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# 25D District Digest

## What is a Lion!

April 2024

Lions of 25D,

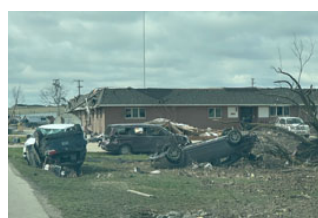
As I shared in July, my theme for this year is: **What is a Lion?** Lions are many things and my newsletter articles and club visits will highlight some of the many answers. My hope is that when you are asked that question, you will be armed with your answer and ready to share the great things that Lions are.

This month, the answer is: **Someone aiding those impacted by disasters.** I had no idea when I listed this answer last summer that we would be offering aid to our own right now, but I am grateful for so many who have stepped up to assist our Lions and so many others in Selma and Winchester. As I've shared in my visits, the Lions Club International Foundation has emergency grants ready when natural disasters occur. When the tornadoes struck on March 14, our state LCIF coordinators were reaching out that evening to offer assistance with the grant application. We were able to submit the grant request on Friday, and received funds in our district account the following Tuesday, which let us purchase \$10,000 of needed totes, gloves and other supplies for the clean up and recovery efforts. DGE David 'Rocky' Simpson and especially 1VDGE Jim Dubeansky were present on the ground, talking to our Selma and Winchester clubs and the local Homeland Security/FEMA folks and getting our supplies to where they could be appropriately distributed. Lions have called to volunteer their labor and Lions in other districts in Indiana have donated funds to assist. Our prayers are with our fellow Lions as they work toward recovery.

If you or your club would like to make a direct donation:

Selma Lions Club c/o  
President Richard Clamme Jr  
11910 S US Hwy 35  
Losantville, IN 47354  
765-717-0187  
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Winchester Lions Club c/o  
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1221 E 100 S  
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DG Julia's message continued on next page...



## Continuation of DG Julia's April 2024 Message

Later in April, District 25D will host the Indiana State Lions Convention at the Embassy Suites in Noblesville, April 26-28. I hope you will join us for the weekend as we share fun, fellowship and fulfillment together. There are two district endorsed candidates for International Director and we will be voting on a candidate to endorse for all of Indiana on Sunday. Additionally, we will hear from Past International President Frank Moore, former Miss America Katie Stam-Irk, and share in a number of great education sessions and a Strides for Diabetes walk. Plan to join us in Noblesville!

None of us know when we can offer aid or when we will need aid, but we know as Lions that we are prepared either way to *serve a world in need*.

Yours in Lionism,

*DG Julia*

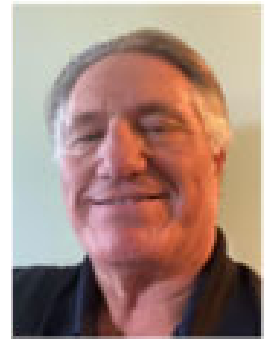


**What kind of trouble will the Grapes get into this year?**



## Message from District Governor Elect Rocky

### Thank You Fellow Lions



Happy April and Spring Time for all us Hoosiers!

I want to give out a shout to all the Clubs that stepped up for the people in Selma and Winchester. I got to see first hand what the tornado did to these communities and the quick response from the Lion's community was nothing less than AWESOME !

There was significant damage to both communities and I drove to both locations twelve hours after the tornado hit. Folks, there were people already on the ground with meals, water and support. I couldn't be any happier for all the Lions who responded. Our District Governor was calling for information for the emergency grant before the sun came up. IVDGE Jim Dubeansky was up most of that night and was also in the path of the bad weather and he coordinated the delivery of materials. Things happened quickly and the Team put it together. Great Job !

Also, the lady that was paralyzed in Gas City, has a temporary ramp and many Lions Clubs have donated to the installation of the permanent ramp. We are still collecting money for this cause and I couldn't be happier for the response by fellow Lions Clubs who have stepped up.

If you're going to have a fundraiser this month, put out a bucket for either the Tornado relief or the Gas City Ramp, two major projects for Lions to concentrate on.

I'm so proud of our District stepping up.

I THANK YOU ALL.

Yours in Lionism,

***DGE Rocky***

## Message from First Vice District Governor Elect Jim

Hello Fellow Lions:

I hope you're all doing well and that you're all registered and ready for the State Convention at the end of this month. This will be my first time attending so I am ready for adventure and a learning experience. Even better, I get to see everyone again which is always a great time for sure. I know the convention committee has worked extremely hard to make this a fabulous state convention for us all and I thank them for their hard work.



Some of you may have heard, we had a EF3 Tornado hit Randolph County, Indiana on March 14<sup>th</sup> in the evening around 8:00 pm. It did a lot of damage to several homes in Winchester and some in the Union City area. It had wind speeds of 165, so it was really close to being a EF4 Tornado. Selma, Indiana had a separate tornado hit them that night. It was an EF2. There were no fatalities, thank God, but a lot of homes destroyed and businesses gone. With the help of our District Governor Julia, we worked together and were able to obtain an LCIF disaster grant for \$10,000 for Randolph County Tornado Relief assistance. Plus all the Lions clubs in the District 25D area that brought donations to Union City Lions club as we were the housing club for donations for the Lions. I was the person on the ground, taking stuff back and forth to the donation site. The area of the tornado strike was restricted as a Red Zone, meaning there was no entry. But being a Homeland Security person I was allowed in and out. I was communicating with the officers in charge of what was needed as donations and spreading the word.

I kept our District Governor updated as needed on the progress, what was needed and how things were going when we received a semi with 10 pallets of products for the tornado relief assistance. The pallets were broken down by a group of Lions from Union City and Saratoga Lions. They loaded up and took items to the staging area in Winchester.

This all just shows that all of us Lions are stronger than people realize and that we're here to do one big thing and that is SERVE our Community. We help where we can. And that we did. I say thank you to all that donated and brought stuff to Union City, it was very busy time for me but I survived it and I did it with Lion Pride every moment.

