



District 25-Digest - June 2023

District Governor Eric Schuman

TOGETHER...WE CAN SERVE MORE!



The few, the proud, the Lions are here! The final cabinet meeting of the year. It's been a haul and yet it's gone by so fast as some of you can attribute to. I know we're all happy to be Lions so as International President Brian Sheehan stated – "LET'S ROAR"!

I am pleased to report that I have completed my official visitations to all clubs in the District and in fact, have been to several 2, 3, 4 times at their request. I've met many wonderful Lions and truly enjoyed traveling around the District and state. I do want to point out why I've been a Lion for 45 years and DG now a 2nd time. Not long ago, I received an email from a club President – actually I've received several with similar content – but this one stated:

"Thank you for coming last night. Most of the time a district governor comes and talks and asks for many things. We talked after you left and we all have a little more pep in our step for Lionism. We appreciate the motivation. We welcome you anytime."

I appreciate their kind words and all kind words I've received from so many Lions and clubs within our District.

As of this morning our membership stands at -4 for the year and although we are down, I know we're bouncing back from covid and seeming inability to get new members. However, I know we can and will come back in both membership & service. As Col. Jimmy Doolittle, commander of the Tokyo raid in WWII said, "There's nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer."

I also want to encourage all clubs, now that covid is over, to get back out and SERVE the less fortunate. There are so many more service projects that we used to do and must do again!

I've been called an "old time Lion" and you know what? I am. I have a degree in marketing and I know and understand that the market changes and we must change with it. Lionism has changed and evolved. Some of it is good but we should also hang on to some of our traditions of keeping our club meetings FUN. Have an active Tail Twister, we should also have a program at every meeting that lasts no more than 20 minutes, and we should have a meal at both meetings also. These are the things that encourage the attendance of our members. Keep the meetings fun and they will return.

We now need to get behind our new District Governor, Julia Kozicki, and support her in all ways we can. I thank you for the honor of allowing me to serve as your District Governor for 2022-23, and I ask you to always remember that "Together... We CAN Serve More"!

DG Eric Schuman



From FVDG Lion Julia Kozicki:

Lions of 25D,

June is a time for recognizing transitions. We congratulate graduates of high school and college as they transition to their next phase, we offer well wishes to brides and grooms at summer weddings, and in Lionism we recognize those who have served in club, district and International leadership for the past year.



Thank you to all who have served as club officers this year – your communities and our district are better for your leadership.

Thank you to our state project trustees and committee chairs for serving our district well, with special thanks to Connie Bowman and PCC Lee Flower who are each stepping back after many years of loyal service to Leader Dogs and Speech & Hearing.

Thank you to District Governor Eric Schuman for leading our district with a heart for Lionism – your willingness to answer the call is a testament to your service.

I am excited for the coming year in District 25D. Lion Jeff and I look forward to visiting you, applauding your successes, and encouraging your clubs to new heights. Please invite us to your fundraisers as well as your official visits – we have heard there's a lot of good pork tenderloins and fish fries around and we are ready to start the taste-testing ☺

Please also mark your calendars for the following district events – the more Lions the merrier:

July 13 - 1st Cabinet meeting - 6:30 pm - Carmel Lions Club

September 9 - 25D Banner Night - 6:30 pm - Noblesville (South Harbour Clubhouse)

Sept 21-23 - USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum - Reno, NV

October 14 - 2nd Cabinet meeting - 6:30 pm - Union City Lions Club

January 19-20 - Indiana Lions Midwinter Conference - Indianapolis Crowne Plaza Airport

February 3 - 3rd Cabinet meeting - 6:30 pm - Russiaville Lions Club

March 2 - 25D Convention - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm - Noblesville - Forest Park Inn

April 26-28 - MD25 Convention - Embassy Suites & Convention Center, Noblesville

May 11 - 4th Cabinet meeting and club officer training - Matthews Lions Club 10:00 - 2:30

June 21-25 - International Convention, Melbourne, Australia

I heard through the grapevine we're going to have a FUN year – get excited!

