



District 25 Digest - December 2021

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Making A Difference



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Making A Difference

As we close in on the halfway point of this Lion Year, we have much to be proud of all around our District. Every Club in the District has been working hard to increase membership, raise funds, support local, state and international projects, and sharing our story with those in Lions and more importantly with those outside of our great organization.

We have almost entirely erased a huge deficit in membership that occurred as I began my term as District Governor on July 1st. This was no easy accomplishment, and each of you should be proud. Continue to share our story, and you will see our membership rolls continue to expand.

We have been working on the second half of the Lion Year, and have many things planned for the District. Keep an eye out for emails regarding our last two District Cabinet meetings. In February it will be hosted by the Saratoga Lions Club and the meeting in May will be hosted by the Pendleton Lions Club. We will have a District wide Club Officers Training in the Spring, our District Convention will be on March 5th in Greentown, and soon the results of the District Membership meeting held in November will be distributed to Clubs throughout the District.

I encourage each of you to think of ways to better serve our communities, better ways to improve membership, and better ways to lead. We are fortunate that Lion Dave Simpson has stepped up and will be running for Second Vice District Governor at our District Convention in March, which will be held again in Greentown this year.

If anyone is interested in serving in a District position for next year, then please contact FVDG Eric Schuman or myself and we will gladly talk to you about any expectations for any position for the District.

Let's keep up the good work, knowing that we are "Making A Difference".

DG Scott Smith

HOLIDAYS ARE FAMILY & BEING THANKFUL

By FVDG Eric Schuman, PDG

We continue our motto of “We Serve” during this holiday season. But it is also a time to reflect and be grateful for what we all have. Our families, our jobs, our homes, our health, and yes, even our “toys” that we possess.

There are many in the world that don’t have one or more of these things that we are thankful for. This is why many of us – including me – joined the Lions Club in the first place.

During this festive season, please also think about those that do not have the things we have and how we can better serve them; how we can help those less fortunate than ourselves.

So yes, let’s enjoy and be thankful for our families and holiday dinners, our Club holiday dinners, and all the other things we have in our lives. But then, in the near year, let’s also re-dedicate ourselves to our Club, district, multiple district, and international association’s mission of helping others and our motto “We Serve” which has made us the largest service organization in the world.

Ask someone to join and share in the fun we have of serving others and the good feeling we get from it.

A quick true story from my past. I was made aware of a family with 5 small children whose father was not around, mother was in jail, grandfather had passed, and were being raised by their grandmother in a HUD house that was for sale with no refrigerator or stove. Thank God for a cold winter as this woman kept milk and cold cuts cold on her front porch to feed the children.

I sat down and made a dozen phone calls to area Lions clubs and within a week, we had delivered to her a used working stove and refrigerator, a bag of girls clothes and a bag of boys clothes, wrapped children’s Christmas gifts, and over \$1,500 in cash, and oh yes, a Christmas tree which we helped them decorate.

I can still see that grandma’s face and feel her arms around me as she tearfully and thankfully hugged me.

THIS is why I’m a Lions Club member.



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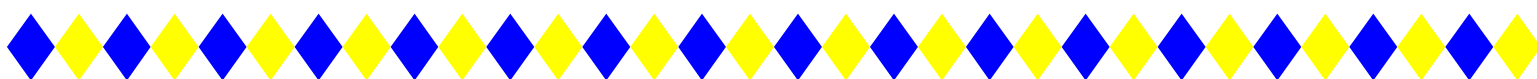
Continuing through the letters of LEADERSHIP, this month's focus is E for Education.

Whether you've been a Lion for one week, one year, one decade or more, there are always new and interesting things to learn about Lions and Lionism. A Lion leader has lots of opportunities for additional education no matter what stage of the journey.

The Lions website (www.lionsclubs.org) has a ton of information, whether you're looking for history, service project ideas, or training on how to serve in various roles at the club or district level. Closer to home, the Indiana Lions (Multi-District 25) will be hosting the Mid-Winter Conference in Indianapolis on January 22, with several sessions of education and fellowship, for only \$50 including lunch. See Page 21 and beyond to learn more about the conference - I hear session 9 will be particularly interesting.

Take advantage of these opportunities to learn more about the largest service organization in the world.

Yours in Lionism,
SVDG Julia



State Administrative Secretary position available

Must have a good working knowledge of the workings of Indiana Lions and work well with others. Please contact Council Chair Jim Query at jpmq77@yahoo.com (or 812-829-4496) to apply.

All applicants must apply by January 15, 2022.

All applicants must be available for interviews following the Council Meeting on January 23, 2022.

For complete list of duties please go online to www.e-district.org/sites/md25/ click on Constitution & By-Laws and Policy Manual and click on the Policy Manual, Duties start on page 15.