I ask if I would've done anything differently, no. I've got the best support troop in the world behind me and they are called the Indian Lions. We serve our community with Pride, no matter what. We're here front and center to serve.

The Big Eclipse is coming April 8<sup>th</sup> and the Union City area is in a perfect viewing area so anyone wanting to watch the eclipse - come on over I have room at my place to watch it!

My new adventure as the upcoming First Vice District Governor is approaching and I am ready to be there to assist our incoming District Governor Rocky with whatever I can do to help him. I have a lot to learn in the new year and I want thank our District Governor Julia! She's been an outstanding District Governor and a friend to me. It seems like we've been through a lot the last few weeks but we survived. She is a good leader and explains stuff, which helps a lot when you're a new and learning 1VDGE.

Sorry my message is so long this month, but I wanted everyone updated on the tornado information and again, THANK YOU!

*1VDGE Jim Dubeansky*



## GMT/GET—Global Membership Team and Global Extension Team

Greetings to all Lions of 25-D!

Well, we may be out of March, but the basketball madness continues with the Final Four.

I love this time of year as 64 (66, 68, whatever it takes) teams vie for the title. All of the fans cheering and hoping that the underdogs will take down the higher seeds or that the higher seeds to win and move on or just that their favorite team will do well! This time of year, I become a fan of all of the Big Ten teams, even Purdue! It is a great adrenaline rush but all too soon it is over.



How does this relate to Lions (you know, it seems I get that question every month!)? I would say in reverse. We start small, maybe one person or one club. We don't compete to eliminate each other, but build so there are two, then four, then eight, then...well, you get the idea.

Over the last one hundred years, we have grown to cover the world. Do you realize that at any moment of the day, there are Lions somewhere on the planet doing service for others?!?

The main thing we are missing is the fans and the applause. But know that you do have fans and people cheering you on. There are people whose lives you have changed and they appreciate it.

So give yourself a standing ovation and be proud of what you do as a Lion! The world is glad we are all part of the ever-expanding Service Madness (I just coined that!).

**Lion Jeff Kozicki**



## New Members

### Albany

Ronald Schmidt

### Carmel

Beth Blakeslee

### Greentown

Diana Franks

### Noblesville

Thomas Jacobi

### Pendleton

Angela Hensley

### Russiaville

Benjamin Newlon  
Mildred Rayl-Clarke

### Selma

Blaine Baffin  
Dale Buffin  
Amanda Goble



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## In Memory of These Lions

*No new deaths to report*



# Where will DG Julia be?

## April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 	3	4	5	6 
7	8 	9	10 Redkey Official Visit	11 Van Buren Official Visit	12	13
14 District Goal Setting Zoom	15	16	17	18 Sweetser Official Visit	19	20 
21	22 	23	24	25	26 2024 State Convention	27 2024 State Convention 
28 2024 State Convention	29	30				

### A message from the 25D GLT/GAT Assistant Area Leader PCC Scott Smith:

I didn't get to all the District Conventions, but did make it to District F's Convention on the 23rd.

Congratulations to all the District Governors for a great year!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the State convention April 26-28th in Noblesville. Stop me and say hi!



## DG Julia Supported All the Fellow DGs at Their District Conventions

DG Julia made it to all of the District Conventions—some even on the same day! She was there to support her fellow DGs and her HOG (husband of Governor) when he made presentations. DG Julia encouraged all Indiana Lions to attend the upcoming State Convention.

### District A



### District B



### District C



### District D



### District E



### District F



### District G



## Thank you Vice Council Chair Julia!



## Lions Worldwide Induction Day Is Saturday, April 27th

Does your Club have new members that need to be inducted?

Have them inducted into your Club by Past International President Frank Moore during Saturday’s lunch at the State Convention.

What do you need to do?

- Have the new Lion and a Club representative register for the State Convention—form on Newsletter page 35.
- RSVP to [woodward1999@sbcglobal.net](mailto:woodward1999@sbcglobal.net) that you will have a new Lion to be inducted.
- Prepare the new member packet and bring with you Saturday. (take the pins out of the plastic)

**#worldwideinductionday**



### 25-D Zone Chairs

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

### \*\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\*\*

#### District 25D 4th Cabinet Meeting and Club Officer Training

Saturday, May 11, 2024

Matthews Lions Building

1018 Massachusetts Ave, Matthews, IN 46957

More information on Newsletter page 38

### Clubs with April Anniversaries

<i>Carmel Lions Club</i>	<i>1936</i>	<i>88 years</i>
<i>Portland Lions Club</i>	<i>1937</i>	<i>87 years</i>
<i>Lynn Lions Club</i>	<i>1945</i>	<i>79 years</i>
<i>Kokomo &amp; Area Lions Club</i>	<i>1987</i>	<i>37 years</i>

## 2024 Lions of Indiana State Convention



### Lions of Indiana 2024 State Convention

April 26-28, 2024

#### Keynote Speakers

**Saturday, April 27, 2024 Luncheon**

**Katie Stam-Irk, Miss America 2009**

Katie Stam was born in Seymour and raised on a dairy farm there showing dairy cattle in 4-H at the Jackson County Fair. She received a bachelor's degree from the University of Indianapolis in communication studies and interned at WTHR – TV in Indianapolis. She began competing in pageants at age 15 and later won Indiana's Junior Miss in 2005, Miss Indiana in 2008, and Miss America in 2009. Her pageant social platform was "Passion for Service: Promoting Community Service and Involvement". She traveled extensively during her year promoting community service and was named the National Goodwill Ambassador for the Children's Miracle Network. Miss Stam is married to Brian Irk and has three children.



