

# District 25-Digest - February 2023 District Governor Eric Schuman TOGETHER...WE CAN SERVE MORE!



#### **MORE TO COME!**

Now we're in to 2023. The Mid-Winter Conference is behind us which was a great event by the way. There was lots of useful information in the many seminars not to mention the fellowship shared by all. Hopefully you made it there and if not, you missed a great time.

If not, there's plenty more coming your way. Feb 4 is our 3<sup>rd</sup> Cabinet meeting hosted by the Tipton Lions Club. Then April 1 is our annual District 25-D Convention in Greentown with International Director Allen Snider from Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada as our featured guest speaker. This day promises to be lots of fun. Then of course, our upcoming MD-25 Convention in Bloomington from May 12-14 with our International President Brian Sheehan as the guest speaker.

So there is lots coming up for you to attend and show your Indiana Lions pride!! And speaking of pride, the 25-D Lions hard signs are selling. If you or your club wants some, get in touch with me as we have less than 80 left!

Remember also our membership contest through our GMT, Lion Jeff Kozicki. Every new member until January 31 receives a FREE district pin. Get yours now before the rush.

Check out our District 25-D Facebook page often. New items and photos are constantly being posted, and also our e-District page online. You can see this one by entering "lions25d.org" on your pc without the quote marks.

Finally, notice our stats for this fiscal year below, and this is for the whole state of Indiana. ONLY -77 and 25-D is ONLY down 6. Let's get into a positive for the rest of the year!!



DG Eric Schuman

#### From FVDG Lion Julia Kozicki:

Lions of 25D,

I write this letter having just returned from the Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference. As I think about ways to recognize and appreciate the Lions around us, the Mid-Winter Conference was a great weekend for Lions whose love language is quality time. During Mid-Winter, we had the opportunity to spend quality time



with Lions willing to share their expertise on topics as diverse as retaining members through mentor programs to great ideas for tail-twisting to raising leader dog puppies. And in between, we had fellowship with other Lions while hearing from great keynotes speakers. The chance to spend time having fun and learning with other Lions was something I really appreciated and I know others did too. Past District Governor and Area Leader Dave Wineman from Michigan shared that FUN stands for Friendly, Upbeat and Nice, and we hope all of our Lions meetings are FUN.

If you are looking for more FUN opportunities to spend quality time with other Lions, I encourage you to attend the District Convention on April 1 in Greentown or the State Convention, May 12-14 in Bloomington. Both are great opportunities to meet some wonderful Lions and learn more about all of our ways to serve. I look forward to sharing some quality time with you soon.

Yours in Lionism,

# FVDG Julia Kozicki



#### **Needed for 25D District Convention**

Please consider bringing items for the silent auction at the 25D District Convention. The proceeds will go to Indiana Lions for Leader Dog, Inc.



**District 25-Digest** 

#### Tail Twister is a Key component of a good Lions Club

I was happy to attend this years Mid-Winter Conference to have a wonderful session addressing the Clubs Tail Twister. I find that most of your friendly Lions look forward to coming to the Club meeting because they know it will be a social gathering and fun is going to had by all. This Mid-Winter Conference again address the club tail twister as the key to having a successful meeting.



Lions who laugh return again for the next meeting to pick up where they left off from the meeting before. The art of being able to get people to smile and have a good time is an art form learned over many years.

The clubs in the area almost always have a 50 / 50 drawing and even some form of dress for that months occasions. Feel free to add a game to the normal process to keep the Lions on their toes.

I feel that a happy Lion is a returning Lion. Keep them coming back for more!

Lets have FUN!

# 2VDG Rocky Simpson

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#### One of our Lions is...

...thinking Lions don't do that much. I hope everyone reading this just said "No way! How could they think that???" because Lions do amazing things all over the world every day. However, playing off of the philosophical question of "If a tree falls in the forest and no one is there, does it make a sound?" let us ask "If a Lion does service, but no one knows about it, did it have all of the impact it could have had?".



