 Norman Webster; 1959-60 R. H. Helmuth.

1960-61 Norman Webster; 1961-62 C. F. Kumpf;
1962-63 Robert C. Fearrin; 1963-64 William Marvel;
1964-66 Paul F. McMillan; 1966-67 Dr. Robert J. Johnson;
1967-68 Austin H. Flanders; 1968-70 Charles L. Dobbins.

1970-71 Warren S. Saunders; 1971-72 Stephen R. Cox;
1972-73 Robert L. Yunker; 1973-74 Eugene T. Dragoo;
1974-75 Frank E. Rhea; 1975-76 Leonard Holloway Jr.;
1976-77 Thomas S. Bowers; 1977-78 Dr. Robert Hartman;
1978-79 Forest J. Hurst; 1979-80 Robert Ice.

1980-81 Larry R. Woodling; 1981-82 Miles D. Johnson;
1982-83 Philip Correll; 1983-84 John W. Rutherford;
1984-85 Joseph Marcheggiani; 1985-86 Fred Schmidt;
1986-87 Jack A. Sales; 1987-88 William D. Mahoney;
1988-89 James M. Thompson; 1989-90 William T. Stubbs.

1990-91 Nicholas R. Yunk; 1991-92 Robert D. Kraft;
1992-93 Al Genatone; 1993-94 Frank Mitchell;
1994-95 James R. DeLonay; 1995-96 Burney S. Jackson;
1996-97 Donald D. Scholar; 1997-98 Richard D. Dowell;
1998-99 Henrik C. Gahn; 1999-2000 Edward L. Pursel.

2000-01 David L. Van Horn; 2001-02 Robert Craigmyle;
2002-03 Ken Hubert; 2003-04 Jane Flower; 2004-05 Carl Weigle;
2005-06 Gordy Pearson; 2006-07 David DeVilbiss; 2007-08 Tom Lorson;
2008-09 Mark Anderson; 2009-10 Alice Gossett.

2010-11 James Colter 2011-12 Jeff Boller

Melvin Jones Fellows (As listed in 2010-11 Club Directory)—Mark Anderson, Kenneth Booth, Thomas W. Bowers, William D. Bugher, Janice Chapman, Meid Compton, Philip Correll, Robert Craigmyle, Robert “Bud” DeLance, James R. DeLonay, David DeVilbiss, Richard Dowell, Charles Dobbins, Jane Flower, Lee Flower, Henrik Gahn, Alice Gossett, Robert D. Hartman, Warren Helm, Leonard Holloway, Kenneth P. Hubert, Forrest I. Hurst, Burney Jackson, Miles Johnson, Carl J. Kinker, John Klotz, Tom Lorson, Douglas A. Lozier, Kathy Lozier, Bill Mahony, Connie Marcheggiani, Joseph Marcheggiani, Roy Mason, Bill Melton, Charles Frank Mitchell, Duane Monical, Max Moore, Gordon R. Pearson, Edward Pursel, Kenneth Pyle, Otto Reifeis, Tim Reiman, Frank Rhea, John Rutherford, Jack Sales, Warren Saunders, Freddie Schmidt, Kitty Schmidt, Donald Scholer, Lane Sims, Glenn Simpkins, Richard Smith, Harris Sumner, James M. Thompson, David Van Horn, Larry Woodling, Robert L. Yunker, Ted Zaleski.

Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows – (As listed in 2010-11 Club Directory)—Tom Bowers, Meid Compton, Robert Craigmyle, Jane Flower, Lee Flower, Alice Gossett, Forrest I. Hurst, Burney Jackson, Douglas A. Lozier, Connie L. Marcheggiani, Joseph Marcheggiani, John W. Rutherford, Freddie J. Schmidt, Glenn F. Simpkins, Harris C Sumner, Larry Woodling.

W.P. Woods Fellows – (As listed in 2010-11 Club Directory) – Mark Anderson, William Bugher, Meid Compton, Bob Craigmyle, Bud DeLance, James R. DeLonay, Jane Flower, Lee Flower, Alice Gossett, Dwight Gossett, Woody Hurst, Carl J. Kinker, Tom Lorson, Douglas Lozier, Kathy Lozier, Connie Marcheggiani, Joseph Marcheggiani, Barbara Orris, Timothy Reiman, Warren Saunders, Freddie Schmidt, James Thompson.
Progressive Woods Fellows – Jane Flower, Douglas A. Lozier, Joseph Marcheggiani.

Miyamoto Fellowship Award – (As listed in 2010-11 Club Directory) -- Lee Flower, Jim Thompson.

District Governors

25-D 1986-87 Joseph Marcheggiani
25-C 1986-87 Douglas A. Lozier*
25-D 1989-90 Freddie Schmidt
25-D 1998-99 James Thompson
25-D 2004-05 Lee Flower
25-D 2010-11 Mark Anderson
*Not a Carmel Lion at the time

State Council Chairs

1987-88 Joseph Marcheggiani
2005-06 Lee Flower

International Directors

1994-96 Joseph Marcheggiani, elected
2004-05 Joseph Marcheggiani, appointed
2008-10 Douglas A. Lozier, elected

History Of Carmel Lions Club

Chapter 3: Deed Ushers In New Era, 1950-1970

A letter on a Carmel Lions Club letterhead addressed to Margaret S. Dinkelaker dated May 25, 1951 states as follows:

Dear Madam:

We are happy to present you the enclosed check in the amount of \$1.00 for final payment on Lions Club property purchased from you.

Sincerely, CARMEL LIONS CLUB
(signed) RCStout, Treas.

I borrowed this letter and the \$1 check for photo-copying from Mrs. Dinkelaker's daughter, Margaret Hull. It backed up an affidavit for recording purposes dated March 16, 1951, stating a warranty deed for the property was issued that date for "\$1 and other considerations." The other considerations included paying off in installments a purchase price of \$4,500 stipulated in a purchase contract. The deed was recorded on March 24.

Mrs. Hull said there was a mistaken belief that her mother donated the two acres, but there some grumbling by relatives that the property was, or would be, worth considerably more. She said her mother wanted the Lions to have it because of the good work they did in the community.

There was also a belief handed down that Mrs. Dinkelaker had required that no liquor be served on the property, but no formal stipulation to this effect was found. The Lions may have not allowed serving of liquor because they believed she would have been disappointed or because members themselves were against the serving of liquor.

The conveyance also was signed by Herman Dinkelaker because Indiana law requires the approval of spouses for sale of real estate.

Clubhouse Building Date Narrowed

When was the new clubhouse built?

Official minutes before 1966 were trashed during a housekeeping more than 20 years ago, and no specific mention was found elsewhere.

A Sept. 2 1950 story in The Ledger on the opening of a new term for the privately-owned Carmel Kindergarten seems to place the Lions as

still in the old house on their Main Street property. This story said, "Two years ago the kindergarten was moved to the Lion Club house. The members of the club offered their home to the kindergarten, and after some remodeling (the kindergarten) now shares with the club on the utilities bill but does not pay rent."

This and a later story leads to the deduction that the construction of the new clubhouse took place between the Sept. 2 1950 date of the first story and the Nov. 10, 1951 date of the second story where reference is made, for the first time, of "the new building."

The headline of the second story said:

CARMEL LIONS CLUB
PLANS GIGANTIC
PANCAKE SUPPER

The text of this story says the serving would be from 8 a.m. to 6 pm. Saturday, Nov. 10, 1951 "to pay off the mortgage of the new building."

Meanwhile, on March 21, 1951 the club secured a mortgage for \$7,500, paid the final installment on the purchase contract and in May received a warranty deed for the property.

Subsequently, a Lions International summary of club activities for the period listed as 1950-1951 had this related, but not specifically dated, entry: "Held a 'Fish Fry' with proceeds used toward an addition to the Club House to provide a room used for a kindergarten class," and, "Members laid the footing for kindergarten building and also landscaped the surrounding grounds."

Several other documents from around this time also were loaned to me for copying by Mrs. Hull and by club secretaries Forrest Hurst and Robert Craigmyle.

Articles of Incorporation

A month before receiving the warranty deed for the property, the club, on Feb. 23, 1951, was incorporated as Lions Club of Carmel, Indiana, Inc.

The articles included statements of purpose including the following:

"Generally to carry out at Carmel, Indiana, the principles and teachings of the International Association of Lions Clubs, a Service Club organization with which Lions Club of Carmel, Indiana is affiliated."

And:

"That the Lions Club of Carmel, Indiana, is chartered by, and under the supervision of, the International Association of Lions Clubs of Chicago, Illinois, and is governed by the constitution and by-laws of said Association."

The first board of directors consisted of:

Newell O. Brooks, Leonard W. Compton, George H. Pattison, Wayne McMahan, Cy Yocum, George Stout, Tom Jewett, Gilbert, Carl Osterheld, F. D. McNeely, Tracy Morris, Kenneth Booth and Herman Nutt.

The incorporators were:

Leonard Compton, Herman Nutt, Marcus Kendall and George F. Verplank.

Ownership of Grounds

The abstract of title to the two acres now owned by the Carmel Lions Club was prepared by the Hamilton County Abstract Co. Its 53 legal-sized pages contain a variety of information including conveyances, easements and status of any liens and other matters.

The following is a shortened version of the owners by deed of this land beginning with sale by the U.S. Government of 75.6 acres of which the 2 acres was originally a part:

The United States to Samuel Hockett, 1833, the west side of the southwest quarter of Section 30, Township Line 18 North, Range Line 4 East, containing 75.59 acres.

Samuel Hockett and wife Edith to John Felps, 1836.

John Felps to Samuel Carey, Eli Felps, Joel Felps, John Felps Jr., Ira Mendenhall, Martin Felps, and Mahlon Haines, 1843, 70 acres more or less.

Samuel Carey and wife Sarah, Eli Felps and wife Charlotte, Ira Mendenhall and wife Martha, Mahlon Haines and wife Mary to Joel Felps, 1845.

Joel Felps and wife Mary to Calvin Bond, 1853.

Calvin Bond and wife Martha A. to William Wilkinson, 1864.

William Wilkinson and wife Elizabeth to Samuel Carey, 1869.

{Samuel Carey died resulting in a lawsuit over the inheritance. The court ordered the land sold by the county with proceeds divided among heirs as ordered by the court.)

Jonah Fertig, commissioner, to Sylvanus Carey, 1870.

Sylvanus Carey and wife to Amos Kenworthy, 1870.

Amos Kenworth and wife Phebe H. to Daniel Haworth, 1877.

(Daniel Haworth is a distant cousin of Lion John Ruth-erford and Kandy Kinker, wife of Lion Carl, all three descended from George Haworth who came to America in 1699.)

Daniel in a will written in 1898, the same year he died, wrote:

"I hereby give to my wife Jane Haworth, all my personal property, notes and accounts, and my home residence in Carmel, the same being a part of Section 30, Township 18, Range 4 East, containing about 2 acres, to be used by her for her maintenance, during her life, and after her death to go to my legal heirs."

Following her death, the 2 acres were sold under an administrator's deed to Frank Hershey and Charles T. Foster, 1906, for \$1,400.

Frank G. Hershey and wife Dessie and Chas Y. Foster and wife Jennie to Luther L. Anthon and wife Cora, 1908.

Luther L. Anthon and wife Cora to Emanuel H. Spivey and his wife Adella, 1914, \$3,000.

Emanuel H. Spivey and wife Adella to Charles Y. Foster, 1920, \$3,100.

Charles Y. Foster and wife Jennie to William F. Baker and wife Letishia May, 1922, \$4,500.

After his death, Letisha May Baker to Margaret E. Shackelford, 1928.

(On Dec. 12, 1941, she conveyed an easement across the property to Public Service Co. of Indiana.)

(After her death in 1944, an inheritance tax appraiser for her estate placed "the clear market value" of her real property there at \$11,000.)

The settlement of the estate gave title to her only daughter, Margaret Dinkelaker.

Margaret E. Dinkelaker and her husband, Herman to Lions Club of Carmel, Inc. of Hamilton County, Indiana., 1951.

Mortgages

I have copies of documents relating to a mortgage obtained from Union State Bank in 1954 as well as to an earlier mortgage obtained in 1951. I have no documentation telling what these monies were used for, the minutes of the club and board of directors during this period having been discarded at a later date. No one now in the club could recall what it was for, but the presumption is that some or all of it had to do with construction and other costs involving the new clubhouse.

The first document was a letter from the law firm of Campbell, Campbell & Malan on Dec. 6, 1954, to Union State Bank reporting on an examination of the abstract for the Lions property and concluding:

"And from such examination we find the Lions Club of Carmel Inc. are the owners of the same, subject to the following:

"1. Mortgage to Union State Bank of Westfield, Indiana, in the sum of \$7,500 dated March 21, 1951, and recorded in Mortgage Record 106, page 357.

"2. Current taxes.

"Providing that said mortgage be satisfied and released of record, we hereby approve said abstract for mortgage loan purposes."

A document labeled "Mortgage Note" dated Dec. 31, 1954 and signed by club president John Gradle, treasurer Richard G. Robbins and secretary John C. Warren promising to pay \$8,000 at

\$80 plus interest per installment to the bank on or before April 30, 1963.

The note was stamped "paid" on Sep 26, 1962.

Prior to the issuance of this note, however, the 1951 mortgage was released in the margin of Page 367, Mortgage Record 106, Hamilton County Courthouse, as follows:

"I hereby acknowledge in full satisfaction of the debt by this mortgage and discharged the same of record this 3d day of January, 1955. UNION STATE BANK Andrew F. Connoy, president."

The "Real Estate Mortgage" from the club to the bank also dated Dec. 31, 1954 and recorded Jan. 3, 1955 was stamped and signed by the president of the bank stating,

"I hereby acknowledge in full satisfaction of the debt, secured by this mortgage and discharge the same of record this 2nd day of Oct. 1962."

Meanwhile, on Feb. 21, 1955, the law firm had placed a lien on the property until the mortgage was paid off.

Subsequently, the club entered into another mortgage, amount and terms not known by me, because a mortgage burning took place in 1985 at the club's 50th anniversary banquet.

Clubhouse Like School Structure

Circumstantial evidence now places building of the new clubhouse in 1951.

Lion Meid Compton said a similar log building to the new clubhouse was put together for the Carmel School corporation to house administrative offices.

It was his understanding the club contacted the builder for a similar building for the Lions club – or vice versa.

Many years later, the outside of the clubhouse was faced with brick.

The third summary of activities by Lions International and provided by Past International Director Wayne Madden follows with verbatim heading and text:

Outstanding Activities 1950-1951

Held a "Fish Fry" with proceeds used toward an addition to the Club House to provide a room used for a kindergarten class.

Members laid the footing for kindergarten building and also landscaped the surrounding grounds.

Entertained persons who assisted with Fish Fry.

Held Ladies Night.

Co-sponsored purchase of refrigerator to hold human blood for future use.

Lion members donated blood.

Furnished use of club house to Red Cross Blood Bank.

Held ladies night.

Gave over \$350 to Citizens Committee working on better schooling.

Toured Poweramic display of Allison Company in Indianapolis.

Purchased a School Flag for the Carmel School Band.

Held Golf Tournament and Banquet.

Held Light Bulb Sale with the PTA netting \$127.

Sponsored Carnival and Fish Fry.

Sent a boy to Boys state.

26 to 75 Members in 26 Years

Between 1937 and 1953 no complete club membership rosters are known to exist. The 1937 roster with 26 names, a year after the club was chartered, was printed in the Carmel Centennial pamphlet. Lion Leonard Holloway acquired the club's 1953 directory and let me photocopy it. It contains the names of 75 members. The following information was taken from this directory.

1953 Officers As Listed in directory

George W. Yount, President; E.R. Schern, First Vice President; J.W. Thornberry, Second Vice President; R.E. Darnaby, Third Vice President; John L. Gradle, Treasurer; Carl C. Hinshaw, Secretary; Kay Hinshaw, Lion Tamer; William Newby, Tail Twister; Board of Directors: John Featherstone. Homer B. Gradle, Wayne McMahan, George H. Pattison, Virgil Thornberry. Immediate Past President, Wayne McMahan.

Committees As Listed in directory

Attendance, Jim Thornberry; Construction and Building, John Featherstone. chairman; Kay Hinshaw; Finance, John Gradle; Lions Information, Leck Hinshaw; Publicity, Alex Tolle; Membership, Tracy Morris; Convention, Wayne McMahan; Program, Bob Darney; Civic and Community Improvement, Virgil Thornberry; Sight Conservation and Blind, Paul Thompson; Greeter, Bill Newby; Agriculture, Kenneth Booth.

1953 Membership Listed On Roster

Carmel addresses are omitted.

W.F. Beard, barber. Charles Bishop, legal. Kenneth Booth, farmer. Newell O. Brooks, manager, Loyal Elevator & Hatchery. I.M. Buckles, agent, Talbert & Schaab. Wyatt Carey, owner, R.W. Carey Ins. Agency.

Don Christie, vice-president, Mgr. Consumer Credit Dept., Indiana Trust Co., Indianapolis. J.W. Coffman, vice president, Kingan & Co., Indianapolis. Leonard Compton, accountant. Philip R. Correll, lawyer, 419 Bankers Trust Bldg., Indianapolis. Robert E. Darnaby, printing salesman, secretary, Hollenbeck Press, Indianapolis. C.D. Dawson, industrial engineer, Dept. Mgr., Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., Noblesville. John I. Dean, machinist, Allison Div., G.M., Indianapolis.

John Featherstone, cement contractor. Harold Ferrin, salesman, Foster-Kendall Co. Wilford Fish, farm manager. Paul Fisher, farmer. Russell W. Fisher, retired supr. music. Gordon C. Foxworthy, president,

Foxworthy Used Cars Inc., Indianapolis. Don E. Fry, administrator of purchases, Atlanta Div., G.M.C.

James Goble, sales analyst, Eli Lilly Co. Homer Gradle, heavy and highway construction, secretary, Gradle Bros. Construction Co. John L. Gradle, bridge construction, administrative, Gradle Bros.. Inc. Charles Gregg.

Everett Harvey, machinist, Peerless Pump Div., Farm Equipment Services. Wm. P. (Gus) Hash, district supervisor, Midland Bldg. Industries Inc., Indianapolis. Carl C. Hawkins, tool designer, Naval Ordnance. Kay Hinshaw, salesman, Flesch-Miller Tractor Co., Lawrence. Lester Hinshaw, owner, Hinshaw Appliance. Earl Jeffries. Tom A. Jewett, Retail, Men's Wear. J.B. Johnson, school principal.

Earl Knapp, Indiana State Highway, designer.

T. Benson Leavitt, Insurance Agency. Gilbert Long, seed-checker, Foster-Kendall Co.

Robert McKenzie, Real Estate. Stanley Meacham, TV Shop and Repair. Tracy Morris, carpenter. Leroy K. New, partner, New & New, Attorneys, Inland Building, Indianapolis. William Newby, salesman. Jason Newlin, electrician. Gene Norris, special agent, FBI. Herman Nutt, Hardware-Furniture owner, O. W. Nutt Co.

Bardwell D. Odum, special agent, FBI, Federal Building, Indianapolis. Dr. Carl Osterheld, dentist. Roy Ottinger, oil distributor. Paul J. Owen, farm mgr., Cool Valley Farm. Willard Padgett, meat packing. George H. Pattison, Linen Rental, owner, Best Linen Supply Co., Indianapolis. Frank Patton, mechanic. John L. Petch, purchasing agent, J.L. Simmons Co. Inc., Inland Building, Indianapolis. Fred Pfothenauer, retired, Lumber Co. agent. Chester Quear, department store.

Richard O. Robbins, owner, Richard O Rogers, Builder. Harold Rogers, electronics.

Edward R. Schern, chief, Advertising and Printing Production, Eli Lily & Co., Wilmer Stanley, plumber. George C. Stout, Zionsville Grain Corp. Don Swails, Town employee.

Robert Tews, sales manager, Stokely-Van Camp Inc. Paul Thompson, physician, Hume Manor Bldg., Indianapolis. James E. Thornberry, Vice-president, Carmel Screw Products Co. Virgil Thornberry, president, Carmel Screw Products Co. William E. Thornberry, purchasing agent, Carmel Screw Products Co. Alex L. Tolle, newspaper editor, Indianapolis News.

George F. Verplank, Heavy Construction, president, Gradle Brothers Inc. Eugene C. Ward, salesman, B. T. Babbitt Inc. John C. Warren, physician, Veterans Administration, Indianapolis. Harry West, contractor. Emos Whittinger, restaurant owner. Keith Wiggam, owner, Carmel Welding Service. Ivan Yeager, Lumber Yard. Cy Yocum, finance. George W. Yount, auto parts wholesaler, vice-president, Eagle Machine Co., Indianapolis.

McMillan, William Marvel, George Oburn, Roy Ottinger, George Pattison, Fred Pfothenauer, David Reeves, Frank Rhea, Edward Robbins, Cecil Ross, Warren Saunders, Kendrick Sinnock, Leonard Stahl, Forrest Stoops, Frank Thomas, Virgil Thornberry, Ted Wasden, Ronald Webb, Norman Webster, Keith Wiggam, Thomas Wilson, Godfrey Yeager.

Club Efforts Founded Radio Station at High School

A special fundraising effort by the Carmel Lions Club in 1963 resulted in the founding of Carmel High School's radio station, WHJE. Club President Robert Fearrin and project chairman Bob Johnson spearheaded a community fund drive for \$5,000 to put the station on the air. The drive exceeded its goal by \$576 after two months with pledges still outstanding, according to the March 21 club bulletin edited by Norm Webster. The station was the idea of Earl Lemme, the high school principal. With assistance of Clifford Luke, a radio and television engineer who lived in Carmel, he set up a budget for equipment and for construction of a studio as an addition to Pattison Hall, a one-story administrative building between the old high school and the Masonic Hall. As collecting agent, Lions placed the funds in a special bank account for the campaign. According to a newspaper, more than 50 Lions, wives and high school student volunteers manned telephones and typewriters. Runners were organized to pick up donations from residents and businesses. A break came when Union State Bank announced it would match donations dollar for dollar up to \$2,500. The station went on the air in May.

Membership Abstracts Begin

Prior to June, 1966, copies of membership reports to Lions International are missing. Secretary's records stored in the clubhouse were thrown away during a housecleaning. Most subsequently are intact.