The Building Blocks of Leadership

By PDG Mary Jane Bodnar

Learn

Leadership and Learning are a journey!

Execute

Make it happen

Attitude

What does your attitude say about you?

Dream

Empower

Relationships



First Half of the Lion Year Membership Reporting

It is critical that all Clubs who have inducted new members since July 1, 2021 report them before December 31, 2021. That is the mid way point of this Lion Year, and we need all reports to be up to date. If you have any questions on how to report your new members, or you just need some help navigating MyLCI please contact Cabinet Secretary, PDG Betty Weist.

District Zone Chairs

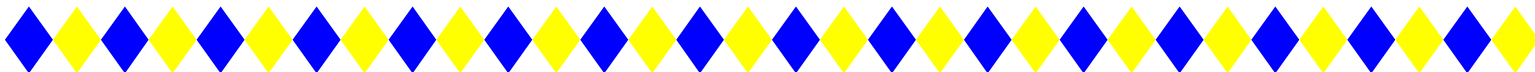
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Global Membership Chair—Lion Tom Lorson

I grew up in a small town in Central Kansas where the local Lions Club has 12 members. A childhood friend, who I rode the bus with many years ago, recently moved back to our hometown. I asked her if she was familiar with the Lions Club -- her response was "I can't join an all-mens club". After I explained to her that we are open to any member of the community and what we do, so was very interest in joining. I connected her with members of the Club and she is now a member.

She recently told me she had made a list of people who may be interested in joining her local Club and asked her first person if he was interested in joining. Three months ago she knew next to nothing about Lionism, yet today she is in full-scale recruiting mode and has a list of potential members.

Do you have a list? If you don't, why not?



Silent Auction Items Needed

There will be a silent auction at the Mid-Winter Conference on January 22. We are in need of items for the auction. If you would like to donate something, please contact PDG Alan Arnold at 260-216-1101 or email at pamalarn@myfibersolution.com. I would like a short description of the item so bid sheets can be created. Funds raised from this auction will go towards offsetting meal costs for the conference. Thanks for your willingness to make this event a success.



PDG Alan Arnold

Lion Pam Arnold

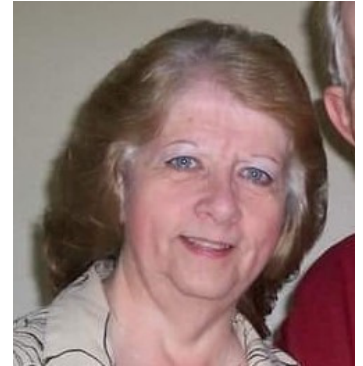
Silent Auction Co-Chairs

Global Service Chair - Lion Cindy Wright

I recently attended a Membership Round Table discussion at the Matthews Lions Club led by VDG Eric Schuman. Although this was a meeting about membership retention, membership increase, etc., I got something else out of it.

VDG Schuman asked each Lion attending "Why do you think members in your club are quitting":

- 1) Deceased or in Nursing Homes
- 2) Doesn't think club is doing enough
- 3) Change by younger members is making older members quit
- 4) Conflict of interest – in other organizations. Time constraints
- 5) Not enough education about Lions to know what we do
- 6) Some members are bored. Old members don't like change
- 7) Standard members work too much and get burnt out.
- 8) Leadership is too bossy. Want to run the whole show no matter other Lions opinions causing arguments at the meetings.
- 9) Not asked to serve on a committee or chair a project.
- 10) When attending meetings, nobody speaks to them.



These are just a few of the reasons why we lose membership. But, stop to think, it really affects the service projects your club does. Everybody, new and old members should be in the conversations about service projects your club can do. No idea should be tossed aside.

- 1) Give the Lion that presented the idea of a new service project the chance to explain it.
- 2) Never say "That has been done before and it did not work". Let members add to the new idea as they may add a few additional branches and it may work. Give it a chance.
- 3) Follow an agenda at the meetings. Members will use it to take notes.
- 4) If working on any kind of a project, at various times, include the new members on that committee.
- 5) Report your service not only to Lions International, but put pictures and a story about your service project in District 25D newsletter and your local newspaper. Show your community what your club is doing. When you do pictures, list the Lions names. You never know who would know them and ask about being a Lion.
- 6) Give your members information about Lions, what your club does as far as support, fund raisers and service projects to be able to share it with possible members.
- 7) As the president, do not let an argument begin. Head it off at the pass by asking members to raise their hands to be called on. Members can speak calmly. Raising your voice never solves anything.
- 8) Remind members that sponsored a new Lion, it is their responsibility to take them under their wing and remind them of meetings and keep them informed of projects. Be a friend to them.