Jeff Kozicki, Global Membership

As a partial answer to that question, I have been talking with my sister, who lives in another state, about joining Lions. She told me that she thinks she is going to join Organization X instead, because it doesn't look like the Lions club in her town does much. Now Organization X is a good organization and I have no problem with the work they do, but I don't think my sister is seeing the whole picture. I suspect what is really happening is the Lions Club in her town is doing great service, but it isn't getting reported, either in the papers, or on their club website or Facebook page, or to LCI. So, while service is happening, it isn't having the impact it could.

I wonder if this is because we as Lions are all, at least in my experience, very self-effacing. We don't serve for the pat on the back. While we are proud of what we do, we don't want to seem prideful, so we don't necessarily announce the service we did. But sharing what we do can help inspire other people, whether they Lions or not, to do more. It can give other Lions Clubs new ideas for ways to serve. You might even find a Club you want to partner with to do a join project and report it in both of your areas.

As far as LCI, would you believe that roughly half of all Lions Clubs do not report service project? I firmly believe service is happening, but something is stopping people from reporting it. So, I want to challenge every Lions Club in our District to report at least one service project to LCI. Let's be one of the very few Districts in the world with 100% reporting! If you aren't sure how to do this, there are lots of people that can help, including your GMT (yours truly).

Finally, thank you! Thank you for being a Lion. Thank you for the service you do and for letting others know about it. That is a service too.



#### The State Convention website is up and running!

The 2023 Indiana State Lions Convention website has been updated with will all the information needed to register for this year's convention along with information about the area hotels (phone numbers and convention codes), convention floor plans, convention schedule, and meals.

www.indianalionsconvention.org

## 25-D Zone Chairs

Region	Zone	Chair	Email	Home Club
1	Α	Lion Frank Faulkner	frfaulkner2@comcast.com	Russiaville
1	В	Lion Jeff Larrison	jefflarrison46033@gmail.com	Westfield
2	Α	Lion Mike Careins	mcareins@gmail.com	Matthews
2	В	Lion Jeanie Stiers	jeasts@comcast.net	Anderson Noon
3	Α	Lion Linda Janney	ljanney1952@gmail.com	Albany
3	В	Lion Jeffry Manning	mail@msiwix.com	Saratoga

The purpose of Zone meetings is to promote communications and teamwork among clubs.

**Zone 1A**—Clubs—Greentown, Kokomo & Area, Russiaville, Sharpsville and Tipton

Next meeting Feb 7, 2023—Tipton Lions Club at 5:30pm

**Zone 1B**—Clubs—Carmel, Home Place, Noblesville, Sheridan, Wayne Fall and Westfield

TBD

**Zone 2A**-Clubs-Fairmount, Fowlerton, Marion, Matthews, Sweetser, Upland & Van Buren
TBD

**Zone 2B**—Clubs—Anderson Noon, Cowan, Elwood, Frankton, Gaston, Lapel & Pendleton TBD

**Zone 3A**—Clubs—Albany, Dunkirk, Eaton, Portland and Redkey

Next meeting Feb 18, 2023—Albany Lions Club at 10:00am

**Zone 3B**—Clubs—Lynn, Saratoga, Selma, Union City, Union Township and Winchester TBD

# Congratulations!!

Union City LC President Jim Dubeansky
Newly appointed to Region 3 Region Chair

# **DG Travels (so far)**

2/4	3rd Cabinet Meeting at Tipton LC
2/13	Union Twp LC Regular Meeting
2/14	Marion LC Official Visit
2/15	Elwood LC Official Visit
2/16	Portland LC Official Visit
2/20	Russiaville LC Official Visit
2/25	25C Convention
2/27	Greentown LC Business Meeting
2/28	Tipton LC Official Visit
3/4	25F Convention
3/10-12	11C2 Convention
3/13	Greentown LC Regular Meeting
3/15	Kokomo & Area LC Official Visit
3/16	Sweetser LC Official Visit
3/22	Wayne Falls LC Official Visit
3/25	25B Convention
3/27	Greentown LC Business Meeting
3/28	Carmel LC Official Visit
3/31-4/1	25D Convention with ID Allen Snider









