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25D District Digest

What is a Lion!

December 2023

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 enjoying the fellowship of other Lions.** As I have shared during my official visits, there are many ways that we can individually provide service to any number of worthy causes, but we have joined the Lions Club because we enjoy the company of our fellow Lions and are able to accomplish so much more together than we can on our own. The U.S. Surgeon General has issued an advisory on the epidemic of loneliness and his solution is to "prioritize building social connection...our relationships are a source of healing and well-being...that can help us live healthier, more fulfilled and more productive lives." Coming together with other Lions improves our personal health as well as the health of our community.

We have a number of great opportunities to enjoy the fellowship of Lions in 25D over the next several months, and I encourage you to mark your calendars:

- Midwinter Conference, Jan 19-20, Crowne Plaza, Indianapolis Airport
- Muncie Lions Club Charter Party, Jan 27, details to come
- District 25D Cabinet Meeting, noon, Feb 3, Russiaville Lions Club
- District 25D Convention, 9 – 3:00, Mar 2, Forest Park Inn, Noblesville
- MD25 IN Lions State Convention, Apr 26-28, Embassy Suites Noblesville

International President Dr. Patti Hill is sponsoring an initiative to further her theme of Changing the World. Districts that host an event promoting peace and understanding who also increase membership and LCIF giving are eligible for a special award. A group in Noblesville has been sponsoring Community Conversations, which encourage peace and understanding, and I have asked them to bring their "More Curious, Less Furious" discussion to our February cabinet meeting.

Be on the look out for registration forms in this and future newsletters and come have some **FUN** and **fellowship** with other Lions.

November and December are slowing down in terms of visits. We had two trainings on the Global Membership Approach in Russiaville and Marion and a video of the training will be posted soon on the district website. Thank you to my hosts in Dunkirk, Saratoga, and Winchester for great visits. I look forward to my official visit to Gaston in December as well as holiday parties with Russiaville and Van Buren. I have visited 22 of the soon-to-be 35 clubs in the district and have most of the others scheduled, but please let me know when you are having your fundraisers and other events so we can come enjoy more **fellowship** with you.

Thank you for offering **fellowship with other Lions** this holiday season as we continue *servicing a world in need*.

Yours in Lionism,

DG Julia



Message from First Vice District Governor Rocky

Merry Christmas Fellow Lions

With Thanksgiving over and Christmas on our doorstep, I know our Lions are busy. Food Baskets are being made up for those in need, bell ringing at many different locations and the giving spirit is once again upon us again. I am happy to say that my Lions Club in Greentown is once again providing food baskets for many families as they have done for many years. I can wait to see the faces of the people receiving the baskets and some are truly surprised with all they receive.



This is what Lions do “We Serve!”

The giving spirit throughout this time of year always brings out the best in people, and also the best in our Lions Organization. I feel privileged and honored to serve with each and every one of you and I remind myself daily that we all can do more. I just don't know what... Please send in pictures to Christine Woodward of all the projects over this next month. (woodward1999@sbcglobal.net)

I think everyone will be surprised as how much Lions do in their community.

Greentown Lions put on one heck of a Christmas display, Come on Dec. 23rd and see if you can find me. I'll be all dressed up...

Merry Christmas to all. Enjoy Family and Friends
Drive Safe during this Holiday !

1VDG Rocky



The 2023-24 Indiana Lions Council of Governors is seeking applications for the position of State Administrative Secretary. The State Administrative Secretary serves as the state council secretary, MD 25 Convention secretary and is responsible for making reports on behalf of MD25 to Lions International. A well qualified candidate is a Lion in good standing with leadership skills and supervisory or nonprofit management experience. The position is part-time exempt and is based at the state office building in Indianapolis. A full list of duties can be found in the policy manual linked at www.e-district.org/sites/md25/ starting on page 15.

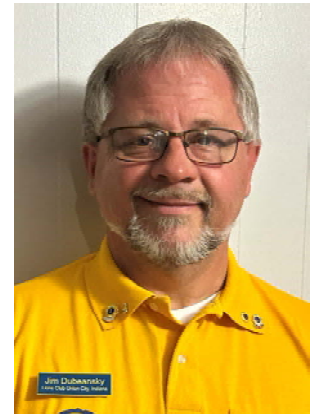
Interested applicants should contact Council Chair Bob Hrdy at (765)426-9037 or lionbobhrdy25c@gmail.com and submit their resume and letter of interest.

Message from Second Vice District Governor Jim

Hello Fellow Lions -

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Holiday and enjoyed time with your family and friends and hopefully you didn't eat too much.

Well, it's hard to believe it's December already. Wow, it's going to be a busy month for all of us with Christmas coming and meetings we've got scheduled this month. I've been on the go with our District Governor, attending meetings at our Lions Club In Saratoga and Winchester and both visits were fabulous.



I want to remind everyone to not forget to ask around to your friends or neighbors or whoever about becoming a Lion, joining a fabulous club and getting involved in the community. We all know there is someone out there, wanting to become a Lion. So let's start getting a new member and then make sure you mentor them so they know what Lions do and explain things to them make them feel important and valued.