Membership Abstract

June 66—38 members

Oct 66—Added: Dean M. Baer—39

Feb 67—Added: Robert L. Yunker—40

Jun 67 -- 40

The fourth summary of activities by Lions International and provided by Past International Director Wayne Madden follows with heading and text:

1964-65 Membership Roster

Max H. Adams, Ralph Bauer, Bob Boone, Kenneth Booth, Henry Bracken, Newell Brooks, Dr. Ally Burks, Donald Christie, Philip Correll, Charles Dobbins, Robert Fearrin, Austin Flanders, John Fluhr, John Gradle, Richard Helmuth, Joseph Ralstan, Robert Johnson, Robert Krueger, Fred Kumpf, Paul E.

Outstanding Activities 1966-1967

A project put on by club members called "A Direct Call" turned out very successful. Lion President J.B. Johnson reported on "Personal Aid" to a very needy family in the local community. This involved much time on the part of a couple of the Lions Ladies, that involved purchasing, fitting, selecting, encouraging and

aiding in several ways for a very needy family, who afterwards had food, clothing, a job and hope that they didn't have before.

The club sponsored the annual "Science Fair" held at the Carmel Jr. High School on February 17th and 18th. This was a great success, fine attendance, many fine projects by school children. This was the second year the club had sponsored the event. Lion members brought and set up tables, needed equipment, and disassembled everything they put up and returned items used to their proper place when the event was completed.

Donated \$260 to the Hamilton County Opportunity School at Noblesville. Lions have been a regular supporter for this worthy project.

Held Club's annual Fish Fry on August 18th and 19th. At this time the Fish Fry was the main money making project of the year and did provide money for all community projects for the year. This year's Fish Fry was very successful bringing in a gross of almost \$3,000.

Participated in local Fire Prevention Parade on October 8th.

Held annual Christmas party for members, family and guests.

Officers for 1967-1968

Pres. Austin Flanders. Sec. Charles Dobbins. Treas. Fred Kumpf. Tail twister Warren Saunders. Lion tamer Keith Wiggam. 1st vp Robert Knapp. 2nd vp Kendrick Sinnock. 3rd vp Robert Ferrin. New board members Richard Helmuth, Norman Webster.

Membership Abstract

Jun 67—40

Jul 67—Dropped: Ted Wilson—39

Aug 67—Added Clyde Fisher—40

Sep 67—Added: F. Douglas Bower—41

Oct. 67—Added: Paul J. Wohlford, Stephen R. Cox, Elmer A. Doane, Eugene T. Dragoo—45

Dec 67—Added: Jack Runyan—46

Apr 68—Dropped: J.B. Johnson—45

Jun 68—Dropped: Henry C. Bracken, Vernon Wools--43

The Plus 50 Club

As early as July 1967, the Plus 50 was using the Lions Clubhouse free of charge.

On March 14, 1968 the board of directors spent \$40 to spread stone on the rear, unpaved driveway at request of the Plus 50 Club.

In a separate action, on motion of Bob Johnson, seconded by Keith Wiggam, the Plus 50 Service Club was allowed to use the clubhouse for its annual card party benefit.

Visiting Other Clubs

During the 1967-68 club year, club members went on club visitations to Arcadia, Cicero, Wayne-Fall, Pike Township, Nora and Westfield and held a joint visitation with the Fishers club.

The Hardy Seven

Only 7 members attended the March 7, 1968, club meeting because of a big snow that kept most of Carmel snowbound.

Among expenditures by the club in 1967-68 were prizes for an art fair, donations to the three state projects of \$40 each, same as the previous year, to Cancer Control, Leader Dog for the Blind and the Eye Bank, and to an Air Science Symposium at the high school.

Lion Bob Ferrin served as zone chairman.

Here Or Not Here

For many years, when a Lion's name was drawn for the attendance award, he did not get the money. His wife did. Also, if his name was drawn but he was not present, a postcard was sent to his wife saying so. Hence this from the club minutes of June 27, 1967: "For the attendance award the name of George Oburn was drawn. Lion Oburn was not present, therefore a letter will go to Mrs. Oburn informing her that she would have received the award amount if her husband had been present." Rising cost of postage caused the club to drop the mailing

Former Lion and FBI agent Gene Norris spoke on his experiences in Vietnam for two years, December 1964 to June 1966.

Banner Purchased

On Sept. 26, 1967, the club authorized the purchase of a club flag complete with staff.

Swings for Park

On April 23, 1968, the board of directors approved purchase of swings for \$300 for the Jaycees Park being developed north of Carmel Junior High School.

Offer Made For Clubhouse Grounds

On Aug. 14, 1968, club president Austin Flanders reported that an offer of \$60,000 had been made for purchase of the Lions Club property.

After discussion by the board, the president appointed a committee "to investigate all aspects of the offer."

It was composed of Virgil Thornberry, chairman; Bob Ferrin, Don Christie. Keith Wiggam and Bob Boone.

The club has received several offers over the years, all rejected.

Fence Removal Approved

The club membership voted on March 26, 1968 to allow the removal of the fence between the clubhouse and the Park Lane Apartments to the east on condition that all costs for removal of the fence and cleaning the fence row be at no cost to the Lions Club.

On January 23rd 1968 a joint meeting with Carmel Business and Professional Women's Club was held with 87 persons in attendance. Mr. Richard Shull, television editor and columnist for the Indianapolis News, was guest speaker for the event.

The club donated \$50 each to Eye Bank, Cancer Fund, and Leader Dog.

Officers for 1968-1969

Pres Charles Dobbins; 1st vp Bob Knapp; 2nd vp Warren Saunders; 3rd vp Dean Baer; Sec Bob Yunker; Treas Fred Kumpf; Lion tamer Keith Wiggam; Tail twister Clyde Fisher; New directors Paul McMillan, Roy Ottinger. Carryover directors Norman Webster, Richard Helmuth.

Membership Abstract

Jun 68--43

Jul 68—Dropped: George Pattison—42

Jan 69—Dropped: Richard Robbins—41

Added: Dr. Robert Hartman—42

Feb 69—Dropped: Cecil W. Ross—41

A committee reported in November 1968 that it had invested \$1,500 of club funds in a time deposit at American National Bank of Noblesville.

In January 1969, the board voted to increase donations to three state projects to \$50 each.

The club in February 1969 gave \$25 to the Girl Scout Chorus for sheet music.

Officers for 1969-1970

Pres Charles Dobbins. 1st vp Warren Saunders. 2nd vp Dean Baer. 3rd vp Steve Cox. Sec Bob Yunker. Treas Fred Kumpf. Lion tamer Keith Wiggam. Tail twister Bob Fearrin. New board members Jim Flanders, Kenneth Sinnock. Holdover board members Roy Ottinger, Paul McMillan.

Membership Abstract

Jun 69—41

Jul 69—41

Aug 69—Added: Edgar H. Peters--42

Dropped: John Fluhr—41

Nov 69—Added: Kenneth Pyle—42

Dropped: Bob Boone—41

Feb 70—Dropped, Norman Webster, Bob D. Boone, Paul Wohlford—38

Reinstated: (not named)--39

May 70—Deceased: Fred Pfothenhuer—38

June 70—38

Perhaps the shortest program in Carmel Lions Club history took place on Oct. 14, 1969. As acting Secretary Steve Cox wrote in his minutes:

“President Dobbins failed to pick up film for program so – no program.”

Petition on State Highway

At the Oct. 15, 1969 meeting of the Carmel Lions Club, Lion Don Christie, seconded by Elmer Doane, made a motion that the club circulate a petition opposed to the plan of the state for Ind. 234, carried by Main Street in front of the clubhouse, to lose its classification as a state highway. Maintenance would become the responsibility of local authorities. The motion carried, but the state highway designation was vacated.

The board in December 1969 increased donations to three state Lions projects to \$60 each.

On motion of Warren Saunders the president was instructed to appoint a committee to report on activities of the Plus 50 Club.

Ladies night on April 26, 1970 was a tour of the Cancer Control Center at Indiana University Medical Center.

Real Estate Insurance

The May 12, 1970 club minutes reported:

“Indiana Lumberman's Insurance adjusters estimated replacement cost of the building to be \$35,500 less depreciation of \$7,500 leaving a sound value of \$30,000. Their recommendation for adequate insurance was a figure of approximately \$35,000 with co-insurance clause. Jim Flanders moved and second by Paul McMillan that club increase Real Estate Insurance from its present \$29,000 to a figure of \$24,000. Motion carried. President Dobbins to check on insurance of building personal property.”

Glasses Collections Eyed

A project of collecting eyeglasses was suggested by Lion Don Christie, possibly at the Fish Fry. No action was taken.

Property Swap Discussed

At its May 28, 1970 meeting, a Richard Wells discussed with the board the possibility of a swap of a new property and clubhouse to be built on it in exchange for the club's property at 141 E. Main Street. The specifications for the building were discussed.

It would be an even trade with no residual to the club.

The board resolved to bring the issue before the entire club.

Walls said he and the club would need to agree on the new location for the club.

History Of Carmel Lions Club

Chapter 4: Yes To Garage, Chili and Fruit, 1970-1980

Club Officers for 1970-71

Pres. Warren Saunders; 1st vp Steve Cox; 2nd vp Bob Yunker; 3rd vice vp Elmer Doane; Sec Frank Rhea; Treas Fred Kumpf; Lion tamer Keith Wiggam; Tail twister Paul McMillan; New directors Roy Ottinger and Bob Fearnin; Holdover directors Jim Flanders and Kenneth Sinnock.

Membership Abstract

Jun 70—38

Jul 70—38

Aug 70—Added: George Gumm—39

Nov 70—Added: Leonard Holloway, Arthur Jungnickel, Jim Potts—42

Apr 71—Dropped: Thomas Wilson, Jack Runyan, James Potts—39

Jun 71—Added: Charles Wilson—40

A Fine Time Was Had

It all started at the July 25, 1970 club meeting when President Warren Saunders called to the attention of Tail Twister Paul McMillan that the gavel and podium had not been set up and that he fine Lion Tamer Keith Wiggam for not doing his job. Then, reported Frank Rhea in his minutes, Tail Twister McMillan “also fined Virgil Thornberry for not wearing his name badge and fined Frank Rhea for not reading Keith Wiggam’s name for roll call and fined President Warren Saunders for not wearing his coat while presiding at the Lions meeting after being selected the best dressed man of the week by the Carmel Topics.”

At the Sept. 8 club meeting, Secretary Rhea was fined for reading the minutes of the last board meeting when he was called on to read the minutes of the last club meeting. At a later meeting, the club secretary wrote, “Tail Twister McMillan still at his favorite job making sure the Lions are on their ~~toes~~ paws.”

At the Sept. 22, 1971 club meeting, Treasurer Fred Kumpf made a report on the last three fish fries as follows:

1968--\$1,917 expenses, net of \$1,953

1969--\$2,122 expenses, net of \$1,450

1970--\$2,262 expenses, net of \$2,002

On Sept. 22, 1970, Lion and School Superintendent Dr. Robert Hartman led a tour of the new elementary school on E. 116th Street.

At the Oct. 27, 1970 board meeting, the board voted the meal charge of \$6 be charged all active Lions whether they attend or not.

On March 23, 1971, Indiana House Speaker Otis Bowen (who later would be elected governor) spoke to the club about legislative matters.

In March 1971, the club presented the Carmel Police Department with a \$100 check toward remodeling the department’s new quarters. Several local workmen were donating their skills.

In a letter thanking the club for a recent \$50 donation, Cancer Control said the total contributed to the fund by the club to date was \$720. Thirty years later, more than that would be contributed each year, but much of the difference might be accountable to inflation.

Five pairs of new eyeglasses for needy children costing \$161 were paid for by the club during the 1970-71 fiscal year. The requests came from school nurses. An uncounted number of eyeglasses have been donated over the years.

Club Officers for 1971-72

Pres Steve Cox; 1st vp Robert Yunker; 2nd vp Eugene Dragoo; 3rd vp Leonard Holloway; Sec Frank Rhea; Treas Fred Kumpf; Lion tamer George Gumm; Tail twister Paul McMillan; New directors Keith Wiggam, Philip Correll; Holdover directors Roy Ottinger, Robert Fearnin.

Membership Abstract

Jun 71—40

Jul 71—Dropped: F. Douglas Bower, Clyde Fisher—38

Sep 71—Dropped: Elmer Doane—37

Oct 71—Added: William L. Blick, Harris C. Sumner, Ralph H. Zimmerman—40

Feb 72—Added: Clarence Austin—4

Mar 72—Dropped: Clarence Austin—40

Apr 72—Added: Thomas W. Bowers--41

Jun 72—Added: William Lesser—42

Jun 72--Dropped: Ralph Baur (died)—41

In September, 1971 the club voted to donate \$500 toward a new vehicle for the Carmel Fire Department as requested by Chief Donald Swails.

On Oct. 26, Lion Robert Hartman, Carmel superintendent of schools, spoke on Federal Judge S. Hugh Dillin’s finding of school desegregation. The judge included the Carmel school district in his remedy of busing in a case brought against the Indianapolis schools. The appeals court later excluded Carmel from the busing.

In January 1972 the board increased amount donated to the three Lions charities – Leader Dog, Eye Bank and Cancer Control – to \$75 each.

At the March 1972 board meeting, the possibility of organizing a Lions Club at Home Place was discussed. A club was formed there but not for more than a decade later.

Robert Peterson, manager of Purdue's Lynnwood Farms east of Carmel, spoke at the April 11, 1972 meeting. In time, the huge area would be sold off for housing and become part of Carmel. On June 13 members toured the farm and were briefed on agricultural studies conducted there.

On May 9, 1972, Debbie Johnson, of the Indiana Society for the Prevention of Blindness, spoke.

Treasurer Fred Kumpt reported the club began the year with \$2,628 on July 1, 1971. Receipts were \$9,953 and expenses \$6,629, leaving a balance of \$3,224 in two banks on April 3, 1972.

Club Officers for 1972-73

There was no mention of election of 1972-73 officers in club minutes, but election of Bob Yunker as president was implied by reference later.

Membership Abstract

Jun 72—41

New club secretary Bill Blick apparently became confused and filed much of the membership forms sent to International incorrectly although figures apparently were adjusted as time went by to the correct total at year's end.

Jun 73—49.

A separate attendance record supplies names of new members during the year as follows: Robert Christiansen, Jim Truske, Mike Cronin, Forrest Hurst, Harold Potts, Orville Gaines, Meid Compton, Donald Ranck, Ted Johnson. Charles Wilson does not appear on the following year's attendance record.

On Aug. 7, 1972, permission was given to Catholic Youth Fellowship at Mt. Carmel Church to use building and grounds for a carnival to benefit the Danny Thomas Child Research Hospital.

Martha Ferrin, widow of Harold Ferrin who was a member of the club, "now keeps schedule of building use and key," Secretary Bill Blick reported in the August 1972 board minutes. She could be contacted at the Quelhorst agency. She became the club's rental agent and did other tasks for many years for nominal recompense.

Lion Warren Saunders at the August board meeting suggested eliminating the calling of the roll of members at meetings by the secretary. He said the secretary could check the names of those present or absent without the ritual. Roll call hasn't been heard since. Of course, it is now harder to get to know names of other Lions.

Gammon Bros., low bidder at \$910, put new shingles on the clubhouse roof after wind damage.

Permission was granted for a Lions Zone meeting at the clubhouse. The boards of zones are composed of a chairman appointed by the district governor and the presidents and secretaries of the clubs in the zone. Hamilton County is one zone.

Churches Get Start at Clubhouse

On Jan. 23, 1972, the club rented the club house every Sunday, from 9 a.m. to noon and from 6 to 9 p.m.. to the new Carmel Southern Baptist Church for \$40 a month. Several Carmel churches got their start at the clubhouse.

The St. Peter's Church's ladies society was given permission to meet at the clubhouse one Thursday a month beginning in January, 1973.

Bazaars were held at the clubhouse by Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church in November and Carmel Newcomers Club in December, 1972.

Helping the Carmel Classic

In 1972, civic leader Jerry York and a group of Carmelites launched the Carmel Classic Track and Field Championships for young athletes. On May 7, Lion Dick Helmuth outlined plans for the June 23-24 event to the Carmel Lions Club's board of directors and told how Lions could help. Lion Dick was in charge of ticket sales for the event and asked for volunteers to help him. He also said the club was asked to open its clubhouse to provide a pancake breakfast and a spaghetti supper for the convenience of the athletes and others. Bob Hartman volunteered to be in charge of serving the meals as a fund-raising project. Indiana Gas Co. furnished two gas-fired pancake grills. Over the following 15 years, until the Classic closed shop – due to competition from the growing number of similar meets – the Lions Club provided scores of volunteers in many capacities.

On May 8, Lion Gene Dragoo set up a Lions booth at the Carmel Artisans Fair to provide information about Lions activities and charities. He sold light bulbs to raise funds for the club.

First Chili Supper

On Jan. 9, 1973, the club agreed to add a new fundraising project – a chili supper served at the High School cafeteria prior to a basketball home game -- if arrangements could be made. The committee in charge was made up of Frank Rhea, chairman; Bob Hartman, Tom Bowers and Len Holloway. The school kitchen staff cooked the chili and members of the club did the rest. Tom Bowers handled publicity. Ace Hardware donated

material for posters which the Fire Department distributed. Local radio spot ads were arranged and flyers passed out at local food stores one week before. The supper took advantage of foot traffic past the cafeteria from the large parking lot off Main Street and people who parked in residential areas. Years later, school construction sharply reduced size of the parking lot, and attendance fell off. The last chili supper was in 1993. Pancake breakfasts at the clubhouse in the fall and spring replaced them.

Tornado Disrupts Meeting

The June 26, 1973 club meeting was cut short when sirens blared followed by a police car with a loudspeaker going by the clubhouse announcing tornado activity in Carmel. (A Weather Bureau website lists an F-1 tornado on that date in Hamilton County, location not further specified, causing \$250,000 in damages with no deaths or injuries.)

Club Officers for 1973-74

Pres. Eugene Dragoo; 1st vp Frank Rhea; 2nd vp Leonard Holloway Jr.; 3rd vp Thomas Bowers; Sec William Blick; Treas. Fred Kumpf; Tail twister George Gumm; Lion tamer William Lessor; New directors Kenneth Pyle, James Truske; Holdover directors Robert Hartman, Arthur Jungnickel, Steven Cox.

Membership Abstract

Jun 73—49

Jul 73—Dropped: Paul Owen—48

Oct 73—Added: Joseph Bartosch, Robert Carlow, Jan A. Turner, Robert Ice, Jack E. Fuchs—53

Oct 73—Dropped: Paul McMillan, George Gumm—51

Jan 74—Added: Charles Livengood, Gerald Adams—53

Feb 74—Dropped: Mike Cronin—52

Mar 74—Added: Kenneth Greene, Miles Johnson—54

Jun 74—Added: William A. Baines—55

Eugene Dragoo attended the International Lions Convention in 1973 in Miami. Several Lions, including Lion Gene, had attended district and state conventions, but this is the first time in club references seen by this writer that a member of the club attended an International convention.

Club Publishes First Directory

Club President Eugene Dragoo on July 17, 1973 outlined plans before the board of directors for publishing the club's first directory to include names of all members, a list of committees and other information. Each member would receive a copy. He and Bill Blick, the club secretary, prepared it. Publishing a club directory would become standard procedure in subsequent years.

Club Bulletin Started

On Sept. 8, 1973, President Eugene Dragoo told the board that Thomas Bowers, public relations chairman, had agreed to undertake publishing a club bulletin to be mailed to members. The bulletin, to come out once a month, replaced weekly

reminders by postcards of coming meetings. The increased cost of mailing postcards was a factor. The cheapness of mimeographing the bulletins was another. Plus, they could provide more information.

Baseball OK Up To A Point

On Aug. 13, 1973, the club fielded a request from residents of next-door Park Lane Apartments about using the Lions grounds for a ball diamond and erecting a backstop. The board said it had no objection for a planned father-son game on Sept. 1 but would not sanction organized games automatically. At the same time, the board minutes said, the board "has no objection to the kids playing on the grounds" provided they did not interfere with other usage of the grounds or do damage.

In October, 1973 Fish Fry Chairman Robert Yuncker reported net profit for the August event was \$2,398.90. According to the club minutes, this was the highest in the annual event's history up to then. Mike Cronin was assistant chairman and his wife, Diane, lady chairman.

Another Buyer for Club Grounds

First, Lion James Truske on Sept. 10, 1973, suggested to the board of directors that the club adopt a Lions Park as a club project. Then, on Nov. 12, 1973, President Dragoo read a letter from Kaiser Realty which indicated it had a buyer for the club property. The board discussed "possibility of selling and using the money to build a new club house and a Lions Community Park." Appointed to look into the matter was a committee of James Truske, Bob Hartman, Virgil Thornberry and Ralph Zimmerman. Nothing more on this appeared in the minutes until Sept. 23, 1974 when Ken Booth, who had been pulling together ideas for a new utility building, asked at a club meeting for an indication of any sentiment toward relocation from the club grounds. "There was no indication by the group present that there was any interest in relocation," Secretary Forrest Hurt wrote in the minutes.

On Dec. 10, 1973 Lion Fred Kumpf reported he had winterized the clubhouse by putting temporary plastic sheeting over all the windows. As it aged, the clubhouse become increasingly drafty.

On renewal on March 17, 1974, the insurance on the building was increased to \$34,000 from \$24,000 and on contents to remain at \$2,000.

Jim Truske reported the land at the northwest corner of 126th Street and Keystone Ave. had been sold and no longer available for a park.

Club Officers for 1974-1975

Pres. Frank Rhea; 1st vp Leonard Holloway Jr., 2nd vp Thomas Bowers; 3rd vp Robert Hartman; Sec Forrest Hurst; Treas Robert Yunker; Tail twister Warren Saunders; Lion tamer Jack Fuchs; New directors Kenneth Booth, William Blick, Donald Ranck. Hold-over directors Kenneth Pyle, James Truske.

Membership Abstract

Jun 74—55

Jul 74—Dropped: William Baines—54

Oct 74—Added: Robert W. Elliott, Ralph Losley. Thomas Heller. Gordon Bard, Edwin Leith—59

Nov 74—Added: Ted Turnbauer—60

Nov. 74—Dropped: Charles Livengood—59

Jan. 75--Added: John W. Rutherford--60

May 75-Dropped: Gerald Adam, Harold Potts-58

Jun 75—Larry Woodling—59

The club on July 23, 1974, on motion of Robert Yunker seconded by Warren Saunders, bought a public address system for \$279.

On Aug. 12, 1975, the board was told “the old gentleman who lived west of the clubhouse has died and that property is part of his estate. It is felt that the line fence and hedge is 5 feet onto club property.” The club hired surveyor Allen Weihe to mark the correct line.