I'm sure there are a lot more ideas of how to keep members in the club. You will soon get a survey that you will be asked to participate in. Answer this survey. It may just keep your club from losing members that would have been a great Lions.

Official Visits



DG Scott Smith and FVDG Eric Schuman visited the Elwood Lions Club on November 17th.



On November 8th, DG Scott visited the Saratoga Lions Club. Pictured here with new Lion Kevin Keller, sponsor Tina Satterfield and President/Zone Chair Jeff Manning.



Right and Left—DG Scott made his Official Visit to the Anderson Noon Lions Club on November 18th.

Look at those stuffed lions!



DG Scott Smith made his Official Visit to the Pendleton Lions Club on November 23rd along with FVDG Eric Schuman and SVDG Julia Kozicki.



QUESTIONNAIRE MEETING A SUCCESS

By FVDG Eric Schuman, PDG

Although we did not get one member from every club in the district (we didn't think we would), we still had a great turnout for this meeting in Matthews and came away with a lot of input towards making our member questionnaire a reality.



We want to thank the Matthews Lions Club for hosting this event. The food was good, their clubhouse great, and their hospitality was very nice. Again, thank you so much. The meeting started with DG Scott Smith opening it and thanking all for attending. He then turned it over to FVDG Eric Schuman who, after thanking SVDG Julia Kozicki for being our "secretary", acted as moderator for the meeting.

We had 40 Lions show up to work on reasoning and questions to be put into the coming questionnaire. Lion Eric started with asking each of those in attendance why they joined Lionism. Then the group went on to why they believed members in their own clubs had quit the organization, and finally ended with why they believed members did not participate/attend regular meetings, fundraisers, and service projects. All were asked for reasons Covid aside.

Some very good comments were given with no holds barred as it were for reasoning. Now a group consisting of DG Scott, FVDG Eric, SVDG Julia along with PDG Betty Weist, PDG Sandy Price, and PDG Cindy Wright have the task of compiling all the data and coming up with the questionnaire.

This questionnaire will then be sent to all clubs to distribute to all their members and getting some good responses that can be shared with the district in the hopes of membership retention through increased attendance and participation.

More to come.... But again, thanks to all.

Have You Thought of This?

We are going to start providing you and your Club with ideas for service projects and growing members over the next several months. It never hurts to think outside the shoe.

Clubs are always looking for ways to grow and recruit new members. There are many things club members can do in order to attract new members. Here, you'll find close to a hundred viable approaches that one could use in order to recruit more members. If you have any other ideas, add them to this list and share them.

1. Hold high-profile meetings
2. Hold wine and cheese receptions for prospective members
3. Ask for help from
4. Have a special guest day
5. Send club members to district membership seminar
6. Make prospective members feel important
7. Honor outstanding community members with awards
8. Don't take age into consideration
9. Make some meetings social events
10. Build a club web site



Helping the place you love, doing the things you love.

Community service is exactly what it sounds like: services that you do to benefit your community. If that sounds a little broad, it's because it is -- community service can take a lot of different forms since there's SO much you can do to help folks out in your area.

Remember, if you are wearing a Lions vest/polo/t-shirt and representing the Lions, you can count it as a Service Project, people served, etc. AND collaborating with others, gets OUR message and who we are as Lions out to the community in broader ways.

Teach Things to Your Community:

We've all got things that we're good at, so why not share those skills with others?

1. Help kids with their homework.
2. Teach underclassmen/community residents safe social media practices.
3. Give free music lessons.
4. Coach a youth sport, sponsor a youth team.
5. Teach adults in your community internet skills/email/etc.
6. Teach at community centers/senior housing.
7. Give a seminar on driving safety.
8. Give a seminar on Emergency Preparedness.
9. Teach CPR / First Aid (after getting certified).
10. Help English language learners practice.
11. Teach workshops/classes at High Schools/Universities about what community service means, what it means to be a Lion and to serve your community and the world.



MEMORANDUM FOR: Lions of District 25-D
SUBJECT: Nominations for Lion Year '22-23
FROM: Lion Dick Creger, Chair, District 25-D Nominations/Elections
DATE: October 16, 2021

In accordance with District 25-D Constitution & By-Laws, nomination for the following Lions year must be received by the Chair of the Nominations/Elections Committee no later than sixty (60) days prior the District's Convention.

District 25-D's District Convention is scheduled for March 5, 2022; thus, nominations for the District's project Trustees, 2nd VDG, 1st VDG and DG must be received by the District's Nominations Chair no later than **Friday, January 4, 2022**.

