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25D District Digest

What is a Lion!

October 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 sharing the great things that Lions do.** One of International President Dr. Patti Hill's goals, which is reflected in the criteria for the club excellence and district excellence awards for 2023-24, is to encourage promotion and marketing of Lions Clubs. As Lions, we have a great story to tell. We are FUN (Friendly Upbeat and Nice) people who are serving our community. People are looking for ways to reconnect in real life in our post-pandemic world and they are looking for ways to make a difference. That's what we do – we encourage and support each other and our communities. Many of us are humble – we aren't doing service for the recognition – and we're maybe embarrassed by any extra attention. But when the spotlight shines on any Lion, it shines on us all and reminds our community that we're here and ready to serve. So whether it's hosting the tractor pull in Lynn or an "ecology walk" in Westfield or the Labor Day festivities and parade in Upland or the scholarships awarded in Sharpville, make sure your community knows it's your club hosting and you would love to have them join in the FUN.

Because we want to improve the way we are **sharing the great things that Lions do** across the state of Indiana, the 2023-24 Council of Governors has accepted a proposal from 4th Hawk Media to print three paper issues and six electronic issues of *The Hoosier Lion* during this publishing year. The first new paper issue will come out in October, and I believe you will find it is an upgrade. Please send your articles to our district newsletter editor, Christine Woodward, and she will manage our district page.

This has been a busy month, with visits to Fowlerton, Westfield, Union Township, Carmel, Elwood, Anderson Noon, Upland, and Union City, plus our Banner Night in Noblesville. Presidents and secretaries (and everyone else) are invited to our second **District Cabinet meeting** on Saturday, **October 14** in Union City. See the flyer in this newsletter for more details.

Many of you have heard of Past Council Chair/Global Leadership Chair Scott Smith's recent stroke. He is recovering and will be rehabbing – please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. In the meanwhile, please send any training needs to your zone chair and copy me – we will ensure you are provided with that leadership training.

Thank you for **sharing the great things Lions do** as we continue *servicing a world in need*.

Yours in Lionism,

DG Julia

Message from First Vice District Governor Rocky Last Three Months of this Calendar Year

My Fellow Lions;

We are starting the last quarter of this calendar year. For me, this is the most enjoyable time to share with Lions and Family members. I have many Lions talking to me about the plans to make these three months the best for their Lions Clubs and I can understand why.

Please invite new people to see your club in action, either at a meeting, fundraiser or service project. The excitement they feel will hopefully inspire them to become a member.

Please remember others during the season of giving and it's nice to get things accomplished but with more hands, make light work.

I have a full slate of activities this month and will be around the District 25 D to say Hi to a lot of my friends. Most of you reading this letter know our Motto " We Serve" and you continue to do that work sometime with little or no Thanks or "Pat on the Back" I want to tell each and every ONE of you that the work you do is noticed and respected.

So as I close my note for October, please enjoy the season and all it has to offer. Invite old Friends to share the joy of the season. I look forward to seeing you all this quarter and ask that you Be Safe in your travels and always strive to help others.



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 Hrды 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 you're all doing well. I want to first say thank you to my home club for their support after my car crash. I tried to miss 3 bucks and ended up hitting a tree head-on. Toting my vehicle and fracturing my sternum and lots of bruises and soreness. I am doing lots better. Just need time for healing and recovery.

Congratulations to the Saratoga Lions Club for their chicken dinner. They had great club participation and team work and good food. Good Job Saratoga Lions!

Congratulations to all the other clubs in the District for the activities they have done and service projects completed. I hope all the clubs in the District are looking for that new member for your club. And remember once you get a new member to mentor them and explain the lions functions. Don't let them sit alone. Make them always feel welcome and leave happy and ready to come back. We are a fun club. We want that message to get out.

Hope to see you all on October 14 at the Cabinet Meeting in Union City. We're working to make it a fabulous visit to our club and are delighted to host it. Don't forget to RSVP so our Cook has plenty of food for everyone to eat .

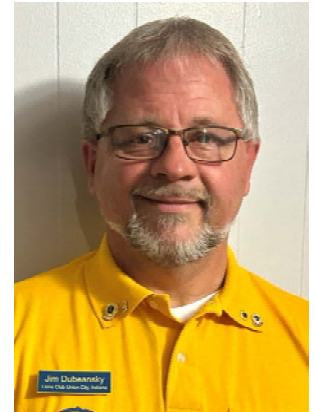
Anyone wanting lodging—Winchester, Indiana is 10 miles from Union City. There is a very nice Randolph Inn/Suites, 800 East Washington Street, Winchester, Indiana 47394 phone number-765-584-8281. It has a pool and hot tub. Any questions, feel free to call me. I'd be glad to answer any questions.