I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and be safe while traveling. Continue to keep PCC Scott Smith in your prayers as they are helping as he is getting stronger and recovering much faster with our prayers .

Respectfully yours,

2VDG Jim Dubeansky



International President Dr. Patti Hill has challenged us to join in Mission 1.5 – to grow to 1.5 million members by June 30, 2027. In 25D, our target for 2023-24 is 2 new clubs and 115 new members, with every club adding at least one new member. We are well on our way, with Muncie ready to charter and 48 new members logged. If every club, or collectively every zone, would host one membership drive (see GMT Jeff's article), think how close we will be to achieving our target for the year and how many more hands we will have to do service for our communities and our world!

GMT/GET—Global Membership Team and Global Extension Team

Greetings to all Lions of 25-D!

I hope everyone is doing well.

One thing that constantly amazes me is the number of people I meet who have either never heard of Lions or have a vague idea of what we do (To be fair, I was one of these people for many years!). We even have a new member in our club who did not think women could be Lions and is thrilled they can be and she now is! Unlike most months where I wander around with a lot of backstory, I will get straight to the point and announce:



The Great District D New Year's Game!

How do you play this game? And how do you win? The rules are very simple. Every club that sets a date for a Lions Information Event, promotes the event, and holds it between now and January 31st is a winner!

Each winning club will receive an award in recognition of their win.

A club can do this on their own or come together with another club or maybe several in their Zone and put on a bigger event. Proof of winning this game will be a photo taken at the event and, if there is one, a copy of a promotional item used (i.e. newspaper article, a Facebook post, a sky writer, etc). And that is not all. If every Club in the District takes part in a Lions Information Event, there will be a District-wide prize which is so secret, even I don't know what it will be!

Good luck and happy gaming and as always, thank you for all you do as a Lion.

Lion Jeff Kozicki

Welcome

New Members

Anderson—Noon

Timothy Albrecht

Carmel

Chris Miller

Jen Miller

Selma

Frank Chandler

Westfield

Stephen Hall





In Memory of These Lions

*Our thoughts and prayers are with
all Lions who have concluded their service
and their friends and families
during this holiday season.*

Where will DG Julia be?

December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Council Meeting at State Office
3	4 Russiaville Christmas Dinner	5	6	7 Van Buren Christmas Dinner 	8	9
10	11	12 Gaston Official Visit	13	14	15	16 Greentown Christmas Lights Donation Station
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 	26 	27	28	29	30
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Save The Date

Friday 21st June 2024 - Sunday 23rd June 2024

Coming Soon: Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference

The 35th annual Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport Hotel.

Some Indiana Lions say the Mid-Winter Conference is "the best place for learning" about leadership, service, and all aspects of Lionism. We offer seminars on club administration, community service, fundraising, and membership recruitment and retention, as well as opportunities for service, fellowship with Lions from around the state, and plain old everyday Lions fun.

The Early Bird registration fee – until November 30th - is only \$40 - \$5 less than last year - and includes informative seminars, on-site service projects, coffee and pastries in the morning, lunch at noon with a motivational speaker, and fellowship with other Lions.

The keynote speaker at the Saturday luncheon had not yet been announced when this article was written.

The conference will be preceded by a dinner on Friday evening. There is a separate fee of \$30 for this event. The after-dinner entertainment will be provided by magician Daniel Lusk. He has performed across the United States, overseas, for celebrities, national sports teams, and on national T.V. His magic has not only been seen by millions but Daniel also lectures at conventions for other magicians teaching his trade.

Conference attendees will be offered the opportunity to participate in two on-site service projects. After dinner on Friday evening, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in the Care-ing Cases project, using clean recycled hard eyeglass cases to assemble first aid kits and toiletry kits. Conference attendees are also encouraged to donate new socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, knit hats, and blankets to the Sock It To Me project. Collection boxes for these items will be available on Friday and Saturday. Our District Governors will share all items created/collected by these projects with those in need in their districts.

For more information about the conference and a registration form, visit the Indiana Lions website at indianalions.org and click on the link labelled "Printable Forms". The list of available forms includes a registration form with seminar descriptions and hotel information.

We hope to see you at the 2024 Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference.

**Starting on Page 27 you will find
more information on the
2024 Mid Winter Conference
and the Registration Form**

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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

Clubs with December Anniversaries

<i>Russiaville Lions Club</i>	<i>1945</i>	<i>78 years</i>
<i>Sharpsville Lions Club</i>	<i>1945</i>	<i>78 years</i>
<i>Fairmount Lions Club</i>	<i>1946</i>	<i>77 years</i>
<i>Saratoga Lions Club</i>	<i>1950</i>	<i>73 years</i>
<i>Fowlerton Lions Club</i>	<i>1966</i>	<i>57 years</i>



Information and Technology Article for District 25D

What is Artificial Intelligence?

No, it's not how you should describe your know-it-all brother-in-law after spending four hours with him on Thanksgiving (then again, maybe it is). Then what exactly is Artificial Intelligence (aka A.I. or AI) as used in the technology world?

Britannica.com defines A.I. as “the ability of a digital computer or computer-controlled robot to perform tasks commonly associated with intelligent beings.” – meaning humans.