Lion Leaders requiring club nominations to be included on the March 5 ballot include:

DG - 1st VDG PDG Eric Schuman, Greentown Lions Club

1st VDG - 2nd VDG Julia Kozicki, Noblesville Lions Club

2nd VDG - Lion David Simpson, Greentown Lions Club

Trustees:

Leader Dog - PDG Isabel Atcheson, Marion Lions Club

Speech & Hearing - PCC Lee Flower, Carmel Lions Club

ISBVI - Lion Katherine Holtzleiter, Anderson Noon Lions Club

Lions Foundation/Holding Corporation - DG Scott Smith, Marion Lions Club

Cancer Control - PDG Betty Weist, Pendleton Lions Club

Vision First - Lion Steve Gross, Carmel Lions Club

As a courtesy, incumbents who choose not to run for re-election are asked to notify the District leadership so it may be announced that a vacancy will exist and encourage other District Lions to seek nomination from their club and such nominations received by the Nominations/Elections Chair by the **January 4, 2022**, deadline.

Nominations may be sent to the Nominations/Elections Chair at: 10433 S. State Road 9, Pendleton, IN 46064 or emailed to: dpcreger@hrtc.net.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Dick Creger, Chair
25-D Nomination/Election

Around the District

Cowan Lions Club

This is Lion Carl Ziegler and our District Governor Scott Smith. Carl is 90 years old and has been very involved in the Cowan Lions Club for 50 years.

He has slowed down recently but wanted this picture to be submitted to The Hoosier Lion. Lion Carl has been collecting pop can tabs for years which he donated to Riley Children's Hospital for the Ronald McDonald House in Indianapolis. He has enjoyed collecting the pop can tabs and has also recruited some family members to collect them as well.



Noblesville and Carmel Lions Assist Gleaners Food distribution in November

On Saturday, November 6th, the Noblesville and Carmel Lions Clubs helped Gleaners distribute food. Gleaners is providing food distribution the first Saturday of every month at Hamilton Heights High School. The time is 10am to Noon.

Photo (J. Kozicki): Lions Tim Baker, Joe Connerley, Rollin Cutter, Jeff Kozicki, Steve Morgan and Sid Thomas from Noblesville. Lions Bill Ryan, Lane Sims and Bob Yunker from Carmel.



Westfield Lions Club and Poker for Sight

The Westfield Lions Club's first *Poker for Sight*® Tournament in two years was a "Roaring" success, Lion-pun intended! Over 350 players from all over North America, came together at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds, on Friday and Saturday, November 19th and 20th, to participate in what is believed to be the largest charity poker competition in the Midwest.

The last *Poker for Sight*® tournament was in November of 2019 as the Covid pandemic forced the Lions to temporarily shutter all *Poker for Sight*® events. "It certainly has been a challenge," said Lion Mike Birk, *Poker for Sight*® chairman. "Because of the very nature of poker, players need to be close to one another, nine to a table. We have done everything possible to make it safe for everyone. The Lions want to thank all our competitors, this was a great tournament."

The *Poker for Sight*® series constitutes the largest fund-raising efforts of the year for the Westfield Lions. "Yes, it is nice getting back to normal. Frankly, our piggy bank was getting pretty light, but this will get us moving for the community again," said Birk, "It is what Lions do, we give way more that we receive and that is a great feeling. The Lions motto is We Serve, and we will."

In what has become a tradition, the Westfield Lions present a donation at the start of each of three-qualification rounds to a local charity. This year, Westfield's Open Doors, Helping Veterans and Families of Indiana (HVAF) and Third Phase of Noblesville, were presented with \$1,000.00 each from the Lions.

The Lions were proud to present the winner's check for \$10,000.00 to Jack Dick, a Canadian citizen, after he survived until the end. Texas Hold'em is truly a game of prevailing to be the last man standing, and the taking of all the chips!



Above—Room Shot—players at tables.



Above—Westfield Lions presenting winner check to Jack Dick.



Above—Check presentation to Sandra VanDenBerg, Director of Third Phase Christian Center.



Above—Lions Mike Birk and Jeff Schneider display a check to Open Doors



Right—Check presentation to Ben Duvée, Donor Relations Coordinator and Andrea Carlise, Community Engagement Coordinator, both of HVAF.



Noblesville Lions Host Anita Hagen of the Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank



On November 10th, the Noblesville Lions Club hosted Anita Baker, who explained how the Harvest Food Bank helps in the area. The Harvest Food Bank purchases and collects food and then distributes to other food pantries. Last year the Harvest Food Bank collected 138,000 lbs of food. The Harvest Food Bank works out of the White River food pantry building.

Photo: Anita Hagen (left) being thanked by Lion Kim Luckey, VP

Saratoga Lions Club

The Saratoga Lions club held their smoked pork chop dinner on Saturday, November 13th. It was curbside and carry out only.

The \$10 meal included a 12 oz smoked pork chop, applesauce, cheesy potatoes, roll and a drink.

There was also pie available!