**Saturday, April 27, 2024 Dinner**

**Past International President Frank Moore III**



J. Frank Moore III, of Daleville, Alabama, was elected as international president at the 2001 convention in Indianapolis. Past President Moore is an educator by profession and a former superintendent of education for the Daleville City Schools in Daleville, Alabama. Past President Moore has held key leadership positions in Lions International including the office of Executive Administrator and Secretary of the association from 2017-2021. He served as chairperson of the Centennial Action Committee, as LCIF vice chairperson of Campaign SightFirst II, and as vice chairperson of Campaign 100—the most successful fundraising initiative in the history of the Lions Clubs International Foundation. Past President Moore has received numerous awards in recognition of his service to the association, including the Friends of Humanity Award presented by LCIF and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. Past President Moore is an LCIF Humanitarian Partner. In addition to his Lions activities, he is a member of the Army Aviation Museum Foundation Board of Directors, the Friends of Fort Novosel, a lay speaker in the Methodist Church, and a former chief executive officer of the Association of the United States Army. Past President Moore and wife, Rita, also a Lion and progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters and a son—who also are Lions—and seven grandchildren.

## Preliminary line-up of seminars at the 2024 Lions of Indiana State Convention

**All seminars will be on Saturday, April 27, 2024 2:00pm—2:45pm**

### Harness the Power of Leadership

**Lion Beth Slade, Director of Philanthropy for Lions Engagement, Michigan**



Get ready to dive into the world of leadership in a fun and interactive way. You will learn how leadership is a bit like training guide dogs, and how it is all about building trust, giving recognition, and empowering others to provide service. Don't miss out on this chance to learn and have fun as we Harness the Power of Leadership together!

### Global Membership Approach (GMA) for Clubs

**Jeff Kozicki, Noblesville Lions, 25-D Global Membership Coordinator**

The Global Membership Approach is a proven method to lead your club into greater recruiting, more new members, and membership retention. After using SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) of your club, club members select strategies to accomplish the membership goals. This session will go through this analysis of a club.



### 2024 NEW Charity Gaming Rules

**Mark Mason, Assistant Director, Indiana State Gaming Commission**



Will your Lions Club be conducting raffles, bingo, or other gaming activities as fundraisers to support your charitable contributions to humanitarian needs? If so, you need to attend this session on the updated and newly enacted laws and regulations in 2024 governing charity gaming in Indiana. This session will help you stay on top of these laws and how they affect your club, what forms and fees that you need to complete, and other requirements that may even involve modifying your club's constitution and by-laws.

### LCIF: A Celebration of Impact in MD-25 and Legacy Gifting

**Robert Kanonik, Lions Clubs International Foundation**

The dedicated service and humanitarian spirit of the Lions of MD-25 (Indiana) continues to help change lives for the better. Throughout this presentation you will hear about the impact LCIF-funded Lions' service has made throughout MD-25 and worldwide. A special focus on the recently introduced Lions Legacy Society where you can make a difference by leaving a tax-free gift to Lions Clubs International Foundation upon your passing. As there are many options available, IRS regulations, and legal requirements to do this, Mr. Kanonik, an attorney and estate planner, will discuss the options and how you can leave your gift of all or a portion of your estate to LCIF. Giving to LCIF will demonstrate what we can accomplish when we unite for good and ensure that whenever there is a need, there will always be a Lion.



### Parliamentary Procedure for Lions Clubs

**PDG Patrick Rodriguez, Sr., District 25-A Parliamentarian**

Keeping order in club meetings helps maintain harmony in membership and in getting the business of a club accomplished. Using Roberts Rules of Order and other club governing documents will assist in maintaining order.




## New Lions Portal is Coming!

Keep an eye out for your welcome email between April 15 and May 13.

There are training videos online as well as frequently asked questions/ answers and other lunch resources.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/digital-products/portal-updates>



**The Lion Portal Launches April 15**

Look for your invitation to a new digital experience.

- Current Lion Account holders, your welcome email will arrive between April 15 – May 13
- This email will include your personal invitation to start using the new Lion Portal

For more information and answers to your questions, please visit our dedicated Lion Portal page.

**LEARN MORE**



### Indiana Lions 2024 Convention Silent Auction Items Needed



The Indiana Lions 2024 Convention will once again be having a Silent Auction. It will only be successful with your help.

We would love to have an auction item from every club in the District. You can bring them with you to the State Convention. Please check your item in and provide a description, who it is donated by and a retail value.

Auction Item#: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Retail Value: \_\_\_\_\_

Minimum Bid: \_\_\_\_\_ Bid Increment: \_\_\_\_\_

Bidder Name	Phone Number	Bid Amount

## Information and Technology Article for District 25D

### Staying Cyber Safe While Traveling

Traditional vacation season is upon us. Maybe you're going out of the country or staying close to home. Wherever you go, it's certain that you'll take along a device that needs access to the internet. That means staying safe while traveling and while online.

Be overly cautious when using public Wi-Fi. Public Wi-Fi, including the free internet at coffee shops, hotels, and airports is often targeted by hackers just waiting for you to connect. While these locations try to protect your online security, don't blindly trust them. They often don't have cyber experts constantly monitoring security updates and threats.

Below are a few tips to stay safe when accessing public Wi-Fi.

- **Activate your Virtual Private Network (VPN).** A VPN will encrypt your data between endpoints so that it's unusable by hackers.
- **Access only password protected sites.** When scanning for networks, a secured network will have a lock icon by it. You're still not 100% secure, but your odds will be higher.
- **Ensure the Wi-Fi you're accessing is the Wi-Fi you think it is.** Cyber thieves may create an evil twin that looks like the official connection. For example, Hotel-Router looks a lot like Hotel-Routers, but only one is the official access point.
- **Never bank online through a public Wi-Fi.** If you must, always have a VPN activated. You also can use cell instead of Wi-Fi. Cellular connections are inherently built with more security than Wi-Fi. Data rates will apply when using cellular connections.
- **Never, ever use a USB cord to charge your device through a public charging station.** Always use the device's charging block and an electrical receptacle.

Though this isn't about security, if you're traveling outside the country contact your carrier to ensure you have international coverage turned on. You can turn it off when you return. Your wallet will thank you.