Yours in Lionism,

FVDG/DGE Julia Kozicki

One of our Lions is...

...FUN. Over the last year, I have met a lot of fun people in Lions and I have had a lot of fun. If you aren't having fun, let me offer the same advice I give all the Scouts in the Troop I work with – if you aren't having fun, don't quit! Talk with someone and find out how to change things so you are having fun!



I have heard (and quoted) that FUN stands for Friendly, Upbeat, and Nice and I agree with those words. But I think FUN can also stand for Fearless, United, and Necessary. As Lions, we are Fearless, stepping out of our comfort zone to help others, we are United in the idea of making a positive impact on our communities, and we do what is Necessary. So much of what we do would go undone without us. We are making a difference, whether you ever see the results, and that difference is necessary.

I would like to challenge you to be Fearless, United, and Necessary in a slightly different way that hopefully will bring more fun and enjoyment to your club. At the Indiana State Convention, International President Brian Sheehan talked about how his club was not having much fun and was shrinking. They decided to use a meeting to have a serious look at themselves and honestly assess their Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. It did not happen overnight, but they are now a thriving club with 68 members in a town of 956! They were willing to fearlessly look at themselves, unite in goals to improve and do what was necessary.

I am inspired by this and have set a goal for myself to help every club in the District hold a club assessment. You really don't need me and I don't have the answers, but I am ready and willing to facilitate. And this is definitely outside of my comfort zone, I bet we can have some fun.

As always, thank you! Thank you for being a Lion. Thank you for being Fearless, being United, and doing what is Necessary. Thank you for your positive impact on your community. And keep having fun.

GMT Jeff Kozicki

Summer is Creeping In !

Wish June would get here.... And here it is !

This month we will see some changes throughout the Lions District 25 D and the Lions as a whole.

This will be the last few weeks of District Governor Eric Schuman reign as your Governor, you had a good ride Eric, Thanks for all the input over this year.



In a few weeks we'll see our new District Governor, Julia Kozicki fill the seat as she gets her goals in place for the next Lions Year. Just waiting with anticipation of the new year...

Other areas of change, The Greentown Lions Club will welcome its first Female Club President, Karyl Spenser. She will assume the new role on June 12th, with Council Chair Scott Smith doing the ceremony with District Governor Eric and myself in attendance.

May was really eventful with the Indiana State Lions Convention in Bloomington, Indiana on May 12,13, and 14 (Mothers' Day). Having the International President, Brian Sheehan got us wound up for a great year, was an experience I'll never forget.

Lions Training in Pendleton on 20 May was attended with 1/3 of the District represented. Thanks for all who attended and those that shared their experience in all the officer areas. It really was a good day to learn and share.

Indiana District 25 D had the last District Meeting on May 27th in Gaston, Indiana. The list of this year's accomplishments was wonderful.

May was a very busy Month!

June is the month for Service Projects! ! ! ! ! What do you have planned?

God Bless You LIONS ALL!

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3	B	Lion Jeffry Manning	mail@msiwix.com	Saratoga

The purpose of Zone Meetings is to promote communications and teamwork among Clubs.

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

TBD

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

TBD

Zone 2A—Fairmount, Fowlerton, Marion, Matthews, Sweetser, Upland and Van Buren

TBD

Zone 2B—Anderson Noon, Cowan, Elwood, Frankton, Gaston, Lapel and Pendleton

TBD

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

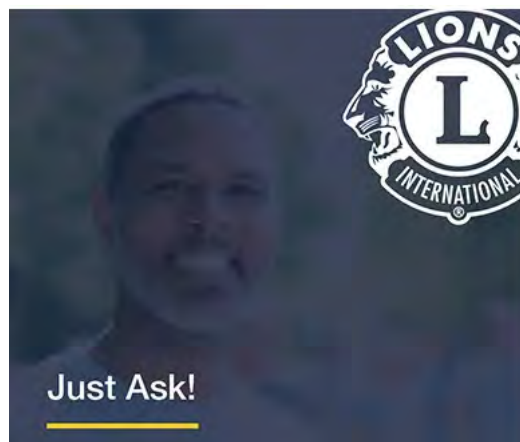
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Zone 3B—Lynn, Saratoga, Selma, Union City, Union Township and Winchester