Union City Lions

The Union City Lions Club met on Tuesday evening, November 9th at the Community Room in Union City. The evening started with a wonderful meal of ham and beans, cornbread, fried potatoes, and a cookie prepared by Diana Dubeansky. The program was about the Art Hub which is located in downtown Union City, IN next to The Corner Cupboard. Brent Cotter, Mary Boettger, and Susan Judelle took some time and explained what the Art Hub does and how it functions and displayed many pieces of various types of art. It was founded with support from the City of Union City and from Frank Miller Lumber Co. Brent explained that the Art Hub is an Art Co-op. The member artists are either working artists or nonworking artists and a working artist is required to work at the Art Hub at least one day/month. High-quality art is produced, displayed, and sold at the Art Hub in Union City. The club was challenged to buy local art because there are many one-of-a-kind pieces for sale. We were also encouraged to use the Art Hub in Union City for gift shopping, not only for Christmas but all year round. Make sure you check out the Art Hub Union City on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/arthurunioncityindiana/>, or stop by in person. The Un-

ion City Art Hub is open on Wednesday from 12-4, Thursday and Friday from 11-5, and Saturday from 10-2. Thanks to Lion Jack Anderson for arranging the program. Jack is also involved at the Art Hub and sells some of his woodworking projects there.



Pictured (L-R) are Brent Cotter, Mary Boettger, Susan Judelle and Lion Jack Anderson

Noblesville Lions Induct New Member



At the latest Club meeting, the Noblesville Lions inducted Tim Baker as the newest member. Tim and his wife reside in Noblesville. Tim is an attorney and currently serves as a Federal Magistrate Judge with the U.S. District Court in Indianapolis.

Photo: Lion Julia Kozicki pins Tim Baker as newest Lions member

Noblesville High School Lion Leos Book Bag Drive for the Homeless

The NHS Lions Leo Club recently finished their Book Bag Drive for the Homeless. Lions Steve Morgan and Steve Shaw helped supervise the event. The Leo's compiled 48 book bags filled with warm hats, gloves, scarves, blankets, socks, tooth brushes, tooth paste, soap, shampoo, and many other items. Awesome job by the senior leaders, and everyone pitched in as Lions Morgan and Shaw can attest. Lion John Smith is a NHS Teacher and the Leo Club Sponsor.



Photo 1: NHS Leos and completed book bags



Photo 2: NHS Leos production line stuffing the bags

Carmel Lions Club Starts Ringing the Bell

The Carmel Lions Club has started their annual bell ringing for the Salvation Army. They are outside Crate and Barrel at Keystone at the Crossing every day except Sunday 10am to 8pm.

The Carmel Lions below are —PDG Mary Jane Bodnar, PCC Lee Flower and Christine Woodward.



Noblesville and Zionsville Lions Test 8th Grade Students Eyes

Lions Club members did Kid Sight eye testing on November 29th at Noblesville West Middle School, and on November 30th at Noblesville East Middle School. 450 8th grade students were tested at NWMS, and 350 8th grade students were tested at NEMS. Student eye testing is one of Lions Clubs International's major projects.



Photo: Noblesville Lions included John Grimes, Rollin Cutter, Steve Stage, Julia Kozicki, Gary Hipes, Joe Cafrelli, Walt Scheid, Andy Luckey, and Steve Shaw. Zionsville Lions were Dan Dumbauld and Dick McKellar.

Carmel Lions Club Celebrates 85 Years

Carmel Lions celebrated 85 years of service with the help of DG Scott Smith, FVDG Eric Schuman and SVDG Julia Kozicki on November 11th. The evening included a buffet dinner, raffle prizes that raised \$185 to adopt Hamilton County families during the holiday season, keynote speaker PID Nick Xinopoulos and Fancy Fortune cookies to take home that had customized Lion fortunes. There was also a selfie-booth. The theme of the night was Racing through 85 Years.



DG Scott presenting the Club Excellence Award to Carmel Past President Bill Ryan for the 2020-2021 Lion Year.



Being held on Veterans Day, all the veterans in attendance were recognized and thanked for their service. Pictured (l-r) Lions Bill Bugher, Vern Tincher, Bob Yunker, Jim Thompson, Angie Swenson, Carl Kinker, Jay Kim and Nick Xinopoulos. Thank you!



Carmel Lions and special guest SVDG Julia Kozicki.



PCC Lee Flower, PDG Mary Jane Bodnar, Lion Christine Woodward, Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos, PID Nick Xinopoulos and DG Scott Smith.



Left—DG Scott and the Fancy Fortune Cookies

Right—Carmel Lions and special guest FVDG Eric Schuman.