Thank you to all the Lions in District 25D for your service. It's very much appreciated. God bless you all and your families.

Continue to keep PCC Scott Smith in your Prayers for continuous healing and support.

Respectfully yours,

2VDG Jim Dubeansky



GMT/GET—Global Membership Team and Global Extension Team

Greetings to all Lions of 25-D!

I hope everyone is doing well. As I have mentioned, my favorite game is the Settlers of Catan, or more simply, Catan. If you haven't played this game, one of the things I like best is that the game board is different every time. You are always facing a new challenge from the layout as well as the people you are playing against. I find this so much fun, that one of the things I like to do best is to teach the game to new people. While the rules are pretty straightforward, there are lots of skills to learn. It is so exciting to see new people's eyes light up as they see the bigger picture and start having fun.



What does this have to do with Lions? (Boy, I get that question a lot!) Well, I hope everyone is having fun in Lions, as we do our service and hold fundraisers. But it can be even more rewarding to teach what you know to new and other members. What we do may seem straightforward, but if a Lion doesn't know the "rules," they probably won't succeed. And we want everyone to succeed, so share what you know. It is a great feeling to see their eyes light up.

If you are looking for a way for members new and old to learn more about Lions, the next district Lion Member Orientation will be held on Monday October 30th at 7:00pm. We will be talking about Clubs, Districts, and the world-spanning International organization as well as the projects we support. I encourage all Lions to attend, as your insights will help us all.

I am looking forward to seeing you there. This will be done via Zoom and the link to join is <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87966844174?pwd=oDmzsd2SWryceIZDmfXQf4rIofDN.1> You can get in right away with the passcode of 575414 or wait for me to admit you.

Lion Jeff Kozicki

Welcome New Members

Cowan

Audrey Gingerich

Elwood

Tim Sprong
Stephanie Wooten

Greentown

Phil Burton
Jane Cohee
Justin Franklin
Thom Pemberton
Donald Perry
Kameron Smith

Kokomo & Area

Steven Oudemolen

Noblesville

Krys Keller
Hayden Parsons

Saratoga

Duane Barr

Union City

Joe Wyant

In Memory of These Lions

Anderson-Noon

Paul Crabtree

GST- Global Service Team—Anita Hines

On a Mission to Serve—How we can protect our environment. Lions serve. It's that simple, and it has been since we first began in 1917. Our clubs are places where individuals join together to give their valuable time and effort to improving their communities, and the world. An area of service is protecting our environment and performing service projects around our Lions International sustainable development goals. Here are some of the goals that your club can use to plan service projects:

- Donate what you don't use—donate clothing/household items to local organizations
- Waste less food and support local farmers—1/3 of the world's food is wasted
- Use only energy-efficient appliances and light bulbs—local electric companies may have free light bulbs
- Plant a tree and help protect our forests as well as the animals, plants and insects thriving from trees

Did you know that you can apply for grant money for projects related to our environmental service projects? If every club in 25D could plant at least one tree, we will make a huge difference in our children's future and meet one of DG Julia's goals for the year. Let's get out those shovels, dig a hole and plant a tree to rise up to the sky showing our strength as the largest service organization in the world. And of course, don't forget to enter your service into MyLion. We want to showcase how 25D Lions care for our environment.



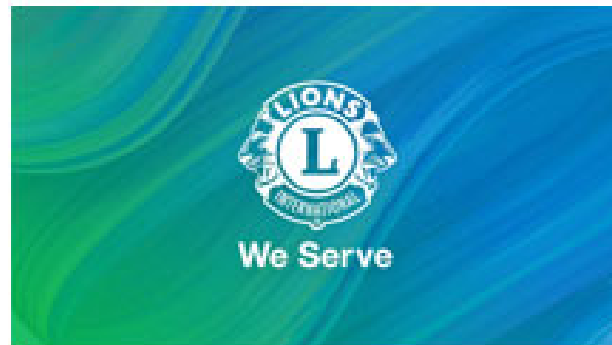
Where will DG Julia be? October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Russiaville	3	4	5 Cowan	6	7 Council of Governors Meeting
8	9 Greentown	10 Matthews	11	12	13	14 District Cabinet Meeting - Union City
15	16 Fairmount	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Pendleton	25 Wayne Fall	26	27	28
29	30	31 				