At suggestion of Ted Johnson the club on Sept. 24, 1974 took on the task of cleaning up a torn-down barn for an elderly lady as a service project in support of World Lions Service Day.

The Oct. 22, 1974 club meeting was dismissed early so club members could attend a presentation at the high school on the pros and cons of Carmel adopting a city form of government.

Building Upgrades Discussed

President Frank Rhea opened a discussion of what would be needed to tend to various problems associated with the club’s building. He called on several club members whom he had assigned to look at various aspects. Among them was Treasurer Bob Yunker who said that financing of the building project could be done either by a mortgage or a bond issue sold to club members.

First LCIF Donation?

What was apparently the club’s first donation to the Lions Clubs International Foundation came about after Lion Gene Dragoo suggested that each member be asked to donate \$1 with the club donating an additional amount to make \$100. On motion of Warren Saunders, the club decided to take the entire \$100 out of the club’s treasury.

Pay to Edna Sexton for washing dishes and cleaning up the kitchen after club meetings was raised from \$4 to \$6 per meeting. Pay would be doubled on ladies nights.

It’s Definite: Club To Stay Put

To clear up any question about moving the club to a new location, on Jan. 14, 1975 Warren Saunders moved and Ted Johnson seconded that the club “remain at its present location.” The motion passed. President Rhea then appointed a committee to further research work needed on the present clubhouse. Members were Ted Johnson, chairman; Virgil Thornberry, Miles Johnson, Bob Yunker, Bob Ice, Ken Booth and Phil Correll.

The first of many, many visits by the Carmel Jr. High School Band was made on Feb. 11, 1975 at a ladies night. That first visit was under the baton of David King. Later visits, including into the 2000’s, were under the baton of Don Fischer.

The club shifted its insurance from the Quelhorst Agency to Fearn Insurance with a newly available package arrangement similar to a homeowners policy. The new plan increased building coverage to \$40,000 from \$34,000 with \$2,000 the same for contents. It also included liability limits of \$100,000 and \$300,000. The net cost increase was \$33. Bob Fearn, a former president, had left the club to devote more time to caring for his children after his wife died but would return later.

Girl Scouts Troop 551 donated a new clock in appreciation for use of the clubhouse for meetings.

Town Wants Club Site For Town Hall

The minutes of the board for April 7, 1975 contain the following: “The club has received a letter from the Carmel Town Board wanting to know if we would be interested in selling our property for a site for a Town Building. The Board instructed the secretary to answer the letter to the effect that “we are not presently interested in selling our property but we will keep their interest in mind and give them due consideration should we ever change our minds.”

Club Backs County Park For Area

Lion John Rutherford at the May 27, 1975 club meeting introduced three members of the Hamilton County Park Board, including Ed McMahon who reported on the planning for new county parks. Afterwards, Lion John made a motion, seconded by Bob Yunker, that the Carmel Lions Club ask the County Council to support the establishment of a proposed park for the Carmel-Westfield area. It passed unanimously. That park is now Cool Creek Park off 151st Street.

Club Officers for 1975-1976

Pres. Leonard Holloway Jr.; 1st vp Thomas Bowers; 2nd vp Robert Hartman; 3rd vp William Blick; Sec Forrest Hurst; Treasurer James Truske; Tail twister Theodore

Johnson; Lion tamer Bob Carlow; New directors Edgar Peters, Kenneth Green, Miles Johnson; Holdover directors Kenneth Booth, Robert Ice.

Membership Abstract

Jun 75—59

Aug 75—Added: Robert S. Bodner—60

Oct 75—Added: Robert L. Van Hotten—61

Oct 75—Dropped: Kenneth Pyle—60

Nov 75—Dropped: Joseph L. Bartosch—59

Dec 75—Dropped: Jan R. Turner, Ted Trumbauer--57

Feb 76—Added: Freddie J. Schmidt--58

Feb 76—Dropped: Jack E. Fuchs, Orvil Gaines—56

Mar 76—Added: Marshall Bielke—57

Mar 76—Dropped: Thomas Heller—56

May 76—Added: Louis F. Welcher—57

May 76—Dropped: Austin Flanders—56

Jun 76—56

At the July 4th, 1975 U.S. Bicentennial Parade the Lions Club supplied drivers for the garden tractors pulling units in the parade.

For a second year Bryan Rhea, son of Lion Frank, sold the most Fish Fry raffle ticket.

Renovation Discussed

At the Sept 8, 1975 board meeting, President Leonard Holloway renewed discussion of the need for renovating the clubhouse. Robert Ice was asked to consult with an architect for advice on alternatives.

Lion John Rutherford was named as the club's representative at planning sessions for the new Carmel-Westfield park. County Parks officials had asked an engineer to meet with members of both communities to get ideas for what to include.

From references in the minutes it appears that Lion Eugene Drago had been named a Lions Eye Bank board trustee although he was termed a representative.

At the Oct. 13, 1975 board meeting, President Leonard Holloway reported that Martha Ferrin said the only pay she wanted for putting out the bulletin and meeting notices was to be invited to ladies nights. The board approved a motion by Bill Blick and seconded by Bob Carlow that she be so invited at club expense.

The 1975 Christmas dinner at Treasure Island Restaurant cost \$6.50. Virgil Thornberry arranged for entertainment by sisters Martha Ferrin and Edna Mae Ottinger playing organ and piano and leading the audience in singing accompanied by an impromptu Lions Club rhythm band.

Clubhouse Renovation OK'd

The club on May 25, 1976 approved a plan for renovating the clubhouse including a 21½ by 14-foot addition to the east of the kitchen extending

to the back entrance into the room originally built for a kindergarten.

The addition was designated as a storage room on the plans but has become known as the garage because a garage door was installed to make it easy to move things in and out. The door also was useful for use of the room for carry-out during the fish fry.

The committee was composed of Bob Yunker, Ken Booth, Bob Ice and Leonard Holloway.

The committee presented three alternative plans to the club for its decision. Plan 1 to cost \$16,668 and Plan 2 to cost \$12,463 or \$11,947 would include the addition. Plan 3 would cost \$2,000 for caulking and painting the exterior.

Bob Yunker made a motion, seconded by Warren Saunders, that the club accept Plan 1 and proceed with getting an architect's drawing and hiring a contractor. The motion carried on a vote of 26 to 7.

Also included in the plan were applying brick veneer to the exterior except for the addition which would be of used brick, aluminum siding on the gables, new outside doors, boxing in of the overhang with aluminum siding, providing wooden storm windows, a concrete apron outside the addition and new electric service for the whole building.

At the June 1 board meeting, Bob Yunker reported that architect Bob Smith of James Associates was working on the drawings. On Lion Bob's motion, seconded by Jim Truske, the board approved getting a construction loan of up to \$20,000. John Rutherford agreed to head a committee, also including Phil Correll and Virgil Thornberry, to look into the possibility of selling bonds to cover part of the cost.

Club Officers for 1976-1977

Pres. Tom Bowers; 1st vp Bob Hartman; 2nd vp William Blick; 3rd vp Forrest Hurst; Sec Edgar Peters; Treas James Truske; Tail twister Ken Greene; Lion tamer John Rutherford; New directors Richard Helmuth, Edwin Leith; Holdover directors Miles Johnson, Robert Elliott, Bob Ice.

Membership Abstract

Jun 76—56

Jul 76—Added: Robert Victor Smith—57

Sep 76—Added: Kenneth Lennox—58

Oct 76—Dropped: Kenneth Greene, Eugene Drago (deceased), Newell Brooks—55

Dec 76—Added: Richard C. Adrian—56

Dec 76—Dropped: Newell Brooks—55

(ED. Note—Can't explain why Newell Brooks listed as dropped in both Oct and Dec. jwr)

Mar 77—Added: James Van Dyne, Herbert Moon, Max Moore—58

Apr 77—Dropped: Gordon Bard, William P. Lesser, Robert Bodner, James Truske—54

May 77—Added: John A. Sales—55

Jun 77—55

Club Executes Mortgage for \$20,000

On Aug. 2 1976, the board approved executing a first mortgage for \$20,000 for a period of 10 years for the club renovation. It was to be amortized over 15 years at the rate of 9 1/2 percent. Lion Bob Yunker said that the contractor, Shanty Hall, could not obtain used brick as planned for the addition, so new brick would be used instead. This raised the total price from \$18,000 to \$20,000. By November 1976, the contracted work on the clubhouse renovation had been completed. Members were still working cleaning, painting and rearranging the interior. Also, an entire heating system was installed after the Gas Co. discovered the old space heaters were no longer considered safe.

Pancakes Flip-Flop

The club served a pancake-sausage meal all day on July 3, 1976 in connection with the Bicentennial Parade. The club served 759 persons and dispensed 1,800 sausages, 2,100 pancakes, 19 gallons of syrup and 19 pounds of oleo, according to chairman Bob Carlow. Thirty percent of those attending were children. The club began considering continuing this for an annual affair. In March 1977, on motion by John Rutherford, seconded by Leonard Holloway, the club decided to have another pancake breakfast in conjunction with an auction sale, this time on June 11, 1977. Lion Richard Helmuth was the chairman, It was anticipated this would become an annual event if all went well. It did, but there no mention in the minutes of the club or the board the following year. Later, they were brought back sporadically, and only years later did the pancakes find their way back on the grill as an annual fund-raiser, first one a year and then two and still going strong in 2011.

In July, 1976 Edna Sexton was unable to continue to work in the kitchen requiring Lions to do the dishes for the time being.

Gift From Plus 50

The Lions received an unexpected gift in July 27, 1976 of \$675 from the Plus 50 Club. The Rev. Don LeMasters, board chairman of the club, which had been meeting in the clubhouse for several years, said that a building fund had been started years back with contributions from its members. He said the club has been so satisfied with meeting at the Lions club it was decided to donate the money to the Lions Club to help defray costs involved in the clubhouse renovation project.

A shrimp and chicken dinner at the Hollyhock Restaurant on College Ave, at the Sept. 24, 1976 ladies night cost \$6.55, gratuity and tax included.

Lion Ted Johnson donated a yard light to be placed near the front steps.

Lion Eugene Dragoo was extremely active, as he always was, until shortly before his untimely death in October 1977.

The fifth summary of activities by Lions International and provided by Past International Director Wayne Madden follows with verbatim heading and text:

Outstanding Activities 1977-1978

Held successful "Chili Supper" on February 18th at the Carmel high school. The supper was attended by 326 people and held on the occasion of a major high school athletic evening. Advance tickets were sold by members.

Held a very successful "Pancake Breakfast."

"Rummage Sale" and "Auction" for the first time at the Club House on June 11th 1977. The community was asked to donate articles for the sale and items were picked up by members. Experience was gained from these sales and helped provide valuable information for the following year.

The annual "Fish Fry" netted over \$4,000.

The new addition to the Club House was used this year for Lions carry out service. This makes it possible for customers to drive to the point of service.

Big planning was made for the club's "Chili Supper" served at the high school cafeteria on the last home basketball game. Aimed for \$500 profit.

Club Officers For 1977-1978

Pres. Robert Hartman; 1st vp Forrest Hurst; 2nd vp Robert Ice; 3rd vp Robert Carlow; Sec Edgar Peters; Treas Miles Johnson; Tail twister Larry Woodling; Lion tamer Robert Elliott; New directors Philip Correll, Robert Yunker; Holdover directors Richard Helmuth, Edwin Leith.

Membership Abstract

Jun 77—55

The copies of the membership reports sent to International for the 1977-78 club year are in disarray. Numbers in categories are given but no drops by name. Some adds are listed by name but confusingly. For instance, Joe Marcheggiani was listed in two different months. I compared the previous 1976-77 attendance record with a club roster dated May 1, 1978 and got this possible list of adds and drops during the period:

Adds: Albert Bolin, Allen Harvey, Joseph Marcheggiani, Charles McAloon, Robert Hughes, Robert Kinnaman, Lester Tansek, William Wilson.

Drops: William Blick, George Oburn, Roy Ottinger (deceased), Donald Ranck.

This gives 8 adds and 4 drops which comes to 59 on June 1978, but the secretary's numerical report gives 56. The next year's secretary starts out with listing the

previous month (June 78) as 60 – but that’s before he wrote a note to International going down one because of the earlier duplication for Joe Marcheggiani!

Jun 78—60

The need to pay off the new mortgage led to the creation of a ways and means committee to enable the club to increase its revenues so as to keep or increase its donation schedule. Several proposed projects were discussed during the year but nothing was decided. Some of the proposals were an ox roast, a turkey shoot, a Las Vegas night, and a Bingo night.

The board on July 11, 1977 discussed the request of two ladies to rent the clubhouse for a child-care center. The board denied the request because “the building would not pass the rigid state inspection for such an undertaking.”

On November 1977, the board accepted the resignation from the club of George Oburn. This created a vacancy in the office of institutional representative on the Boy Scout Troop committee. Jack Sales was appointed to succeed him.

More For Less at Chili Supper

Chili supper chairman Fred Schmidt submitted a report on the Feb. 24, 1978, fund-raiser which served fewer persons but netted more income than a year earlier. Sales were \$753.95 and cost \$258.89 for a net of \$495.06. Lion Schmidt wrote. “The event was originally scheduled to be held at the high school, as had been in prior years. However, the energy crisis resulted in the school being forced to cancel outside activities.” The chili supper was held at the Lions clubhouse instead. The school agreed to supply the chili but it was cooked at the clubhouse on Thursday and heated on Friday. Lion Freddie’s wife, Kitty, cut the carrot and celery accompaniments, which had previously been done by school employees. To avoid having to bake pies, they were obtained from O’Malia’s. Prices were raised about 8 percent. Contributions were sought of paper goods for serving. “The supper must again be held at the high school,” he said, because the 300 to 400 patrons served in the past at the high school provides a potential for increased success.

Lion Helmuth’s Invention

On April 25, 1978, Lion Richard Helmuth demonstrated a new device he had invented, an electrostatic seed sorter. Lion Richard, a retired engineer, had formed Helmuth Corp. to market it. He demonstrated the model separator used to gain a patent. He put in grass seeds mixed with the chaff that comes with it during the reaping process. The seed fell through an electrostatic field

which operated in the same way as wind. The density of fertile seed caused it to fall through the field while chaff, including infertile seed, was blown away. Lion Richard gave periodic reports on his attempts to sell it to seed companies. He finally admitted it worked too well. Firms that tried it out in marketing tests said they would be unable to sell the seed because they found farmers unwilling to pay for the pure seed because the price per pound without chaff appeared to be too expensive, even though the weighty chaff was worthless. Also seed planters would have to be re-designed to handle the lower quantity. Lion Richard was still trying to sell it when he died.

On June 5, 1978, the board approved installing air conditioners in the east room of the clubhouse.

New Officers For 1978-1979

Pres. Forrest Hurst; 1st vp Bob Ice; 2nd vp Bob Carlow; 3d vp Larry Woodling; Treas Miles Johnson; Sec Lou Welcher; Lion tamer Jack Sales; Tail twister John Rutherford; New directors Robert Hartman, Freddie Schmidt; Holdover directors Bob Yunker, Phil Correll.

Membership Abstract

Jun 78—Probably 59

Jul 78—Drops: Robert A. Hughes, Ralph Lasley, Kenneth Lennox, Robert. Van Hatten—55

Sep 78—Drop: Ed Peters—54

Oct 78--Added: August Leagre, John Nargang—56

Nov 78—Drop: Leonard A. Stahl—55

Dec 78—Drop: Robert Carlow—54

Feb 79—Robert V. Smith—53

Apr 79—Added: William D. Mahony—54

Jun 79—Added: Paul J. Budinger, John S. Dickerson, Jack Grabert, Timothy Reiman—58

With addition of a third line at the Fish Fry, now that the club had three cookers, it was expected a shortening of the line waiting to be served and less discontent of those waiting including fewer people leaving rather than waiting in a long line. More help was needed, however

Citrus Fruit Sale Is New Project

At last, a new project agreed upon.

President Woody Hurst proposed a yearly citrus fruit sale with Joseph Marcheggiani as chairman to help raise extra funds. He and Lion Joe described the project in detail and President Woody put the matter to the membership for a vote on Oct. 10, 1978. According to the minutes, “Everyone agreed.”

Lion Joe came to Camel for the Internal Revenue Service and later joined the Indiana Department of Revenue and became a professor of accounting and marketing at Butler University. He explained to club members the art and science of selling. At one point, he tore sheets out of a Carmel phone book and gave several to each

member and asked them to call of the names methodically. He said any product has a certain number that will be sold if all the names in a pool are contacted. He said times between sales will vary, but they will average out. The secret, he said, is to be persistent and not give up. (This was before restrictions were placed on telephone selling.)

The yearly routine became: Orders were taken in the fall with amount of fruit needed estimated based on early orders and fruit to arrive by semi in early December. Although eventually sales would drop off for various reasons, including price competition by grocery stores, the citrus fruit sales continued, under various chairmen. The fruit sale marked its 32nd year in December 2010.

Details From 1978-79 Budget Proposal

Income: \$10,850. (Fish Fry, Chili Supper, rent, savings interest, membership dues, pancake breakfast, other.) **Fixed Expenses:** \$9,300. (Mortgage payments \$2,435, electric \$625. Gas, \$600, water and sewer \$150, telephone \$275, insurance \$775, building maintenance \$1,600, rent commission \$200, meeting meals and help \$700, advertising \$300, postage and stationery \$225, attendance awards \$100, state and national dues and conference expenses \$1,050, safe, postoffice boxes \$25, special activities \$200.) **Donations:** (Eye glasses \$100, Boys and Girls State \$140, Plus 50 \$120, Leader Dog \$250, Eye Bank \$250, Cancer Control \$250, LIF \$100, Hamilton Center \$150, miscellaneous \$190.)

The Budget Committee appended this note to its suggested budget for 1978-1979: "Recommends the club increase its donations to approximately \$2,000 annually, if possible. It is also recommended that the club have a pancake day to raise additional funds." The minutes for last half of the fiscal year are missing so no record was found as to whether a pancake day was held.

Club Officers For 1979-80

Pres, Robert Ice; 2st vp Larry Woodling, 2nd vp Lou Welcker; 3rd vp Miles Johnson; Sec Bib Yunker, Treas Phil Correll; Tail twister Jack Sales; Lion tamer Bill Wilson; New directors Bob Fearrin, Allen Harvey, Woody Hurst; Holdover director Fred Schmidt.

Membership Abstract

Jun 79—58

Aug 79—Added: John Worthylake—59

Oct 79—Added: Kenneth Pyle, Gerald D. Gravett-61

Nov 79--Drop: Marshall Beilke, William Marvel--59

Feb 80—Added: John E. Howe—60

Feb 80—Drop: Herbert K. Moon—59

May 80—Drop: Charles McAloon, John Worthylake—57

Jun 80—Added: Robert S. Allen—58

The August 1979 Fish Fry netted \$4,265 compared to \$3,678 in 1978 and \$4,040 in 1977.

Second Fruit Sale Nets \$2,967

Charles Dobbins, after recovering from open-heart surgery, was named Fruit Sale chairman after it was announced at the Oct 7 club meeting that Joe Marchegiana was bowing out. The minutes said a job transfer had put pressure on the time he had expected to devote to the sale. He would continue to assist, however. The second annual Fruit Sale in December 1979 had a net income of \$2,967. Lion Charles remained as chairman for the next several years.

Car Crashes Into Clubhouse

On Oct. 22, 1979, an automobile crashed through the south side of the kitchen and came to rest well into the kitchen. Mark Weaver Construction repaired the damage, which was covered by insurance, for \$6,000.

The club waived clubhouse rental for the swearing in of elected city officials on Dec. 10, 1979.

Speaker at the Jan. 22 club meeting was the Rev. Leroy Kinnaman of St. Joan of Arc Catholic church in Kokomo. The son of Lion John Kinnaman, he discussed the State Police chaplaincy.

Lion John Rutherford, vice-president of Friends of the Carmel Library, asked for suggestions for a month-long display on Lionism he was putting together for the lobby of the Library.

Lion Bill Wilson, chairman of the Feb, 29, 1980 Chili Supper, reported a net income of \$395.

Twenty-five percent of the club provided manpower at the annual Carmel Classic June 21 and 22, 1980, reported Secretary Robert L. Yunker.

On June 24, 1980 Lion Charles Dobbins arranged for a guided tour of the Western Electric facility on Shadeland Ave, preceding a Ladies Night dinner there. Lion Dobbins was a retiree from the research and manufacturing arm of AT&T.

History Of Carmel Lions Club

Chapter 5: Boy Scout Troop Saved, 1980-1990

Club Officers For 1980-1981

Pres. Larry Woodling; 1st vp Louis P. Welcker; 2nd vp Miles Johnson; 3rd vp Phil Correll; Sec Bob Yunker; Treas Fred Schmidt; Tail twister August Leagre; Lion tamer Bob Kinnaman; New directors Jack Sales, Bill Wilson; Holdover directors Bob Fearrin, Allan Harvey.

Membership Abstract

Jun 79—58
Aug 80—Added: Robert McGowan—59
Sep 80—Dropped: Paul J. Budinger—58
Oct 80—Added: Charles Fulcker, Charles S. Gill, Richard E. DeTar, Stanley E. Isaac—62
Nov 80—Added: James M. Thompson, Rod McElfresh, John V. Blaiklock—65
Nov 80—Dropped: Albert Bolin. John Dickenson—63
Feb 81—Added: Leonard Lutz—64
Feb 81—Dropped: John Nargang, James VanDuyn—62
May 81—Dropped: John Howe—61
Jun 81—Added: Robert C. Overmyer—62
Jun 81—Dropped: Robert McGowan--61

Collecting of eyeglasses for recycling apparently stepped up in 1980 with the placement of a collection box in the Carmel Library. The eyeglasses collected by the club were being turned over to the Noblesville Lions Club. Only years later would an eyeglass recycling center be opened up in District 25-D.

Net income from the August 1980 Fish Fry was \$4,372. Carry-out sales alone were \$1,715. Kitty Schmidt and Laura Rutherford, who were women's co-chairs in 1979 and 1980, tell a story about the Baptist Church which met at the building. In one of those years, leftover desserts filled the shelves on a portable, metal rack on Saturday night. A note was left for the Baptists to read the following morning: "Take all the pie you want." They took only pie, leaving all the cakes and cookies. You can't beat those Baptists for honesty!

Profit from the December 1980 Fruit Sale was reported as "between \$3,600 and \$3,700."

Treasurer Freddie Schmidt at the December 1981 board meeting reported that the club was spending \$55 per meal from club dues, 35 percent higher than a year earlier. He recommended setting a limit of \$40 per meal and having club members wash the dishes instead of hiring it done (for \$7 a week). The board suggested that the meat dish be regularly provided for no more than 40 except for ladies night pitch-ins.