Saratoga Lions Club

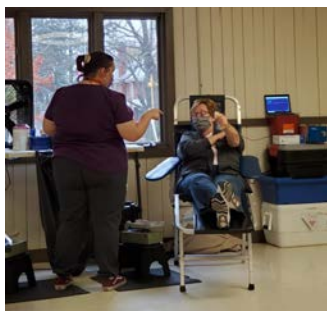
Saratoga Lions Club participated in the 2021 Mardi Gras Parade in Winchester yesterday. Great crew assembling the float showcasing our fundraising projects and the 75th anniversary of the Mardi Gras and the Indiana Lions Cancer Control. Pulling the trailer is the new Saratoga Ward Fire Territory First Responder vehicle, driven by Lion Gary White.



Carmel Lions Club

Carmel Lions Club worked with local Girl Scout troops to collect eyeglasses as part of Sight Night. There were five troop that participated this year. Together they were able to collect 160 pairs of eyeglasses.

Carmel Lions Club also held the first Blood Drive with Versiti. Blood Center of Indiana. Carmel Lions are going to with Versiti to make the Blood Drive an quarterly event. The next Blood Drive will be Saturday, January 29th.



Lion Mary Jane Bodnar donating whole blood.



18 year old Lion Isabelle Woodward is registering for her first time donating blood.



The staff of Versiti transformed the Carmel Club into a mobile donation site.

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



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



Service Projects



Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport January 21-22, 2022

Greetings, Fellow Lions:

The 2022 Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference will include two service projects designed to help the less fortunate in communities throughout the state, and we need your help to make these service projects successful.

We will continue the **"Sock It To Me"** project we introduced in 2019, collecting **NEW** socks, winter hats, gloves, winter scarves, and blankets.

We will introduce a new **"Care-ing Cases"** project to make personal first aid kits and personal hygiene kits, using clean used hard eyeglass cases.

Please encourage Lions Clubs and individual Lions in your district to donate the following items.

For **"Sock It To Me"**: **New** socks, **new** winter hats, **new** gloves, **new** winter scarves, **new** blankets. **We need all sizes, from infants to adults.**

For **"Care-ing Cases"**: Soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, wipes, small combs, band-aids, small antiseptic ointments, alcohol wipes. **All items should be travel-size, like you find in hotel rooms.**

We will have a collection site for donations for each project set up in the hotel and we will ask conference attendees to help assemble personal first aid kits and personal hygiene kits after dinner on Friday evening.

At the end of the conference, the **"Sock It To Me"** donations, first aid kits, and hygiene kits will be divided between the District Governors to be distributed to those in need in their respective districts.

We hope you can help us make these projects successful and we look forward to seeing you at the 2022 Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Jennifer Drapalik, Lion Gail Robbins, Lion Erica Thomas
MWC Service Project Co-Chairs



THE LIONS OF INDIANA
33RD MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022

CROWNE PLAZA INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT
INDIANAPOLIS, IN

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Registration & Continental Breakfast	8:00 am – 9:00 am	Lunch - Buffet	11:30 am – 12:15 pm
Displays And Silent Auction	Open until 3:00 pm	Program and Keynote Speaker	12:15 pm – 1:15 pm
Opening Session	9:00 am – 9:30 am	Third Session Seminar	1:30 pm – 2:15 pm
First Session Seminar	9:45 am – 10:30 am	Fourth Session Seminar	2:30 pm – 3:15 pm
Second Session Seminar	10:45 am – 11:30 am	Closing Session	3:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Official Conference Hotel – Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport Hotel

The location of the hotel is 2501 S. High School Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46241.

TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 317-244-6861.

LIONS ROOM RATE IS \$113 PLUS APPLICABLE TAXES.

Specify your choice of a king room or room with two double beds.

Hotel Reservations must be made by 6:00 pm EST Tuesday, December 28, 2021.

Directions to Crowne Plaza: From the north via I-465 – Take I-465 to Exit 11 (Sam Jones Expressway). Turn right (to the west) on Sam Jones and be in left lane. Turn left at High School Road and the hotel is on your left.

From the south or Northbound I-465 – Take I-465 to Exit 11 (Sam Jones Expressway). Turn left (to the west) on Sam Jones but keep to the left to High School Road. Turn left at High School Road and hotel is on your left.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations requested ten (10) days before the conference will receive full refunds, but cancellations requested after that date will not receive any refund. Refunds will not be granted because of the weather.

***NOTE:** THE MID-WINTER CONFERENCE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE THOSE ATTENDING FOR THE FIRST TIME TO INDICATE WHO IS SPONSORING THEM TO ATTEND OR WHO HAS INFLUENCED THEM TO ATTEND THEIR FIRST MID-WINTER CONFERENCE. THERE IS A LINE ON THE REGISTRATION FORM FOR THIS INFORMATION.