International Director Allen Snider
Niagara-on-the-Lake, Canada
25D District Convention
April 1st

Gaston

# **New 25-D Lions since January Newsletter**

Russiaville

Gaston	<u>ivialion</u>	Mussiaville
Lisa Burns	Mark Cook	Dan Carman

Marion

Trevor Heffernan Shelly Robinson Diane Carman

Jody Hyde Mark Dubois

Greg McKibben Westfield Cynthia Hurst

Chantal Sherfy Carrie Larrison

Jami Wormer Ron Mangus





# 25-D Lions whom we have been notified of death during January

Albany Elwood Gaston

Michelle Dickey Earl Watson Mary Jo Barker

<u>Greentown</u> <u>Matthews</u> <u>Pendleton</u>

Evan Maple April Atkinson PDG Doug Owens

Sharpsville Winchester

Ephriam Kent Huff Gary Niles Edwards



# **2023 Mid-Winter Conference**

Thank you to all 25D Lions who took part in the Mid-Winter Conference last month. Whether you helped plan it, presented a session or were an attendee—it couldn't have been done without you! If you haven't done the overall evaluation yet, please take time to complete it so that next year can be bigger and better!



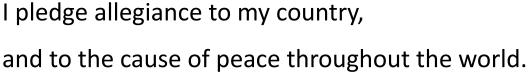
http://bit.ly/inlions-mwc2023







# The Lions Pledge



I believe in the principles of Lionism as contained in the Lions Code of Ethics I am proud to be a Lion, dedicated to the service of others.



Come to the 25D District Convention on Saturday, April 1st to meet....

#### ALLEN SNIDER, INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Allen Snider, from Niagara-on-the-Lake, Canada was elected to serve a two-year term as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 103rd International Convention, June 25 through June 29, 2021.

He has 36 years of experience as a construction mill-wright and operating engineer at General Motors. Toward the end of his career, he also took on the position of mobile equipment manager. In retirement, he is farming garlic, lavender and sunflowers.



Director Snider became a Lion in 1981 when he joined

the St. Davids and District Lions Club where he has since served multiple terms as club treasurer and president. At the district level, he served a district governor and held leadership roles on the Global Membership Team and Global Service Team. He is on the board for the Lions Home for Deaf People and was also Preservation Hearing Chair at MDA.

In recognition of his service, Director Snider has been honored with two International President's Awards and several International President's Certificates of Appreciation. He is a Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship recipient, a Helen Keller Fellowship recipient and is a life member of the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. Director Snider is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Snider has been an Alderman for the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, a trustee for the Lincoln County Board of Education and is currently the Chair of the Committee of Adjustment for Niagara-on-the-Lake. He has also been a member of the local Royal Canadian Legion since 1977 and has received the Volunteer of the Year Award for Service Clubs in his community.

Director Snider's wife, Susan, is also a Lion, as are his son, Richard, and daughter, Jessica. Director Snider is also proud to serve alongside the many other Lions in his extended family.

#### Attention all Lions clubs:

Are you looking for a new service project that supports the State cause of Diabetes Awareness? Well guess what? All Districts in the state of Indiana have a Diabetes screening kit for your club to use. Your Diabetes Chair has the kit, provided by our State Diabetes funds. It has two systems you can use. Instruction for using both systems are included in the kit. If we can setup a sufficient number of trainees, I will come conduct training. The



key is to get trained and setup an event (Health fairs, conventions (doesn't have to be Lions), ball games etc.). You must publicize it any way possible. Check your supplies to make sure they are not outdated (MD 25 Diabetes funds will reimburse the resupply). If you don't screen a lot of people, don't feel bad. Not everyone wants a finger stick. No matter the number, you just identified whether someone has Blood-Glucose problems. The benefits of this new service project are Lions Clubs visibility, helping our communities, identifying health problems and increased membership. The project does not require many people, two to three Lions can easily conduct the screening. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact your District Diabetes Chair, DG, or me. My contact information is Cell: 812-320-4258 or <a href="mailto:kennywilliams78@hotmail.com">kennywilliams78@hotmail.com</a>.