TBD

DG Travels (so far)

- 6/12 Greentown Regular Meeting
 6/26 Greentown Business Meeting
 6/27 Pendleton Meeting—Install officer and Induct new members



District 25D Committees for 2023-24 Lion Year

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| Audit | Liberty Day |
| Budget & Finance | Leo Clubs |
| Constitution and Bylaws | Long Range Planning |
| Diabetes | Nominations |
| Emergency Preparedness | Public Relations |
| Environment | Reading Action Program |
| Eyeglass Recycling | Special Olympics |
| Information & Technology | Vision Services |
| Law Camp | Women & Family Membership Development |



New 25-D Lions since May Newsletter

Carmel

Lynn Thompson

Elwood

Donna Mann

Ted Mann

Lapel

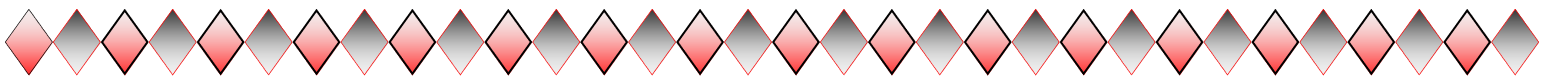
Lance Baker

Lynn

Jonathan Nicholson

Selma

Kylena Partin



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

Carmel

John Rutherford

Marion

Timothy Faust

Matthews

Harry Glass



Final Cabinet Meeting for DG Eric Schuman

The final cabinet meeting for DG Eric's year was held on Saturday, May 27th in Gaston. New members of the Gaston Lions Club were inducted. DG Eric received the Lions DG Plaque thanking him for a great year and DGE Julia Kozicki received the Governors banner for her year, 2023-2024.



Indiana State Lion Convention

The weekend in Bloomington was a great time to make new Lion friends and reconnect with old friends. Along with all the seminars, Indiana Lions were energized by International President Brian Sheehan and his wife, Lion Lori.



Carmel Lion Christine Woodward and Anderson Lion Katherine Holtzleiter were presented the Lions Club International Presidential Leadership Medal from International President Brian Sheehan. Also pictured are PID Nick Xinopoulos and DG Eric Schuman.



International President presents his coin

International President Brian Sheehan visited with Lions of 25D during the State Convention. While there, he presented his challenge coin to our DG Eric Schuman.



Indiana Lions Foundation State Fair Project Needs a Golf Cart



If you have worked for the Indiana Lions Foundation at the Indiana State Fair in recent years, you know that our project team members use golf carts to transport volunteers around the fairgrounds. In recent years, the State Fair provided a 6-passenger cart and a 4-passenger cart. This week, we were notified that the State Fair will be able to provide us with only a 6-passenger golf cart this year. Consequently, we hope to find someone who will donate the use of a 4-passenger golf cart for our use during the Indiana State Fair. If you know an individual or organization that might be willing to donate the use of a 4-passenger golf cart or rent a cart for a nominal fee, please make the initial contact with the potential

donor to confirm they are willing to work with us, then contact Lion Rose Russell (RoseWRussell@gmail.com or 574-250-0125) with the donor's contact information.

We have less than 100 days until Opening Day of the 2023 Indiana State Fair. If you have not already signed up to work, please do so today at <http://IndianaLionsFoundationMD25.org/>.

What is happening around the district?

Anderson—Noon Lions Club

Katherine Holtzleiter, Trustee for Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, presented an update about the program to her home Lions Club in Anderson.



Anderson—Noon Lions Club

Karissa Shaffer, development director for First Choice for Women, enlightened the Anderson Lions Club members on the parenting support her agency provides to local families.