Chili supper was Feb. 20, 1981. Net profit of \$610 was reported.

Hazard insurance coverage went up to \$129,000 with that on contents remaining at \$20,000.

Gumballs Get Favorable Reception

Salesmen Rick Terrill and George Blake proposed a Carmel area Gum Ball project for the club. They promised 15 percent of the gross sales to the club for its endorsement, use of the club logo and contacting merchants for display of machines. The board approved the deal on June 1 1980. Although questions over proof of sales were raised from time to time, gumball checks continued to come from to time, including recently.

Community auction, garage sale and pancake breakfast was on May 30, 1981.

Club Officers for 1981-1982

Pres. Miles Johnson; 1st vp Phil Correll; 2nd vp John Rutherford; 3rd vp Joe Marcheggiana; Sec Harris Sumner; Treas Fred Schmidt; Tail twister Les Tansek; Lion tamer Gerry Gravatt; New directors Ken Pyle, Stan Isaac; Holdover directors Jack Sales, Bill Wilson.

Membership Abstract

Jun 81—61
Sep 81—Dropped: Gerald Gravatt, Ted Johnson, Robert Kinnaman—58
Oct 81—Dropped: Robert Ice, Louis G. Welcker, Fred Kumpt (deceased)--55.
Feb 82—Added: Richard Sanders, Charles Stackhouse---57
Mar 82—Added: Frank Verselle—57
Apr 82—Dropped: Timothy Reiman—56
Jun 83--Added: William Stubbs—57
Jun 82—Dropped: Charles Fulcker--56

Robert Yunker was appointed zone chairman for 1981-82 by District Gov. Irvin Keith Sisson.

President Miles Johnson appointed Lion Rod McElfresh chairman of the Gum Ball project.

At the Aug. 3, 1981, board meeting President Miles Johnson announced the new Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 112, which the Lions Club sponsors, and Lion Jack Grabert will be the club's Scout coordinator.

In August 1981 leaks in the roof were repaired.

Max Moore was named Fruit Sale chairman with Charles Dobbins as co-chairman. In January, Lion Max reported 70,000 pounds of grapefruit and oranges were sold from two shipments, one coming in November and the other in December. Some of the early shipment was brokered to other Lions clubs and some sold to the Carmel School Corp. The Fruit Sale netted \$4,733.

Baptists Erect New Church

In September 1981, the board was told there was a possibility another church may be interested in renting space in the clubhouse after the Carmel Baptist Church, a member of the Southern Baptist Convention, moves out. The Baptists, which started its congregation in the clubhouse in 1973 increased space used over the years and currently was paying \$2,500 a year. It moved to its newly built church at 106th and Keystone on Oct. 4, 1981.

On motion of Joseph Marcheggiani, amount of donation to each of the three state Lions projects – Leader Dog, Eye Bank and Cancer Control – was raised by the board from \$900 a year to \$1,000.

A quartet from the Carmel Symphony played at the December 1982 ladies night.

The board in March agreed to provide manpower for the Fourth of July Parade. Lion Jim Thompson attended a parade committee as the club's representative.

Another pancake, garage and auction sale was held at the clubhouse in June 1982. Chairman Jack Sales reported total profit was \$738 and the breakdown was \$202 garage sale; \$193 pancake sale; and \$338 auction. Donations from profit included \$200 to the Ronald McDonald House and \$300 to the Goal Ball Championship held for blind students at Butler University.

Club Officers For 1982-1983

Pres. Phil Correll; 1st vp John Rutherford; 2nd vp Joe Marcheggiani; 3rd vp Fred Schmidt; Sec Harris Sumner; Treas Len Lutz; Tail twister Jim Thompson; Lion tamer Bob Overman; New directors Dick Helmuth, Bill Mahoney; Holdover directors Stan Isaac, Ken Pyle.

Membership Abstract

Jun 82—56

Aug 82—Dropped: Robert S. Allen, Edwin A. Leith—54

Sep 82—Added: Thomas A. Hinshaw—55

Oct 83—Added: John F. Fluhr, William J. Homrighausen, Roger A. Blondin, Noel F. Summers Jr., Michael Gerald Walsh, Steven D. Gary, Nicholas T. Yunk, Roy A. Bates, Phillip W. Lancaster, James R. DeCoursey, Glenn J. Pedersen—66

Nov 82—Dropped: Richard Adrian, John V. Blaiklock, Ally Burks, Dean Baer—62

Dec 82—Added: Lowell Thomas Kirk—63

Jan 83—Added: Allen M. Hux, Richard B. Smith—65

Mar 83—Added: Ralph A. Clark, William C. Fish, Charles Frank Mitchell, Robert L. Olhausen—69

Mar 85—Dropped: Charles Gill—68

May 83—Dropped: Richard D. Sanders—67

Jun 83—Added: John Axelson, Bernell Dedrickson, Jerome A. Roberts, Larry L. Wagner--71

State of the Carmel Lions Club

July 6, 1982

By Philip R. Correll, President

Our club is service-oriented. There is great follow-up. It is financially sound. There is a certain esprit-de-corps among the members in following our motto which is, "We Serve."

The President's Manual has this to say about club finances: "The activities budget has to do with the financing of the activities which the club sponsors. The income should be derived from special fund-raising projects put on by the club in the community. Under no circumstances should the fund-raising income be used to defray administration."

Even if the present obligations of the club do not permit payment of administrative costs solely from dues and/or assessments, it behooves the club to keep up or even increase our level of giving by more fund-raising activities or by more funds derived from our present activities.

Emphasis should be given to membership in the Carmel Lions Club; that is, getting new members, keeping the members interested and encouraging regular attendees at meetings and serving in activities.

Planning as to the club building and grounds should be considered. Short-range planning should include the shed removal and what to do with items stored therein, Long-range planning should include an improved entrance at the back of the club building such as through the location of the windows on the south wall just west of the men's room together with a walk way, a pad for a fish-fry and storage building to be erected in the future, more parking and paved drive; widening and paving by the city of First Street, S. E. and exit alley from the building west to First Ave., S.E.

The foregoing is not intended to be all-inclusive nor burdensome. It represents merely a guide and a goal toward which we might strive.

Respectfully Submitted

Lion President Correll praised Lion Woody Hurst and others who helped him redo the wiring in the clubhouse.

Shelves were installed in the southeast corner of the large meeting room for storage of pies for the Fish Fry and other purposes. The August Fish Fry netted \$4,200.

On Aug. 31, 1982, the board added new Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing Project to donation list.

Travelogue Series Deferred

Lion Robert Overmyer took the first step toward club sponsorship of a Travel and Adventure Travelogue at the Sept. 18, 1982 club meeting. He introduced Sharon Maintz, field representative for Windoes Travelogues Inc., which would provide the programs. The matter was referred to the board for decision. Lion Robert told the board in December the series would have to be deferred until 1983-84 because of unavailable dates for the high school auditorium. A developer of advertising promotions before starting his own manufacturing business, he presented the board with detailed plans that needed to be implemented beginning as soon as possible. On motion of Richard Helmuth and seconded by John Rutherford, the decision was made to proceed. Lion Overmyer was named chairman of a steering committee composed also of Leonard Lutz, Philip Correll, John Rutherford and Miles Johnson.

Chairman Noel Summers reported net profit of \$591 from February Chili Supper.

Two New Churches

On Sept. 28, 1982, President Phillip Correll announced that two churches rented time in the clubhouse. Grace Church got space in the building on Sunday mornings for \$25. Christian Temple got space on Sunday nights for \$25 and Thursday evenings for \$15.

3rd Vice-President Freddie Schmidt announced the purchase of a new storage shed for \$700.

Frank Verselle, chairman of the 1982 Fruit Sale, announced a net profit of \$3,388.

Chairman Noel Summers reported net profit of \$591 from the February Chili Supper.

The Lions agreed to help the Friends of the Carmel Library take and return books to and from Merchants Square for its book sale that was moved from cramped quarters at the library. Tom Kirk provided the truck. This continued for several years until no longer needed.

On March 2, 1983, Jack Grabert desired to be removed from the Scout committee. No action was taken.

Year of Birth of Members

On June 6, Secretary Harris Sumner submitted a report giving the birthdates of all members of the club up to that date as follows:

1899-Christie, Thornberry; 1908- Booth; 1909-Helmuth; 1912-Saunders; 1913-Stackhouse,Verselle; 1914- Sumner, Wiggam; 1915- Stoops; 1916- DeTar, Fish; 1917-Correll, Knapp, Sinoock; 1919- Overmyer, Rhea; 1919- Bates, Moore, Tansek; 1920- M.Johnson, Fluhr; 1922-Holloway, Mitchell; 1923-Gradle; 1924 -Compton, Elliott; 1925- Lutz, Pyle; 1926-Clark, Homrighausen; 1927- Christensen, R.Johnson, Stubbs; 1922-Grabert; 1929- Marcheggiani; 1920- Bowers, Dobbins, Hartman, Hurst, Olhausen; 1931- Cox; 1933- Rutherford, Yunk; 1934- Fearrin, Mahony, Woodling; 1935- Smith, Thompson, Yunker; 1936- Summers; 1937- Harvey. Jungnickel, McElfresh, Sales, Schmidt, Wilson; 1939- Blondin, Lancaster; 1942- Isaac; 1943- DeCoursey; 1946- Hinshaw, Kirk; 1947- Hux; 1954- Walsh; 1955- Gary; 1947- Pedersen; 1961- Roberts.

Carmel Lions and wives attended the dedication of the Microton, a new radiation treatment machine at the I.U. School of Medicine on June 12, 1983. It was funded by Lions. Opening of the Lions Eye Care Center also took place. Dr. Steven C. Beering, dean of the I.U. school, conducted proceedings in Emerson Hall and led tours of the I.U. Department of Radiation Oncology.

Club Officers For 1983-1984

Pres. John Rutherford; 1st vp Joe Marcheggiani; 2nd vp Fred Schmidt; 3rd vp Jack Sales; Sec Harris Sumner; Treas Tom Hinshaw; Tail twister Dick DeTar; Lion tamer Max Moore; New directors James Thompson, Robert Overmyer; Holdover directors Richard Helmuth, William Mahoney.

Membership Abstract

Jun 83—71
Jul 83—Added: Al Genatone—72
Sep 83—Dropped: Roy A. Bates (deceased)—71
Oct 83—Added: Claire Jones Jr.--72
Oct 83—Dropped: Lester Tansek (dedeased)—71
Nov 83—Added: Burney Jackson, Stephen Elston--73
Nov 83—Dropped: Ralph Clark—72
Dec 83—Dropped: Kenneth Sinoock (deceased)—71
Jan 84—Added: Carl Comstock, James Graves--73
Jan 84—Dropped: Richard DeTar—72

Feb 84—Added: Richard Green—73
 Feb 84--Dropped: Don Christie (deceased)—72
 Apr 84—Added: Dan Carwile—73
 Apr 84—Dropped: Glenn Pederson—72
 May 84—Drop: James DeCoursey, Steven Elston--70
 Jun 84—Added: Donald Wright, James Borshoff—72
 Jun 84—Dropped: Bernell Dedrickson, Lowell Kirk, Robert Olhausen, Michael Walsh, Jerome Roberts--67

First Strawberry Festival In 1983

Although a new project, a Strawberry Festival, on July 2, 1983, in conjunction with Carmel's Independence Parade, occurred during the term of the new president, Lion John Rutherford, the decision and planning had taken place much earlier during the term of President Phil Correll. They agreed on William Stubbs as first chairman. In 1982, Lions Phil and John had been sitting side by side watching the parade as it went by the clubhouse, and they both said the club should do something to take advantage of the location. Both had seen each other at Christ Church's Strawberry Festival on the Circle just a couple of weeks before. and Lion Phil said to Lion John, "Are you thinking what I am thinking?" "Yes," said Lion John, and they said in unison, "Strawberry Festival!" The Lions Strawberry Festival has been held at Carmel's Independence Parade every year since – the 28th in 2010.

The main menu for the first Strawberry Festival was 1. The Works: Strawberries, shortcake, ice cream, whipped topping \$2.25. 2. Ice cream, strawberries \$1.75. 3. Strawberries, shortcake \$1.50. Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Net profit was \$950.

Travelogue Series Takes Center Stage

With the Strawberry Festival over, Chairman Robert Overmyer placed the Travelogue Series on the front burner. With his playbook of things to do, Lion Bob put his promotional skills in marketing and advertising into play. His basic goal was to sell a minimum of 350 season tickets which he postulated as the break-even point beyond which a profit would be turned. His goal was 700 season ticket sales with advertising and word of mouth on the entertainment value of the series encouraging single-admission sales. Lions were put to work at various tasks, and encouraged to sell, sell, sell. Meanwhile, Lion Bob closed a deal with the AAA travel agency for \$1,500 to subsidize advertising and program printing costs. AAA's interest: Increasing demand for their travel services. The Windoes Co. presented five shows from September through March. All were personally narrated. In November, Lion Bob reported only 210 season

tickets had been sold, and he shifted emphasis to single-admission sales. Then his and Martha's daughter become seriously ill in Seattle, and they felt compelled to be with her. In three months, they were able to return to Carmel. Lion Bob put together a plan to build on what had been accomplished for a new effort the following year. On April 10, club members discussed the new proposal. By show of hands, they voted 25 to 5 to reject a motion by John Axelson seconded by Rod McElfresh to continue another year.

Boy Scout Crisis – Part I

In July 1983, Lion President Rutherford learned that something appeared to be wrong with Boy Scout Troop 112, sponsored by the club, but no one knew just what.

Lion Jack Grabert, the club's coordinator with the troop (formerly called institutional representative), reported that the Scout Committee had not met for some time, that he drove past the clubhouse on a Scout night and saw no one there, and he had not been able to get in touch with the scoutmaster. Phil Correll, Fish Fry chairman, said he had received word from the scoutmaster the Scouts would not be able to work at the fish fry.

A sequence of events took place as follows:

Lion Jack stepped down as coordinator and was replaced by Jerome Roberts.

The president appointed a Scout Review Committee of Warren Saunders as chairman; Jack Grabert, Jerome Robbins and Charles Dobbins, whose son, Chuck, was the Scout executive for the nearby Crawfordsville District.

This committee found that support for the troop by Scouts and parents had been in decline for some time, and at the reenrollment period in the Spring, the only Scout to pay for continuing enrollment was the scoutmaster's son.

The scoutmaster out of his own pocket had paid for enough Scouts to keep the troop active on paper while he tried to figure out how to get it on its feet again. The scoutmaster, who is now deceased, was well respected in Scouting circles and had served 15 years in Scouting leadership including as Scouting director of Culver Academy's summer schools and assistant leader of Troop 112.

On Oct. 11, 1983 Lion Warren in a report to the club said older Scouts become uncooperative and spread dissent over the scoutmaster's personality which differed from that of a former longtime leader. Lion Warren said the chances of reviving the troop appeared slim. He advised dropping club sponsorship.

Boy Scout Crisis – Part II

Lion Jack said he wanted to save the troop in light of its history – the oldest troop in Carmel. The president asked him if he would agree to be chairman of a rebuilding effort. He said yes. Lion Warren bowed out as chairman of the Review Committee which was reconstituted as a Steering Committee with Lion Jack at its head.

Attending this meeting was a prospective member, a guest of Ken Pyle, Claire Jones Jr. A computer expert with Anacomp, he wanted his son to become a Scout. He later asked to be a member of the steering committee, and his son became the first new member of the troop.

Lion Claire worked closely with Chuck Dobbins who volunteered to help with ferreting out Webeloes, whose older members were ready to join a Scout troop and who might be interested in becoming a part of a feeder system for Troop 112.

In December, Lion Claire became scoutmaster. One of many meetings he set up was on April 9, 1984 with 18 boys and 36 parents. Six boys enrolled that night making a total registration of 11 in the troop to that point. On May 10, Lion Claire reported a new total of 16 members, of whom 12 signed up to go camping on June 17-23.

The troop had been saved. The newly reconstituted troop took off with a bang, grew in membership, and still is in existence 28 years later. In the meantime, Lion Jerome moved from Carmel and Dick Smith replaced him as coordinator, the Scouting eyes and ears of the club. Lions James Thompson and Joe Marcheggiani were among Lions who helped revive the defunct Scout Committee. And the troop got a new scoutmaster, George Huffman. He had been Webeloes leader at Woodbrook School and came with some of his charges – and their parents. He stayed several years and saw to it that Troop 112 was put on a firm foundation.

First Diabetes Screening

Among suggestions the board took from the Lions International president was having a diabetes prevention club project. Chairman Joe Marcheggiani set the model for future chairmen. He had the club's first Diabetes Screening on Nov. 18, 1983. A hundred persons were screened and three were positive. He invited Mary Kay Snodgrass of the Indianapolis Chapter of the American Diabetes Assn. to speak and encouraged participation in a skate-a-thon fund-raiser. Each year since the club has had one or more diabetes prevention projects.

Chairman Robert Yunker added apples to the oranges and grapefruit offered at the Fruit Sale.

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Jan Sinnock resigned as kitchen helper to be at home with her husband, Lion Ken, who was very ill. Joyce Wetherington was hired to replace her.

Lion Noel Summers said the Chili Supper grossed \$1,100 at the high school before a basketball game.

Lion Richard Helmuth reported \$415 pledged for memorial trees honoring recently deceased members.

Books were moved to and from library book sales.

This summary of activities by Lions International and provided by Past International Director Wayne Madden follows with verbatim heading and text:

Outstanding Activities 1983-1984

Furnished volunteer labor to move books for the "Friends of Carmel Library" annual "Book Sale."

Donated \$1,000 to each of the following Indiana State Lions project: Leader Dog for the blind, Lions Eye Bank and Cancer Control.

Donated \$100 to Lions International Emergency Fund.
Grossed over \$400 on annual "Chili Supper" held on February 1983.

The club loaned tables, chairs and public address system to the local "Art Fair."

Members manned the ticket booth and gates at the "Carmel Classic," which is an annual track and field meet for amateur athletes from Midwest USA.

Donated \$250 to "Riley Cancer Research for Children, Inc."
Donated \$350 to Hamilton Center which and problem children.

Members assisted with the Independence Day Parade on July 2nd and also donated two "Dandy Lions" to participate in the parade.

Held the first "Strawberry Festival" netting over \$750 through the sale of strawberry shortcake, ice cream and cold drinks.

Held annual "Fish Fry" August 19th and 20th.

Held "Diabetes Screening" at club building put on by Indianapolis Chapter, American Diabetes Association, Inc. Screened 100 persons, three had signs of diabetes.

Held very successful annual "Citrus Fruit Sale on December 7th.

As a community project and service, the club donated 93 boxes of fruit to the local Red Cross Chapter, the 4-H Junior Leaders, local Care Center, local United Methodist Church, Lutheran Church, Westfield Nursing Home and Meals-on-Wheels. All organizations used the fruit to help needy families during the Holidays.

Held "Chili Supper" on February 10th, 1984. Several club members assisted the Indiana Chapter of the American Diabetes Association with a "Skate-A-Thon" at the town "Ice Skating Area." There were 39 skaters participating Over \$3,500 was raised for the Chapter's needs.

Officers for 1984-85

Pres. Joe Marcheggiani; 1st vp Fred Schmidt; 2nd vp Jack Sales; 3rd vp William Mahoney; Sec Bill Wilson; Treas Tom Hinshaw; Tail twister Harris Sumner; Lion tamer Nicholas Yunk; New directors Bill Stubbs, Rod McElfresh; Holdover directors James Thompson, Robert Overmyer.

Membership Abstract

Jun 84-67

Data for Jul and Aug missing from report but

Sept-84 picks up with same total as Jun-67

Oct 84--Added: Thaddeus Zeleski, T. Lane Sims, Michael Ryan Hartman-70

Dec 84--Added: Edwin T. Harrison, Robert T. Hawkins, Robert Nibarger, Harry W. Tolbert, Earl W. Sharp-75

May 85--Added: Ted R. Gambill-76

Jun 85--Drop: Report says Robert Nibarger but check of other records leads me to believe Roger Blondin was meant-75

Minutes of both the club and the board of directors for Lion Joe Marcheggiani's presidency are missing. As a result, little can be written with assurance about what happened during his 1984-1985 term except for activities recorded in the Membership and Activities Report.

Committee chairmen included Strawberry Festival, Bill Stubbs; Fish Fry, John Rutherford; Fruit Sale, Dick Smith, and Chili Supper, Rod McElfresh.

Lion John Rutherford was appointed zone chairman by District Gov. Leroy Sayres.

Lion President Joe and Lion Secretary Bill Wilson were on the zone committee with all club presidents and secretaries in Hamilton County. A major accomplishment was adopting a list of locations for new clubs. The list targeted Atlanta, Sheridan, Home Place, Geist area of Fishers and a second club in Carmel. Geist couldn't get organized; the Carmel-Clay Club didn't thrive.

In September 1984, Kristen Engledow and Scott Harkness, who attended Girls State and Boys State, addressed the club. The club has been sponsoring students for the program yearly for decades.

The club sponsored a Bike-a-Thon raising funds for diabetes prevention. The club also conducted its annual diabetes and blood pressure checks at the clubhouse.

The club donated \$1,000 each to the Eye Bank, Cancer Control and Leader Dogs for the Blind and \$500 each to several local projects.

In January 1985, the board endorsed Lion Joe for election as a Leader Dog Trustee.

The club donated \$1,000 for the Carmel Chemical Abuse program and a donation also to the Tri-County Opportunity Center.

The club donated \$107 to the city to help with new standards to hold civic organization emblems at entrances to the city. The club also donated \$150 to a city project to install bunting of flags along the main streets in the city center.

The Rest of The Story

In December 1985, shortly before the deadline for filing for election for district governor at the district convention, I was surprised to be asked to place my name in nomination by Past District Gov. Irv Sissons. He said he expected I would face no opposition, but I declined. I was in line to become president of the Indiana Society of Professional Journalists and was heavily involved in getting the Legislature to enact major legislation involving open government records and meetings. Also, my employer frowned on outside activities that interfered with work. I knew PDG Shirrell Fox (now deceased), an influential figure in District 25-D matters, who also had been advisor to my son in the Boy Scouts Order of the Arrow. I sent him a note explaining my situation, and, as an afterthought, mentioned that Joe Marcheggiani, a Carmel Lion, would make an outstanding district governor at some point in the future. He disagreed. I was shocked at his reply. In blunt language, he described Joe as "brash" among other demeaning terms, and I took this to mean he felt a threat from Joe to his own standing in the district. I showed the letter to Joe. I felt that Joe had to act fast to display his, in my opinion, outstanding competence. Joe planned an end run around Lion Fox by meeting with as many Lions as possible as soon as possible in a campaign the following Lions year. Meanwhile, Lion Steve McClung of Portland filed for the impending governorship, was elected, and made an outstanding governor.