District 25D Cabinet Meeting



Saturday, October 14th
6:30pm
Union City Lions Club



Lions District 25D
2nd Cabinet Meeting for 2023-23
Saturday, October 14, 2023

Cost: \$25 per person

6:00 pm social
6:30 pm dinner
Chicken/Baked Potatoes/Green Beans/Salad/Pies
7:00 pm meeting

Union City Lions Club
101 N. Columbia St., Union City, IN 47390

RSVP to 2VDG Jim Dubeansky by 10/8/23
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Make checks payable to Union City Lions Club

25D's Banner Night for Julia Kozicki



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

VisionFirst 25D Trustees

The 25D VisionFirst Trustees represented you at the latest Board Meeting.

Pictured are the President and CEO Carmel Lion Tim Fischer and Trustees Lions Steve Gross, Joann Karaffa-Owens and Christine Woodward.



Clubs with October Anniversaries

Westfield Lions Club 1930 93 years

Elwood Lions Club 1935 88 years

Musical Notes—Lion George Smith



I am the music information Lion for our District Governor Julia, Past District, State & International organist/pianist and a member of the Anderson Lions Club since 1965. DG Julia stated that she is bringing singing back into the clubs. That really got my undivided attention because I happened along at the most opportune time in the history of Lionism to play the organ while all Lions sang and made a joyous time to liven up each den.

I hope you collect THE LION magazine because the issue of May 2019, on the cover “Women Are Changing Lions - NEW VOICES HELP LIONS’ SERVICE SING” starting on page 14. I was fortunate to have been selected to be several International President’s organist/pianist and attended their convention.

In a later issue of this newsletter, I will show a picture of me playing the organ using a cart which a Lion in the Lapel Lions Club made for me and a long tongue for the 8 district governor’s of Indiana to pull it with. Quite a representation in parades and so unique. I’ll tell of some experiences along the way. Until the next newsletter I say “Bite-Em and Roar Lions Roar, by George!” PS =Please save your LION magazines and pass them on to people to let them know how excited we are TO SERVE. I have a few copies of the May 2019 issue that I’ll be glad to share with you.



Information and Technology Article for District 25D

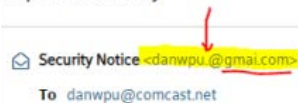
Avoiding Spam Emails and Phishing Scams

Do you ever get unsolicited emails that say “You have won!” a prize? Or an unsolicited email that promises to relieve a pain you didn’t even know you had? Some appear to be innocuous advertising emails while others easily look suspicious with more misspellings than the average text message. “Just click here!,” it asks. **Do Not** click on anything inside these emails. They’re phishing.

Some emails may appear as though they came from someone you know like a Lion friend or Lion leadership. Two areas to look at to verify email validity are . . .

Email ID Construction – Verify the email ID of the sender. Look at the domain, which is the part past the @-sign. Examples are @gmail.com or @comcast.net, etc. You can find the email ID in the sender field of the email.

Below is a snippet from an email I received just this month. Note that the email id is familiar, but not right. There is a period after danwpu and before @. Also, they tried to make it look like it came from Google mail, but misspelled gmail as gmai. My email ID, by the way is danwpu@comcast.net.



The screenshot shows an email header with a yellow highlight on the sender's address: Security Notice <danwpu@gmail.com>. Below it, the recipient's address is listed as To: danwpu@comcast.net. A red arrow points to the misspelled sender address.

Scrutinize Every Email. Would someone you don’t know well send you an email that says, “I’m stuck in Europe and need \$500 to get home?” Or simply, “Do you have a minute?” No. Be suspicious of every email.

When in doubt, call or email the sender *separate* from the original email using numbers and email IDs you know to be valid. Do not REPLY to or FORWARD the original email as you may be propagating the scam.

You can reduce the number of unwanted emails you receive, but in all reality, not prevent them all. Most email services provide a way to block unwanted senders’ emails. Try right-clicking on the email in the mail list and see if something like **Mark As Spam** comes up. Click **Mark As Spam**. Emails from that sender’s email ID will automatically go into your spam folder in the future.

Don’t forget to review your Spam folder occasionally just in case you blocked someone you didn’t intend to. Quality email services allow you to unmark emails in the Spam folder. Try right clicking on the email and look for an option similar to **Not Spam**. Once you unblock that email, any emails from the sender will start appearing in your inbox again.

PDG Dan Wilcox
25D Information and Technology Chair

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

Lion George Smith receives the Silver Membership Key Award at an Anderson Lions Club den meeting.