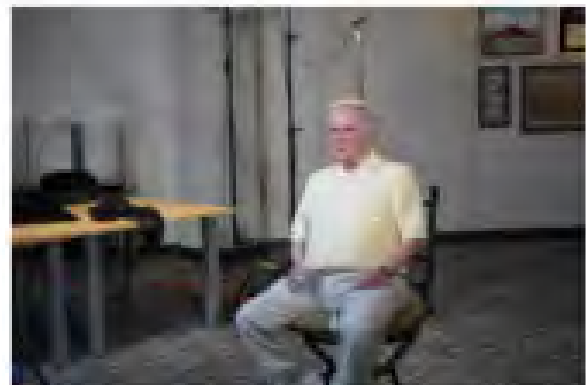
Anderson—Noon Lions Club

Anderson Lions sold barbecue chicken dinners during the Little 500 Festival in Anderson. Proceeds go to the local hospitals to provide supplies and medication assistance to patients with diabetes. The annual fundraiser is called Chickens for Charity.



Anderson—Noon Lions Club

Anderson—Noon President George Smith is at it again. This time he was interviewed by Ball State PBS for the Paramount Theatre. What was supposed to be a 10 minute interview went for over 45 minutes.



Carmel Lions Club

Carmel Leos celebrated the end of the school year at Woodland Bowl. A great time was had by all.



Carmel and Noblesville Lions Clubs

Noblesville and Carmel Lions Assist Gleaners in May

On May 18th the two clubs helped pass out food to those in need with Gleaners at 6-Points Church in Sheridan. This continues to be a monthly event for the two clubs.

Photo: Carmel Lions Bob Yunker and Lane Sims; along with Noblesville Lions Jerry Baker, Duke Miller, Carol Miller, Jeff Kozicki, Mark Bachar, and Ron Williamson



Noblesville Lions Club

Noblesville Lions Deliver Flowers For Mother's Day

On Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 13 the Noblesville Lions made flower deliveries for Adriene's Flowers. Each year Adriene's Flowers uses the local Lions Club to help deliver flowers for a small stipend to the Lions Club. 9 Lions Club members helped with deliveries.

Photo 1: Lions Gary Hipes and Kennedy Penwell gather flowers to load their vehicle



Photo 2: Lion Steve Shaw loading his vehicle to make deliveries



Noblesville Lions Club

Noblesville Lions Hosts Riverview Health CEO

On Wednesday, May 24th, the Noblesville Lions hosted Dave Hyatt, newly hired CEO of Riverview Health. Dave comes with 15 years of healthcare experience. He highlighted some of the challenges of healthcare today, and some strategies of Riverview Health. The past few Covid years affected service of the hospital, which were overcome to a point, but with a lot of changes.

The hospital is looking into changes to systems and new equipment to help with the growth of need in Hamilton County. Certain areas of the hospital are in need of more specialist doctors, which is being worked on today. Currently, Riverview has two hospitals, Noblesville and Westfield; with 25 to 30 medical locations in the county. Lion members asked a lot of questions, developing more discussions.



Noblesville Lions Club

Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing Visit Noblesville Lions

On May 10th the Noblesville Lions Club was visited by IN Lions Speech & Hearing guests Lee Flower and Gary Chastain. Lee and Gary provided the club with information on the Lions S&H group, and all that the group does for communities. Indiana Speech & Hearing became a state project of the Lions of Indiana in 1980. Over 7,358 hearing aids have been provided by this organization for the Lions.

If you know of someone from birth to senior who needs speech or hearing help, go to www.indylionsspeechhearing.org. Quite a few programs are available for those in need who cannot afford the normal costs.



Photo: Lee Flower receiving thanks from Lion Walt Sheid, Club Vp



Pendleton Lions Club

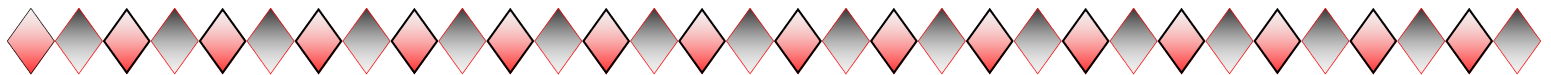
PDG/CS Betty Weist was present a Miyamoto Fellowship at the final cabinet meeting for DG Eric Schuman. The three Speech and Hearing trustees surprised her with the award. The trustees are Dan Richison, Gary Chastain, and Lee Flower.