Stay safe and enjoy your time away.

PDG Dan Wilcox  
25D IT Committee Chair



## Musical Notes—Lion George Smith



“A Lion giving a speech. . .shouldn’t ask for a donation” Did you know? “It’s bad luck to be superstitious” - “No matter where you go, you’re there” Jimmy Durante always said, “You gotta start off each day with a song, Even when things go wrong”

Now then I’ve got your attention fellow Lions, I am the music information Lion for our District 25-D Governor Julia Kozicki. Past local, district, state and International organizer/pianist and a member and PP of the Anderson Noon Lions. Gov. Julia is bringing back singing into each club as she visits.

Now we must bring pianos back into each club to create more joyous sounds and enthusiasm. For years I took my Hammond organ to each club around Indiana and other states and International Conventions to make sure we had joyous merriment. Members of my club were in attendance at the 25-D convention held in Noblesville and each Lion belted out each song. Lion Jeff Kozicki used sound tracks for the music and the enthusiasm was like ‘Old Times’

We must feel from the inside out and ROAR Lions ROAR to understand that true victory happens in your Lions Den. Each one of us can be that cheerleader to spread enthusiasm amongst us. Don’t be timid about shouting to the world that we are proud Lions and that “We Serve” humankind everywhere. We are the largest service organization in the entire world. When you are either a participant or in the stands of a sport event no one yells “We’re number two!” Everybody says, “We’re number one!” I played the bass drum and cymbals in all games at Shortridge High School in Indianapolis. I know what was said and it was not defeat!

Never underestimate the impact of Lions motivated by loyalty to Melvin Jones in 1917 when a group of fellow men sitting around a table at a luncheon in Chicago, Illinois agreed with him that a club was needed to serve people all over the world who were, even then in need. Making a difference enriches our lives and adds an element of satisfaction and yes, adventure that other activities cannot match. I know from experience, not just writing a page in the District Governor’s newsletter that you can’t keep both feet firmly planted on the ground and get anywhere! As my saying was voted a few years ago at a Lions convention, “Lions, We’re On The Grow”. We can’t wait on the other Lions to jump up and make a difference . . .YOU are that fellow Lion!!! ID Ron Keller our speaker from Ohio knighted me with a title during his speech at the 25-D Convention. What was the title? You should’ve been there, by George! Now let’s ROAR Lions ROAR and Bite-em!

# Charlie Short <sup>for</sup> Lions International Director



PDG Charlie and PDG Pat Short

Expanded our **Indiana Lions**  
vision screening!

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## US Screening Program

## Strength in Service, Vision in Action

### INDIANA SERVICE

- Co-Founded Facebook *Global Lions Forum*
- Statewide Google Workspace system for Clubs
- Eyeglass World/America's Best Partnerships
- Visionworks Partnership
- Lions Certified Instructor Program Graduate
- 30 Year Lion Leader
- International President's Medal
- IP Leadership Medal
- IP Certificates of Appreciation
- GAT Chairperson Medal
- Progressive WP Woods Fellowships (5)
- Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships (5)
- New Club Extension Success (4)
- Senior Master Membership Key Award

### NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- **Oregon** Lions Leadership Conference
- **California** Lions District 4-C6 Convention
- **Illinois** State Convention and Mid Year Forum
- **Iowa** Leadership Conference
- USA/Canada Forum **Spokane, WA**
- USA/Canada Forum **Des Moines, IA**
- USA/Canada Forum **Calgary, Canada**
- USA/Canada Forum **Reno, NV**
- LCI Convention **Milan, Italy**
- LCI Convention **Montreal, Canada**
- LCI Convention **Boston, MA**

## Your Voice for Indiana Lions





Lion Janet & Reed at a Lions celebration



Working at a Lions/Anthem partnership program.



Lion Reed working with others at the Indiana State Fair

# Vote PCC Reed Fish for International Director

## Working together to achieve more TLCS:

**Teamwork  
Leadership  
Commitment  
Service**



Lion Janet & Reed at a state convention



Part of the 100th State Lions Convention Planning Team (2021)



PCC Bob Booher and Reed Fish co-chained the 100th State Lions Convention

### Lions Club International Experience:

- Club Extension Awards (2)
- Progressive Merit Jones Fellowships (14)
- Attended 8 International Conventions
- Attended 4 USA/Canada Forums
- Int. Pres. Leadership Medal
- Int. Pres. Certificate of Appreciation (3)
- Graduate of Faculty Development Institute LO

### MD 25 Lions Experience

- Council Chairperson 2014 -2015
- MidWinter Chairperson
- State Convention Chairperson
- Int. Convention Chairperson
- Eyeglass Missions to Mexico (5)
- Progressive WP Woods Fellowships
- Richard Miyama Fellowship
- Trustee for Leadership for the Blind
- Trustee for Vision 1st IN Lions Eye Bank
- Nominated for Distinguished Lion (2)

### District 25 Experience:

- District Governor
- Vice-District Governor
- Zone Chair
- Cabinet Treasurer 7 years
- Global Leadership Chair 9 years
- Carter Evening Fellowship
- Jewel Pin/DG recognition
- Camp Woodsmoke Trustee

### Speedway Lions Club Experience:

- Club President
- Chair of Multiple Committees
- Member since 1989



Speedway Lions Club

<http://e.dubois.org/sites/speedway/>

## Around Our District

### Share what your Club has been doing!

We need your help. Share what you and your Club has been doing. Snap a picture and email it to [woodward1999@sbcglobal.net](mailto:woodward1999@sbcglobal.net) with a description of the event and who is in the picture. If it is received on

or before the 25th of the month, it will appear in the next newsletter. If after the 25th, it will automatically be included in the following newsletter.