AI is evolving daily, so the scope and application of AI is going to change, grow, and increase in our daily lives. AI will be used to design cars, write code, create art, write text, and make decisions for us. So as not to get too deep here, let's jump to a fun part of AI.

The AI that creates and learns based upon your input is called Generative AI (aka GenAI). I recently played with a GenAI site (<https://stablediffusionweb.com>) that will create “photographs” for you. I asked it to create all kinds of pictures based on my crazy input like, “babies wearing diapers sword fighting,” and “angry old women racing bicycles,” and “black ducks carrying an umbrella wearing golashes on a sunny day.” It produced some pretty interesting results.

The most interesting was when I asked for “Lions eating dinner showing proper etiquette.” Below is what it produced and what it produced shows a major flaw with GenAI. See if you can spot it before reading on.



GenAI creates based on what it knows and later on what it has learned. In this case, it took pictures it knew and tried to merge them.

Here's the flaw: One lion has human arms. Pretty freaky.

Until you know for sure, don't trust AI output without verifying accuracy. Ensure you're using reputable sources. And be aware of its limitations. This arena is still being developed.

Otherwise, have fun!

PDG Dan Wilcox

Musical Notes—Lion George Smith



“What is your musical influence?”

We cannot assume that there will be pianos and organs in our clubhouses or churches tomorrow. Already the mindset of the younger generation is changing the arts in our music programs. There is so much richness and meaning in our older hymns, the ones that touched us.

Is there a need in your community to help a child to learn to play the piano and/or organ? Perhaps you could provide an encouraging word and help with funding the lessons. We cannot assume that parents and community members will understand the complex nature of music making, the mental discipline needed to play, the emotional enrichment and other benefits that music provides in all of life's experiences.

There is a real need to encourage musicians. Music too often is taken for granted and even not appreciated by the laity. How often do we chatter during the prelude when the organist and pianist have worked so diligently to prepare the music? Do you think to compliment them before you leave?

When was the last time you heard an inspiring message via the piano or organ? I heard one recently walking into a meeting not far from our hometown. The thrilling sounds of a traditional hymn sounding forth from the majestic ranks of a great pipe organ.

In addition to the influences of people we know, there must be a motivated desire within to make music. True, there are so many distractions today that were not there when I was a child. But on the other hand, there have always been distractions of some sort. I was very fortunate to have parents (who were married 53 years) and took time to understand my talent that needed nurturing from the beginning of time. I am very fortunate to have a wife (we've been married for over 67 years) who for the most part, lets me and helps me fulfill my destiny of being a musician, teacher, performer and works beside me helping to build our music business for the past 57 years along with two of our sons.

Music is a gift to be cherished and to be passed on. Leave a legacy of music. The more you love music, the more music loves you. How about you, fellow Lion? Will you be a participant and/or helper in music? “ - Unperformed music is like a cake in the oven—not fully baked.” - Issac Stern

THOUGHT: Find a Barbershop group and book them for your next dinner event. They are out there. Could be lurking in your own Lions Club! Waiting to Roar.

Until the next news letter I say, “Bite-Em and Roar Lions, Roar, by George!”





Indiana Lions Foundation Seeking Nominations for the Distinguished Hoosier Lion Award

The Indiana Lions Foundation annually selects one deserving Hoosier Lion to receive the Indiana Distinguished Lion Award. The award is presented at the Saturday luncheon of the Indiana Lions Convention. The winner is selected from among nominees submitted by individual clubs, the district cabinet with the approval of the sitting District Governor, or the Council of Governors with the approval of the Council Chair. Nominees must be a member of a club in Multiple District 25 that is in good standing and must have a minimum of twenty-five years of service as a Lion. Each nominee for this award will receive a recognition plaque that will be presented in person at the Saturday state convention luncheon. Clubs are encouraged to use this mechanism to recognize long-service Lions who have served their clubs and their communities in exemplary ways. It is not required that nominees have had any involvement in holding district or state offices; rather each club will determine the criteria with which they wish to recognize a member from their club. Nominations are limited to one Lion per club and to five nominees in each district. Applications may be submitted by accessing the following weblink. The entry deadline is January 31, 2024.

<https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/what-we-do/indiana-distinguished-lion-award/indiana-distinguished-lion-award-form/>

What is



MISSION 1.5

?

We're on a mission to grow.

MISSION 1.5 is the drive to reach 1.5 million members worldwide, so we can better meet the growing needs of our communities and serve more people than every before.

How can you help?

Membership Growth
Membership Retention
New Club Development

See Awards:

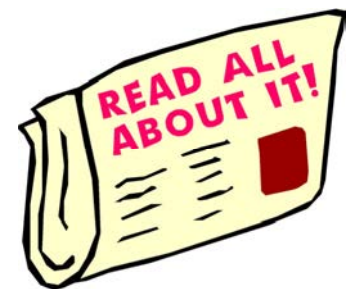


Around Our District

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 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.



Anderson-Noon Lions Club

Two Lions from the Anderson—Noon Lions Club recently received plaques naming them as W.P. Woods Fellows. The two are Past President Lion George Smith and President and Zone Chairman Lion Jeanie Stiers. PDG Steven Holtzleiter presented the fellowships.