33RD MID-WINTER CONFERENCE FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER JANUARY 21, 2022



Make your plans now to join us at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport Hotel for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship.

Menu: Down Home Hoosier Buffet with Pot Roast and Vegetables, Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Country Green Beans, Corn, Fresh Garden Salad, Sugar Cream Pie Bars or Derby Pie, House Bread and Butter, Coffee and Tea

Price: \$ 27.50

Social Time: 6:00 P.M.

Dinner: 6:30 P.M.

SATURDAY CONFERENCE LUNCHEON JANUARY 22, 2022

Menu: Buffet with Cider-Brined Pork Loin, Sweet and Smoky Rotisserie Chicken, Macaroni and Cheese, Vegetable Medley, Fresh Garden Salad, Chilled Fresh Fruit, Dessert, House Bread and Butter, Coffee and Tea

Price: Included in Registration Fee

TWO SERVICE PROJECTS

“Sock It To Me” – Bring new socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, and knit hats that will be collected and divided among the district governors to distribute to needy people in their districts.

“Care-ing Cases” – Friday night after the dinner program, we will assemble first aid kits and toiletry kits using cleaned hard eyeglass cases that our district governors will share with the needy people in their districts.

SATURDAY KEYNOTE SPEAKER

PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT CHANCELLOR BOB CORLEW



Chancellor Bob Corlew, from Milton, Tennessee, USA, served as president of Lions Clubs International 2016 to 2017. Past President Corlew is retired as chancellor for the State of Tennessee and a professor of law. A member of the Murfreesboro Noon Lions Club since 1978, he has held many offices within the association. He is also a Vanguard of the Melvin Jones Memorial, a Progressive Lindsey-Jennings Fellow, and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. In addition to his Lions activities, President Corlew has been active in the Boy Scouts of America, the Jaycees, and the American Red Cross. He has also served as a councilman in Milton and was a Major in the U.S. Army Reserve. President Corlew is married to Dianne, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Seminar Selections

CHOOSE: Two (2) Seminars in the Morning and two (2) Seminars in the Afternoon.

Morning Session One: 9:45 am to 10:30 am

Seminar #1 LCI LEGAL DIVISION IS THERE TO HELP YOU. COME FIND OUT HOW!

Presenter: PDG Mark Clark

Everything from insurance to general legal information.

Seminar #2 VISION SCREENING FROM PRESCHOOL TO HIGH SCHOOL

Presenters: Lion Sheila Christoff and PCC Steve Winegardner

This session will help you know the difference between Operation KidSight and school age screenings, the equipment used, and how to get started.

Seminar #3 ZOOM MEETINGS, DON'T BE AFRAID OF THEM!

Presenter: Lion Jennifer Drapalik

From hosting to attending, this session reviews what you need to know to host or attend a zoom meeting.

Seminar #4 TIPS FOR CONDUCTING A NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Presenters: PID Nick Xinopoulos and PDG Mark Anderson

Discuss the importance of new member orientation and how to make it happen.

Morning Session Two: 10:45 am to 11:30 am

Seminar #5 KNOW THE LAWS BEFORE YOU PLAY.

Presenter: Indiana State Gaming Commission Mark Mason

Does your club host any games that fall under the Indiana Gaming laws? This session will help you stay on top of these laws and how they that affect your club.

Seminar #6 SERVING BEYOND THE CLUB

Presenters: PDG's Tom Robbins, Mike Imbler, and Robin Smith

This session will discuss leadership opportunities beyond the club level from zone chairs and cabinet positions, to project trustees and committee chairs and District leadership.

Seminar #7 HOW TO CREATE A SPECIALTY CLUB

Presenters: GAT Area Leader PDG Dave Wineman & PID Tom Matney

This seminar will explain the special focus club concept and explain growing our membership in this way.

Seminar #8 SUCCESSION PLANNING FOR CLUB AND DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

Presenter: PID Doug Lozier

PID Doug will discuss what succession planning is for officers and committees and why it is important to your Lions Club and to your district.

Seminar Selections

Afternoon Session Three: 1:30 pm to 2:15 pm

Seminar #9 WOMEN... WE WANT YOU FOR LEADERSHIP ROLES!

Presenters: Gretchen Xinopoulos, 2VDG Julia Kozicki, 1VDG Linda Scott, Lion Erica Thomas, and Lion DeLene Worsena

Panel discussion to encourage women to step up to leadership roles.

Seminar #10 MAKING LION CEREMONIES INTERESTING

Presenter: PDG Mary Jane Bodnar

Let's explore some fun and interesting ways to conduct new member inductions and officer installations.