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## Carmel Lions Club

Carmel High School Athletic Director Jim Inskeep spoke to the Carmel Lions Club about changes in high school sports. Boys Volleyball is now a varsity sport. Inskeep is a Carmel Grad himself. He also told the Lions about the new building going in by the football field. It will have multiple uses, including an AP testing site for the over 700 students who participate in the AP program.



## Carmel Lions Clubs

Carmel suffered a frozen pipe in the bitter cold of January. Changes are coming to the clubhouse. Stop by for a meeting to see what we are doing.



## Greentown Lions Club



Completing the curriculum of the American Heart Assoc. Basic Life Support (CPR and AED) Program are Lions Kay & Ron Wyatt, Henry Rodriguez, Vince Jaenicke, Jean Ann Wise, Mike Imbler, Dave Shearer, Connie & Bill Holt and Cathy Stover. Shown in the picture is our new AED Plus Defibrillator. (Lions listed L to R)

The Class was given by Ryan Moore, Firefighter, Paramedic and Paramedic Instructor from the Cicero Fire Department.



## Carmel and Noblesville Lions Club

### Noblesville & Carmel Lions Clubs Volunteer Manpower Serving Gleaners

On March 21<sup>st</sup> the Noblesville and Carmel clubs helped Gleaners with food service. Gleaners mobile food pantry comes to the Hamilton County Fairgrounds on the third Thursday of every month from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM. The Carmel and Noblesville Lions are proud to volunteer their manpower and time to assist Gleaners with the distribution of food to those in need. All volunteers were kept very busy!

**Photo (l-r):** Lions Lane Sims, Bob Yunker, Joe Arrowood, Matt Best, Ed Shea, Dale Unger, Gary Hipes, Steve Craig, Walt Scheid, Larry Jacobi, and Rom Williamson. Not pictured are Jeff Kozicki and Joe Connerley.



## Noblesville Lions Club

### Noblesville Lions Club Hosts 25D Annual District Convention

The Noblesville Lions Club hosted the District 25D annual convention at the Forest Park Inn on Saturday, March 2nd. Lions Club International Director Ron Keller spoke to the 80 attendees on the great work Lions are doing here and around the world. During the convention, the Noblesville, Westfield and Carmel Lions Clubs were all recognized with Club Excellence Awards for the 2022-23 Lions year. Those clubs, and the Wayne-Fall Lions Club, were recognized for positive membership growth during the first half of the 2023-24 Lions year. Noblesville Lions realized 8 new members.

Lions Jeff Kozicki of Noblesville, Christine Woodward of Carmel, and past district governor Dan Wilcox of Westfield received presidential certificates in recognition of their assistance to the district. Noblesville Lion District Governor Julia Kozicki presided over the election of next year's officers, including Lion David 'Rocky' Simpson of Greentown as next year's district governor.

Noblesville Lion Attendees: John Grimes, Tim Baker, Julia Kozicki, Bob Minton, Mark Bachar, Steve Craig, Jeff Kozicki, Walt Scheid (holding membership certificate), Josh Kozicki, Cheryl Helton, and Steve Shaw





## Noblesville Lions Club

### Noblesville Lions Learn About Kirk Hardware Building

On March 13<sup>th</sup> the Noblesville Lions hosted Katie Nurenberger as speaker and learned what's going on in the old Kirk Hardware building. Katie and her husband purchased the building from Bill Prater, and are remodeling the interior. The Boys Club used to operate in the upstairs many years ago. Katie also mentioned she found a lot of historical Lions Club artifacts. She is hoping to have music events starting in June, 2024. When remodeling is completed, they will offer event spaces. Final completion is targeted for January, 2025.

Photo: Noblesville Lions VP Jeff Kozicki and Katie Nurenberger



## Noblesville Lions Club

### Noblesville Lions Supporting NHS In Indiana Show Choir Championships

On Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, the Lions Club volunteered and supported NHS Choral Department by helping attendees to the Show Choir make their way around the building. The championship contests were open to schools in the state of Indiana. NHS expected more than 800 high school students to attend.

Photo: A few of the Lions that helped were (l-r) Tim Baker, Walt Scheid, Jen Carr, Steve Shaw, and Cheryl Helton



## Noblesville Lions Club

### Noblesville Lions Club Welcomed Speaker on “Trust”

On Wed, March 27<sup>th</sup>, the Lions welcomed Robby Slaughter who highlighted the evening with his comments on “Trust.” He spoke on how Trust is basic for all that we do. And these days, Trust is down in government and many other areas. Two of the main areas needed for Trust are Consistency and Honesty (saying and doing the right things). A lot of details were covered that explained these areas. Being Lions in the public eye, this subject kept attention.

Photo: Robby Slaughter being thanked by Jeff Kozicki, Lion VP



## Noblesville Lions Club

### Noblesville Lions Hear From Candidate for International Director

This past evening, March 27<sup>th</sup>, the Noblesville Lions welcomed PCC Reed Fish of the Speedway Lions Club. Reed has been a Lion for over 35 years with many awards and personal dedication. PCC Reed has had many distinguished positions in the Lions organization over the years, which include Club President, 25F District Governor, and activities with MD 25 Lions of Indiana. He has also received awards and recognitions at the International level of Lions Clubs. Reed has now decided to run for Lions Club International Director to represent Indiana Lions and Lions from across the World.

Photo: Reed Fish being welcomed by Jeff Kozicki, Lion VP



## Russiaville Lions Club

Greentown Lion Henry Rodriguez, our District and the State Vision Services Chair, presented the Lions KidSight Training Certificate to Russiaville Lion Reba Casler.



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## Russiaville Lions Club

PDG Charlie Short inducted the newest Russiaville Lion Millie Rayl-Clarke.

Photo is Lions Abe Rayl, Lion Millie Rayl-Clarke, President Lion Cara Jean Rayl and PDG Charlie Short.





## Union City Lions Club

Union City Lions Club Blood Draw Co-Chair Doug LeMaster presents the Donor Door Prize to winner Linda Temple. The gift basket was donated by Yvette Hampton of the Randolph and Rehabilitation Center of Winchester, IN. The Blood Draw was very successful with 30 donations.



