



# **District 25 Digest - August 2021**

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### **Making A Difference**



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#### **COMMITMENT**

Well, the first month has gone by, and it has been a great experience. I have had the opportunity to induct new members, install new officers, and visit a few Clubs already. Each time I have left with a feeling of having made new friends and a feeling of warmth seeing all that these Clubs are doing in their communities.

Many Clubs have already scheduled their Official District Governor Visit, so if your Club has not done so as of yet, then contact me in the near future and set up that visit. I am looking forward to visiting every Club in the District this year in some form or fashion.

The District is already full of activities by Clubs and the District itself. September 28<sup>th</sup> in Marion is the Marion Lions Club 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Also, in September is our District Golf Tournament at Crestview Golf Club in Muncie, Indiana. October is our 2<sup>nd</sup> Cabinet Meeting in Marion.

As we start this new Lions Year, it is important for each of us to realize that we truly make a difference in our communities. The work that each Club does in their respective communities can sometimes be the difference between going hungry and being fed, going homeless or having a roof over their head, going without glasses or having glasses. The list goes on of the things that Lions do for their communities.

Each of us has to recall a time when we felt a warmth in our heart from doing something as a Lion that made a difference in someone's life. Well, if we get such a good feeling from doing those things, isn't it only fair we share that feeling of satisfaction with others? If we don't ask others to be a part of service to our community, then we are being selfish. Share the feeling of serving your community, and ask someone to become a Lion.

DG Scott Smith

## Membership RETENTION

By FVDG Eric Schuman, PDG

We are all hearing about membership recruitment continuously and it is important for future growth. But just as important, in my opinion, is retention.

Too many of our members have simply got “out of the habit” of participating whether it’s at our regular meetings or a service project or fundraiser. We **NEED** to get them back as they are the ones that easily resign membership. And why? I’ll bet 98% of them think why am I still paying dues when I don’t participate at all? So they quit.

Let’s stop this and get them re-interested in Lions membership. Call them and offer to ride together. Ask them what committee they’d like to serve on to show you are still interested in their participation. Perhaps even, if they show interest, ask them if they’d like to be an officer your club.

It all boils down to making **EVERY** member feel they are important and needed in the club. We all need that but have stopped letting others know they are still needed and wanted.

But we also cannot be pushy about it. The last thing any of us want to hear is “I do it so you should too” – sure fired way to get someone to quit. Work around it by offering to attend or work with them on the project.

And above all, make it fun for them and you! I like to say everybody loves a winner and if you make attendance and participation at meetings, fundraisers, and service projects, we will **ALL** be winners and come out ahead by bringing them back.



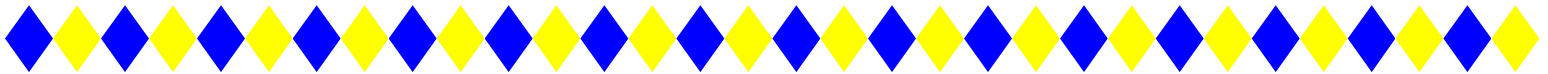
## Leadership

By SVDG Julia Kozicki

My newsletter articles for the rest of the year will run through the letters of LEADERSHIP. Leadership starts with L, and that means we start with LIONS.

Lions are leaders. We are leaders in our communities, raising funds and providing service to support the needs we see. We are leaders in our country, breaking down partisan barriers to work together in service. We are leaders around the world, inspiring people to serve others and our planet. Our communities and our world depend on Lions to serve when others cannot and will not. This month, take PRIDE that our LIONS LEADERSHIP is making life better for people all over the world. Think about how you are personally showing that leadership, whether it is leading through service or through a formal position in your club, and think about who you know that might join you in showing that Lion leadership.

Yours in Lionism,  
SVDG Julia



### **Global Leadership Chair— PDG Mary Jane Bodnar**

How is it possible that unhappy, unmotivated and uninterested members can offer exceptional, caring humanitarian service and enthusiastically invite others to join our club. They Can't! It is our job as leaders to inspire our fellow Lions to be everything they can be and more.