The award honors Lion Smith for bringing in 15 new members in his years in the Lions Club.

Presenting the award is PDG Lion Steve Holtzleiter.



Carmel Lions Club

The Carmel Lions Club put their cooking to the test at the International Arts Festival in Carmel. They even worked on recruiting new members.



Carmel Lions Club

DG Julia made her official visit to the Carmel Lions Club and talked about her goals for 25D this year. Including that every club in the district do one environmentally related service project and add at least 1 new member. She helped Carmel finish that second goal by inducting 3 new members.



Lynn Lions Clubs

The Lynn Lions hosted their annual tractor pull the weekend of Sept 8-9.

This event is a great fundraiser for the Lynn club.



Carmel and Noblesville Lions Clubs

On Thursday, Aug 31st, the Noblesville and Carmel Lions Clubs helped with the first Gleaners mobile pantry held at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds. This is a new site, and a new format for the mobile pantry that will continue on the third Thursday of every month. Instead of a drive through pantry, customers were able to walk through the line and choose the items for their families. The volunteers were kept busy assisting customers.

Photo 1: (Back row) Lions Rollin Cutter, Jerry Baker, Joe Connerley, Jeff Kozicki, (Front row) Lions Mark Bachar, Matt Best, Bob Yunker, Bill Ryan, and Ron Williamson

Photo 2: Lions doing some initial sorting



Carmel and Noblesville Lions Clubs

Noblesville and Carmel Lions Support Gleaners in September

On Thursday, the 21st, the Noblesville and Carmel Lions Clubs helped Gleaners pass out food to those in need. This was done at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds, and is done each month. A new change to the event is to allow each attendee to pick out their desired food items.

Photo: Kneeling is Phil Mellencamp, Gleaners North/West Service Manager. (frm left) Carmel Lions Bill Ryan and Matt Best; Noblesville Lions Jerry Baker, Joe Connerley, Ron Williamson, Dale Unger, and Steve Shaw



Noblesville Lions Club

Noblesville Lions Award Ivy Tech Scholarship

At the Sep 13th meeting the Noblesville Lions awarded the \$500 Ivy Tech Scholarship to Morgan Testa. Morgan plans on Radiology as a major. After completing Ivy Tech, she plans on continued studies at a college or university. Her parent is Jennifer Testa.

Photo: Morgan Testa and Lion Gary Hipes, Scholarship Committee Chairman



Noblesville Lions Club

Noblesville Lions Learn From Westfield Lions

On the Sep 13th meeting, the Noblesville Lions Club learned about the Westfield Lions Poker-For-Sight Tournament. Westfield Lion Jeff Larrison visited the Noblesville club to speak about this fundraiser that the Westfield Lions use twice a year to fund their Lion causes. The Noblesville Lions are interested in learning about the work involved in doing a project like this. The project is very detailed and takes the help of the entire club.

Photo: (lft) Westfield Lion Jeff Larrison and Noblesville Lion Jeff Kozicki, Club Fundraising Chairman



Noblesville Lions Club

Noblesville Lions Club Receives LCIF Model Club Award

Recently the Noblesville Lions Club received the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) award as a Model Club. Club Vice President Jeff Kozicki received the club's plaque for being a model club during the recent Campaign 100 drive for the Lions Club International Foundation. Every year the Lions Club International sets a goal in their foundation for donations to help people in crisis around the world. Noblesville's club, through its members, have led by example.

Photo: Noblesville Lion Vp Jeff Kozicki (center) is congratulated by Past International Presidents Brian Sheehan and Frank Moore



Noblesville Lions Club

Noblesville Lions Induct Hayden Parsons

On Sep 13th the Noblesville Lions inducted Hayden Parsons into the club. Hayden is new to the Noblesville area, and was welcomed by the club. He is sponsored by Lion Walt Scheid.

Photo: Lion Jeff Kozicki inducted Hayden Parsons, along with Sponsor Lion Walt Scheid

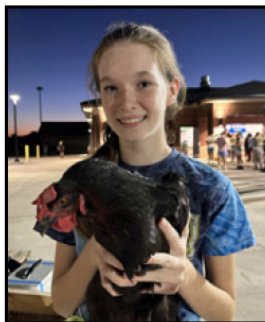


Noblesville Leo Club

'Chicken Selfies.'

Way to think outside the box!

Story from September 7th issue of The Times newspaper.