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## Union City Lions Club

The Union City Lions in collaboration with SOLVITA Blood Bank of Dayton, Ohio hold a Blood Draw every eight weeks in The Union City Community Room.

Pictured is L-R Lions Co-chair Hoddy Speight, Yvette Hampton (Randolph Nursing and Rehabilitation Center) Malinda Frech (SOLVITA Account Manager) and Lions Co-Chair Doug LeMaster.





## Union City Lions Club

On April 8, 2024, Randolph County will be in the direct path of totality for the Great American Eclipse. The center line of totality will move through the county passing about a half mile south of Union City. The sun will be completely blocked for about 4 minutes. How many people will come to the county to view the eclipse is anybody's guess, but the committee is planning for many visitors.

Marla Threewits from Randolph County 2024 Eclipse Committee and UN Lions President Troy Rose.



## Union City Lions Club

After the recent tornado in Randolph County, IN, Lions 2nd Vice District Governor, Union City's Jim Dubeansky applied for and received a \$10,000 Lions Club International Foundation grant for disaster relief. The grant was awarded and used to purchase needed materials for Randolph County. The materials purchased included plastic storage tubs, construction safety helmets, disinfecting wipes, and work gloves. The supplies were delivered to Union City and distributed to some families around Union City and to Winchester to be used there. The Union City Lions, with help from the Saratoga Lions Club, unpackaged and took the supplies where they were needed. Thanks to LifeStream for allowing us to use one of their vehicles.



## Union City Lions Club

The Easter Egg Hunt at Union City Park was a great success.



## Westfield Lions Club

### **Westfield Lions Help Prep for Post Office Food Drive Club Members Fold 1000 bags for Postal Carriers**

At the Westfield Lions Club's March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting the members spent time folding 1000 plastic bags that will part of the upcoming "USPS Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive" event that benefits the Open Doors Food Pantry. Over the past few weeks, Open Doors has been utilizing people in the community, along with the Westfield Lions Club, to fold approximately 60,000 plastic bags that will be delivered to homes by postal carriers around the Westfield/Carmel area. A post card will be attached to the bags that explains what the event is all about and encourages the public to put non-perishable food donations in the bags and leave them at their mailboxes for the postal carriers to pick up. The collection date for the food bags May 11<sup>th</sup>.

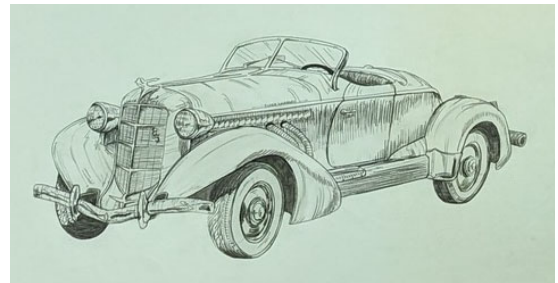




## Union City Lions Club

The Union City Lions Club met on Tuesday, March 26, in the Union City Community Room. The members were served a meal of sandwiches and soup prepared by Diana Dubeansky. Union City Lion and Vice District Governor Elect, Jim Dubeansky, reported on the disaster relief grant that was applied for and used for tornado victims from Union City and Winchester. Jim reported that the materials received were distributed and that more help was arriving from around Indiana. The program was presented by UC Lion David Lenkensdofer. David is working on the beginnings of a Union City Body Company Museum. A building was donated to the Union City Development Corporation and the work has begun to develop that site. David showed the club a watercolor picture depicting the future museum painted by UCHS art student Sylaris Denney. There were also other pictures and pencil drawings that showed some of the vehicles made in Union City, including the earliest Auburn Cord Duesenberg. Over the years the Body Company built school buses, theater chairs, buses, and delivery trucks. The company changed hands a few times and today, known as Workhorse, is building all-electric delivery trucks.

Pic 1 Pictured is David Lenkensdofer with Union City Lion Club President, Troy Rose and UCBC vehicle artwork.



Pic 2 Union City Lions who helped deliver relief supplies from The Lions Club International Foundation. L-R, Doug LeMaster, Len Hindsley, Kevin Lehman, Gary Miller, Rick Lacy, and Jim Dubeansky.

## Westfield Lions Club

### Miracle League Pancake Breakfast Raises \$3500 Westfield Lions & WHS SOS Club Pull Off a Big Win

On Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Westfield H.S. SOS Club and the Westfield Lions Club held their second annual pancake breakfast at the WHS cafeteria. This year's event raised \$3500 for the Miracle League of Westfield – blowing away last year's donation of \$2500.

The SOS Club students cooked pancakes and sausage, staffed the serving line and drink stations, and operated a face-painting table (all with a little help from the Westfield Lions). The students also took an active role in promoting the event and soliciting sponsors.

At the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year the SOS Club set up a meeting with the Westfield Lions Club to discuss ways to work together to serve the community. At the meeting, the students and their sponsor, Megan Springer, made it clear that they wanted to hold another pancake breakfast to raise funds for the Miracle League (last year's recipient of the breakfast proceeds). They set their sights on beating last year's number and spent considerable time planning and prepping for this year's breakfast.

The turnout at the breakfast was phenomenal – about every sports team at WHS showed up in mass. The various school sports teams even had a competition to see which team could get the most players to attend the breakfast (the girls softball team won).

A special note of recognition should be given to the Westfield food services department for their assistance in making the breakfast a big success. Paul Sherrer, Director of Food Services, made sure the event went off smoothly. When it was discovered there were some significant last minute logistical problems that would jeopardize the event, he said he'd do whatever was needed to enable the students to hold the breakfast – and he did.