Carmel Lions Club

The Carmel Lions Club has started ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. Lions will be there every day—Monday through Saturday, 10am to 8pm. The bonus—it is INDOORS!! If you are interested in participating, contact the Carmel Lions at carmellionsclub@gmail.com.



Carmel Lions Club

Koorsen Fire & Security's Kasey Program visited the Carmel Lions Club. The program founder and professional firefighter, Jeff Owens brought his black labs both known as Kasey when they are demonstrating fire safety tips. They travel the country, educating over 9 million kids since 1995. Their safety tips have saved more than 20 lives from fires.

Jeff gets a new dog every 5 years, always a female black lab and her name always starts with a 'K'.



Carmel, Noblesville and Westfield Lions Clubs

Noblesville, Carmel, and Westfield Lions Assist Gleaners

On Nov 16th Gleaners Mobile Pantry was supported by Lions from Noblesville (NLC), Carmel (CLC), and Westfield (WLC). Food was passed out at the H.C. Fairgrounds to those in need, as has been on a monthly basis.

Photo 1: (Front Row) Lions Lane Sims (CLC), Mark Bachar (NLC), Bob Yunker (CLC), Bill Ryan (CLC), Matt Best (CLC), Paul Cardinal (CLC)
(Back Row) Lions Jeff Schneider (WLC), Hayden Parsons (NLC), George Long (NLC), Joe Connerley (NLC), Jeff Kozicki (NLC), Jerry Baker (NLC), Ron Williamson (NLC), Ed Shea (NLC)



Photo 2: Lions setting up a serving line



Noblesville Lions Club

Noblesville Lions Thank Veterans

On Wednesday evening, the Noblesville Lions members invited Veterans they knew to a Thanksgiving dinner at Ginger's Café. Eight visiting Veterans were able to attend.

Photo (Lions): Eight visiting Veterans along with the Lion Member Vets



Noblesville Lions Club

Noblesville Lion's Leo Club Create Backpacks for the Homeless

This past week, the Lion Leo Club at NHS put together 62 back packs to be distributed to the homeless in the greater Indianapolis area. The back packs included, water, warm clothing, food, socks, hand warmers, coloring books, crayons, markers, lotions, toiletries, and notebooks. This has been a yearly event for the NHS Leo Club. Lion John Smith is a NHS teacher and the advisor to the Leo Club.



Noblesville Lions Club

Noblesville Lions Conduct Eye Testing at Pebble Brook Academy

On Thursday, Nov 16th, the Noblesville Lions conducted their Kid Sight eye testing at Pebble Book Academy. 30 students were tested. Any unsatisfactory results are passed to the school administration, then given to the parents.

Photo: Lions Dale Unger – Chairman; Dave Marsh; and Steve Shaw



Russiaville Lions Club

President Cara Jean has been busy. She completed and shared the Russiaville Lions Club member’s summary that contained history of the Russiaville Lions Club and a schedule of upcoming events. Lion Frank Faulkner was able to find an account of how their Clubhouse was built over 60 years ago.

Russiaville Lions Megan, Reba and President Cara Jean are the Class of 2023 “Pie Queens of Russiaville”



Russiaville Lions Club

We Russiaville Lions held a special celebration with the business owners of four legacy Russiaville businesses which we Lions have identified as “The Pride of Russiaville” businesses.



Martin’s Pro Hardware
Max and Anita Martin

Martin Brothers TV & Appliances
Mr. Bill Martin



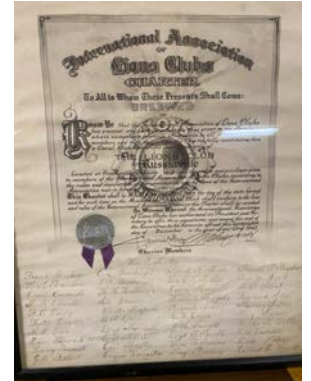
Waddell’s IGA Grocery
Jon & Julie Newlin

Stout & Son’s, Russiaville
Marty & Bev, Jeff, Courtney & Jake Stout



The parents and uncles of these business owners were among the charter members of the Russiaville Lions Club. The Russiaville Lions club was chartered on December 28th, 1945. – nearly 78 years ago

The motto of the Lions in Russiaville and Lions all around the world is “WE SERVE”. These local small business owners have consistently modeled excellence in customer services as a basic operating principle for their enduring business operations. We Lions are very pleased to publicly recognize these business owners as **“The Pride of Russiaville”**. Each business has established a long and strong history of caring service to their Howard County customer base. Their businesses names are prominently displayed each spring on the baseball uniforms of the teams comprising the Russiaville Youth baseball League.



We Russiaville Lions were very pleased to be joined with most of the members of the Russiaville Town Council as we gathered yesterday to recognize and thank these businesses and celebrate with this generation of highly valued community business owners/leaders.

Union City Lions Club

Shonda Solomon, Director of the Randolph County Recycling District, presented the program at the November 28th Lions Club regular meeting held at the Union City Community Room. Shonda who is in her eleventh year as Director discussed the services available through the Recycling District to the residents of Randolph County. There are 29 Drop-Off Bins throughout the County which are managed by BEST WAY for items that can be recycled.