PDG Kenny Williams, MD 25 Diabetes Chair

Our 25D Diabetes Chair is Sweetser Lion Charles Briede, <a href="mailto:chuckbriede@gmail.com">chuckbriede@gmail.com</a>



# What is happening around the district?

#### **Carmel Leos Club**

The Carmel Leos completed their Saturday morning service project at Gleaners Food Bank on January 21st. They served 747 Central Indiana families.





# **Carmel Lions Club**

Carmel Lions hosted Council Chair Scott Smith at the January 24th meeting, where he present the Carmel Leos Club a donation of \$50 for their service during the Council Christmas party. Accepting the donation are Leo President Owen W, Leo Maddi D and Leo Advisor and Carmel Lion Mariah Allen.







On Thursday, January 19th, the Noblesville and Carmel Lions joined forces to help Gleaners distribute food at Six Points Church in Sheridan. It was a chilly evening, although the fellowship made it warm!

Photo (L to R): Carmel Lions Bob Yunker, Matt Best and Noblesville Lions Joe Connerley, John Terhune, George Long, Dale Unger, Jerry Baker, Mark Bachar, Steve Shaw, Carol Miller, Duke Miller and Ron Williamson



#### **Russiaville Lions Club**

Indiana Lions leaders PID Linda Tincher and PDG Vern Tincher were given a special tour of the Grissom Air Museum Air Park by Lion Frank Faulkner. There message to other Lions is simply stated as..."Supporting various state and international Lions projects through contributions to Indiana Lions Foundation and Lions Clubs International Foundation is important and...is something we Lions should and CAN DO!"





## **Russiaville Lions Club**

Russiaville Lions Lori Seaman and new Lion Cindy Hurst were front and center for a recent special tour of the Grissom Air Museum for several of the Kokomo Howard County Library leaders....Aim High!



### **Russiaville Lions Club**

Judge Matt Elkin of the county Superior Court #1 spoke to the Russiaville Lions Club on Judge demonstrated he is "engaging entertaining, enthusiastic and knowledgeable." We Russiaville Lions greatly appreciate Judge Elkin's sustained commitment to providing appropriate solutions to many individual and family problems stemming from addictions.





### **Greentown and Russiaville Lions Club**

On January 19th, the Greentown and Russiaville Lions teamed up with the Howard County Project Access to volunteer and assist the Western Primary school nurse, Ms. Carmen S, complete Lions Vision screenings. They served nearly 220 Western Primary School first grade students.

We Russiaville Lions, including Darlene, Cara Jean, Reba, Abe & Frank say congratulations to thank you to Greentown Lions Henry and Jean Ann and to the Project Access leadership for scheduling and organizing this team effort. Western School Nurse Carmen said the vision screens of the Western students are definitely a great help to the entire Western Schools nursing staff.

So...What happens when we Howard County (Greentown & Russiaville) Lions meet young Western Pan-

thers in the Primary School lunch room? We efficiently accomplish state required vision screenings, we meet many bright young students and we leave the building with a good sense of providing a positive service to our Western school community.

We Russiaville Lions often say...."Go Western Panthers!" and also tell our friends...."WE SERVE!"



# **Greentown and Russiaville Lions Club**

Russiaville and Greentown Lions reflect on the Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference seminar topics, including Membership and Mentoring Matters.

These two clubs are creating partnerships to help serve more.