The Westfield Lions and the WHS SOS Club would also like to thank the sponsors of the event – the City of Westfield, Mark Heirbrandt, Busby Eye Care, Sobczak Construction, Compass Realty, Indy Eye Care, EPYK Realty, Sunshine Pediatrics, Heartland Growers, Lazar Insurance, and Chuck Goodrich for Congress. Without their support the breakfast would not have been as successful as it was.



Jenna Hoffman (Westfield Miracle League) and Westfield Mayor Scott Willis



Pancake chefs Katie Leber and Maxwell Montgomery



The Evans and Slonaker families enjoying the pancake breakfast



A **FREE PAIR** of Solar Eclipse Glasses  
to the first 50 kids.

Union City Lions Club



Spring



Pancake Day

At the Union City Elks Club - 318 N. Columbia St, UC IN

**Saturday, April 6, 2024**

**\*\* 2024 Total Solar Eclipse Weekend \*\***



6:00 a.m. — 12 noon  
... While Supplies Last ...



**Dine-In**  
(or Drive-Through and Carry-Out)

The drive-through line will go through the alley on the north side of the Elks Club building heading west and will exit onto Columbia St.

1 lb. packages of sausage will be available for purchase.

**Ticket Prices:**      **Adult: \$10.00**  
                                 **Child: \$5.00 (12 and Under)**  
Purchase tickets at the door.



# Russiaville Lions Club

555 N Liberty Street

## Come & Enjoy our Spring Fish Fry

All You Can Eat



### Saturday

# April 6, 2024

### 4:00 to 7:00 pm

Adult dinner: \$ 14

Children 5 to 12: \$ 9

Cash or Credit card accepted



The Lions Club is partnering with **Hawg Heaven** to prepare the Fish & Tenderloins



- Fish
- Tenderloins
- Baked Beans
- French Fries
- Cole Slaw or Applesauce
- Bread & Butter
- Lemonade, Water, and Coffee

Pie available \$2 per slice

Proceeds to help fund the RLC college scholarships awarded to Western HS Students

## Event with Russiaville Lions Club

KHCPL has a lot to celebrate with its wonderful staff, amazing programs, and learning opportunities it provides to the public.

# Celebrate National Library Week and Dance Across Russiaville!

### Dance and Celebrate!

**8:30 a.m. • Saturday, April 13**

Gather at either **KHCPL Russiaville at 315 Mesa Dr.** or the **Russiaville Lions Club at 555 N. Liberty.**

The celebration of our libraries will begin at 8:40 a.m. A giveaway and popcorn will be available for anyone who stops into KHCPL Russiaville.



KOKOMO-HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

A shuttle will be available at the library following Dance Across Russiaville.



### Saturday, April 13 Gene Parks Walk/Run 1 mile and 5K

- ▶ **8:30 -9:15 a.m. • Russiaville Lions Club** - Registration
  - ▶ **9:15 a.m.** - 1 mile Walk/Run begins • Russiaville Lions Club  
*Proceeds will support Ainsley's Angels*
  - ▶ **10:00 a.m.**- 5K Walk/Run • Russiaville Lions Club  
*Proceeds support the Carl Koontz Scholarship Fund*
- Both races will end at the Jeff Stout Community Center

Look for information about the Better Together Inclusive Playground Project from the Russiaville Tree and Park Board.



### Pancake Brunch Fundraiser

**8:30-11:30 a.m. • Saturday, April 13 • Russiaville Lions Club**

B.S.A. Troop 619 will be hosting a fundraiser pancake brunch. The menu will include pancakes, bacon, and breakfast casserole.

- ▶ \$10.00/adult
- ▶ \$6.00/ages 3-12







# District 25D Annual Goal Setting/ Global Membership Approach

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Join DGE David 'Rocky' Simpson in  
setting our district goals for 2024-25!

Sunday, April 14, 2024

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Click [here](#) for the Zoom link or email  
[master21chief@sbcglobal.net](mailto:master21chief@sbcglobal.net)





**TIPTON LIONS CLUB FISH FRY**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18th 4:30 – 6:30 P.M.**

**AT OUR CLUBHOUSE 1003 N East St, Tipton, IN**

**ADULTS \$12.00\***

**12 & UNDER \$5.00**

**CHILDREN 5 & UNDER EAT FREE**

**MENU INCLUDES: FISH, BAKED POTATO, BAKED BEANS, COLE SLAW, DESSERT & DRINKS**

\*\$13.00 for Credit Card Payment

## Carmel Lions Club's Spring Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, April 20th

8:00—11:00am



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## Westfield Lions Poker for Sight Texas Hold'em Tournament

The club holds two national level poker tournaments each year that are said to be the best in the Midwest, each with a payout of \$25,000 with \$10,000 to the winner. The spring event will take place on April 26-27, at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds in Noblesville.

At the upcoming tourney, \$1500 Big Checks will go to Chairs of Honor, Indiana Diabetes Youth Camp, Third Phase Mission, and Indiana Blind Children's Foundation. In addition, a check for \$500 will be presented to Indy Thunder Beep Baseball.

For more information on *Poker for Sight* or to enter, go to:

<https://lionspoker.org>.



**2024 Indiana Lions 103<sup>rd</sup> State Convention**

Hosted by District 25D

April 26 – 28, 2024



**Embassy Suites Noblesville Indianapolis Convention Center  
With Special Guest Past International President Frank Moore**

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR OWN LODGING BY APRIL 1, 2024

Embassy Suites Noblesville Indianapolis Conference Center  
13700 Conference Center Drive South, Noblesville, IN 46060  
(317) 674-1900 (Group Code LIO) or click [here](#)

Room Rate: \$175/night. Includes cooked-to-order hot breakfast and manager's reception  
For those not staying at the hotel who wish to enjoy the breakfast or reception,  
the cost is \$20 per – please register below.