Russiaville Lions Club

Russiaville Lions had a great day, partnering with Russiaville Community Outreach (RCO) leaders and visiting with State Senator Jim Buck in the Indiana Senate chamber. Later RLC President Cara Jean Rayl calls for "order in the courts".

We have a beautiful state house in Indiana.



Russiaville Lions Club

Below are some interesting people and places the Russiaville Lions saw during their visit to the Benjamin Harrison home in Indianapolis. Russiaville Lions were observed roaming around the Harrison's dining room. Do we have any square piano players in our group?

Ms. Fulk, our museum docent, said she was a member of the Western HS 2015 State Champion Marching Band.



Sheridan Lions Club

DG Eric made a second visit to the Sheridan Lions Club to present chevron awards to several of their members. While he was there, DG took some shoots on their new baskets (he says it went in). The Lions are making this for their community and to advertise their Lions Club.



Union City Lions Club

The Union City Lions hold a Blood Draw every eight weeks in collaboration with the Community Blood Center of Dayton, Ohio. The Blood Draws are very successful and potentially save many lives.

Jesse Lea was the winner of a drawing at the Blood Draw for the Walmart \$25 gift card from Randolph Nursing and Rehabilitation.

Pictured: Lions Blood Draw Chairman Doug LeMaster and Blood Donor Jesse Lea



Union City Lions Club

Union City Lion Blake Clevenger presents donations to the Union City HS students who, among others, helped with the Lions Spring Pancake Day in April. Jude Conner with the NHS, Audrey Black for FCA and football players Kolson Clemons and Alec Spence



Union City Lions Club

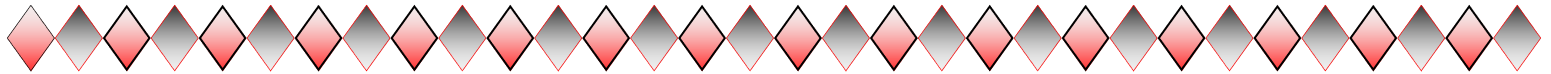
Union City Lions Club met on May 9th to install 2023-23 Club Year officers. The meeting started with a meal prepared by Diana Dubeansky and a discussion of the many events/meetings planned for this summer. The Installation of Officers was conducted by UC Lions Club Secretary, Owen Griffith.

President	Tony Rose
1st Vice President	Len Hindsley
2nd Vice President	David Lenkensdofer
3rd Vice President	Dan Green
Secretary	Cheryl Marcum
Treasurer	David Lenkensdofer
1-year directors	Rick Lacy and Gary Miller
2-year directors	David Hsia and Chad Enicks
Lion Tamer	Mike Peden
Tail Twister	Scott Flory
Membership Chair	Larry Amspaugh
Past President	Jim Dubeansky



Union City Lions Club

The Union City Lions Club donated \$500 to help start up a Jr High baseball team in Union City. Pictured is Jeff Wendell from Carts and Parts accepting the check from Union City Lions Treasurer, Troy Rose.



Union City Lions Club

The Union City Lions Club enjoyed its Spring Fellowship Night on Tuesday, May 23rd. Club members and their guests were served a delicious meal in the Community Room in downtown Union City. Following the meal, there were comments by outgoing president, Jim Dubeansky. Jim thanked the club for a great year of service. President Jim then awarded the first annual Union City Lions Club Person of the Year Award. This year's recipient is Ted Leahey. Ted was a teacher at UCCHS for 35 years and when he retired he became an instructor at Indiana University and at IU East in Richmond. Ted was instrumental in starting the Union City Preservation Society which helps to preserve historic buildings around Union City. Congratulations Ted, thanks for all you do for the Union City community. Owen Griffith was recognized for his service to the club as secretary for 10+ years. Cheryl Marcum will assume the club's secretarial duties next year. The gavel was passed from Outgoing Club President, Jim Dubeansky to the club's 2023-24 president, Lion Troy Rose. We are all looking forward to another great year. All of the ladies received a small gift, and the eight centerpieces were raffled off as the evening ended.