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Noblesville High School Leo Club member Alanna Puckett (left) snaps a photo of 10-year-old Owen Rafoll, 10, Noblesville, with a chicken, held by Leo Club adviser John Smith (kneeling) during a "Chicken Selfies" fundraiser Friday night at the NHS Millers vs. Fishers Tigers varsity football game at Beaver Stadium.

Noblesville Lions Club

The Noblesville Lions Club received a grant from the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) to assist Fueled for School in fighting food insecurity for Noblesville Schools students. The club was awarded the grant in conjunction with Elevance (formerly Anthem) Health Volunteer Days, an annual project of Elevance Health to support hunger related service projects. The LCIF grant was used to purchase new pallet rack shelving for the new Fueled For School facility on Pleasant Street.

On Saturday, September 9, Elevance Health supplied volunteers who constructed the shelving and sorted food donations. Members of the Noblesville Lions collected food donations at area grocery stores that morning totaling approximately 700 pounds of food. Fueled For School provides 400 weekend meal packs each week to students in all 10 Noblesville schools. The Noblesville Lions have regularly supported Fueled For School since 2019.



Photo 1: Elevance Health volunteers with Lion Julia Kozicki and Fueled for School volunteer Christine (Guyer) McCormick

Photo 2: (lft to rt) Christine McCormick, Lions Julia Kozicki and Gene Beck. Not pictured and also helping were: Lions Josh Kozicki, Jeff Kozicki, Julie Davis, Dave Marsh, and Kim Luckey



Noblesville Lions Club

Noblesville Lions Add Another New Member

On Sep 27th the Noblesville Lions Club added new member Krys Keller. Krys is sponsored by Lion Steve Shaw, and was inducted by Lion Julia Kozicki, Lion District 25D Governor.

Photo: Lion Steve Shaw, Lion Krys Keller, and Lion Julia Kozicki



Noblesville and Zionsville Lions Clubs

Noblesville & Zionsville Lions Test Noble Crossing and White River Schools

On Sep 5th and 7th the Noblesville and Zionsville Lion Clubs donated time for Acuity Testing at Noble Crossing and White River Elementary. This is testing required by the State of Indiana, and saves time for school nurses. Any discrepancies noted in the students are passed along to the parents.

Photo 1: Noble Crossing testing by Lions Kathy Ravenstien, Gregg Barth, Donna Fisher, Walt Scheid, Bill Kurtz, Kennedy Penwell, Gary Hipes, Lee Ann Balta, Lois Whitehead, and Steve Shaw



Photo 2: White River Elementary testing by Lions Gary Hipes, Dan Dumbauld, Walt Scheid, Kathy Ravenstien, Andy Luckey, Kennedy Penwell, Lee Ann Balta, Josh Kozicki, Chery Helton, Vicki Neddenreip, and Steve Shaw



Noblesville and Zionsville Lions Clubs

Noblesville and Zionsville Lions Continue Acuity Testing at Hinkle Creek Elementary

Over 300 3rd and 5th grade students were tested. This is testing required by the State of Indiana, and saves time for school nurses. Any discrepancies noted in the students are passed along to the parents.

Photo: Lions Bill Kurtz, Walt Scheid, Dan Dumbauld, Steve Stage, Lee Ann Balta, Gary Hipes, Julia Kozicki, Ron Williamson, and Steve Shaw



Noblesville and Zionsville Lions Clubs

Noblesville and Zionsville Lions Testing at Hazel Del Elem.

On Monday, Sep 25th, the Noblesville and Zionsville Lions conducted Acuity Testing at Hazel Del Elem. This is testing required by the State of Indiana, and saves time for school nurses. Any discrepancies noted in the students are passed along to the parents. This is a Lions Club effort at schools in Noblesville, and chaired by Noblesville Lion Steve Shaw.



Photo: Lions Dan Dumbauld, Terry Lee Dawson, Lee Ann Balta, Josh Kozicki, Chery Helton, Walt Scheid, Vicki Neddenriep, and Steve Shaw

Noblesville and Zionsville Lions Clubs

Noblesville and Zionsville Lions Conduct School Acuity Testing

This past week of Aug 28th the Noblesville and Zionsville Lion Clubs donated time for Acuity Testing at NWMS and NEMS. This is testing required by the State of Indiana, and saves time for school nurses. These two schools included over 800 students tested. Any discrepancies noted in the students are passed along to the parents.