Friday Golf Outing at Top Golf, 9200 E 116<sup>th</sup> St. Fishers  
\$20 per person / limited to 48 golfers

**Registration Form (one form per person)**

**Deadline: All Registration Forms must be Postmarked by April 12, 2024**

Please print name/Lions title as desire on Name Badge:

Name and Lion Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your FIRST Indiana Lions State Convention (circle one) YES NO  
Special Dietary Needs, list here: \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Top Golf	\$20	_____
Friday Evening Hors D'oeuvres	\$10	_____
Saturday Lunch: Beef Tips with Buttered Noodles	\$25	_____
Or Chicken Parmesan (circle one)		
Saturday Strides Walk T-Shirt Size (S to 3XL)	\$20	_____
Saturday Dinner: Grilled Ribeye or Filet of Salmon (circle one)	\$35	_____
Non-Hotel Guest: Breakfast ticket(s)	\$20	_____
Non-Hotel Guest: Manager's Reception ticket(s)	\$20	_____
<b>Total Registration Paid</b>		_____

Mail this form (**postmarked by 4.12.24**) and your check,  
payable to: **Indiana Lions State Convention** to:  
Lion Christine Woodward, 13862 Kickapoo Trail, Carmel, IN 46033  
[Woodward1999@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Woodward1999@sbcglobal.net) or 317-716-0622

## Indiana Lions Special Olympics Committee Random Raffle



Benefits the Indiana Special Olympics Winter Games and Corn Hole Tournaments

# Tickets are 3 for \$5.00.

Drawing to be held at the Indiana Lions State Convention April 27<sup>th</sup>.

S.O. Polar Plunge Large Dry Bag, S.O. Sling bag, Insulated Tumbler & Water Bottle, S.O Winter Games Scarfs, S.O. Gray Fleece Blankets, S.O. Snack Basket, Wayne Convention Bureau Blanket. S.O. Picnic Blanket, S.O. Fleece Bath Robe, Polar Plunge tee's- size large, Additional Items will be added up to the day of drawing.

**Donations Accepted.**

See any S.O. Committee Member or contact Bill McDonald 812-689-6699 or  
[lionmcdonald53@gmail.com](mailto:lionmcdonald53@gmail.com)



GASTON LIONS CLUB PRESENTS

Tyler Waltz

Alex Price

Brian Pitre



with special  
guest -

CARDINAL  
**COMEDY**  
NIGHT @ PRUIS  
HALL

**Friday April 26th 7:30pm**

DOORS OPEN 7PM | CONCESSIONS | 18 YEARS +

Purchase Tickets @ [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or @ The Door

MORE INFO: (765) 808-8809



**Lions District 25D**

**4<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting and Club Officer Training**

**Saturday, May 11, 2024**

Matthews Lions Building  
1018 Massachusetts Ave, Matthews, IN 46957

Check-In 9:30 – 10:00 am

Cabinet Meeting 10:00 – 12:00 pm

Lunch and Awards 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Ham & Cheese Sliders, Mini Chicken Salad Croissants, Beef Pinwheels, Pasta Salad, Veggies & Dip, Fruit, and Cookies

Club Officer Training 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Membership Chairs, and anyone else interested

**Cost: \$20 for lunch**

**RSVP by May 3**

Checks payable to Matthews Lions Club  
c/o Cinda Careins  
206 E. Main St., Fairmount, IN 46928  
765-618-0440 | Cin-dah-rose@yahoo.com



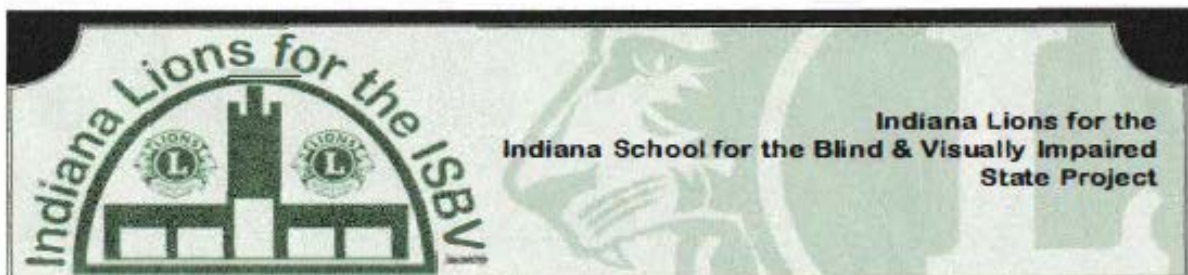
Your ISBVI Lion Trustees are sponsoring a **work day** at the school in Indianapolis on **Saturday, May 18th**. This is a great opportunity for you/family/friends to walk the walk and put our **"We Serve"** motto into action. Our schedule for the day will be:

- 8:30 am Registration and donuts (of course!)
- 9 am – 1 pm Morning work Session
- 1 pm Lunch (provided by the school)
- After Lunch **Tour of the School** for those interested
- After lunch Afternoon work session until done

Come and help us beautify and improve this campus! Interested? Contact...

Lion Mike Okuly  
 260-519-3541  
*mokuly52@yahoo.com*

It's a great day of fun, hard work and camaraderie and a chance to meet other Lions from around the state as well as visit this beautiful campus. This is one of **your** Lions State Projects.....take a few hours to help beautify and improve it. You'll get great satisfaction from doing so....and of course, a **free lunch!** Hope to see you there.





# \*\*\*LIONS BOAT RAFFLE\*\*\*

## FIRST PRIZE - 2024 CAROLINA SKIFF

19LS with 115 hp Suzuki Engine & Wesco Trailer



**SECOND PRIZE**  
One year's membership in the  
**FREEDOM BOAT CLUB**  
*of the Grand Strand*  
Good at any Freedom Boat Location



We Serve

### Drawing

**July 4<sup>th</sup> 2024**

7:30 p.m. at Southport Waterfront

Need not be present to win



Scan QR Code or visit  
[www.southportlions.org](http://www.southportlions.org)

## \*\*TICKETS\*\*

**1 ticket - \$20**

**3 tickets - \$50**

**7 tickets - \$100**

**Only 10,000**

**Tickets Available**