Shonda distributed a pamphlet (Green & Clean) explaining what can be recycled and what cannot and how the items should be disposed. POLLUTION SOLUTION located on East State Route 32 is the drop off place for Household Hazardous Waste as well as used electronic items.

Residents can contact the Recycling District at 765-584-9816 for further information. Programs for organizations are available through the office at 105. W. Franklin St. in Winchester.

PICTURED:

Shonda Solomon and Lion Scott Flory (Union City Lions Program Chairman)



Silent Auction

2024 Mid-Winter Conference – January 20, 2024

“Catch the Magic of Lionism!”

We are in need of items for the silent auction at the 2024 Mid-Winter Conference. If you would like to donate something, please contact either Co-Chair Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos at liongretchen@att.net or PDG Linda Scott at lindamscott@comcast.net with a description of item or items by January 18, 2024. Funds raised from this silent auction will go toward support of the MidWinter Conference, to better help defray the costs. Thank you for your willingness to make this event a success.



Union City Lions Club

The Union City Lions Club met on Tuesday, November 14, 2023. A meal of mashed potatoes, chicken and dumplings, corn, and a brownie was enjoyed by the 21 members present. The program for the evening was presented by Lion Mike Peden. Mike works for the Jay County REMC and spoke about that organization. The Jay County REMC was started in 1936 and serves all or parts of 6 counties in east central Indiana. The counties include Jay, Adams, Delaware, Randolph, Blackford, and Wells. The REMC buys its electricity from The Wabash Valley Power Alliance and supplies that energy to rural customers in their co-op. All of the REMC districts in the state assist one another when help is needed. Thanks to Mike for an interesting program.

Picture: Lion Mike Peden with UC Lions Club President, Troy Rose



Union City Lions Club

The winner of the drawing at the recent Union City Lions Club blood draw was Katherine Elliott. The gift card was provided by Randolph Nursing and Rehabilitation. Presenting the gift card to Katherine is UC Lion Cheryl Marcum.

The next UC Lions blood draw will be held on Jan. 8, 2024. If you are interested in donating blood you can schedule a time online at https://www.donortime.com/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/67760



Westfield Lions Club

Westfield Lions Poker for Sight Fall Texas Hold'em Tournament

The Westfield Lions Club conducts two Poker for Sight Texas Hold'em tournaments each year. Said to be some of the largest charity poker competitions in the mid-west, they are the prime fund raisers for the club's charitable functions.

This year's Fall event, on November 17 & 18, saw 306 players from all over Indiana and surrounding states vie for the \$25,000 purse, with the winner's share of \$10,000 going to Spenser Grosvenor of Indianapolis. "We currently rent an apartment, but this will be a down payment on a new home for us," said the happy winner.

Event chairman, Lion Mike Birk said, "We really want to thank our very loyal players, some have been playing poker with us for eight or ten years. The important thing for the Lions is really all the things we can do to help people with the money we raise here. Our events help people in a direct and tangible way."

As has now become a custom, the Westfield Lions Club presents checks to local charities at the start of each of three-qualification rounds and the beginning of the championship round. This year Open Doors, Student Impact, Third Phase Homeless Shelter, and the Indiana Diabetes Youth Camp all received \$1500 donations.

For more information or to register for the Westfield Lions Club's future Poker for Sight tournaments check out: <https://lionspoker.org>

Diabetes: Lions Dave Sobczak and Jeff Larrison presented a check for \$1500 to Gwen and her mom, Jenna White for the camp.



Winner: Spenser Grosvenor of Indianapolis wins \$10,000 in the Lions Poker for Sight Tournament.

Third Phase: A check for \$1500 was presented to Kelly Reid by Lion president Rodney Benson.



Open Doors: Lion president Rodney Benson and Tracy Rogers present a check to Carrie Larrison of Open Doors.

Student Impact: Accepting the check from poker chairman Lion Mike Birk, were Student Life Manager Emily Hooray, Student Advocates Mackenzie Whitesell, & Trinity Bocklarge, and Executive Program Director Brittany Delph.



**While Billions of government dollars
are spent annually on Cancer Research,
ONLY ABOUT 4% IS FOCUSED ON CHILDHOOD CANCER**

**Walther Cancer Foundation Announces \$10 Million
matching Grant Pledge for Organizations and Individuals**
The WCF Matching Gift Program will support Children’s cancer researchers. Physicians and scientists from Riley and IU will use money through this program to pursue the most promising ideas and test next generation therapies. Along with research aimed at curing more cancers and making existing treatments less toxic, Survivorship research to give warriors the best long term quality of life will be studied.

**Cancer Control Trustees Vote to Accept
WCF Matching Grant Challenge**

On September 4, 2023 the Trustees voted to accept the challenge to raise at least \$100,000 to result in a donation of at least \$200,000 for Childhood Cancer Research. We also voted to set aside \$20,000 for “Seed Money” for this Challenge.

We Need Your Help!