Photo 1: NWMS testing by Lions Dan Dumbauld, Bill Nesbitt (Westfield Lion), Jeane Jergen, Gregg Barth, Judy Barnes, Bill Kurtz, Kennedy Penwell, Gary Hipes, and Steve Shaw

Photo 2: NEMS testing by Lions John Terhune, Gary Hipes, Larry Jacobi, Steve Shaw, Dan Dumbauld, Walt Scheid, Ann Delozzo, Kathy Terrell, Kathy Ravstein, Donna Fisher, and Kathy Price



Russiaville Lions Club

Picture this! We Russiaville Lions are provide this supporting exhibit in response to this District 25-D theme question for the 2023-24 Lion year: "What is a Lion?"

These two Russiaville Lions are definitely F.U.N. = Friendly, Upbeat & Nice.

The friendly and engaging smiles of Russiaville Lions President Cara Jean Rayl and 1st VP Reba Casler are well framed by their strong commitment to helping and serving others. "WE SERVE!" is our Lions motto. "Sharing Kindness" is how we roll in Russiaville.

Serving well with kindness puts great smiles on Lions faces. Not only in Russiaville, but... around the world in millions of different places.



Russiaville Lions Club

Russiaville Lions attend 25D's Banner Night for DG Julia Kozicki.



Russiaville Lions Club

Russiaville held their 2023 Russiaville Lions topical issues and speaker forum series. They have been using these monthly topical discussions as an intentional outreach and community service activity. Allison Hillis of the Purdue Extension Service in Howard County presented “Food Insecurity” and provided national and Howard County statistics.



Russiaville Lions Club

We Russiaville Lions were again very pleased to be able conduct an in-person “Western Liberty Day” assembly for the Western 8th & 11th grade students. The students were very well behaved. We Lions are glad these Western students now have their individual copies of the US Constitution as a gift from the Russiaville Lions Club which is sponsored by several Indiana Lions and Indiana business sponsors.

Special note of thanks to our excellent panel of dedicated community servants. Our speakers panel included:

- Captain Jordan Buckley – Howard Co Sheriff Dept. & Member Eastern School Board
- Mr. Ray Collins - President, Kokomo City Council - & employed with Community Howard Regional Health
- Ms. Jessica SeCrease – Howard County Auditor

Thank you to Russiaville Lions members: Cara Jean & Abe Rayl, Cindy Hurst, Lori Seaman. And we appreciate the participation in several of our Russiaville Lions activities by Western School Board member Ms. Jill Newby.



Russiaville Lions Club

We Lions say congratulations to Russiaville Lion Bryan Altmaier for planning and organizing our 2023 Russiaville Lions golf outing at Green Acres Golf Course -- in Howard County.

We were treated to great weather today, good fellowship and lots of fun. Congratulations to the winning tournament team including: Greentown Lion Stu Nicholson, Greg Lockwood, Jon Kelley and Bob Constable.

Blue skies were smiling on all of the ten participating teams today. We Russiaville Lions greatly appreciate the generous sponsorship support from several local business and the hospitality of the Green Acres Golf Club staff.



Russiaville Lions Club

Russiaville Lions took advantage of this beautiful fall (Sep. 30th) day to finalize a very important tree planting project which was jointly planned by the leadership of the Russiaville Girls Softball League (RGSL) and the Russiaville Lions Club. Russiaville Lion, Mr. Adrian Hart currently serves as the President of the Russiaville Girls Softball League and helped our club to select the area beyond the Girls Softball outfield fence as the perfect location to plant a total of six maple trees. The trees are two different types of maples (two are red) and my expectation is that within 20 years, possibly sooner, these trees will provide prime viewing locations for young tree climbers to gain a better view of the on-field RGSL action.

Leading and teaching us the ABC's of tree planting this morning was Mr. Rick Homkes, the President of the Russiaville Parks Board and spouse of RLC Secretary Darlene. This was a really excellent team & partnership effort with assistance from Russiaville Lions Cara Jean & Abe Rayl, Darene Homkes and me (Lion Frank). Actively participating in this tree planting effort were RGSL leaders Adrian Hart and Austin Fivecoate and other assistants, working yesterday, to prepare the planting locations.



Union City Lions Club

Union City Lions Blood Draw in association with the Community Blood Bank of Dayton, Ohio (Now renamed “Solvita”)

At the recent Union City Lions Blood Draw, Phyllis Hiestand was the winner of a gift certificate donated by Randolph County Nursing and Rehabilitation. The Lions had a successful blood draw campaign and would like to thank all of the donors. The next UC Lions blood draw will be on November 13, 2023. You can sign up to donate at donortime.com.