# **Union City Lions Club**

Long time blood donner Nedra Swanagan was the winner of the drawing at the Jan 2 Lion's Blood Draw at the Union City Community Center. This door prize is a handcrafted cutting board mae by Doug LeMaster of "Doug's Workshop" of Union City, IN.

The UC Lion's Blood Draw is presented in Association with the Community Blood Center of Dayton, OH. A huge thanks to all who donate blood as each donation can save as many as 3 lives.



Pictured: Union City Lions Club Blood Collection Chairman, Doug LeMaster and Door Prize winner Nedra Swanagan

# **Union City Lions Club**

The Union City Lions Club met on Tuesday, Jan 24th in the Union City Community Room. The meal, prepared by Diana Dubeansky, consisted of creamed beef, mashed potatoes, and cookies. The program for the evening was presented by Melinda Frech form the Community Blood Center. The Union City LC sponsors 6 blood draw dates a year. Melinda informed the club that in 2022 their blood draws registered 210 donors and collected 192 units of blood. Each pint of blood donated can impact 3 people, so the Club's blood donations in 2022 impacted 576 people. Each unit is tested for multiple things to keep the blood supply safe. The UC Lion's next scheduled blood draw is March 27th. If you would like to be scheduled to donated, visit https://www.givingblood.org/



Pictured: Union City Lions Club Blood Draw Co-Chairs Hoddy Speight and Doug LeMaster .



# **Westfield Lions Club**

The Westfield Lions Club welcomed three new members into the local pride Thursday night, January 5th, at the first program meeting of 2023.

The new Lion cubs are Carrie Larrison, a long -time councilor at WHS and wife of Lions' secretary Jeff Larrison, Melissa Paradise, who has returned to Westfield from Austin Texas, and Ron Mangus, from Noblesville, moved to Westfield to be with the grand-kids.

The three new Lions were inducted by Lions Past District Governor, Bob Benson, himself a Westfield native. This was the first induction ceremony at the new Lions Clubhouse on 169th Street just West of US-31.

Carrie Larrison was sponsored by Lion Jeff Larrison, with Melissa Paradise sponsored by current president Rodney Benson. Ron Mangus was sponsored by Lion Brian Abraham.



Three new members inducted to the Westfield Lions Club. (L to R) Ron Mangus, sponsored by Brian Abraham, Melissa Paradise, sponsored by Rodney Benson, and Carrie Larrison, sponsored by Jeff Larrison

Jeff Larrison said, "We are looking to grow so we can get back to doing what Lions do best, serve the community. We are planning service days with Indiana Diabetes Youth Camp, Third Phase Homeless Shelter, and several projects close to our hearts."

Does your club have a special event coming up that we should be sure to put on our calendars?

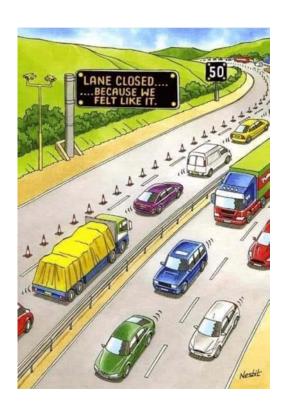
Just send in the event and date and we will be sure to include in the District Newsletter.





# Didn't see your Club mentioned?

If you'd like to share a past event or an upcoming event at your Club, please send that information and a photograph or two to Lion Christine Woodward at woodward1999@sbcglobal.net. The deadline to appear in the next district newsletter is the 25th of each month.





# **NOTICE:**

# **Changes for Nonprofits**

For more information, see Nonprofit Tax Forms and Sales Tax Information Bulletin #10, Application of Sales Tax to Nonprofit Organizations.