Officers for 1985-86

Pres. Fred Schmidt; 1st vp Jack Sales; 2nd vp Bill Mahony; 3rd vp Jim Thompson; Sec. Harris Sumner; Treas. Nick Yunk; Tail twister John Axelson; Lion tamer Dick Green; New directors Dick Smith, Frank Mitchell; Holdover directors Rod McElfresh, Bill Stubbs.

Membership Abstract

Jun 85-75

Jul 85-Drop: Stephen R. Cox, Donald E. Wright, Arthur Jungnickel-72

Aug 85-Added: Jock Finkbinder, Steve Sherman-74

Sep 85-Added: Thomas Kirk, David Kristoff-76

Sep 85-Drop: Carl Comstock, Alan Hux, Robert Knapp (deceased), Charles Stackhouse (deceased), Larry Wagner-71

Oct 85-Added: Gregory K. Thomas, Ralph Morgan-73

Nov 85-Drop: Dan Carville, Philip Lancaster-71

Dec 85-Drop: Harry Tolbert, James Graves-69

Jan 86-Added: James Anderson-70

Feb 86-Added: Harvey Lorenzen, Peter Palasini-72

Feb 86-Drop: Virgil Thornberry (deceased)-71

May 86-Added: Rene Pimental, Robert D. Kraft-73

May 86-Drop: Robert W. Elliott-72

Jun 86-Added: Michael Brooks, John A. Miller-74

The 1985-86 year was busy for the Carmel Lions Club under the leadership of Lion Freddie Schmidt. He helped lead Lion Joe Marcheggiani's quest for the district governorship, was host to the club's 50th Anniversary Celebration, worked with

Lion Bob Overmyer to sponsor the Lions Quest drug awareness program in Carmel Schools, and helped organize a new club.

District Gov. Steve McClung named Lion Joe Marcheggiani zone chairman and Lion John Rutherford one of four deputy governors who were members of his Inner Cabinet and chairmen of the four district regions. Both also were members of the larger District Council.

Lion Joe's Campaign for Governor

The club minutes for July 9, 1985 contain this action: "Lion John Rutherford moved and Lion Richard Helmuth seconded that the Carmel Lions Club endorse and support Lion Joseph Marcheggiani for Governor of District 25-D for 1986-1987. Motion passed."

Lion John and Lion President Freddie Schmidt were co-campaign managers. In November, this report appeared in the club newsletter:

"As of this writing Lion Joe Marcheggiani's campaign for the district governorship has taken a decided turn for the best. His only known opponent, a close friend of the powers-that-be in the district, has pulled out of the race, leaving Joe the only candidate. Of course, this could change with the deadline for filing not until January 3. Joe met with the past governors of this area and was pleased with the interchange. He did not ask for an endorsement, but he received an abundance of advice on how to campaign based on their experience. The planned visits by members of our club to all other clubs in the district was one of the things that seemed to impress them. It is a key part of Joe's strategy. The idea is to help ward off other potential candidates from entering the race. Demonstrations of strong backing by members of the Carmel Club help keep the momentum going."

Lion Freddie was in charge of scheduling visitations. Having two to five fellow Lions accompany Joe to each club demonstrated that he "is running on behalf of his club and not just for himself." After the campaign, Lion Secretary Harris Sumner reported 155 member visits were made to 46 clubs.

The winning strategy was summed up in a newsletter this way: "The object is, first, ward off all potential opponents from filing by demonstrating that Joe would wage a tough campaign against any opponent, and, second, in the event that fails, to build up solid support throughout the district so that Joe would win the election anyway."

Two possible last-minute opponents did not file, and Lion Joe won without opposition.

Lion Freddie Schmidt tells this story on himself. He and some others were cleaning out a storage shed, and when it came to Fish Fry time, Lion Leonard Holloway, who ran the fish tent, asked where his blocks were. "Where were they?" Lion Freddie asked. "In the storage shed," he replied. "I think we threw them away," Lion Freddie

said, "I thought they were junk." He said Lion Leonard made some new blocks, "but I don't think he ever forgave me."

Club Sponsors Sheridan Club

Spadework for the new Lions Club at Sheridan was done by Organizing Lion Joe Marcheggiani of the sponsoring Carmel club and district extension chairman Ron Hinshaw of Tipton. They held a meeting with prospects on Dec. 9 and went from there. The club was organized with 21 members in May with charter night set for July 19, 1986. Carmel Lions President Freddie Schmidt headed the host committee which organized the program. He also became the guiding Lion who helps the club get its feet on the ground.

Club Celebrates 50th Anniversary

A total of 137 persons attended the Carmel Lions Club's 50th Anniversary Celebration on April 26, 1986 at the Ritz Charles, according to the activities report of Lions Secretary Harris Sumner.

Among those on the program were two charter members of both the 1930 Lions club, which was disbanded, and the present Carmel Lions Club which was founded in 1936 under a new charter. They were Lester Hinshaw and Marcus Kendal. Also present was Oakley Horton, a charter member of the first club.

Special guest speaker was Past International Director Robert P. McKeown.

Chairman of the event was long-time Carmel Lion Robert Fearnin. Planning for the event was under the auspices of Club President Freddie Schmidt.

Among those in attendance were 25-D District Governor Steve McClung and two visiting governors from other districts, four past district governors, and representatives of the Westfield Lions Club, the club's founding sponsor.

Mayor Jane Reiman represented the city of Carmel.

PDG Sherrill Fox of Anderson was the speaker and installed new officers of the Carmel club on the June 24, 1986 ladies night at the Lotus Garden Restaurant. He was accompanied by his wife, Phyllis. Lion Fox, assistant to the president of Anderson University, and a Baptist minister, gave an inspirational talk on Lionism. Lion John Rutherford, a Carmel Lions Club member and district deputy governor, installed new members.

It was his official visit to the club and he delivered remarks. They follow.

Deputy Governor's Report

By Lion John Rutherford

Past District Governor Shirrell. Zone Chairman Joe. Lion President Fred. Lions and Ladies.

It is with intense pride I make my official visit to the Carmel Lions Club as your deputy district governor.

I am particularly pleased to have been asked to induct new members into the Carmel Lions Club because the continual rebirth of the club through the

admittance of new members is the foundation on which the future of the club rests. You have been doing a good job in this area in spite of the tremendous problem that our club faces – the continual drain on membership of the frequent and steady transfer from our community of outstanding Lions who have little choice but to move when they are asked to do so by their employers. I urge you to continue striving to try to find ways to meet this challenge. Lion John Axelson, you are to be commended for a successful year as membership chairman. Lion Bill Mahoney, I know from working with you when I was president that you will do an outstanding job next year as well.

There is no doubt in my mind that the Carmel Lions Club is the No. 1 club in the district, not No. 2. I say this because the criteria on which we made our points contest computations was only through the end of April. On May 26, our club completed the organization of the new Sheridan club, and if this had been accomplished 26 days earlier, there is no doubt that Carmel would have topped the list by a large margin. I hasten to add that when I go to Wayne-Fall Saturday night, I will congratulate them for their No. 1 ranking, but I will say under my breath, “Outstanding, yes, but for only 10 months, not twelve.”

Lion Joe Marcheggiani, both as zone chairman and a member of our club, you deserve high praise for your zeal going door to door signing up members for the Sheridan club and unabashedly spreading the good news of Lionism.

Lion Fred, thank you for assisting me in promoting the Lions Quest drug awareness program. This was something I was charged to do by the district governor. You and Bob Overmyer got the job done in Carmel-Clay Schools. I am happy to report that five school district in my region are adopting this program and two others are actively considering it.

I have no doubt that many young people will learn to say no to drugs and to other aspects of social pressure because of what you have done.

Strawberry Festival Chairman Nick Yunk reported a net profit of \$2,000.

Lion Joe Marcheggiani, chairman of the Fish Fry, net profit of \$6,226 including raffle sales.

Lion John Rutherford took orders from club members for roses to be provided by the Wayne-Fall club. \$98 was raised for the convention fund.

The Fruit Sale netted more than \$4,500.

Carmel Lions helped man a Lions information booth at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair.

Officers for 1986-1987

Pres. Jack Sales; 1st vp Bill Mahony; 2nd vp Jim Thompson; 3rd vp Bill Stubbs; Sec, Harris Sumner; Treas. Nick Yunk; New directors Dick Green, Al Genatone; Holdover directors Dick Smith, Frank Mitchell.

Membership Abstract

Jun 86--74

Aug 86--Drop: Ted Gambill—73

Oct 86—Added: James Marlowe—74

Oct 86—Drop: Gregory Thomas, Edwin Harrison—72

Nov 86—Added: James F. Brewster, Lawrence Carlin Jr., Robert Lombard—75

Jan 87—Added: Thomas Caufield—76

Apr 87—Added: Harper F. Souilliard—77

May 87—Added: Arthur Cross, Carl Kinker—79

Jun 87—Richard Buzan, Donald Scholer--81

Jun 87—Drop: Earl Sharp, Rod McElfresh, Peter Palasni, Rene Pimentl--78

In his remarks after assuming the gavel of president of the Carmel Lions Club, Lion Jack Sales placed emphasis on membership and said that 1st Vice-president Bill Mahony would have the added role of membership chairman. Lion Bill had had success in that capacity previously. While net membership went from 74 to 81 over the course of the year into early June the next year, four Lions left the club just before year's end, dropping total membership to 77.

Lion Secretary Harris Sumner reported that approximately 250 manhours were expended by the club on a single day, July 5, 1986, to assist with the Carmel Independence Day parade and to put on the club's annual Strawberry Festival chaired by Lion Robert Hawkins.

Sheridan Club Chartered

After being organized in May, the new Sheridan club sponsored by the Carmel club, received its charter in July. Lion Harris reported, “Carmel Lions Club hosted over 150 persons at the Sheridan Community House for the celebration of Charter Night for the new Sheridan, Indiana, Lions Club. International Director Kenneth Lautzenheiser was the speaker.”

Willard Scott Touts Carmel Fish

Fish Fry Chairman Freddie Schmidt was looking for ways to publicize the event, and he sent information and a prop to the Today TV show. On Friday morning of the Fish Fry, Willard Scott, the show's weatherman, appeared wearing a Lions Club hat with foam fish attached to each side giving details of the Carmel Fish Fry on national TV. Lion Freddie reported a net profit of \$7,946 including raffle sales.

Lion Joe To Be Council Chairman

The Indiana Lions Multi-District is governed by a State Council made up of all the district governors in the state. Each new council before taking office selects one of the outgoing district chairmen to chair its meetings. District 25-D District Gov. Joe Marcheggiani of Carmel was chosen by the new district governors-elect to be their Council Chair-man for 1987-1988.

Lion Joe's Banner Night

On Sept 13, 1986, new District Gov. Joseph Marcheggiani's Banner Night was held at Carmel High School. The highlight was passing of the district banner by Portland Lions Club President Duane Locker to Carmel Lions Club President Jack Sales.

Lion Charles Dobbins received 238 reservations, according to the minutes of Lion Harris Sumner. Lion Dick Green contracted with Noel Cobb of Lapel to cater the dinner.

Carmel Lion John Rutherford was master of ceremonies, and entertainment was provided by the Indianapolis Scottish Society Pipe Band and Highland Dancers. Invocation was given by Mark Sims, the Sheridan Lions Club president, and benediction was by Steve McClung, the immediate past district governor.

Also on the program were International President Stan Akestan; Carmel Mayor Jane Reiman, Chesterfield Club president Jay Mier and Past District Gov. Robert Benson of Westfield who conducted a passing-of-the-torch ceremony.

District Gov. Joe's slogan was "Lions Care—Lions Share."

Carmel Lions who served on Lion Joe's District Cabinet were Fred Schmidt, secretary-treasurer; Burney Jackson, song leader; John Rutherford, public relations chairman, and Charles Dobbins, audit, budget and finance chairman.

A school official and two teachers presented the program at an October ladies night on the Lions Quest drug awareness program adopted by Carmel Schools. The Carmel Lions club was financing the program's first year.

The club donated \$600 to the Carmel Symphony Orchestra to help underwrite special programs.

Mission To Central America Draws Interest

Lion Jim Cameron, of Urbana, a candidate for international director, showed slides and commented on his mission to Central America with used eye glasses and the donation of used school buses and trucks to the local populace there. This sparked an interest among several Carmel Lions to participate in the program in subsequent years.

Chairman Charles Dobbins reported the Fruit Sale netted \$2,821.

Chairman Dick Green reported the February Chili Supper netted approximately \$619.

Net profits were reported of \$2,295 from the Strawberry Festival, \$5,751 from the Fish Fry, \$4,059 from the Fruit Sale and \$291 from the Chili Supper. The events were headed by Bob Kraft, Jack Sales, Charles Dobbins and Bob Lombard, respectively.

A new insurance package raised the coverage and replacement cost of the building from \$145,000 to \$164,000 leaving coverage on contents at \$3,000 and liability at \$300,000. The premium went from \$707 to \$770.

Harvey Lorenzen was named the club's representative to Hamilton County Meals-on-Wheels.

Officers for 1987-1988

Pres. William D. Mahony; 1st vp William Stubbs; 2nd vp James Thompson; 3rd vp Nicholas Yunk; Sec. Harris Sumner; Treas. Thaddeus Zeleski; Tail twister Richard Smith; Lion tamer Frank Mitchell; New directors David Kristoff, Burney Jackson; Holdover directors Richard Green, Al Genatone.

Membership Abstract

Jun 87—77
 Jul 87—Added: William Campbell—78
 Jul 87—Dropped: James D. Marlow—77
 Aug 87—Dropped—William C. Fish—76
 Oct 87—Added: Jolanda VanHook, William Wendling, Joe Creasey, George Rathbun, Raymond Diggle Jr., Richard E. Dowell—82
 Oct 87—Dropped: Michael Hartman—81
 Feb 88—Dropped: John A. Hillier—80
 Mar 88—Added: William Nesbitt—81
 May 88—Added: Robert Whiting—82
 May 88—Dropped: James F. Brewster—81
 Jun 88—Dropped: Robert Hawkins, Joe Creasey, Thomas Caufield—78

Three members of the Carmel Lions Club and their wives attended the Lions International Convention in Taiwan in July. Joe and Connie Marcheggiani, Jack and Beth Sales and John and Laura Rutherford, with a contingent of Lions from Indiana, also spent a week in Hong Kong and on Mainland China. The travel arrangements were made by James Cameron of the Syracuse club and a candidate for his district's nomination for international director. Lion Joe who had become acquainted with many Lions in International circles introduced him to persons of influence.

Lion Freddie Schmidt was one of four deputy governors appointed by Gov. James Ashby.

Chased By The Dogs

Club members took part for several years in the zone-sponsored annual Bike-A-Thon. Lion Joe Marcheggiani and his bike were chased by a group of dogs in 1987. He was attacked but went on to complete all 40 laps.

The Plus-50 club, which had diminished to a few quilters, had moved from the building. The club subsequently put in new carpeting for \$1,200.

Another New Club Eyed

District Gov. Joseph Marcheggiani told the club on May 26, 1987, he and Carmel Lion Charles Dobbins "are doing some missionary work" to see about establishing a new Lions club in Home Place south of Carmel.

Home Place Club Organized

On Aug. 4, 1987 Lion Joe Marcheggiani, in his capacity as district extension chairman, informed the Carmel Lions Club board of the possibility of a new Lions Club at Home Place. The minutes report, "The board agreed to be the sponsor after motion by Lion Kristoff and second by Lion Mitchell." Then on Sept. 1 Lion Joe announced an organizational meeting on Sept. 10 with interested individuals in the Home Place area. The club was organized, and Carmel Lions Club President William Mahony reported Charter Night would be Jan. 16, 1989 at Forest Dale School. Past International Director Carter Everage was the speaker. District Gov. Jim Ashby was in attendance with several past district governors. The Carmel club authorized the Home Place club to have a stand at its Strawberry Festival – to sell nachos and hot dogs, but not what it sells.

Lion Marcheggiani suggested Carmel Lions sell mints for free-will offerings on counters at businesses. On Jan. 3 1989, Lion Joe reported the project had brought in \$875.52 since its inception. That amount increased to \$1,000 prior to the June 6, 1989 board meeting. Reports of pilfering caused the board to consider dropping the project, but Lion Joe did so voluntarily,

Club Buys Fire Engine

In August 1987, Lion David Kristoff announced PDG Jim Cameron of District G would again head a trip in the fall to Guatemala with eyeglasses and other supplies. In September, the club donated \$200 to the Syracuse Lions to assist them in buying a fire truck to take along. On May 10, 1988, Lion Joe Marcheggiani recommended the Carmel club purchase an available fire truck from Ashley, Indiana, for \$900 for the next fall's caravan. The board approved.

Minutes of the Jan 26, 1988 club meeting states, "This being Boy Scout Night, Lion Bud Jones (the club's representative to the troop) introduced Scoutmaster Huffman, leader of Troop 112. He spoke of the activities of the troop and of their plans. Four Scouts to be presented rank of Eagle Scout at the Court of Honor on Feb. 6, 1988 at the Lutheran Church at 106th Street and Keystone gave short talks of the service projects they worked on for meeting the requirements to be an Eagle Scout." The troop had 39 members.

On May 28, 1988, Lt. John Etter. Patrolman Dan Horton and Patrolman Mike Pratt demonstrated the drug-sniffing and attack-mode skills of their canine patrol in the Lions Club back yard.

Lion Phil Correll presented a check for \$466.50 from gum ball receipts.

On May 10, 1988, Lion President Mahony said there was an opportunity to expand the Strawberry Festival during the coming Independence Day observance. Members present expressed willingness to work longer hours to man a booth at the Civic Center in addition to the stand at the clubhouse. This was done, but logistics and other problems eventually caused the club to pull out.

Door Opened To Women

On July 7, Lion President William Mahony relayed information about the decision made at the International Convention that women can now join Lions clubs. A court had found that for technical reasons involving membership classifications, the Rotary clubs violated anti-discrimination laws. While this did not apply to Lions Clubs International, according to its lawyers, there was nothing to prevent Lions International from voluntarily admitting women, which it subsequently did.

First Citizen of Year Award

Lion President Mahony expressed his desire to establish an annual award to an individual who had contributed valuable service to the community. The recipient need not be a Lions. The first Citizen of the Year Award went to Philip Correll, a 35-year Lion and Carmel city judge for 17 years. Many awards were given out before the project was allowed to lapse.

Lion Schmidt To Run For Governor

The last meeting of the club year ended with this prescient action: "The club is sponsoring Past President Freddie Schmidt, now deputy District Governor, for district Governor for 1989-1990."

Officers for 1988-1989

Pres. Jim Thompson; 1st vp Bill Stubbs; 2nd vp Nick Yunk; 3rd vp Dave Kristoff; Sec. Harris Sumner; Treas. Ted Zaleski, Tail twister Chris Rathbun; Lion tamer Ralph Morgan; New directors Bob Kraft, Harvey Lorenzen; Holdover directors Burney Jackson, Bob Lombard.

Membership Abstract

Jun 88—78
Jul 88-Added: Basilio Calchera, Robert J. Hartman--80
Aug 88-Drop: John K. Axelson-79
Oct 88-Added: Robert F. Cox—80
Oct. 88—Drop: Robert Johnson, Keith Wiggam, Noel Summers Jr.—77
Nov 88—Added: James DeLonay, Kenneth Stoddard-79
Nov 88-Drop: Raymond Diggle Jr., Stanley E. Isaac-77
Dec 88—Added: Rick J. Rhea—78
Jan 89—Drop: Arthur Cross—77
Feb 89—Added: Edward MacGuire, Carrol Sipes—79
Mar 89—Added: Gary McCarty—80
Mar 89—Drop: Richard Buzan—79
Apr 89—Added: Robert Craigmyle, John Lagener, Richard A. Smith—82
Apr 89—Drop: Thomas Hinshaw, Steven Gary. Robert Nibarger, Lawrence Carlin Jr., Jolanda VanHook, William Wendling Jr., Robert Christensen—75
Jun 89—Dropped: Rick J. Rhea—74

Fire Truck Draws Attention

The July 1988 Carmel Lions Newsletter reported, "The publicity Carmel Lions Club received on our purchase of a fire truck for a Guatemalan city was outstanding. After The Indianapolis News ran a feature story and a picture of Lion Dick Smith, the Associated Press picked up the story and picture and transmitted it on the AP regional wire so that it was available for use in newspapers throughout Indiana and Ohio. Dick said he has heard from several friends around the state who had seen the AP story in their local newspapers." After the club bought the fire truck for \$900, it was parked on the front lawn of the club grounds.

The Lions of Indiana launched a drive for funds to build a larger state headquarters to supercede the office space provided by Carmel Lion Meid Compton on 62nd Street east of Broad Ripple. His real estate office was in the same building.

Carmel Lion Freddie Schmidt was district Leo chairman.

The minutes of the Oct. 4 board meeting stated: "Discussion was held on the forming of a breakfast or luncheon club in the Carmel area, specifically in the Meridian-116th Street area. The matter was tabled until a later date."

On Nov. 22, PDG Steve McClung joined two teachers from the Carmel Junior High Lions Quest Program to give a presentation on how young people are being taught to stand up to social pressure from those who use drugs.

The Fish Fry netted \$5,700, the Fruit Sale \$3,500, and the Chili Supper \$546. Chairman were Bill Mahony, Charles Dobbins and Laurence Carlin, respectively.

Lion Schmidt Elected Governor

Lion Freddie Schmidt's campaign for district governor followed much the same plan as PDG Joe Marcheggiani's of which Lion Freddie had been co-campaign manager: Extensive club visitation by himself and fellow Carmel Lions.

The October 1988 newsletter reported, "All Lions be sure to check the visitation schedule for Fred Schmidt's campaign for district governor. Fred is doing a great job of campaigning, but he needs our help."

The November newsletter said: "Fred Schmidt will have competition in the race for district governor. Robert Wilson of Lapel has announced his candidacy. We all know Fred is the best man for the job, but we must make sure that all the rest of the district knows what we know so that they will vote the right way at the convention in March."

The showdown came on March 5 1989 at Indiana Wesleyan College in Marion. Each candidate could put on a demonstration before the voting. Oldtimers still talk about the noisemaking and showy display organized by Carmel Lion Dave Kristoff for Lion Freddie. There even was a pep band composed of Carmel students. Lion Freddie was elected by a vote of 134-68.