Our members and interested potential members continue to ask, "What's in it for me?" Members may not care about membership statistics, but they may be able to relate to how additional members can benefit the club with new ideas, more opportunities, fresh energy and more hands to help with service projects.

People want more than a membership card. They want to be part of something bigger than themselves. They want to know their input is valued. Take every opportunity to invite them to contribute their ideas, energy and effort.



**REMEMBER WE CAN ALL BE LEADERS!**

## District Zone Chairs

Region	Zone	Chair	Email	Home Club
1	A	Lion Wayne Sozansky	wayne.sozansky@gmail.com	Greentown
1	B	Lion Jeff Larrison	jefflarrison46033@gmail.com	Westfield
2	A	Lion Cindy Wright	rcwright72@att.net	Upland
2	A	Lion Rick Wright	rcwright72@att.net	Upland
2	B	Lion Jeanie Stiers	jeasts@comcast.net	Anderson Noon
3	A	Lion Linda Janney	ljanney1952@gmail.com	Albany
3	B	Lion Jeffry Manning	mail@msiwix.com	Saratoga

### August message from Zone Chair:

This is Wayne Sozansky, Zone Chair for Zone A Region 1. This includes the clubs Greentown, Kokomo, Russiaville, Sharpsville, and Tipton. As we begin a new Lions year, I encourage all clubs to seek participation from other clubs in your area. Someone may have a conflict with one of their club activities but be available to help another club. As Lions, we are better together than as each on our own. Clubs can partner together on projects and achieve more service hours. Also, share your plans with other clubs in the district and ask them to promote your activities. You can promote both upcoming events as well as share the result of your service on past events. Help your communities know the importance of Lions Clubs.

I encourage each club to turn in their monthly service and membership reports to LCI. I thank all clubs in my zone for turning in their leadership roster to LCI. However, some clubs have not yet reported any activities. I am looking forward to a great year. District Governor Scott provides us all with a lot of excitement and energy. Help spread his enthusiasm for Lionism.

### Changes to 2021-2022 District Directory

PCC Lee Flower (Indiana Speech and Hearing Trustee) – Corrected Phone Numbers:  
H-317-848-6904 C-317-523-2932

Lion Christine Woodward (President/Carmel Lions Club & Newsletter/Public Relations Chair) –  
Corrected Email: Woodward1999@sbcglobal.net

Remove Lion Greg Maynard as Newsletter/Public Relations Chair.

Region 2/Zone B Chair – Should be Lion Jeanie Stiers and not Lion Rick Reason. Her contact information is listed in the Directory and above.



**ANOUNCEMENT FROM PDG Dan Wilcox, Indiana Lions Foundation Trustee:**

The Indiana Lions Foundation needs your help! The major fundraiser for the ILF is working at the Indiana State Fair. The fair starts July 30<sup>th</sup> and runs through August 22<sup>nd</sup>. This year, it will not be open on Mondays and Tuesdays.

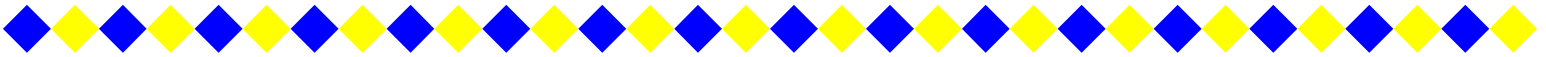
The processes to work the gates have changed and are much easier even from as late as the 2019 fair....and are greatly improved and simplified from fairs many years ago.

Parking is inside the gates, which doesn't require riding the employee buses. Housing is available to those working the fair only at the Indiana School for the Deaf on a first come, first serve basis.

You can find more information and sign up on the ILF website at...Indiana State Fair Ticket Sales Indiana Lions Foundation, Inc. (Indionalionsfoundationmd25.org)

Please let your other 25D Trustees (PDG Betty Weist, PDG Kathy Lozier) or me know if you have questions.

BTW, you don't have to be a Lion to volunteer and work with us. You can even be a teenager of 15 years or more. LEO's are a great source of workers too, if you have them.

