



Lions of Indiana
Multiple District 25

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Lions of the World

Dear Friends,

I first met PID Wayne Madden at the International Convention in Phoenix in 1994. We were both new VDG's having just been elected that spring.

We have been social friends and co-workers on many Lions projects since. When my wife passed away, Wayne and Linda drove 130 miles each way to come to the memorial service.

Wayne and I have both been Presidents of the Indiana Lions Foundation. In his travels as International Director, Wayne observed the Kids Sight First Program. He introduced this program to Indiana through the Indiana Lions Foundation with the help of a grant from LCIF. After the project had matured, Kids Sight First was made a permanent outreach of the Indiana Lions Eye and Tissue Bank.

Wayne and I ran against each other to be Indiana candidate for International Director. Wayne soundly defeated me. In retrospect I can see that the Lions of Indiana chose wisely:

- A. Wayne is meticulous in his preparation for any speech or project he works on.
- B. Wayne is socially adapt. He studies to be sure that he knows names of Lions, their spouses and their activities.
- C. He has built his business to the point where it affords him the time and income so necessary for International Officers.

I will be very proud and comfortable to have Wayne represent the Lions of Indiana and of the world as an Executive Officer of Lions

Respectfully,

PDG Doug Owens