Lions Blood Draw co-chairs are: Hoddy Speight and Doug LeMaster

Picture: Union City Lion Rick Lacy presenting Phyllis Hiestand with the gift certificate.



Union City Lions Club

The Union City Lions Club met on Tuesday, September 26th. 16 members and 3 guests enjoyed a meal of lasagna, green beans, and salad. The program for the meeting was presented by Julia Kozicki, Lions District 25D Governor. Julia is a member of the Noblesville Lions Club and is serving as our district governor this year. Her theme is “What is a Lion?” She encouraged the club to have fun as they serve, do an environmental service project, and celebrate success. She told us how important it is to participate in the Lions International Foundation and help with the many state projects of the Indiana Lions. Joe Wyant was inducted into the Club. A big welcome to Joe and thanks to Julia for visiting Union City.



Pictures:

Club President Troy Rose, DG Julia Kozicki and 2VDG Jim Dubeansky

Joe Wyant is receiving his pin as a new member from his sponsor, UC Lion Jim Dubeansky



Westfield Lions Club

Westfield Lions and Elevance Health Team Up to Fight Food Insecurity

Grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation Helps Fund Service Project

The Westfield Lions Club recently received a \$2250 grant from a partnership between the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Elevance Health Foundation. When Lions Club member Carrie Larrison learned that the grants being offered by LCIF could be used to assist with food insecurity in the community, she immediately thought of Open Doors Food pantry, where she is vice president of special projects.

Open Doors provides “Weekend Food Bags” that are distributed to students in Westfield schools. In addition to the grant money, employees from Anthem Health in Indianapolis, as well as several members of the Westfield Lions Club, volunteered to organize and pack the food that was then distributed to the schools for October. Currently, there are 219 students in Westfield receiving these food bags every week.

To keep the program going, Open Doors needs approximately 9000 food items every month. This includes almost 500 each of canned pasta meals, individual mac and cheese pouches and cups, condensed chicken & noodle soup, cereal, oatmeal packets, Pop Tarts, and various snacks like fruit cups and applesauce.

Open Doors needs the public’s help in collecting the food items they distribute to the students each month. For a complete list of items that are needed, community members are encouraged to visit opendoorswestfield.org or visit their Amazon Wish List at https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2LWM3R XR49QKR/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1.



Group photo information - Anthem employees (blue shirts), Westfield Lions Club members (yellow shirts), and Open Doors volunteers (green shirts). Lions club members - front row, Melissa Paradise and Carrie Larrison, and back row -Kathy Kahler and Jim Kahler. Open Doors volunteers Kari Pitre and Andrea Mikels.



Get the word out about Lions and Leos

Check for local newspapers in your area to share what Lions and Leos are up to.
Way to go Noblesville Leos!



Photo courtesy of Noblesville Leo Club

Noblesville High School Leo Club members are collecting book bags to fill with personal items, warm gloves, nonperishable snacks and more, that will be donated to St. Vincent dePaul in Noblesville and then will be taken on to homeless people in downtown Indianapolis.

NHS Leos Seeking Book Bag Donations, Ready For Trike Race



Photo courtesy of Noblesville Leo Club

Noblesville High School 2020 graduate Jon Page competes in Brian's Trike Race fundraiser in 2019 with the NHS Leo Club at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.



Photo courtesy of Noblesville Leo Club

Noblesville High School Leo Club members organize book bags that are to be filled with items that will be donated to St. Vincent dePaul in Noblesville and then will be taken on to homeless people in Indianapolis.



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Noblesville High School Leo Club adviser John Smith watches as former NHS student Yasmine Mhedhbi (now graduated) competes in Brian's Trike Race fundraiser in 2019 with the NHS Leo Club at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

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**ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
INDIANA LIONS SPEECH AND HEARING, INC.**



The disciplines of Audiology, Speech-Language Pathology, and American Sign Language/English Interpreting include trained specialists providing services in a variety of educational and healthcare settings. Each year brings new knowledge and advancements that will help individuals overcome difficulties associated with speech, hearing, and language deficits. Advances in medicine and an increasingly aging population necessitate numerous additional professionals in these fields.

Colleges and universities throughout the United States offer degrees in these fields. A degree in one of these areas requires a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree. Encouragement by Lions throughout Indiana may be a decisive factor in a career choice for an Indiana youth to select one of these professions. **Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc. (ILSH)** may provide scholarships of \$750.00 per student for up to four students per academic year. Students who are entering their *junior* year or above are eligible to apply for this scholarship. If more than four applicants per year, the scholarships will be awarded based on academic achievement. Please refer to the eligibility requirements listed on the application for further information.