Form	Previous	New
Form NP-20 Filing Frequency	Annual	Every five years (see Form NP-20R below)
Form NP-20	Must file Form NP-20 for tax year 2021 in 2022 to qualify for new filing frequency	Being revised to Form NP-20R after 2022
Form NP-20R		Due date is based on the last two digits of an organization's federal employer identification number (FEIN).
		May 15, 2024, if your organization does not have a FEIN or your FEIN ends in 00 through 24.
		May 15, 2025, if your organization's FEIN ends in 25 through 49.
		May 15, 2026, if your organization's FEIN ends in 50 through 74.
		May 15, 2027, if your organization's FEIN ends in 75 through 99.
		After the date shown above, your organization and new nonprofit customers must file Form NP-20R by May 15 every <b>fifth</b> year.
Sales Tax Threshold Changes	30-day rule	Effective July 1, 2022, must collect state gross retail tax on sales after exceeding \$20,000 in a calendar year. This includes sales made by all units operating under the organization's registration with DOR.
Form NP-1 (exemption certificate)	Mailed	Will only be available through INTIME (effective Jan. 1, 2023) Visit <u>intime.dor.in.gov</u> to create an account, which is needed to access exemption certificates.



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE PO BOX 1261 INDIANAPOLIS IN 46206-1261

#### Nonprofit Sales Tax Exemption Certificate (NP-1) Indiana Department of Revenue

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Eric J. Holcomb, Governor Bob Grennes, Commissioner

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This certificate expires on: August 15, 2027

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS 18 OF INDI 8780 PURDUE RD STE 10 INDIANAPOLIS IN 46268-1173 Taxpayer 1D 0125969902 Letter ID L0006665194 Date Issued January 19, 2023

(This certificate may not be used to collect sales tax.)

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Note: This exemption certificate may not be issued by the nonprofit for the purchast of ut aties, vehicles, watercraft, aircraft, or gasoline. In addition, the exemption certificate may not be issued by the nonprofit for a sonal diging and personal meals. This exemption certificate also serves a an exemption certificate for food and beverage tax as will as county innkeepers tax.

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# 25-D District Convention Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> Greentown Lions Club



610 E. Payton, Greentown, IN 46936

Keynote Speaker
International Director Allen Snider

Doors Open at 8 am - Meeting begins at 9 am
Cost: \$25/person



Morning Refreshments include: Donuts, Coffee, & Juice

Luncheon at 12 noon:

Baked Steak & Gravy, Mashed red potatoes, buttered corn,
Caesar salad & Waldorf salad, Roll & butter
Desserts: Chocolate Cake, Pineapple Upside Down Cake, & Spice Cake

Pre-registration no later than March 22 & payment to: Jean Ann Wise, PO Box 18, Greentown, IN 46936

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Make	e additional copies if needed
Name:	Title:
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Home Club:	



# AWARD RECOGNITION



Do you have a member of your Club that is being presented a W P Woods Fellowship, Melvin Jones Fellowship or a Richard T. Miyamoto Fellowship? We have set aside time at the 25D District Convention to recognize those individuals.

Just let us know ahead of time that you would like to have the presentation made at the 25D District Convention by filling out the short form below and send it to District Governor Eric Schuman by February 24, 2023.

Club Name	
Name of Recipient	
Award to be presented	
Contact Person	
Email P	hone

Mail to: District Governor Eric Schuman 1398 W 350 N, Kokomo, IN 46901 or email to: ejslansing@aol.com.

#### 2022 -2023 Nominations and Elections State Convention Report to Council

January 22, 2023

MD Positions open for candidates:

#### STATE COMPTROLLER

Term: 2 years, starting on July 15, 2023, thru July 14, 1025. (State Constitution, Article IV, Section 4)

Each District shall conduct an investigation to determine if it has a qualified candidate for State Comptroller. One (1) candidate from each District can be submitted. Election for that candidate will follow District election format. The candidate shall furnish a statement in writing showing that such candidate is willing to be nominated, will serve if elected. Each such written statement shall be submitted by the District Governor to the State Council Chairperson with a copy to the State Nominations and Elections Committee Chairperson at least ten (10) days before the opening of the State Convention.