Three Lions Join Caravan

On Nov. 26, 1988, three Carmel Lions began taking turns driving the club's own fire truck on a 3,200 journey from Zionsville Lions Park to Mexico and on to Guatemala with the Jim Cameron Caravan.

The Carmel Topics carried a story on Nov. 30, that featured Carmel Lions William Stubbs, Richard B. Smith and Meid Compton and a picture of Lions William and Richard with the fire truck.

The story began, "Somewhere in the Mexican desert, three dusty, unshaven men from Carmel relentlessly press south in their fire truck. At least, that is what they are supposed to be doing according to their schedule - 635 miles last Saturday, 550 Sunday, 275 Monday, 500 Tuesday, 380 today, 400 tomorrow to the Guatemalan border where they will spend the night. Friday they plan to reach their destinations, Guatemala City and individual villages out from there."

In the caravan were 40 Indiana Lions in 40 fire trucks, school buses, ambulances and pick-up trucks filled with wheelchairs, clothing, stuffed animals and 8,000 pairs of eyeglasses.

Lion Smith was due to fly back Dec. 11, but Lion Stubbs was to stay an extra week to aid six optometrists who were flying in to fit glasses and treat minor eye problems.

On Feb. 7, 1989, Lion President Jim Thompson told the board of the new way of selecting district governors. A vice-governor would be elected and would automatically become governor unless he or she declines. The four deputy governors, designed to be primary assistants to the governor, were replaced by regional chairmen.

Club Buys Cadillac Hearse

On April 25, 1989, Lion Richard B. Smith told the board he found a large 1972 Cadillac hearse which would be a good vehicle for donation to Guatemala. It could be bought for \$1,000 and need \$400 for repairs. The board voted to purchase.

Officers for 1989-1990

Pres. William Stubbs; 1st vp Nick Yunk; 2nd vp; Dave Kristoff; 3rd vp Bob Kraft; Sec. Harris Sumner; Treas. Ted Zaleski; Tail twister Bob Lombard; Lion tamer Harp Souilliard; New directors Bud Jones, Don Scholar, Lane Sims; Holdover directors Harvey Lorenzen, Chris Rathbun, Al Genatone.

Membership Abstract

Jun 89—74

Sep 89—Added: Edward L. Pipkin—75

Sep 89—Drop: Edward MacGuire—74

Oct 89—Added: David W. Stewart—74

Nov 89—Drop: Robert Fearnin—74

Dec 89—Drop: Carrol Sipes--73

Mar 90—Drop: James H. Anderson—72

Apr 90—Added: Gary Blanton--73

Jun 90—Drop: David Kristoff, Richard A. Smith--71

Lion Freddie's Banner Night

The Carmel Lions Club received the district banner July 29, 1989 in honor of Carmel Lion Freddie Schmidt, new district governor, at Carmel Junior High School.

It was passed by Howard Hosier, president of the Alexandria club, and accepted by William Stubbs, president of the Carmel club. Lion Jack Sales was chairman of the event and Lion James Thompson was master of ceremonies. Attendance was 215.

District song leader Chris Rathbun of Carmel led singing of "America." Gene Keister, president of the Fall Creek club, led Pledge of Allegiance. Invocation was by the previous district governor, Chester Owen.

Singers Ken Knowles and Ann Conrad provided the entertainment. International Director Lion Jim Cameron of Syracuse spoke, and PDG Steve McClung conducted the Passing-of-the-Torch ritual. After remarks by Gov. Schmidt, Lion Melanie Cole, president of Muncie Hometown club, gave the benediction.

Carmel Lions on Gov. Schmidt's cabinet in addition to Lion Rathbun were Charles Dobbins secretary, Jim Thompson convention co-chair, and Joe Marcheggiani, extension chairman and Speech and Hearing trustee.

Second Carmel Trip to Guatemala

Four Carmel Lions went on the annual Cameron Caravan to Guatemala leaving Nov. 23, 1989. Driving two ambulances were Lions Joseph Marcheggiani, Robert Fearnin, Meid Compton and Phil Correll.

More stories appeared in the newspapers in 1989:

Associated Press: "Lions clubs begin caravan to Guatemala with medical supplies.

The Indianapolis News: The main head says, "Carmel Lions to travel in style" and the deck head "Cadillac ambulance making Guatemala trip"

Carmel Topics: "Carmel Lions see a way to help" with picture of Lion Phil Correll next to ambulance.

Indianapolis Star: "Hoosiers aid mercy mission"

Dale Graham Citizen of Year

The Carmel Lions Club Citizen of the Year Award was given to Carmel High School Principal Dale Graham.

Charter Night Set For New Lions Club

Lions District Extension Chairman Joe Marcheggiani of Carmel held an organizational meeting for a second Lions club in Carmel on Oct. 26, 1989 at Summer Trace. Charter night: Jan. 6, 1990 at Ritz Charles. Meeting place: First at Carmel clubhouse, then Anthony's Café.

Lion Marcheggiani Runs For International Director

Every few years the region of Lions International that includes Indiana presents nominees for the Lions International Board of Directors. Nomination by the Indiana Lions Multi-District state convention is needed for Hoosier Lions to get on the ballot. In 1990 Indiana's time came around again, which meant the nomination would be sought at the state convention in April of 1990. Lion Joseph Marcheggiani had made contact with key International officials and decided to run.

At the Oct. 10, 1989 club meeting, "Lion Robert Kraft moved that the membership endorse Joe Marcheggiani for international director. Second by John Rutherford. Motion passed unanimously."

At a special district convention in Muncie on Jan. 7, 1990, PDG Lion Joe won the district's backing over PDG Robert Benson of Westfield.

Meanwhile, Lion Joe received word that Lion James Ross of District F was planning to run for the state's nomination also. For years an informal arrangement between District F in Southern Indiana and District A in northern Indiana kept the nomination among themselves. PDG Shirrell Fox, a very engaging politician, thought he had the nomination sewed up a few years back when he went to the state convention in South Bend. On the morning of the election, however, latecomers began to pour in to register to fill delegate vacancies, tipping the election away from him. The time was too short to allow Lion Fox to counter the move.

Lion Joe suggested that Lion James run for Indiana's International convention chairmanship now and Lion Joe would help him get elected to the board in four years. He told Lion James he, Lion James, was not prepared to win the office under present circumstances. Lion James agreed to this but later changed his mind. He got the state nomination but got nowhere at the International convention, as Lion Joe had predicted, and withdrew early. Both, in effect, lost.

History Of Carmel Lions Club

Chapter 6: Clubhouse Survives Fire, 1990-2000

Officers 1990-1991

Pres, Nick Yunk; 1st vp Bob Kraft; 2nd vp Al Genatone; 2rd vp Frank Mitchell; Sec. Harris Sumner; Treas. Ted Zeleski; Tail twister Carl Kinker; Lion tamer Dick Dowell; New directors Bob Craigmyle, Jim Delonay, Harp Souillard; Holover directors Bud Jones, Don Scholer, Bob Whiting; Membership chairman Bill Nesbit, Dick Green

Membership Abstract

Jun 90—71
Jul 90—Drop: Robert F. Cox—70
Sep 90—Drop: Jack Grabert—69
Oct 91—Drop: John Lagener, Robert Lombard—67
Nov 90—Added: R. Duane Monical—68
Dec 90—Drop: Michael L. Brooks—67
Jan 91—Drop: Steve Sherman—66
Feb 91—Drop: Gary R. McCarty—65
Mar 91—Added: Edward L. Pursel, Panj K. Das--67
Mar 91—Drop: William T. Stubbs—66
May 91—Added: Albert C. Bolin, P. Kerry Catt, David L. Van Horn—69
May 91—Drop: Robert J. Hartman, Allen K. Harvey, Claire W. Jones Jr, Edward L. Pipkin, Kenneth Stoddard—64
Jun 91-64

Adult Citizens Center Moves In

The Carmel Lions Club became primary sponsor of the Carmel Adult Citizens, a recreational group, to use the clubhouse each Monday through Thursday. Space used will include that used by Plus-50 Club which declined in membership and moved out. Marvin Clingman was the person in charge.

Lion Secretary Harris Sumner put together a list of Carmel Lions with three or more years of consecutive attendance as follows:

20—Frank Rhea, 10—John Rutherford, Jack Sales. 9—Freddie Schmidt. 8—James Thompson. 6—Joe Marcheggiani, Burney Jackson, Frank Mitchell, Nicholas Yunk, 5—William Stubbs, Thaddeus Saleski. 4—Charles Dobbins, Ralph Morgan. 3—Robert Kraft, Donald Scholer.

Carmel Lions now were taking glasses to the collection center at the Daleville Lions Club.

The seventh summary of activities by Lions International and provided by Past International Director Wayne Madden follows:

Outstanding Activities 1990-1999

(Ed. Note: While the span stated is 10 years, the content appears to be one year.)

The Board of Directors authorized the "Heart of Indiana Chorus," a non profit organization to use the club house on each Tuesday night for practice and without charge.

Once again members moved books for the local library for their semi annual "Book Sale." Fifteen members moved two truckloads and three pick-up truck loads of books for the book sale. One week later unsold books were returned to the library.

Donated to the following in two months, \$1,000 to Leader Dog, \$750 to Indiana Eye Bank, \$400 to Lions Speech and Hearing, \$1,000 to Indiana Cancer Control, \$400 to IN Lions Diabetes Research, \$117 for child's eyeglasses, \$50 to Past International James Cameron Fund.

Held annual Fruit distribution on December 7th and 8th and 9th.

Donated 1,175 pounds of citrus fruit to Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana, valued at \$490.

Donated 18 cartons of apples to the local Fire Department for their Christmas project for needy families, valued at \$108.

The club sponsored an Adult Citizens Center which was given permission to use the Lions Club each Monday through Thursday.

Donated \$200 to Diabetes Association, \$300 to local Symphony Orchestra, \$200 to Shepherd's Center, \$200 to the Carmel Dad's Club, and \$1,000 to L.C.I.F.

Donated \$600 to Tri-County Schools for the purchase of two voice synthesizers, one for each of the two local schools, \$125 to Girls and Boys State, \$125 4-H of Hamilton Co., \$224 to Mexico project.

Held "Strawberry Festival" July 6th netting \$3,200.

Held "Chili Supper" at local high school. Seventy percent of members assisted in the work.

Furnished eyeglasses to two students.

Supervised members of sponsored Boy Scout Troop 112 during the cleaning of our Lions Club House. They earned points toward merit badges.

Moved books for the library's semiannual book sale.

Donated \$300 to Cystic Fibrosis.

Donated 300 to local junior high school .

Lion James Thomas Thompson, the guiding Lion from the Carmel Lions Club assisting the new Carmel-Clay Lions Club, read the speech given by Susan Jones at her installation as president.

At the Sept. 25, 1990 spouses night, four clowns entertained. One of them was a Carmel Lion, Chris Rathbun.

Lion Fred Schmidt told of a family whose home burned. He said they needed clothing for three children, The club allowed \$50 to buy clothing at the Tot-Teen shop at Carmel United Methodist Church.

Chairman Charles Dobbins reported \$3,677 profit from the Fruit Sale.

At the Jan. 22 meeting, Carmel Lion Frank Mitchell, a heating and cooling expert, described an invention of his

called a "Frog" that, properly installed, prevents problems with exposed parts of refrigeration equipment during frigid weather. He said he couldn't find a place to market it because suppliers fear a boycott from technicians who have a business making repairs in the cold months. A copy of this is in the club minutes.

Mexico Bound

Lions Max Moore, Joe Marcheggiani, Al Genatone and Meid Compton left on March 14, 1991 on a trip to deliver used vans and 8,000 pairs of eyeglasses to Mexico.

Officers for 1991-1992

Pres. Bob Kraft; 1st vp Al Genatone; 2nd vp Frank Mitchell; 3rd vp James DeLonay; Sec. Harris Sumner; Treas. Ted Zeleski; Tail twister B. C. Calchera; Lion tamer Don Scholer; New directors Carl Kinker, Bill Newsbitt; Holdover directors Bob Craigmyle, Harp Souillard; Membership chairman Dick Green.

Membership Abstract

Jun 91-64

Feb 92—Drop: David W. Stewart-63

Mar 92—Added: David W. Stewart, Kenneth P. Hubert—65

Jun 92--65

Lion Charles Dobbins was a regional chairman.

Fish Fry Under Study

President Bob Kraft changed the date of the Fish Fry from Aug. 9-10 to Sept. 13-14. Afterwards, Lion Carl Kinker reported a profit of \$3,800 but only \$800 of that from the Fish Fry itself. The rest was from the raffle. Lions Fred Schmidt, Carl Kinker and Leonard Holloway were named to study ways to increase revenue. Next year, it was moved back to August.

The new Carmel Senior Citizens Center that uses the clubhouse had attendance of 192 during August 1991, Secretary Harris Sumner said. It paid \$50 monthly rent and gave the club \$600 before Jan. 13, 1992.

Members of the Carmel Lions Club and Carmel-Clay Lions Club went on a golf outing Sept. 29, 1991.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Lion William Campbell was exploring interest in Lions willing to ring bells for the Salvation Army in November at Target (Keystone) Mall. Twenty-four Carmel Lions put in more than 200 manhours ringing the bells. Amount of money collected was not announced.

Carmel Mayor-elect Ted Johnson, a former Carmel Lion, addressed the club on Nov. 12, 1991.

On motion of Lion Bob Craigmyle seconded by James DeLonay, the club's board endorsed the nomination of Lion Freddie Schmidt for election as a trustee to the Eye Bank. Lion Schmidt has served in that capacity many years including as president.

Six Carmel Lions led by Lion Al Genatone went to Dale-

ville to help process eyeglasses.

Frank Mitchell Had Unique Gift

Lion Frank Mitchell awed members and spouses at the Feb. 11, 1992 Valentine's Day dinner at the Lotus Garden Restaurant. He played a harmonica flawlessly holding it in only his mouth without using his hands. When a child, he heard a harmonica player on the radio billed as playing handless. Frank didn't know he used a holder, so he thought if that man could play it, so could he. And he learned to do what nobody else apparently had ever done. He was in a skit with W.C. Fields on a vaudeville stage and was asked to go on the road with a Texas swing band, but his mother wouldn't allow it. So, he threw his harmonica away and didn't play again until joining the Lions Club. He later played outside the Farm Bureau building at the State Fair and for numerous clubs. The money he was given, he gave to Lions Sight First.

Officers for 1992-1993

Pres. Al Genatone; 1st vp Frank Mitchell; 2nd vp James DeLonay; 3rd vp Burney Jackson; Sec. Harris Sumner; Treas. Thaddeus Zaleski; Tail twister Pankaj K. Das; Lion tamer Robert Craigmyle; New directors Al Bolin, Donald Scholer; Holdover directors Carl Kinker, William Nesbitt; Membership chairman William Campbell.

Membership Abstract

Jun 92--65

Jul 92—Drop: Harvey Lorenzen (deceased)-64

Sep 92—Added: Robert D. Carlow-65

Oct 92--Drop: Richard Green—63

Nov 92—Richard Helmuth (deceased)--62

Jan 93—Added: Henrik G. Gahn—63

Feb 93—Added: Robert G. Fearrin, Sheri Bright, Joseph Korson—66

Mar 93—Drop: Charles Dobbins (deceased)—65

Apr 93—Drop: James Borshoff—64

Jun--64

Lions Club members breathed a sign of relief when a return to an August date brought an uptick in profit from the previous year when it was held in September. The profit was \$5,512 compared to \$3,800 a year earlier.

Sight First Model Club Is Goal

The Carmel Lions Club in April, 1993, committed itself to becoming a Model Club in the Sight First Program to raise funds so that preventable blindness in the world can be eliminated. The goal was \$32,500 from the club and its members. Lion Freddie Schmidt was Sight First coordinator for Region 6.

A special event to raise money for Sight First was a Garage Rummage Sale chaired by Lion Max Moore.

Carmel Lions rang bells for the Salvation Army for the second year in a row. Chairman Bill Campbell reported Lions bell ringers collected \$7,573.61.

A Woodland Experience

Over the years, many Christmas ladies nights have been at Woodland Springs Country Club. The first of these were in a large parlor with plush chairs pulled back for the dining tables, Yuletide decorations, and large windows with pulled-back drapes. After a remodeling, the parlor was gone, and the new meeting room was nondescript, windowless, convention-hotel style and not romantic, but more romantic than where we were put on Dec. 8, 1992. They called it "the men's grill." Some ladies called it the men's locker room because it was next to it and what you had to go through to get to it.

Lion Bill Campbell was the club's representative to Boy Scout troop 112.

Fruit Sale profit was \$3,643.

Carmel-Clay Club Disbands

On Jan. 26, 1993, Guiding Lion James Thompson the Carmel-Clay Lions Club had disbanded into the Carmel Lions Club. They had trouble attracting members for what they apparently viewed as inconvenient morning or noon meeting times. Two transferred to the Carmel Lions Club, Sheri Bright and former Carmel Lion Robert Ferrin.

Officers For 1993-1994

Pres. Frank Mitchell; 1st vp Jim DeLonay; 2nd vp Burney; 2rd vp Don Scholer; Sec. Harris Summers; Treas. Carl Kinker; Tail twister Dick Dowell; Lion tamer Ed Pursel; New director Dave Van Horn, Max Moore; Holdover directors Al Bolin, Harp Lorillard; membership Chairman Jim Thompson.

Membership Abstract

Jun 93—64
Jul—Drop: P.Kerry Catt, George C. Rathbun, David W, Stewart, Nicholas T. Yunk—60
Oct 93—Added: Charles Boetto—61
Oct 93—Drop: Panj K. Das—60
Nov 93—Added: Howard Morin, Ronald Bussell; Lester Kersey Jr., Jerry N. Miller—64
Dec 93—Added:Mark Egger—65
Jan 94—Added: Steve Purichia—66
Mar 94—Drop: Steve Purichia—65
Apr 94—Drop: Robert G. Whiting—64
Jun 94--64

Having a member of Carmel Lions Club elected an International Director and a fire that did major damage to the clubhouse top the list of happenings during the presidency of Frank Mitchell.

Lion Secretary Harris Sumners started off the

year reporting that the average age of members of the club was 60.67 years, the median age was 55, the members above median were 47 and the members below median were 17.

Only \$300 profit was made at the Strawberry Festival. Chairman Dave Van Horn blamed low attendance for the parade because of hot weather.

Lion Hartman Citizen of Year

The club's Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Lion Robert Hartman, retiring school superintendent, at a ladies night on Sept. 28, 1993.

The club hosted participants in the Ole Towne Walk on Dec. 2. The club served "refreshments and hospitality." This became a yearly tradition.

Profit of \$5,000 was reported for the Fish Fry.

Lion Marcheggiani Runs For, Wins International Director Bid

On Nov. 9, 1993, Carmel Lion and PDG Joseph Marcheggiani received endorsement of the Carmel Lions Club for election to International Director on a motion by Warren Saunders seconded by James Thompson.

Since he lost a bid for State Convention nomination in 1998 to James Ross of District F (who was not subsequently elected at the International Convention), Lion Joe had been working hard to gain support from all quarters of the state.

First step in the new campaign came before he lost the previous state nomination. When a coalition opposing him based on districts F and A made his prospects appear dim, he placed a full page ad on the back page of the Hoosier Lion listing in detail his life and accomplishments in Lionism. Since all Lions in the state got this newspaper, it made him known to all Lions in the state in a dramatic way. This was talked about for years.

Lion Joe also took other steps to increase his presence in state affairs. One of these, the founding of the Mid-Winter Conference at Butler University was such a success it took on a life of its own and remains an important part of the Indiana Lions experience to this day at a variety of locations.

His experience in establishing new clubs in District D led to his appointment as extension chairman for the state and put him in contact with a large number of Lions leaders at local levels by providing a service they desired.

During his new campaign, Carmel Lions sent teams on his behalf to a number of clubs in the region, including one such visitation to the Pike Lions Club, home club of James Ross, his previous opponent.

On March 6, 1994, Lion Joe was endorsed by the District 25-D convention followed by his nomination by the state convention on April 24, 1994 at Fort Wayne. He was elected by delegates to the International Convention in July for a 2-year term.

Five club members participated in an Adopt-A-Street project in Carmel the club took on. Carey Road, which just happened to be an easy alternate route for Lion Secretary Sumner to get to Carmel from his home, was selected from 136th to 146th streets. Picking up trash was the major priority.

On July 13, Lion Meid Compton talked to the club on experiences "on special assignment" in Somalia for the State Department. Further detail is lacking in the minutes, but Lion Meid, who was not married, often took off to exotic places at a moment's notice, delivering eyeglasses or other things for Lions concerns. Humor marked his talks.

Twenty-eight Carmel Lions put in 297 hours of bell ringing for the Salvation Army during the 1993 holiday season. More than \$5,000 was collected.

No More Chili Suppers

On Jan. 11, 1994, according to the club's minutes: "President Lion Mitchell announced the cancellation of the Chili Supper for this year." The last Chili Supper was served the previous year, 1993. Loss of foot traffic past the high school cafeteria before basketball games due to new construction and less parking south of the school were blamed.

January 1994 update on Campaign Sight First: Pledges of \$32,731 from the club and 38 members with \$14,924 collected.

Lion Mitchell played the "Star Spangled Banner" on his harmonica at the Feb. 6, 1994, club meeting in lieu of the Pledge to the Flag.

On Feb. 8, 1994, Frank and Marie Mitchell celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary the same way they always had since he became a Lion - by attending the Lions Club's Valentine's Day dinner.

Pancake Breakfasts On Way

With the Chili Supper gone by the wayside, what was to replace it? James DeLonay, who was to become president the following year, had an idea. He expressed it in a motion at the April 4, 1993 board meeting. The minutes say, "Lion James moved that a Pancake Breakfast be held in October to replace the disbanded Chili Supper project. Motion passed after second by Lion Frank Mitchell." The breakfast was such a success, Lion James added another one the following spring, and that has been the pattern ever since.

Fire Damages Clubhouse

A fire the night of Thursday, May 15, 1994, severely damaged what was known as the Plus-50 Room and caused smoke damage throughout the building. Fire Capt. Richard Dulek told the Noblesville Daily Ledger the fire started around the furnace in the room. No one was in the building when the fire started around 8 p.m. Firefighters were on the scene for 2 ½ hours.

At the May 10 board meeting at the Carmel Library, Lion Robert Fearrin said the insurance company gave approval to go forward with repairs on an estimate of \$44,000 in damages.