Students are eligible to receive the scholarship for a maximum of two years. *Renewals are not to be considered automatic. The student must repeat the application process to be considered for a scholarship for the second year.*

Once approved for the scholarship, the student will be notified by one of the Trustees of Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Inc. A check will be issued and sent to the appropriate department at the university in which the student is enrolled.

FOR A STUDENT TO BE ELIGIBLE, S/HE MUST:

- Be majoring in a program in the field of Audiology, Speech-Language Pathology, or American Sign Language/English Interpreting;
- Be entering their 3rd or 4th year in said program, or into graduate school at an accredited college or university offering a minimum four year degree in one of the above mention fields;
- Make application to a ILS&H Trustee or Indiana Lions Club and be sponsored by a Lions Club in Indiana;
- Demonstrate an accumulative GPA of a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or higher;
- Verification of meeting eligibility requirements by University advisor or department faculty member;
- Submit an essay of at least 200 words explaining how the scholarship will be used.

FOR A LIONS CLUB TO PARTICIPATE, THEY MUST:

- Promote career paths consistent with ILSH scholarship program and seek out deserving students who may require financial support;
- Consider providing financial support in addition to the \$750 from Indiana Speech & Hearing, Inc.;
- Furnish eligibility date and the recommended support to a District Trustee of Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Inc. 120 days prior to the enrollment date;
- Recommend the student for scholarship renewal for the second year with satisfactory progress and the club's continued support; and
- Complete the application form.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – APPLICATION PROCEDURES
INDIANA LIONS SPEECH AND HEARING, INC.

The application and all supporting documentation should be forwarded to an ILSH Trustee. Supporting documentation should include a recommendation for the applicant.

STUDENT APPLICATION

Full name of applicant: _____

Permanent address: _____

Current mailing address: _____

Telephone number: _____ Email: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

P/G address: _____

P/G phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of College or University that student is attending: _____

Title of Degree Program: _____ most recent year completed: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ / _____ Is applicant on the Dean's List? YES NO

Other academic accomplishments (use additional pages as needed):

Signature of Applicant's Advisor: _____ Phone: _____

Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____

Lions Club Name: _____ President: _____

Mailing address: _____

Club phone: _____ Email: _____

Amount of Club Support: \$ _____

President Signature: _____ Date: _____

www.indylionsspeechhearing.org



Rush to Russiaville

Craft and Direct Sales Fair

Saturday, October 7, 2023
9:00 am to 3:00 pm



Over 40 booths of hand crafted items and quality products from direct sales companies.

This is a fundraiser for
Russiaville Community Outreach
and Russiaville Lions Club
Lion's Club (555 N. Liberty St.)
Community Building (650 N. West St.)
Russiaville, Indiana

We are accepting vendor applications.

Visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/events/1528156180928253>

Or contact Darlene at 765-434-6915 dmhomkes@gmail.com



*Food trucks will be on site beginning with breakfast
all located on the Lion's Club drive*

Community members are invited to join our crafters for lunch

Introduction to the GMA Process

November 4, 2023

10:00am - 12:00pm

In-Person:

First Baptist Church
260 West Main Street
Russiaville, Indiana

Zoom link will be provided if needed

RSVP to Frank Faulkner at frfaulkner2@comcast.net or 765-438-0786

RSVP should include your name, title, address, e-mail address, club name and if you will be attending in-person or via Zoom

FREE!!

Light refreshments for those attending in person.





**ANNOUNCING
MULTIPLE DISTRICT 25
PDG GET-TOGETHER**
"Doing The Best We Can"

November 4, 2023

**Hampton Inn Indianapolis NW Zionsville
6005 S Main St, Whitestown, IN 46075
317-768-2330
block of 40 rooms held until October 13
<https://group.hamptoninn.com/Osoy8o>
\$129 per night**

Saturday at 10:30am

**PDG Roundtable
"How Do We Help Indiana
Lions More"
Moderator: PDG Reed Fish**

**Luncheon at 12 noon
Chicken, Coleslaw,
Potato Salad
Cost \$10.00**

PDG MEETING

Saturday at 1:30 pm

Items for agenda – email IPDG Eric Schuman at ejslansing@aol.com

Send to PDG Kathy Lozier, Treasurer, 5 Hensel Ct, Carmel, IN 46033
or email kathylozier@icloud.com

Name _____ District _____

Pay for food at door

Check Enclosed

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