#### INDIANA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Term: 3 years, starting after the International Convention, 2023 thru 2025. (State Constitution Article IV, Section 6)

Qualifications: A PDG from Districts: C, D, E, F or G, ONLY.

Elected members of the Indiana International Convention Committee shall be elect at the State Convention from among candidates nominated at their District Convention, shall follow the procedure set forth in the By-Laws of that district. Such nominations shall be submitted by the District Governor to the State Council Chairman with a copy to the State Nominations and Election Chairman at least thirty (30) days before the opening of the State Convention.

If no nominations are received on time, nominations will be taken from the floor at a State Convention business meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Toosley,
Lion Barbara Toosley, PDG 25A
13700 Lantern Drive
St John, IN 46373
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219-798-5950

CC: State Council Chairman Scott Smith 4472 N. Wabash Rd. #2 Marion, IN 46922

#### TOGETHER WE WILL (IN BLOOMINGTON IN MAY, 11-14, 2023)

PDG Gary Ochs and I want to give EVERY Lion a personal invitation to attend the 102nd 2023 Indiana Lions State Convention in Bloomington, Indiana on May 11-14-2023. All Lions will have a great opportunity to meet other Lions, hear great speakers, attend wonderful seminars and learn what wonderful things that the Lions are doing across the State of Indiana. But for one especial reason to come to the convention, you will have the opportunity to meet one particular Lion, OUR INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT BRIAN SHEEHAN. President Brian and his wife will be the special guests of Indiana Lions and will be traveling to Indiana just TO MEET YOU, HEAR FROM YOU, AND TO GET YOUR INPUT FOR THE BETTERMENT OF LIONS.

The convention will start on Friday, May 12, 2023. You can come into Bloomington and stay at either the Courtyard at the Monroe County Convention Center or at the Hyatt Place on Kirkwood. Both of those hotels have blocks of rooms reserved for the Lions at rates that you will not want to pass up. See the registration form for the specific details to register with the block reserved from the Lions.

On Friday morning, there will be a presentation in the Monroe County Convention Center on the limestone industry of Lawerence and Monroe Counties. This industry has in the past provided the limestone for major monuments and buildings in Washington DC as well as in numerous states and countries. We will have a special speaker from Bloomington to make this presentation to the Lions. This will be given on Friday morning at 9:00 am, so you will want to plan to attend this event.

Friday night the Ellettsville Lions will be sponsoring a bar-b-q dinner with the High Sierra band performing at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. This will take place prior to the first general business session of the convention at the convention center. The dinner will be sure to be a good time to catch up with old friends and make new friends over great food and music. The first business session will be the official beginning of the convention.

Saturday is filled with the district caucuses, vendors, exhibits, the second general business session, seminars, and the ALL STATE BANQUET. See the full schedule of events for the convention at www.indianalionsconvention.org. One seminar will be led by But make sure to plan to attend the All State Banquet. Not only will be have the keynote address from IP Brian, but will lead a seminar at 1:30 in the afternoon and his wife, Lion Lori, will lead a seminar at 2:30 pm. But at the All State Banquet, you will want to enjoy the presentation from the INDIANA SINGING HOOSIERS that will perform during our dinner meal. This will be a great performance given just for the Indiana Lions.

Sunday will be a special day of remembrance for those Lions whom we have lost in the past year. PDG Newell Cliffton and his wife Lions Judy, will lead the memorial service and help us remember those we cherish for their past service. The brunch will fill you up and we will conclude the convention with the third business session. At the end of the third business session all the ladies will receive a gift for attending the convention on Mother's Day.

All in all, the convention will be a busy and exciting time for the Lions of Indiana. Make plans now to attend in Bloomington and have a great experience being a Lion. We both look forward to seeing you in May. See you then, PDG Mark Clark, & PDG Gary Ochs.