**Clubs Coming Together for Gleaners**

Lions from Carmel, Noblesville and Westfield have joined together to provide monthly volunteer support for a Gleaner's Food Bank distribution site in Sheridan, Indiana. Each month, approximately 100 families receive a variety of food products through this mobile distribution. Pictured here are the following Lions: (left to right) Julia Kozicki (Noblesville), Bret Burrow (Noblesville), Lyneen Burrow (Noblesville), David Marsh (Noblesville), Lane Sims (Carmel), Bob Yunker (Carmel), Don Collins (Westfield) and Matt Best (Carmel).



## Art Honoring the Albany Lions Club

The Albany Lions Club has been honored with artwork for their years of service by providing the Halloween Parade and Games each year since 1936.

The artwork is located on State Street close to the Water Street corner and was provided in cooperation between the Albany Lions Club and the Albany Beautification Committee.

The Albany Lions logo is included in the title at the bottom of the display and it has a pumpkin, a witch's hat, a ghost, a tree losing its leaves for autumn and a round red barn that is well-known in Albany.





## District 25D Contests

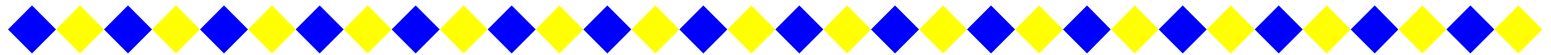
### CLUB VISITATION CONTEST

1. The Visitation Contest will run from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
2. Only visitations to other clubs at their regular meetings will be counted.
3. The following minimum number of visiting Lions are required to qualify.
  - Clubs with 20 or less members – 2 members
  - Clubs with 21-35 members – 3 members
  - Clubs with 36 or more members – 4 members
4. The following are the categories of Club Visitation awards:
  - Long Tail Award – Visiting 100% of District 25D Clubs
  - Short Tail Award – Visiting all Clubs in your Region
  - Ambassador Award – Visiting all Clubs in another Region
  - Nomad Award – Visiting 20 Clubs or your choice, within or outside District 25D
5. It is wise to contact the club to be visited to verify that they will not be dark, the location of the meeting, time, etc.
6. No visitation may be used for more than one category of award. No visitation may be used twice.
7. Clubs may earn as many awards or combination of awards they wish.
8. The following are considered “District Lions” and **will not** be counted when making their official visits: Governor, Vice Governor, Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer, Region Chairperson and Zone Chairperson.
9. When there is a Zone or Region Meeting, visiting members will receive credit for only one club and Region.



### REPORTING VISITATIONS

1. Visitation slips should not be larger than 8 1/2 x 11 or smaller than 5 1/2 x 8 1/2.
2. All visitation slips must show the name of the visiting club name of the visited club, names of visiting Lions, date of visitation, and be signed by the Secretary/President of the visited club to qualify. The Club Secretary will report all visitations to the District 25D Cabinet Secretary by the end of the month the visitation takes place.
3. Winners will be announced at the first Cabinet Meeting of the 2022-2023 Lion Year.



### ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST

The 2021-2022 Environmental Photo Contest is open to all Lions in District 25-D, and Leos. This year's contest will depict four categories and one special theme. No people in photos submitted in the categories BELOW.

Animal Life  
 Plant Life  
 Urban or Natural Landscape  
 Weather phenomenon

Special Theme Environmental Service projects—This category can include individuals in the photo. (Example: Lions planting trees, or kids playing in a new park, etc.)

**Photos should be original, unaltered and taken in your area this Lion Year. Photos should measure 8"x10" and printed borderless on high quality photo paper. Photos with white borders will be disqualified. All photographers accept responsibility for the cost of taking and processing all photos. Lions Clubs and Leo Clubs are invited to submit one photo in each category to the District Environmental Chair pdf Mike Imbler by January 1, 2022. The photographer should specify which category they want their photo(s) entered. Each photo should list location where picture was taken and date.**

Winners and awards for the contest will be announced at the District 25-D Convention in March 2022.

## MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

First contest: July 1 2021—December 21, 2021

Second contest: January 1, 2022—June 30, 2022

Awards are given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for the clubs with the highest percentage of new members during the period regardless of club size. The prizes will be awarded based on what gains you have made versus your starting membership for each period.

It is critical that each club reports their monthly membership trends to MyLCI each month.

Awards for the first part of the year will be handed out at our February cabinet meeting in Saratoga. The second set of awards will be handed out at the first cabinet meeting of the 2022-2023 Lion year.

Please contact GMT Tom Lorson with any questions regarding the contest at [tomlorson@iquest.net](mailto:tomlorson@iquest.net)



## CLUB NEWSLETTER CONTEST

District Governor Scott Smith would like to announce the District 25-D “**Club Newsletter Contest**”. Individual clubs within the District should submit electronic copies of their newsletters to Cabinet Secretary Betty Weist. Since some clubs may produce newsletters at different frequencies (monthly, quarterly, etc.), the contest will involve evaluating the top two (2) newsletters submitted throughout the Lions year by each club.

Newsletters will be evaluated based on the following:

- Overall appearance
- Updates or announcements of upcoming club events
- Announcements of club news (new members, anniversaries, awards, etc.)
- Inclusion of photos
- Calendars (or lists) of upcoming events in the District or State
- Club officer contact information

The contest will be broken down into three (3) divisions so that clubs will be competing against similarly sized clubs. The different divisions will be:

- Clubs with 25 or fewer members
- Clubs with 26 to 50 members
- Clubs with more than 50 members

The contest will run through May of 2022. A committee will evaluate the newsletter submissions and winning clubs will be announced at the first cabinet meeting of the 2022-2023 Lions year. Awards will be presented to the winners and runners-up.

Newsletters should be emailed to Cabinet Secretary Betty Weist at [bettyweist@aol.com](mailto:bettyweist@aol.com)



# CONTEST!



*You Are Invited to attend DG Scott's Banner  
Night on Saturday, August 21, 2021*

*Am Vets Post 5  
705 West 37th Street  
Marion, IN 46953*

*Social 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner 6:45 p.m.*

*Swiss Steak  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Roll  
Dessert  
Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, Water  
\$20.00 per person*

*Reservations  
RSVP by August 14th*

*Make checks payable to:  
Lions District 25-D*

*Mail to:  
Cabinet Secretary Betty Weist  
P.O. Box 41  
Markleville, IN 46056  
or E-mail  
[bettyweist@aol.com](mailto:bettyweist@aol.com)*



## **District 25-D Scramble Golf Outing**

### **Proceeds Benefit Winter Special Olympics**

**Thursday, September 23, 2021**

**Crestview Golf Course**

3325 S. Walnut Street  
Muncie, IN 47302

**Registration: 11:30 a.m.**

**Box Lunch: 11:45 a.m.**

**Shotgun Start: 1 p.m.**

**\$30 per player (includes lunch, green fees, carts and range balls)**

**Hole Sponsor: \$100**

**50/50 Raffle**

**Door prizes**

**Skill contests (Longest drive and closest to the pin)**

**Come out and enjoy a great day of golf with Lions and friends!**

**Use this event as a recruiting opportunity or just bring your fellow Lions!**

**Make checks payable to: District 25-D Lions**

**Mail registration forms and checks to:**

**Jeff Larrison**

**14715 Elyse Lane**

**Carmel, IN 46033**

**Contact Lion Larrison at (317)416-8330 or [jefflarrison46033@gmail.com](mailto:jefflarrison46033@gmail.com) with any questions.**

District 25-D Scramble Golf Outing  
Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email or Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Players: \_\_\_\_\_

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Hole Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*If you don't have a foursome, we can place you with other players.*

You do not have to be a Lion to play.

Cost per player is \$30

Hole Sponsor is \$100

Make checks payable to: District 25-D Lions

Mail checks to: Jeff Larrison  
14715 Elyse Lane  
Carmel, IN 46033

Return registration forms and payment to Lion Larrison by September 17, 2021