Operation Cancer Hero

**Be a Cancer Hero and Partner
with CCF to Raise Matching
Funds for Research,
More Cures, less toxicity,
and Survivorship!**

Contact a Trustee @

www.lionscancercontrol.org

FB: Indiana Lions Cancer Control



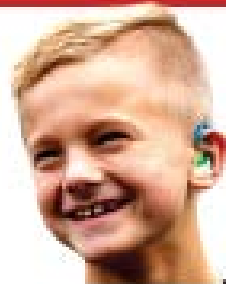


**Each year, approximately
400,000 Children
Worldwide develop Cancer.
That's 1 Child Every
90 Seconds!**



More Than 80% of Children Diagnosed with Cancer are cured, but that number does not begin to make clear the damage cancer wreaks on kids and their families. Approximately 1,800 kids still die each year from this disease in the U.S. alone. For those who do survive, toxic treatments take an irreversible toll on their health. These therapies leave Children with lifelong chronic conditions that range from fragile bones to strained hearts to infertility.

Skylar survived 2 battles with Leukemia that robbed her of her elementary school experience. She is now Cancer free, but her bones were so ravaged by treatment that she has trouble walking and is in excruciating pain and will eventually require an artificial hip.



Tate overcame stage 3 Liver Cancer as a Baby. From his chemotherapy, he must now wear hearing aids and weak bones have led to multiple breaks

Layla was diagnosed with a brain tumor at the age of 4, kidney cancer at 10, and thyroid cancer at 15. Despite all she endured, she remained a bright light for all around her. She passed away in 2022 at the age of 19 when her brain cancer recurred.



There are at least 483,000 childhood cancer survivors in the U.S. Many suffer from lifelong conditions, including heart damage, stroke, and increased risk to develop other cancers.

Cancer Control Project Accepts Matching Grant Challenge



On August 4, 2023, the Walther Cancer Foundation and Riley Children’s Foundation announced that the Walther Cancer Foundation has pledged \$10 million to match donations of \$100,000 or more from other organizations and individuals.

At their meeting on September 10, 2023, the trustees of the Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc. (CCF) voted to accept this challenge and raise at least **\$100,000** for Riley Children’s Foundation. With the matching grant from the Walther Cancer Foundation, this will result in a donation of at least **\$200,000** for pediatric cancer research and treatment at Riley Hospital for Children.



The trustees also voted to set aside \$20,000 from CCF’s current cash balance as “seed money” for this effort. We need your help to raise an additional **\$80,000** in time to present a \$100,000 check to Riley Children’s Foundation at the Indiana Lions State Convention in April 2024.

If you would like to learn more about the Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc., please contact one of your district’s Cancer Control Fund trustees.

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Operation Cancer Hero—Indiana Lions Fighting Pediatric Cancer

In August, the Walther Cancer Foundation and Riley Children’s Foundation announced that the Walther Cancer Foundation has pledged \$10 million to match donations of \$100,000 or more from other organizations and individuals to fund pediatric cancer research and treatment.

The Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc. (CCF) has accepted this challenge and have started our campaign: **Operation Cancer Hero!** We need your help to fight pediatric cancer.

If you would like to donate or join the team for your district, click on one of the links below.

- District 25-A <https://give.rileykids.org/25A>
- District 25-B <https://give.rileykids.org/25B>
- District 25-C <https://give.rileykids.org/25C>
- District 25-D <https://give.rileykids.org/25D>
- District 25-E <https://give.rileykids.org/25E>
- District 25-F <https://give.rileykids.org/25F>
- District 25-F <https://give.rileykids.org/25G>
- Indiana Lions <https://give.rileykids.org/LionsCCF>

Operation Cancer Hero



Follow the CCF page on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IndianaLionsCancerControl>

Join the CCF group on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1470990497011888>

MD-25 Lions

International Pin Design

2025



July 4-8, 2025: Mexico City, Mexico: Mexico is currently the sixth most visited country in the world, welcoming more than 39 million international visitors each year. Mexico City is a busy modern city with a rich heritage dating back 30 centuries! The historic city center has a pyramid, an ancient castle and fort and many museums to celebrate and display the culture. Mexico is also an excellent touristic destination, with more than 6,000 miles of coastline, 35 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, the world's most dazzling assortment of resorts, 28 World Cultural Heritage Sites and 187 archaeological sites, a vibrant, indigenous culture and a 300-year Spanish/European Colonial legacy. Mexico is unparalleled in diversity, hospitality and the quality of its visitor experience.

Pins **MUST** include:

- a-MD 25 Indiana (as text)
- b-the Intl Convention year - 2025
- 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. If there are multiple designs submitted by one district, one design will be selected by that District Governor. All District designs need to be submitted to me by January 15, 2024. 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

Lions of Indiana MD25 Special Olympics Committee

The Lions Special Olympics Committee would like to inform all Indiana Lions Club of a unique opportunity to support Special Olympics of Indiana in two separate Sports Venues, for the same amount of donations (\$10,000.00) we have been doing for just the Winter Games.

We are proposing to the Council of Governors to continue our support of the Special Olympics Winter Games at a new level of \$5,000 per year. (This is made possible because the Indiana Knights of Columbus has agreed to become a co-sponsor of the Winter Games for the other \$5,000) This means the Winter Games will not lose any support/funding, ensuring that our Indiana Athletes will continue to enjoy a quality Winter Games experience.