#### 2023 Indiana Lions 102<sup>nd</sup> State Convention

Hosted by District 25E May 12,13,14, 2023



#### Bloomington/Monroe County Convention Center

with special guests: International President Brian Sheehan and Lion Lori PLEASE RESERVE YOUR OWN LODGING BY APRIL 11, 2023

Courtyard by Marriott Convention Hotel (attached to Convention Center)

310 South College Avenue, Bloomington, IN 47401 (Free Parking available at Convention Center)

Room Rate: \$109.00 per night, plus tax, until April 11, 2023.

Call 1-812-335-8000 for Reservations and mention LIONS CLUB 2023 in making the reservation

Hyatt Place Hotel: 217 S. Kirkwood Avenue, \$119 per night w/ breakfast

Hyatt Hotel does charge for parking; 1 ½ block north of Convention Center & free parking

Call 812-339-5950 and use block code LION for the reservation.

Come and visit several Lions project tables and related booths including a USA/Canada Forum apparel vendor.

Friday Golf Outing to be at Stonecrest Golf Club — 18 holes at \$39. Meet in the hotel lobby.

Scooter rental is \$120 for Friday thru Sunday.

Friday, May 12th 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, MONROE COUNTY LIMESTONE PRESENTATION

#### Registration Form (one per person)

Register Online and pay with PayPal: <a href="www.indianalionsconvention.org">www.indianalionsconvention.org</a>
Deadline: All Registration Forms must be postmarked by April 30, 2023.

Please print name/Lions Title as desired on name badge:

Name and Lion	Title:			
Address: Pho		ne:		
City/State/Zip:				
District:	Club:	Email:		
Is this your FIR	ST Indiana Lions St	ate Convention (circle one)	Yes	No
Attend the Frid	ay morning Monroe	County Limestone Presentation (circle one)	Yes	No
Friday Evenin	g BBQ Dinner at M	onroe County Fairground Sponsored by Elle	ttsville L	ions Club
Choose pulled p	pork:	or pulled chicken:		\$ 18.00=
		ips, seasonal fresh fruit, pickle spear & drink		
Choose warm b	eef & swiss sub w/l	ettuce & tomato:		
Or grilled ham	& cheese on sourdou	gh bread:		\$ 20.00 =
Saturday Nigh	t Banquet: Choose	1 Entrée below		
Choose: citrus g	glazed pork chop	mushroom chopped steak		\$ 28.00 =
Sunday Brunch: fried chicken, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit, bacon, french toast			\$ 20.00 =	
Saturday Strid	les Walk T-shirt Size	e (S to 3XL, other)		\$ 18.00 =
	Convention Pin			\$ 4.00 =
Scooter Rent (	Friday thru Sunday	2		\$120.00 =
Total Registrati				\$
Special dietary	needs, list here:			24063

Mail this Registration Form and Your Check, payable to Indiana Lions State Convention 2023 to CT Debbie Ellis, 8262 East Center Road, Sullivan, IN. 47882 Contact Info: 1-812-798-2096 or ellisdebbie259@gmail.com

# **DONATIONS WANTED!**

The Indiana Lions State Convention is quickly approaching. The Convention Committee is asking for silent auction items to help achieve our mission of providing relief to those in need. We can use items unique to your geographic locations. Perhaps there are very talented members in your local clubs that love to craft. And...who can't use a spa/relaxation treatment, or maybe a movie night would interest people. Please bring your auction items to the Convention Center. If you know in advance what item(s) you are bringing, contact me and I will prepare a bid sheet.

Thank you in advance.

If you have any questions, please contact Lion Cheri Faulkner at 317-271-3314, via text or voicemail or you can email me at <a href="mailto:clermontlionlady58@yahoo.com">clermontlionlady58@yahoo.com</a>.

Lion Cheri Faulkner, Silent Auction Chair for the Indiana Lions State Convention.