The fire caused confusion and disagreement over how to proceed and whether the club membership or the Board of Directors should decide.

Lions Duane Monical, James Thompson and William Campbell were to work with the insurance company on hiring contractors to do the repairs.

The minutes then state:

"Much discussion was focused on whether to just repair the damage to the building or to include, also, the updating of the entire building. Lion John Rutherford moved that only the repair of the damage be concered (sic) and completed at this time and, after that is done, then the club would determine what, if any, should be done to the main building. Motion passed after second by Charles Boetto."

Meanwhile Lion President Frank Mitchell began recruiting members with pertinent skills whose volunteer efforts could reduce some of the expense of contracting.

At the May 24 club meeting at the Old Country Buffet, there was more discussion and a new recommendation, according to the minutes:

"Discussion led by Lions Monical, Campbell and Thompson suggested the club tear down the Plus 50 portion of the building, leaving the concrete and putting in a drop ceiling and new lighting in the main room of the building and air condition the main room. Other options were (1) to repair only the damaged portion of the building, and (2) bring the entire building up to par."

Lion Marcheggiani moved "that we reduce the size of the building from 3,000 square feet to 2,000 square feet." A vote by show of hands was 22 yea, 1 no.

Lion Thompson then moved to tear down the Plus 50 portion and finish off the east wall and then consider renovation of the main building. Show of hands was 27 yea, 1 no.

On June 7, the board met at the home of President Mitchell and came up with what it termed "the final decisions on the renovation of the building," according to the minutes as follows:

1. Save Plus 50 Room. Use for store room.
2. Roof entire building.
3. Repair fire damage.
4. Double doors south end of Plus 50 Room. and kitchen.
6. Air condition main building.
7. Get rid of old stoves in kitchen."

The next installment would be played out during the presidency of Lion James DeLonay beginning in July.

Officers For 1994-1995

Pres. James R. DeLonay; 1vp Burney W. Jackson; 2nd vp Donald D. Scholer; 3rd vp Richard B. Smith; Sec. Harris Sumner; Treas. Carl J. Kinker; Tail twister Henrik G. Gahn; Lion Tamer Kenneth P. Hubert; New director Richard E. Dowell; Jerry N. Miller; Holdover directors David L. Van Horn; Membership chairman R. Duane Monical.

Membership Abstract

Jun 94—64
 Jul 94—Added: Fred R. Lawless—65
 Jul 94—Drop: Mark Egger—64
 Oct 94—Added: James W. Pursel—65
 Oct 94—Drop: Sheri Bright—64
 Jan 95—Drop: Howard F. Morin—63
 Mar 95—Add: Ron Hoskinson—64
 Mar 95—Drop: Leonard Lutz—63
 May 95—Add: William Thomas Penn—64
 May 95—Drop: Lester Kersey Jr.—63

Update On The Restoration

Lion Frank Mitchell, who President DeLonay put in charge of getting all the repairs and new renovation growing out of the clubhouse fire, had this report in the August Newsletter:

“The insurance company has estimated the damage to the clubhouse as about \$43,000. The initial cost estimate to save the room and the cleaning of the clubhouse was about \$29,000 and the new roof was \$5,000. The ceiling was to run about \$2,000; the light fixtures and bulbs about \$600; the airconditioner was \$2,600 plus. We had \$3,000 insurance on furnishings and so we have just about used that much at this point. The ceiling and air-conditioning have been completed. The new furnace, which was included in the cost of the airconditioner, was \$630. The furnace is for the annex.

“The next project will be to finish the floor in the meeting room. Using competent local Lion labor, we may tile the large meeting room. The complete renovation of the annex, including floor covering, will be done a little at a time over the next few years. The club members who have contributed their help are Dave Van Horn, Jim Thompson, Jerry Miller, Duane Monical, Burney Jackson, Woody Hurst, Leonard Holloway, Hank Gahn, Jim DeLonay, Bob Craigmyle and Frank Mitchell.

“After we remodel the restrooms and finish the floor, we expect to generate some income by renting the clubhouse. The sooner we complete the renovation of the main room the sooner we can renovate the annex. We are moving at a steady clip and we are confident of the outcome.”

Miles Johnson arranged for installing ceiling tile in the east annex, and Leonard Lutz found a good buy on a new cook stove.

Pancake Breakfast Draws Raves

President DeLonay said he hoped to borrow some renovation enthusiasm for the club's latest fund raiser, the Oct. 30 Pancake Breakfast, soon to be joined by an April Pancake Breakfast. After results of the first Pancake Breakfast were coming in, President DeLonay declaimed in the newsletter, “We've got ourselves a winner and on the first try!” Lion Leonard Lutz was chairman. Max Moore and Hank Gahn chaired the April one.

As if he didn't have enough to do, Lion Frank Mitchell became Regional Membership Chairman.

Lion Bill Campbell said Carmel Lions Salvation Army bell ringers collected \$25,000 in the previous

Three years. His ringers added \$8,818.99 to that in 1994. Total for four years: \$31,231.07.

Lion Saunders Citizen of Year

Lion Warren Saunders, who was active in many governmental, political and civic affairs, received the Carmel Lions Club Citizen of the Year Award. He came to Carmel in 1964 as pastor of the Carmel Methodist Church and joined the Carmel Lions Club soon after. He also had been active in Lions before coming to Carmel.

Fruit Sale Chairman Don Scholer, who has been chairman or co-chairman many times over the years, reported profit of \$5,246.25.

Lion Joe Shares Experiences

On a return trip home, International Director Joe Marcheggiani shared some of his experiences and plans at a meeting of the Carmel Lions Club. He was serving a two-year term on a 32-member board from around the world. Sixteen are from North America and the other 16 from other geographical areas. The entire board meets quarterly, but members are divided into subcommittees that work on problems and policies. Lion Joe was assigned to the membership committee.

The first board meeting was in Phoenix to be followed by Rome, Puerto Rico, and Korea. He had speaking engagements lined up for New Brunswick, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maryland, Wisconsin, Michigan, North Dakota, Kentucky, California and Oregon.

Harris Sumner, secretary for 14 years, turned the job over to Woody Hurst.

Officers For 1995-1996

Pres. Burney Jackson; 1st vp Don Scholar; 2nd vp Dick Smith; 3rd vp Jerry Miller; Sec. Woody Hurst; Treas. Carl Kinker; Tail twister Hank Gahn; Lion tamer Ken Hubert; New directors Chuck Boetto, Ron Russell; Holdover directors Dick Dowell, Dave Van Horn; Membership chairman Bob Craigmyle.

Membership Abstract

Jun 95—63
 Oct 95—Added: Warren Helm, Gail Hoskinson, Connie Marcheggiani, Annedie J. Maillho--67
 Nov 95—Added: William Spellman--68
 Nov 95—Drop: William Campbell—67
 Dec 95—Added: R. Stephen Tegarden—68
 Nov 95—Drop: Frank E. Rhea (deceased)—67
 Mar 96—Added: George Haney—68
 May 96—Add: Glenn Simpkins, Bret Rush—70
 May 96—Drop: Gail Hoskinson (deceased)—69
 Jun 96—Added: Otto Reifeis, Cathy Burke—71
 Jun 96—Drop: Fred Lawless--70

Carmel Lion Jim Thompson was zone chairman.

Net income from the Fish Fry was \$1,806. Net income from the Fish Fry was \$4,725. Lion Max Net income from the fall Pancake Breakfast of between \$450 to \$500. Lion Hank The April Pancake Breakfast netted income of \$1,500. Lions Don Scholer and Hank Gahn reported 23,000 pounds of the 32,000 pounds of fruit had been sold and urged members to keep selling, and they did, selling most of it. Net Fruit Sale income was \$5,045.

Marvin Clingman Citizen Of Year

Marvin Clingman received the Carmel Lions Club's Citizen of the Year Award for leadership including providing senior citizen activities.

Gail Hoskinson, who was totally blind, was a guest on Sept. 12, 1995 with her dog "Molly." Gail became a member in October and died in May.

Lion Al Bolin, new Salvation Army bell ringing chairman, said Carmel Lions collected \$5,173.

Lion Joe Gets International Convention

Lions International Director Joe Marcheggiani on April 9, 1996 announced to the club that the International Convention would be held in Indianapolis in 2001. Lion Joe had organized an Indiana Lions committee, that included Carmel Lion John Rutherford, that gathered data and engaged in preliminary meetings with officials of the Indiana Convention Center and others. Lion Joe had reported his findings to the Lions International Board which took it from there.

Lion Meid Compton on May 28, 1996 talked to the club about his trip to Ghana to deliver 300 pairs of eyeglasses to a hospital.

On June 11, President Jackson and Lion Lane Sims introduced Kathy Burke who had acquired a new Leader dog through the auspices of the club. She joined the club, later transferring to the Home Place Lions Club for reasons of convenience.

Lion Joe Gets Award

On June 25, 1996 Lion Joe Marcheggiani received the Carmel Lions Club's Outstanding Citizens Award. Among activities cited was his spearheading of efforts leading Lions International to decide to bring its convention to Indianapolis in 2001.

Lion Joe Gives Awards

Lion Joe, also on June 25, 1996, at the same meeting, presented International Recognition awards to Carmel Lions Jack Sales and John Rutherford. Coincidentally, both had helped Lion Joe launch his first campaigns for governor and for international director, Lion Jack in campaign managing and Lion John as publicist.

Cutting Back On Her Duties

After approximately 40 years of service to the Carmel Lions club, first as a wife and then with administrative duties, Martha Ferrin told the

board said she planned to retire as the club's rental agent. She would still help put out the club's newsletter.

Lion Bill Nesbitt was named representative to the Boy Scouts.

Officers For 1996-1997

Pres. Don Scholer; 1st vp Jerry Miller; 2nd vp Dick Dowell; 2rd vp Hank Gahn; Sec. Woody Hurst; Treas. Carl Kinker; Tail twister Larry Woodling; Lion tamer Bob Carlow; New directors Ken Hubert, Annetia Mailho; Holdover directors Chuck Boetto, Ron Bussell; Membership chairman Dave Van Horn.

Membership Abstract

Jun 96—70
Jul 96--Added: John Axelson--71
Sep 96—Drop: Kenneth Booth (deceased)—70
Sep 96—Added: William Pattison—71
Feb 97—Added: Carl Weigle, Michael Battista-73
Mar 97—Added: Timothy Reiman—74
Apr 97—Drop: Ron Hoskinson, Thomas Penn—72
May 97—Drop: William Wilson—71
Jun 97—Added: James Lewis, William Wilson--73

Bigger Storage Building Built

The board in July approved a proposal from Lion Warren Helm to build a 24-foot by 24-foot Fink Truss storage building. It would replace a smaller building that was offered for sale.

Proposed cost would be \$4,000 with labor provided free by club volunteers and Lion Warren, a retired vocational teacher known for teaching his students the building trades by building buildings including homes. The board hoped to provide at least half the cost of materials by pledges from members with \$400 already pledged when construction began. The building was completed in September. Nineteen Lions helped build it.

Carmel Lion Jim Thompson was district membership chairman.

Net income from the fall Pancake Sale was about \$1,100. Figures for the spring breakfast were not noted, but Hank Gahn said, "We fed more people and made more profit than during any of our previous attempts."

The Fruit Sale made \$2,000 less than a year earlier. Stores were selling fruit at same or lower prices.

Lion Dick Dowell directed the club's Salvation Army bell ringers who collected over \$5,400.

Lion Schmidt Accepts Award From Nepal
PDG Freddie Schmidt, a Carmel Lion and chairman of the Indiana Lions Eye Bank Trustees, traveled to meetings of the Cornea (Transplant) Congress and International Federation of Eye Banks in Prague, Czech Republic. He got an award from the Nepal Eye Bank citing assistance from the Indiana Eye Bank. Rice dust is a cause of corneal damage there, some which can be cured by transplants.

Lion Jim Elected Vice Governor

The Carmel Lions Club minutes of Jan. 14, 1997 reported: "Lion Joe Marcheggiani placed in nomination Lion Jim Thompson for the position of District 14-D Vice Governor. The nomination was seconded by Lion John Rutherford. The membership unanimously approved." Lion Jim Thompson was elected without opposition as District Vice Governor at the March 2, 1997 district convention at Eastern Howard School at Greentown. That means he was in line to automatically become governor in 1998-1999. Other Carmel Lions elected at the convention were Lion Freddie Schmidt, chairman of the Eye Bank Trustees, to a new term as trustee, and Lion Joe Marcheggiani as Indiana Lions Trust trustee.

In June 1997 more than 1,000 pairs of glasses were picked up from Carmel collection points and delivered to the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center at the Daleville Lions Club.

Officers For 1997-1998

Pres, Dick Dowell; 1st vp Hank Gahn; 2nd vp Ed Pursel; 3rd vp John Axelson; Sec. Woody Hurst; Treas. Carl Kinker; Tail twister John Rutherford; Lion tamer Harp Souillard; New directors Max Moore, Lane Sims; Holdover directors Ken Hubert, Dave Van Horn; Membership chairman Bob Carlow.

Membership Abstract

Jun 97—73
 Jul 97—Added: Michael Maenhout—74
 Jul 97—Drop: Jerry Miller—73
 Sep 97—Drop: George Haney—72
 Oct 97—Add: Thomas Irvin—73
 Oct 97—Drop: Basilo Calchera, Michael Battista—71
 Nov 97—Add: Gale Graber—72
 Feb 98—Add: James Blanchard, Delia Blanchard—74
 Mar 98—Richard Bowers, Walter Davis—76
 Jun 98—Drop: Warren Helm (deceased)—75

City Builds Parking Lot

The city of Carmel suggested that it build a paved parking lot behind the Lions Clubhouse to serve not only the Lions Club but the public at large. It would be in easy walking distance of Downtown Carmel and in the City Art District.

The club was barely making do with grass and a graveled area in which cars and semis often got stuck in wintertime and spring.

Lion Warren Saunders headed a Lions Resurfacing Committee to meet with city officials to work out details. Also on the committee were Lion Ron Bussel, an attorney, and Lion Hank Gahn.

After meeting with the board, the mayor and other officials met with the membership on Aug. 12 for discussion and a vote on the lease agreement.

The Lions Club could have exclusive use of the parking lot under terms set forth in the lease including notifying the City Board of Works once yearly for the year ahead. Lion Joe Marcheggiani made a motion for an amendment stating the agreement be for 20 years only and the lease agreement not have an automatic renewal option

included in it. A show of hands approved the amendment with 24 for the amendment and 15 opposed. The vote on the lease as amended was by secret ballot with 16 for the lease and 9 opposed.

The initial term of the lease was for 20 years from Oct. 1, 1997 to Sept. 30, 2017. A key sentence says, "Either party may terminate this agreement as of the last day of the Initial Term or any extension term by giving written notice to the other party not less than 30 days prior to the expiration of the Initial Term or any extension term. Otherwise, the lease would automatically be extended for an additional 10 years."

A deep drainage retention basin on the east side of the property was dug to eliminate surface water drainage from flowing into city storm sewers. A driveway from Main Street along the east side of the clubhouse was part of the project.

The memorandum of agreement was signed by Mayor James Brainard for the city and President Richard E. Dowell for the Lions Club.

The construction cost was \$140,000.

An arrangement was made between the club and the local Wal-Mart store for a joint fundraising project. Wal-Mart would match funds spent up to \$3,000 donated by the club for a Hamilton County charity. A committee of the Lions Club selected Meals-on-Wheels as the recipient. On April 14, 1998, checks totaling \$6,000 were presented to Meals-on-Wheels by the Lions Club and Wal-Mart.

Popcorn Sales Raised \$889.50

On Sept. 3, 1997 Lion John Rutherford turned in \$126.50 from popcorn sales at the Fish Fry. It was packaged by the Alexandria Club. He bought it for 50 cents a pound bag and sold it for \$1 with 50 cents going to the Carmel club. The farmer providing the popcorn wholesale to the Alexandria club had left the business, and it was unlikely such a deal would be found elsewhere. So, said Lion John, he would probably run out of his supply the next year. He did. He turned in \$94. Profit to the Lions Club over a number of years: \$889.50.

Dean Lindsey Citizen of Year

The Carmel Lions Club made its Citizen of the Year Award to Dr. Dean Lindsey for establishing a network of churches that agreed to use their facilities on a rotating basis for overnight housing of families found to be temporarily in need.

Marvin Clingman, longtime leader of the Senior Citizens group that used the clubhouse, said he would be stepping down from the leadership. He said the group would turn over \$4,500, which it had raised for a community center, to the Lions Club to improve clubhouse facilities.

Officers For 1998-1999

Pres. Hank Gahn; 1st vp Ed Pursel; 2nd vp Max Moore; 3rd vp Dave Van Horn (replacing Carl Weigle); Sec. Woody Hurst; Treas. Carl Kinker; Tail twister Jim DeLonay; Lion tamer Otto Reifeis; New directors Ron Bussell, John Rutherford; Holdover directors Lane Sims, Dave Van Horn (promoted to vp); Membership chairman Ken Hubert.

Membership Abstract

Jun 98—75

Oct 98—Added: William Fry—76

Oct 98—Drop: Albert Bolin, Walter Davis—74

Nov 98—Added: Gilbert Bruning—75

Jan 99—Added: Dennis Mallon—76

May 99—Added: Arthur McDermid—77

May 99—Drop: Charles F. Mitchell (deceased)—76

Lion Thompson Becomes Governor

Carmel Lion James Thompson, assumed governorship of District 25-D for 1998-1999. His Banner Night was held on Sept. 12, 1998 in the Marten House at Marquette Manor near St. Vincent Hospital. His motto was "Reach for the Stars."

Lion Jim was a pilot in the Vietnam War, but he spent most of his career on the military space program including two years as Air Force project officer for the NASA Space Shuttle.

PDG Freddie Schmidt called the celebration to order followed by the National Anthem led by Carmel Lion Burney Jackson, district song leader, the Pledge of Allegiance led by Carmel Lion Ed Pursel and invocation by District Chaplain Mike Bullick of Noblesville, who also gave the benediction.

After dinner, the Indy Singers from the Indiana School for the Blind sang followed by Passing of the Torch ritual conducted by PDG Shirell Fox. The banner was presented to Carmel President Hank Gahn by Frankton Lions Club President Michael Shuter. Immediate PDG Carroll Benson gave an address, and Gov. Thompson delivered remarks.

Carmel Lions who served on Gov. Thompson's District Council were Carl Kinker district treasurer, PID Joseph Marcheggiani chairman of International Understanding and Cooperation and Indiana Trust Fund trustee, David Van Horn the Leo Clubs chairman, John Rutherford sergeant at arms, Burney Jackson song leader, and Freddie Schmidt a Lions Eye Bank trustee.

A Boy Scout, David Schue, came up with a landscaping plan for the club grounds as part of a project for becoming an Eagle Scout.

New restrooms were constructed by Warren Helms and ten other Lions.

The club in March 1999 provided 15 members to help interview students as fictional work applicants in the Exchange City project at Prairie Trace Elementary School. The club has provided the service each year since.

Gov. Thompson had a decision to make when the 25-D district convention endorsed Lion PDG Doug Owen of Pendleton for international director. Also in the race for the nomination at the State Convention were PDG Wayne Madden of Auburn and PDG Tom Slattery, Indianapolis. Lion Thompson, in articles in the Hoosier Lion, strongly supported Lion Doug even though Lion Madden had friends in the Carmel club for his support for Lion Joe Marcheggiani in the past. Lion Madden went on to

be elected at the international convention and later became 2nd Vice President of Lions International.

Lion Woody Hurst Citizen of Year

Woody Hurst received the Carmel Lions Club's Citizen of the Year Award for his many accomplishments with the Lions Club, with Carmel Methodist Church and with McDonald's House in Indianapolis which provides a place of refuge for relatives, many at a distance from home, of children who are hospitalized.

Officers For 1999-2000

Pres. Ed Pursel; 1st vp David Van Horn; 2nd vp Joe Korson; 3rd vp Bob Craigmyle; Sec. Woody Hurst; Treas. Carl Kinker; Lion tamer Connie Marcheggiani; New directors Mike Bruning, Denny Mallon; Holdover directors Ron Bussell, John Rutherford; Membership chairman Ron Bussell.

Membership Abstract

Jun 99—76

Oct 99—Add: Barbara Orris, Robert Dennis—78

Oct. 99—Drop: Arthur McDermid—77

Nov 99—Added: Jon (Jack) Mayfield—78

Nov 99—Drop: William Fry—77

Dec 99—Drop: Annedia Maillho, Cathy Burke—75

Jan 00—Added: Keith Pettigrew—76

Jan 00—Drop: Forest Stoops (deceased)—75

Mar 00—Drop: R. Duane Monical—74

May 00—Added: Edward F. Miller—75

Jun 00--75

On Jan. 5, 1999, a decision on whether to discontinue the Fruit Sale was tabled until firm figures were reported. The Fruit Sale was still being conducted in 2010.

Lion Schmidt is Citizen of the Year

The Carmel Lions Club presented PDG Freddie Schmidt with its Citizens of the Year Award. A long list of Lions and other civic accomplishments were cited. Topping the list was his chairmanship of the Indiana Eye Bank. He was described being instrumental in expanding its services "so as to enable hundreds who would otherwise remain blind to see."

What may have been the first Peace Poster contest conducted by the Carmel Lions Club was held in 1998. The winning poster was created by a Carmel Junior High School student.

The club in June 2000 donated \$300 to the Eyeglasses Recycling Project which moved from Daleville to a building in Lions Park in Muncie.

President Ed Pursel said the Indiana Lions Foundation granted \$500 for Monon Trail benches.

Ken Hubert was named the Boy Scout coordinator.

PDG Freddie Schmidt made an appeal for workers for the 2001 Lions International Convention in Indianapolis. He was involved in hospitality.

History Of Carmel Lions Club

Chapter 7: Membership On Upswing 2000-2011

Officers For 2000-2001

Pres. David Van Horn; 1st vp Bob Craigmyle; 2nd vp Ken Hubert; 3rd vp Tom Irvin; Sec. Woody Hurst; Treas. Carl Kinker; Tail twister Connie Marcheggiani; Lion tamer Dick Bowers; New directors Miles Johnson. Keith Pettigrew; Holdover directors Mike Bruning, Denny Mallon; Membership chairman John Rutherford.