Westfield Lions Club

Westfield Lions Make Big Announcements

A New Member, Birthday Celebration, & Clubhouse Renovation Project

The Westfield Lions Club's May 18th Club meeting was fun and full of big news as they inducted another new member, celebrated a member's birthday, and approved the final plans for their clubhouse renovation project. Kinsey Priebe is now the newest member of the Westfield Lions Club and was inducted by 54-year member Past District Governor Bob Benson. Kinsey's addition to the Club brings their membership up to 61 members. That gives the Westfield Lions, by far, the biggest growth percentage of any Lions Club in their district this year.

Before inducting Kinsey into the Club, the members surprised (and embarrassed) Lion Brian Abraham for his 60th birthday. A birthday sash, singing "Happy Birthday", and a cake with candles helped make up for Brian spending this milestone birthday at a Lions Club meeting.

The big news at of the night was the Club's Building Committee's presentation of the plans to move forward with renovation of their clubhouse located at 1031 E. 169th Street. The members were given key details on what type of work would be done and how it would be funded. The final plans will now be cleaned up so that the Club can go out for construction bids. In addition to updating the interior of the building, the project will include new ADA-compliant bathrooms, a kitchen, additions to the south and east of the existing building, and a new front entrance.

Once the Club has completed the renovations, they will begin to allow the public to rent clubhouse for events, just like they did at their previous location. The Westfield Lions want to provide a convenient, updated, low-priced option for families and organizations to use for their events. An open house event will take place once the project is completed, and the building is ready for the public.



Westfield Lions Club

Westfield Lions Present Another Scholarship Award *"Culinary Arts Scholarship" Added to 2023 Scholarship List*

On Tuesday, May 23, 2023, the Westfield Lions Club presented its first Westfield H.S. Culinary Arts Scholarship to a deserving WHS senior. Olivia Jones received the \$2000 Culinary Arts Scholarship for her outstanding work in her culinary arts classes and the "Foodies Rock" program. With the addition of this scholarship, the Lions awarded \$16,500 in financial assistance to WHS seniors this year.

The Westfield Lions wanted to do something special to recognize the high school's outstanding culinary arts program and provide financial assistance to a deserving student. After reviewing their budget and identifying some available funds, the Club approached Nikki Hefflin, WHS' Foods & Culinary Sciences teacher, to help nominate candidates for the scholarship. The Lions then selected Olivia for the \$2000 scholarship.

The Westfield school system and its students are a major focus of the Lions. A conscious effort has been made to build and expand the services and support provided by the Club to Westfield students and staff. These include free dictionaries to all third graders, expanded scholarship awards to WHS seniors, donations to the Westfield Education Foundation, vision screening services for students, free eye exams and glasses for financially challenged students, and grants to the choral music program and culinary arts program.





**Noblesville Lions Club
Grillin' on the Square
Under the Big Tent**

Pork Chops, Chicken, Dogs, and Extras

**Friday - June 2, 2023 - Lunch/Dinner
11:00AM til 8:00PM**

\$13 Advance \$15 At the Door \$8 Hotdog

**Saturday - June 3, 2023 - Breakfast
7:00AM til 11:00AM
\$6 Adult \$4 Kids**

*****Advance tickets available from any Lion*****



IPDG/CC APPOINTED VICE AREA LEADER FOR LCI

CC Scott Smith was appointed by Lions International to serve as the Vice Area Leader for GAT. The new area includes Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Michigan. In this new position, CC Scott will be educating Lions about the importance of solid GAT teams and The Global Membership Approach to Club strengthening and growth. CC Scott is looking forward to this new challenge and to continuing his service to Lions.

Congratulations