With this in mind we have been offered to also Sponsor the fastest and expected largest single sport for Special Olympics of Indiana – “Corn Hole” competition.

If we become the “Corn Hole” Sport Sponsor, plans will include semis finals in each of our District with the State Finals help in Indianapolis.

We will have the opportunity to place the Lions Logo on all State Competition Corn Hole boards along with the toss bags. This will give the Lions exposure not only to all athletes, coaches and families but the public/spectators.

It will also give Lions in each District the opportunity to assist in the administration of the “Semi Finals Games” and “State Final Competition Games” as registers, score keepers, referees etc.

As an added bonus this will also give all Lion Clubs the opportunity to contact their local Special Olympics County Program and offer the same assistance for the local competitions. In addition each Lion Club could offer to help supply/make their Local County Program Corn Hole supplies. This would give each Club the ability to negotiate with the County Program Coordinator to allow the Local Lions Club to place their logo on the Corn Hole Board and Toss Bags just like what will happen on the state level.

All this Membership Involvement and Recruitment Opportunity for only a \$5,000 Sponsorship of the fastest growing sport for Special Olympics. Besides providing endless opportunity for “Service Hours” we can also participate as “Unified Partners” in the competitions. Great way to attract younger members and old alike.

Please let me know you support these opportunities for your Club to participate in.

Thanks,

PDG Steve Holtzleiter, Co-Chair
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Indiana Lions Special Olympics Committee



THE LIONS OF INDIANA
 35TH MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
 SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024

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 \$122 PLUS APPLICABLE TAXES.

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

Hotel Reservations must be made by 6:00 pm EST Thursday, December 28, 2023

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 y our 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.**



**35TH MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER
JANUARY 19, 2024**



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

Menu: A plated dinner that will include Grilled Pork Chop or Chicken Marsala with Scalloped Potatoes, Garlic Green Beans, Fresh Garden Salad, Dessert, House Bread and Butter, Coffee and Tea

Price: \$ 30.00

Social Time: 6:00 P.M. **Dinner:** 6:30 P.M.

Registration table will be open for packet and meal ticket pick-up on Friday evening until 6:30 PM

Friday Night Entertainment:

Magician Daniel Lusk



**SATURDAY CONFERENCE LUNCHEON
JANUARY 20, 2024**

Menu: BACKYARD COOKOUT

Grilled Black Angus Burgers, Bratwurst with Sauerkraut, Bourbon Brisket, Cole Slaw, Macaroni Salad, Baked Beans, Corn, Vegetable toppings for burgers and assorted condiments, Breads, Sheet Cake, Coffee and Tea

Price: Included in Full Conference Registration

TWO SERVICE PROJECTS!!

“Sock It To Me” – Please bring new socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, knit hats and blankets to 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 again assemble our Care-ing Cases, which consist of first aid kits using cleaned hard eyeglass cases and toiletry kits made up of personal hygiene items. These cases will be given to the district governors who will share them with the needy people in their districts.

SATURDAY KEYNOTE SPEAKER

To be determined

REGISTRATION FORM
35th Annual Lions of Indiana Mid-Winter Conference
SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024
(Each Attendee Is Asked to Complete a Separate Form)

Registrations received or postmarked after DECEMBER 1ST and ON-SITE \$50.00
 Conference Registration with no meals included: \$25

Registration includes: morning coffee and pastries, buffet luncheon, use of hotel meeting rooms, audio-visual equipment, keynote speaker expenses, printing, and supplies.

To guarantee meal availability, Registration must be received by Monday, January 15, 2024

CANCELLATION POLICY: CANCELLATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO JANUARY 10, 2024. TO RECEIVE A REFUND, CANCELLATIONS REQUESTED AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY REFUND. REFUNDS WILL NOT BE GRANTED BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER.

Seminars and Workshops will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Send registrations early to ensure 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: _____

Note : If using a Visa or MC you will be charged a 3% fee by the processing company. All other cards along with debit cards will have NO fee added.

Name: _____ Club: _____

Address: _____ Title or Position: _____

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

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

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

Registration: \$40.00 early-bird; \$50.00 after Dec.1; \$25.00 Conference Only – No Lunch

\$30.00 Friday Dinner – Circle Pork Chop or Chicken Marsala;