Membership Abstract

Jun 00--75
Jul 00—Drop: Michael Maenhout—74
Sep 00—Added: Harry Lee Flower, Jane Flower, Douglas Losier, Kathy Losier—78
Oct 00—Add: John Klotz, Donovn Feaster—80
Nov 00—Drop: Barbara Orris (deceased)), Delia Blanchard—78
Feb 01—Add: Ronald Todd—79
Mar 01—Add: Harry Gallagher—80
Apr 01—Add: John Broges—81
Apr 01—Drop: Robert Dennis—80
May 01—Add: Gary Barney—81
May 01--Drop: Jack Finkbiner, Stephen Tegarden-79
Jun 01—Add: Gilbert Rhodes—80

In September the club purchased four benches for \$250 each for River Heritage Park

Club Honors Historian

The club named Thomas Rumer, historian and newsletter editor of the Carmel-Clay Historical Society, the Citizen of the Year. He was cited for researching, preserving and interpreting the history of Carmel and Clay Township.

\$100,008 In Nine Years

Lion Tim Reiman talked to the club about reviving the Salvation Army bell ringing. He started keeping a running total of amounts collected the following year and increased the number of shifts devoted to manning the kettles. After the conclusion of the 2010 season, Lion Tim reported that 50 club ringers collected \$13,409. This brought to

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\$100,008 the total amount the club had raised in nine years.

In Feb. 2001, the club donated \$250 to the Second Helping organization, perhaps for the first time.

On May 8, 2001 John Clester, operator of the Lions Eyeglasses Recycling Center then at Muncie, talked to the club about it. On May 15, a group from the club went up to see it. The following year more than a dozen trips were made, and the club has scheduled monthly trips from that time hence. Lions Jim Thompson and Robert Craigmyle usually go and also make arrangements for car-pooling from the Carmel Lions parking.

Officers For 2001-2002

Pres. Bob Craigmyle; 1st vp Ken Hubert; 2nd vp Jane Flower; 3rd vp Jack Mayfield; Sec. Woody Hurst; Treas. Carl Kinker; Tail twister Jack Sales; Lion tamer Dick Bowers; New directors Jim Pursel, Tom Irvin; Holdover directors Miles Johnson, Keith Pettigrew; Membership chairman John Rutherford.

Membership Abstract

Jun 01—80
Aug 01—Added: David Lambdin, Charles Ford-82
Nov 01—Drop: Keith Pettigrew—81
Feb 02—Added: Brad Ralston—82
Mar 02—Add: Philip Voorhees, Dorothea Voorhees-84
Mar 02—Drop Phil Correll (deceased)—83
Apr 02—Add: Alicde Gossett—84
Apr 02—Drop: Richard Bowers—83
Jun 02—Drop: James Blanchard, Edward Miller, William Wilson--80

The club delivered more than 3,000 pairs of used eyeglasses to the Eyeglass Recycling Center.

Club Celebrates its 65th

The Carmel Lions Club celebrated its 65th anniversary on Sept. 11, 2001. Past International Director Wayne Madden of Auburn spoke. The Sweet Adelines sang. After hearing an account of the early club history, Lion Madden donated Lions International summaries of the club's activities for several years. PID Joseph Marcheggiani was master of ceremonies. President Robert Craigmyle closed the Ritz Charles event with remarks.

Under club sponsorship, Girl Scouts collected nearly 400 pairs of eyeglasses on Sight Night, Oct. 31, 2001. The event has taken place each year since.

By this time, many members were regularly attending the Lions Mid-Winter Conference held at many places over the years in the state.

The club gave \$100 to Carmel Police for National Child Safety Council material.

Meid Compton delivered 400 pairs of used eye glasses from the Muncie center while on a trip to Brazil, South America on Feb. 22.

\$2,000 was donated to the World Trade Center Disaster Relief Fund in addition to \$1,000 to LCIF.

Officers For 2002-2003

Pres. Ken Hubert; 1st vp Jane Flower; 2nd vp Carl Weigle 3rd vp Ron Todd; Sec. Woody Hurst; Treas. Carl Kinker; Tail twister Dick Dowell; Lion tamer Gil Rhodes; New directors Tom Bowers, Dave Lambdin; Holdover directors Jim Pursel, Tom Irvin; Membership chairman Lee Flower.

Membership Abstract

Jun 02—80
Jul 02—Add: Tom Lorson—81
Aug 02—Drop: Joseph Korson—80
Oct 02—Add: David Shumate, Gun Esen, Sevil Esen, Roy Luttrell, Gloria Luttrell—85
Nov 02—Added: Joseph DaRin—86
Nov 02—Drop: John Borges, Gale Graber, Richard B. Smith (deceased)—83
Dec 02—Drop: Robert Carlow (deceased)—82
Feb 03—Added: Rensen Wu, CA Charles Cary, Roy Mason—85
Feb 03—Drop: Harris Sumner (deceased)—84
Mar 03—Drop: Warren Saunders (deceased)—83
Apr 03—Drop: Phili Voorhees, Dorothea Voorhees—81
May 03—Added: Daniel Nelson—82
May 03—Drop: Max Moore (deceased)—81

Lion Lee Flower was Region Chairman.

Loziers Were Convention Hosts

PDG Jim Thompson gave awards to Carmel Lions Doug and Kathy Lozier for many hours of hard work in planning and working at the International Convention in Indianapolis. Lion Doug was chairman of the Indiana host committee and Kathy assisted in many capacities. Many Carmel Lions helped with the huge convention in many different ways.

The club coordinated Sight Night by 53 Girl Scouts troops as 337 girls collected 2,848 pairs of eyeglasses. Each were give a specially designed patch for their efforts.

Lion Lee Wins District Race

Carmel Lion Lee Flower was the only candidate for vice-governor for the following year at the District Convention on March 16, 2003, at the Radisson Hotel in Muncie. Carmel Lion Joe Marcheggiani won re-election as an Indiana Lions Foundation trustee. Lion Freddie Schmitt won a new term as Indiana Eye Bank trustee.

Four members went to the new Upland eye glasses center to sort glasses taking thousands of glasses with them. They took 3,500 in one trip alone.

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Eight members attended the charter night of Butler University Lions Club on April 13.

Lions and families, including several from Carmel, took a weekend trip to Rochester, Michigan, April 26-27 to visit the Leader Dog School.

Terry Prather Citizen of Year

Terry Prather was honored by the Carmel Lions Club as Citizen of the Year for outstanding service to the Carmel Dads Club, the Carmel Pups football team and the Hamilton County Parks Commission.

Officers For 2003-2004

Pres. Jane Flower; 1st vp Carl Weigle; 2nd vp Dave Lamdin 3rd vp Roy Luttrell; Sec. Woody Hurst; Treas. Carl Kinker; Tail twister Alice Gossett; Lion tamer Gil Rhodes; New directors ChuckFord, Tom Lorson; Holdover directors Tom Bowers, John Klotz; Membership chairman Doug Lozier.

Membership Abstracts

Jun 03—81
Jul 03—Drop: Roy Mason (deceased)—80
Aug 03—Added: William Bugher—81
Aug 03—Drop: Thomaas Irvin (deceased)—80
Oct 03—Added: Shahid Athar, Harvey Greene, David DeVilbiss—83
Nov 03—Added: Thomas Knapik, Kanice Chapman, Tomasenia Weber, Gordy Pearson—87
Nov 02—Drop: Harry Gallagher—86
Jan 04—Added: Arne Esbin, Curtis Peters—88
Feb 04—Added: Garth Lim—89
Feb 04—Drop: Harper Souillard (deceased)—88
May 04—Added: Jeffery Veldhof—89
Jun 04—Add: Phyllis Banton, Thelma Banton-Maitland—91

Lion Bob Craigmyle was zone chairman.

The club donated to help repair damage by fire to the Boy Scout camp in Marion County.

High School Leo Club Formed

Seventeen Carmel Lions members attended the chartering at Carmel High School of the club's first Leo Club on the night of Dec. 3. The club got off to a flying start under the sponsorship of Carmel Lion and high school teacher Chuck Ford. However, when Lion Ford retired, no one could be found to take his place. The club sponsor needed to be on the school staff. It could not be renewed the next year without one. Leo clubs, like all student organizations, also face the problem of yearly student turnover.

Carmel Lions Club members were involved in many eye screenings to detect diabetes and other

problems at malls, schools, hospitals and churches. The Carmel Lions Club held a White Cane Day fund raiser at the Wal-Mart Store on April 2, 3 and 4 on Greyhound Pass north of Carmel to cover screening costs.

The club decided to build and enter a float in the Independence Day parade.

Officers For 2004-2005

Pres. Carl Weigle; 1st vp Roy Luttrell; 2nd vp Gordy Pearson; 3rd vp Dave DeVilbiss; Sec. Woody Hurst; Treas. Carl Kinker; Tail twister Alice Gossett; Lion tamer Jim DeLonay; New directors Otto Reifeis, Lane Sims; Holdover directors Chuck Ford, Tom Lorson; Membership chairman Tommie Weber.

Membership Abstract

Jun 04—91
Jul 04—Added: Ernest Lane—92
Jul 04—Drop: Leonard Holloway (deceased)—91
Aug 04—Drop: Thomas Knapik—90
Sep 04—Drop: David Lamdin, Ernest Lane—88
Oct 04—Added: Charles Malinowski, Ali Pournourbakhsh—90
Oct 04—Drop: John A. Sales, William Spellman—88
Nov 04—Drop: Roy Luttrell, Gloria Luttrell—86
Feb 05—Added: William Smith, Mark McClelland—88
Apr 04—Added: Wayne Follstad—89
Apr 04: Drop: Meid Compton (deceased), Gareth Lim—87
May 04—Dropped: Joseph DaRin, Bret Rush, Al Pournourbakhsh—84
Jun 04—Added: Bret Rush—85
Jun 04--Dropped: Tomasenia Weber—84

A Banner Night For Gov. Flower

The club hosted a banner night for Carmel Lion Lee Flower, the new district governor, on Aug. 28, 2004 at Orchard Park Presbyterian Church. The club's newsletter reported, "There was good fellowship, fun, door prizes and a really delicious dinner. We had special music performed by some talented youth. International Director Candidate Lion Dave Fiandt was guest speaker for the evening." The banner was passed from the home club of PDG Sandra Price to DG Lee's home club.

Lion Joe Again On International Board

Past International Director Joseph Marcheggiana received a surprise appointment to the International Board of Directors earlier in the year to serve for the 2004-2005 Lion year. An international president may appoint 6 members of the board. The rationale is that the elected members may not have all the expertise a president may think is needed to govern effectively. Carmel Lion Joe previously filled an election spot on the board in 1994-96.

Photo eye screening continued at many locales.

The club donated \$500 to the district tsunami fund.

Dr. Robert Fong, president of Butler University, talked about plans for the future of the school.

Officers For 2005-2006

Pres. Gordy Peterson; 1st vp Dave DeVilbiss; 2nd vp Tom Lorson; Sec. Bob Craigmyle; Treas. Carl Kinker; Tail twister Richard Dowell; Lion tamer Phyllis Banton; New directors Alice Gossett, Jeff Veldhoff; Holdover directors Otto Reifeis, Lane Sims; Membership chairman Larry Woodling.

Membership Abstract

Jun 05—84
Jul 05--Added: Mark Anderson—85
Jul 05—Dropped: Robert Overmyer (deceased), Charles Ford—83
Aug 05—Added: Steffanie Peters--84
Oct 05—Added: Jeffrey Boller, Sidney Clark, James Colter--87
Oct 05—Dropped: Arne Esbin—86
Nov 05—Drop: Shahid Athar, Daniel Nelson—84
Feb 06—Added: Wayne Cimely--85
Apr 06—Charles Boetto, Gilbert Rhodes—83
May 06—Drop: Thelma Banton-Maitland, Gary Barney, Bret Rush—80
Jun 06--80

Lion Lee Takes the State Chair

Carmel Lion Lee Flower was serving as State Council chairman following a year on the council as a district governor. Newly elected district governors, who make up the State Council, choose one of the departing governors to lead them.

The Carmel Lions Club board was considering the club's role in the upcoming Campaign SightFirst II. The Carmel Lions Cookbook put together by Lions Jane Flower and Alice Gossett went on sale to help raise funds for the project. They brought in \$3,600. Lion Jeff Boller got permission from the Parks Department for a walking pledge fundraiser on the Monon Trail. Lions Freddie Schmidt and Larry Woodling were in charge of direct solicitation of pledges from members.

The board officially declared the Leo club inactive.

President Gordy Pearson said donations for victims of Hurricane Katrina may be made through the district treasurer with a notation of "Lions Club International Foundation."

Celebrating The 70th Anniversary

Celebration of the club's 70th anniversary took place at the regular meeting at the clubhouse on April 28, 2006 with Kathy Lozier coordinating the commemoration. The meal was catered by California Connection. The Carmel Middle School Jazz Band provided entertainment. After remarks, a brochure containing a short club history prepared by Lion John Rutherford was distributed.

Officers For 2006-2007

Pres. David DeVilbiss; 1st vp Tom Lorson; 2nd vp Mark McClelland; 3rd vp Mike Bruning; Sec. Bob Craigmyle; Treas. Carl Kinker; Tail twister Jane Flower; Lion tamer Otto Reifeis; New directors Lee Flower, Bill Smith; Holdover directors Alice Gossett, Jeff Veldhof; Membership chairman Larry Woodling.

Membership Abstract

Jun 06—80
 Jul 06—Add: Bret Rush--81
 Sep 06—Add: Kirk Nelson—82
 Sep 06—Drop: Carl Weigle--81
 Oct 06—Added: Billie Elkins, Ali Pournourbakhsh---83
 Oct 06—Drop: John Fluhr (deceased)—82
 Nov 06—Drop: James Pursel, Kenneth Pyle—80
 Nov 06—Added: Kenneth Pyle—81
 Feb 07--Added: Robert De Lance—82
 Jun 07--82

President David DeVilbiss presented an award on behalf of Lions Club International Foundation to PID Joseph Marcheggiani for starting 25 new Lions club.

Lion Janice Chapman, who works for Operation Kid Sight, gave a talk on what it does.

On April 24, 2007, PDG and CC Lee Flower reported that \$48,000 was pledged and \$7,000 raised by fundraisers for Campaign Sight First II. That means the total \$55,000 will be credited to the club and its members. The club achieved model club status.

Lion Lee was endorsed by the board as a candidate for Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing trustee.

At request of leaders of Girl Scout Pack 132 circumstances involving the opening of West Clay Elementary School created a need for another pack. They asked the Lions Club to sponsor what would be called Pack 112 -- not a part of Boy Scout Troop 112. The board agreed to sponsor it. Ken Hubert, already coordinator for the Boy Scout troop, would become the contact person for the pack also.

Officers For 2007-2008

Pres. Tom Lorson; 1st vp Mark Anderson; 2nd vp Alice Gossett; 3rd vp Jim Colter; Sec. Bob Craigmyle; Treas. Carl Kinker; Tail twister Jane Flower; Lion Tamer Don Scholer; New directors John Klotz, Otto Reifeis; Membership chairman Jeff Boller.

Membership Abstract

Jun 07—82
 Aug 07—Added: Jason Randlett, Andrew Williams—84
 Sep 07—Drop: Donovan Feaster, Jeffrey Veldhof—82
 Oct 07—Added: Stephen Gross, Floyd Jaquay—84
 Oct 07—Drop: Charles Malinowski, Mark McClelland, Brad Ralston—81Feb 08
 Nov 07—John Gradle—80

Jan 08—Added: Nicholas Gonzales, Vanessa Pournourbakhsh, Henry White—83
 Jan 08—Drop: Wayne Cimeley, Al Genatone (deceased), Jon Mayfield--80
 Feb 08—Added: Michael Gift, Van Eller--82
 Feb 08—Drop: Ralph Morgan (deceased)--81
 Mar 08—Drop: Thomas Bowers (deceased), William Smith—79
 Apr 08—Added: Richard Dossey—80
 Apr 08—Drop: Dennis Mallon, Kirk Nelson--78
 May 08—Add: Gun Esen, Sevil Esen, Hillary Hushhower, Henry Lowenkron—82
 May 08—Drop: Gun Esen, Sevil Esen, Burney Jackson (deceased). David Shumate (deceased)--78
 Jun 08—Added: Danielle Richardson, Carl Nelson, Joseph Lesczynski—81

Lion Lozier 2nd In Club To Win International Directorship

Carmel Lion Doug Lozier became a candidate for nomination by the April 27, 2008 State Convention for election as an International Director. He got all the necessary endorsements and won by a landslide at the state convention. He then was elected the following July at the International Convention in Bangkok. When Lion Doug and wife Kathy joined the Carmel club, he had already been a district governor, serving District C. He received high acclaim for the way he represented the state as Host Convention Chairman at the International Convention that was held in Indianapolis. PDG Lee Flower was his campaign chairman.

David DeVilbiss was zone chairman.

The Indiana USO was given permission to set up a booth in front of the clubhouse during the Strawberry festival to sell raffle tickets for a Hot Air Balloon ride. The USO provides entertainment and services to servicemen.

Kent Benson, a star on the 1976 undefeated I.U. national championship basketball team, spoke to the club on Jan, 22 2008 about Post Your Talents, an organization that helps high school students attend college.

The board authorized up to four tuition scholarships to Lions Law Camp conducted by the Indiana State Police

Officers For 2008-2009

Pres. Mark Anderson; 1st vp Alice Gossett; 2nd vp Jim Colter; 2nd vp Jeff Boller; Sec. Bob Craigmyle; Treas. Carl Kinker; Tail twister Ali Pournourbkhsh; Lion tamer Woody Hurst; New directors Jane Flower, Otto Reifeis; Holdover directors Nick Gonzales; Membership chairman Jason Randlett.

Membership Abstract

Jun 08--81
 Aug 08—Added: Andrew Schoendienst—82
 Sep 08—Added: William Ryan, Norwin Hall—84
 Sep 08—Drop: John Klotz—83
 Nov 08—Drop: Danielle Richardson—82
 Dec 08—Added: Kent Works—83
 Jan 09—Added: Angela Swenson—84
 Jan 09—Drop: Gilbert Bruning—83
 Feb 09—Added: James Courts, Michelle Anderson--85
 Apr 09—Drop: James Lewis—84
 May 09—Added: Jeffrey Veldhof, David McPherson, John Herron---87
 May 09—Drop—Richard Dowell (deceased)—86
 Jun 09—Drop: Joseph Lesczynski--85

A new roof was put on the clubhouse.

Diabetes Youth Foundation of Indiana which has “a camp until a cure” for young people with diabetes near Noblesville needed a shelter house painted, two garage doors replaced and electrical work done. PDG Jim Thompson found volunteers,

The Carmel Lions Club participated in the Carmel International Arts Festival serving coffee and doughnuts to exhibitors and assisting Prime Life Enrichment (formerly Hamilton County Senior Center) with a fundraiser selling ice cream and drink from a tent in front of the Lions Clubhouse.

The club’s third annual Run/Family Walk for Operation KidSight brought in \$3,000.

Lion Bill Ryan proposed a new fundraising event – a motorcycle poker run. It works this way. A participant stops at various check points and gets a playing card at random. At the end, the one with the best hand wins a prize. Sponsorship fees also benefit Diabetes Youth Foundation Camp Program. The board replied, in effect, deal us in.

Officers For 2009-2010

Pres. Alice Gossett; 1st vp Jim Colter; 2nd vp Jeff Boller; 3rd vp Nick Gonzales; Sec. Bob Craigmyle; Treas. Carl Kinker; Tail twister Jason Randlett; Lion tamer Hank Lowenkron; New directors Woody Hurst, Rick Dossey; Holdover directors Jane Flower, Jim Thompon; Membership chairman Tom Lorson.

Membership Abstract

Jun 09—85
 Aug 09—Added: Dwight Gossett, Santos Torres—87
 Sep 09—Added: Kristopher S. Hodel, Jennifer M. Hodel—89
 Oct 09—Added: Aaron Mueller, Mark Wingenrot, Timothy Fischer—92
 Jan 10—Added: Paul Arnone—93
 Feb 10—Added: Kevin Weaver—94
 Mar 10—Added: Jeffrey Adair—95
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 Apr 10—Added: Ronald Block, Danielle McDowell—95
 May 10—Added: John Mikesell—96
 Jun 10--96

Lion Anderson On His Way

Past President Mark Anderson took office as vice-governor in 2009-10 after being elected at the previous district convention. Vice-governors ascend to the governorship unless some rare circumstances take place. So, at the district convention on March 9, 2010, his elevation to district governor in 2010-2011 was ratified. Also at the convention, Carmel Lion Steve Gross was elected to a three-year term as an Indiana Lions Eye and Tissue Transplant Bank trustee. PCC Lee Flower was re-elected as a Speech and Hearing trustee.

Lion Tom Lorson asked the board to help provide reading glasses for the Hamilton County Jail. Lions Clubs International agreements, prohibit used glasses from the Upland Recycling Center to be provided in the United States. So, the board was asked to made a donation, which it did, for \$250.

Lion Lorson, an accountant, made a motion that the last three years of the club’s federal tax returns be placed on the club’s website. That way, he said, prospective donors and supporters of fundraisers can be assured of how donations are handled. The motion was seconded by Nick Gonzales, an attorney, and was adopted.

Officers For 2010-2011

Pres. Jim Colter; 1st vp Jeff Boller; 2nd vp Nick Gonzales; 3rd vp Norwin Hall; Sec. Bob Craigmyle; Treas. Carl Kinker; Tail twister Lee Flower; Lion tamer Dwight Gossett; New directors Ron Bussell, Dave McPherson; Holdover directors Woody Hurst, Rick Dossey; Membership chairman Tom Lorson.

Membership Abstract (partial)

Jun 10—96
 Jul 10—Drop: Van Eller (deceased)—95
 Aug 10—Added: Yvonne Stoner, Bruce Feldman, Arthur Feldman—98
 Oct 10—Drop: Andrew Wilson, Santos Torres, Kristopher Hodel, Jennifer Hodel—94
 Dec 10—Added: Adam Scmejla, William Archer, Scott Chapman—97
 Jan 11—Added: Mark Ford--98
 Feb 11—Dropped: Rensen Wu, Connie Marcheggiani (deceased). Ali Pournourbakhsh, Vanessa Pournourbakhsh, Jeff Veldhof, Miles Johnson—92
 Apr 11-Drop:Nick Gonzales,HillaryHushower--90
 (May, June not available)

75th Anniversary Celebration

Lions International President Sid Scruggs II was engaged to speak at the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the Carmel Lions Club attended by 150. A committee headed by PDG Lee Flower, a Carmel Lion, planned the April 27, 2011 event at the Oak Hill Mansion. Also on the agenda was 2nd International President Wayne Madden.

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If anyone finds any mistake in this work or has a different interpretation of anything written about in this work, please send me a WRITTEN RESPONSE on paper giving particulars.

J.W.R.

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