Seminar #11 TAKE THE SCARINESS OUT OF GRANT APPLICATION WRITING

Presenters: Lion Denisse Jensen and MD25 LCIF Coordinator PDG Ken Faulkner

Does your club need additional funds? Of course it does! Come and learn about grants like where to find them, how to write them.

Seminar #12 LEO SEMINAR

Presenter: Lion Dara Guse

Leos, come to a session for Leos by Leos!

Afternoon Session Four: 2:30 pm to 3:15 pm

Seminar #13 NEW AND CREATIVE FUNDRAISING IDEAS

Presenter: PID Linda Tinker

Something for Everyone...whether your club is big or small, or is made up of younger or older Lions, there's a project just right for you! Join us to find exciting fun ideas for fundraisers and service projects for your community.

Seminar #14 NEW ON-LINE TOOLS FOR LIONS:

Presenter: PDG Charlie Short

Check out this introduction to the top online products and services to strengthen your club, district, and MD25.

Seminar #15 DIABETES AWARENESS...LIVING A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Presenters: Tasha Lane and Amanda Grarant

Join in to learn the importance of good nutrition and the importance of keeping your body moving.

Seminar #16 WANT TO LEARN HOW TO START A LEO CLUB?

Presenter: Lion Dara Guse

Lion Dara will help you learn what you need to know to start and keep a Leo club.

REGISTRATION FORM**33rd Annual Lions of Indiana Mid-Winter Conference****SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022***(Each Attendee Is Asked to Complete a Separate Form)***EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: \$40.00****EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR EMAILED BY
NOVEMBER 30, 2021****Registrations made after DECEMBER 1ST and ON-SITE REGISTRATION: \$50.00**

Registration price includes morning coffee and pastries and the Buffet Luncheon.

To guarantee meal availability, Registration must be received by January 15, 2022**CANCELLATION POLICY: CANCELLATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO JANUARY 10, 2022,
TO RECEIVE A REFUND. CANCELLATIONS REQUESTED AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY
REFUND. REFUNDS WILL NOT BE GRANTED BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER**

Seminars will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Send registrations early to assure getting the seminars of your choice.

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND CORRECT REMITTANCE TO:

Lion Angie Crouch, 9051 Greystone Court, Indianapolis, IN 46234

mwam2893@gmail.com

317-518-4070

Make Checks Payable to: Lions of Indiana, Inc. OR

Card Type: [] VISA [] MC [] Discover Card# _____

Exp.Date: _____ Security Code _____ Signature: _____

Name: _____ Club Name: _____

Address: _____ Lion Title: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ District: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

☐ This is my first Mid-Winter Conference. I was encouraged to attend by: _____

Registration: () \$40.00early-bird; () \$50.00 Dec. 1st - Onsite () \$27.50 Friday Night Dinner

= Total Amount Due per Registration _____

Review the Seminars offered and note the session time each seminar will be offered. Please circle your selections for each session to help us plan sufficient seating and handouts for each seminar.

9:45 – 10:30	Seminar Session 1	1	2	3	4
10:45 - 11:30	Seminar Session 2	5	6	7	8
1:30 – 2:15	Seminar Session 3	9	10	11	12
2:30 – 3:15	Seminar Session 4	13	14	15	16

MD-25 Lions

International Pin Design

2023



July 7–11, 2023: Boston, Massachusetts, USA: A quintessential blend of colonial history and cutting-edge innovation. From the charming cobblestones of Beacon Hill and the civic landmarks along the Black Heritage Trail and Freedom Trail, to the iconic grounds of Harvard University and Fenway Park, Boston is a treasure trove of Americana. Fun if by land and fun if by sea, Boston is an ideal destination for your next vacation. Explore diverse neighborhoods, enjoy an eclectic array of performing arts and special events, shop in chic boutiques and high-end malls, fall into a foodie's paradise and discover the true essence of Boston, a cosmopolitan hub where tradition and innovation interact every day.

Pins **MUST** include:

- a-MD 25 Indiana (as text)
- b-the Intl Convention year - 2023
- c-Lion Club Intl Logo
- d-Intl Convention Host City representation
- e-MD 25 graphic representation of MD-25 usually includes a race car and/or the outline of Indiana.

Each club can submit one design to its District Governor. One design will be selected by each District Governor. All District designs need to be submitted to me by **December 17, 2021**. You can scan and attach it to an email to me at angbelc@iue.edu. Each District's selected design will be presented to State Council in January. Remember: pin designers do not have to be (a) Lions.

Be creative and have fun!

CS Angela Locke, State Pin Chairperson

SAVE THE DATE!

APRIL 29

APRIL 30

MAY 1

2022

INDIANA LIONS STATE CONVENTION

WYNDHAM INDIANAPOLIS WEST, 2544 EXECUTIVE DRIVE

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE ☀️

WATCH FOR UPDATES!

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