= 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

Morning Seminar Session 1 (9:45 – 10:30)**Seminar 1****Title:** Mission 1.5**Presenter:** PID Thomas Matney, Kentucky, Global Action Team Area Leader**Description:** Everything you ever wanted to know about our campaign to achieve the goal of 1.5 million members globally.**Seminar 2****Title:** All You Need Is Love**Presenter:** Lion Jeff Kozicki, Noblesville Lions Club, District 25-D GMT/GET Coordinator**Description:** Have you ever needed help? Do you feel like you are working eight days a week? Can you only get by with a little help from your friends? Is it true that all you need is love? If you have wondered about any of these questions, then this is the seminar for you! We will come together to explore Lionism through the music of the Beatles.**Seminar 3****Title:** Mentoring: You've Got a Friend in Me.**Presenter:** Lion Ruth Kelly, Zionsville Lions Club**Description:** This seminar is for members who want to be of service to new members of their club. Being "the new person" is difficult for many people. The goal of this seminar is to help you learn why mentoring is important for your club, provide an example of a mentoring program, and provide information that will assist you in establishing a mentoring program that works for your club. It is hard work to find new members. You need to have an action plan to keep those new members engaged and enjoying being a Lion. We can never have too many friends.**Seminar 4****Title:** Serving Beyond the Club**Presenters:** PDG Tom Robbins, Zionsville Lions and PDG Jeff Locke, Williamsburg Lions**Description:** This session will discuss leadership opportunities beyond the club level from zone chairs and cabinet positions to project trustees, committee chairs, and District leadership.**Morning Seminar Session 2 (10:45 – 11:30)****Seminar 5****Title:** Indiana Lions Fighting Pediatric Cancer**Presenter:** Representative from Riley Children's Foundation**Description:** Learn about the Cancer Control Fund's new partnership with Riley Children's Foundation and the Walther Cancer Foundation.**Seminar 6****Title:** Putting Fun in Your Club Meetings**Presenter:** Luanne Julian, Middletown Lions Club**Description:** Discover new ways to dispel the persistent myth that Lions Clubs meetings are B-O-R-I-N-G.**Seminar 7****Title:** Why are Leos Important for our Future**Presenter:** ZC Wendy Semans, Hamlet Lions Club**Description:** Learn how Leos can benefit your Club. What do Leos need from you? What's involved in having a Leo Club? Ideas and projects for your Leos.**Seminar 8****Title:** Building a Cabin for Children with Type 1 Diabetes**Presenters:** PCC Ross Drapalik, Martinsville Noon Lions Club, and Jenna White**Description:** The Martinsville Noon Lions Club has partnered with Diabetes Youth Foundation of Indiana (DYFI) to construct a new cabin and laundry facility at "Camp Untila-Cure" in Noblesville, Indiana. PCC Ross Drapalik will discuss the process of turning a \$10,000 memorial contribution into a \$204,000 turn-key project, and Jenna White, the Executive Director of DYFI, will talk about the camp, its needs, and how your Lions Club can help.

Afternoon Seminar Session 3 (1:30 – 2:15)**Seminar 9**

Title: Finding and Applying for LCIF Grants

Presenters: PID Linda Tincher and Lion Debbie Ellis, Sullivan County Lions Club

Description: Where to find LCIF grants, how to write LCIF grant requests, and how to avoid common pitfalls that may prevent you from getting the LCIF grants.

Seminar 10

Title: Securing Sponsorships

Presenter: PDG Tom Robbins, Zionsville Lions Club

Description: What you need to know to secure ongoing sponsorships.

Seminar 11

Title: Lions International Convention in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Presenter: PDG Alan Arnold, Monroe Lions Club, and Indiana Lions International Convention Committee Chairman

Description: Everything you need to know about the 2024 International Convention in Melbourne, Australia

Seminar 12

Title: Eyeglass Recycling: An Eye-Opening Experience

Presenter: PDG Marty Juel, Elkhart Lions Club, District 25-G

Description: Does your club collect used eyeglasses for Lions eyeglass missions? Find out what it takes to get used eyeglasses from your club's donation box to new owners in Mexico.

Afternoon Seminar Session 4 (2:30 – 3:15)**Seminar 13**

Title: Lion Cubs, Our Future Lions

Presenter: Wendy Semans and Lions Gloria Ballard, Hamlet Lions Club

Description: What is a Cubs Club and what are the benefits of starting a Cubs Club? Who can join? What is involved in starting a Cubs Club.

Seminar 14

Title: Who's Who with Lions Acronyms and Badges

Presenter: PDG Kathy Lozier, Carmel Lions Club and Vice President, Indiana Lions Foundation, Inc.

Description: Decoding the "alphabet soup" of Lions acronyms and abbreviations often encountered in Lions meetings and communications and recognizing Lions officers by the shape and design of their name badges.

Seminar 15

Title: New Member Orientation

Presenter: Lion Jeff Kozicki, District 25-D GMT/GET Coordinator

Description: Congratulations! You have added a new member to your club! Now what? This seminar will discuss how to start your new member right and get them the information they need to get a solid start. This seminar will also be great for Lions that have been around for a while as there may be a few things they can learn about their Club, their District, and Lionism.

Seminar 16

Title: 2024 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Louisville Kentucky

Presenter: PDG Chuck Carlson, Forum Host Committee Chairperson and Karen Nitschke, Kentucky Lions

Description: What happens at a Forum, the seminars, speakers, meals, and other details to encourage you to attend the Forum in Louisville in September of 2024 and become educated, motivated, and inspired.



Lions District 25D

3rd Cabinet Meeting for 2023-23

Saturday, February 3, 2024

Cost: \$20 per person

11:30 am check-in

Lunch

Changing the World - District Discussion on Peace and
Understanding: "More Curious, Less Furious"

Cabinet Meeting

Russiaville Lions Club

555 N. Liberty St., Russiaville, IN 46979

RSVP to Mary Ann Shuck by 1/27/24

MaryShuck9@gmail.com (623) 606-0939

290 W. North St., Russiaville, IN 46979

Make checks payable to Russiaville Lions Club