



"GROWING IN SERVICE"

Dear Fellow Lions,

Well, it's August - one month down in my position and it's been a fun and awesome experience so far. I don't know about you, but July just flew by rather quickly. I've been super busy. Coming off of the International Convention and this past weekend, we had our State Council meeting. The International Convention was held in Orlando, Florida this year and I was able to meet fellow Lions from all over the United States and other countries. I learned a lot at the convention and boy that parade was a hot one. Michael Phelps was our speaker and spoke about his mental and life struggles and turning his life around. I experienced some new foods and music, it was my first International Convention and I thoroughly enjoyed it.

Now I'm jumping in and working on setting up club visits, so I will be getting in touch with you all soon. I'm also working on passing out our district and state directories.. My challenge to you all, is to go out and get some new members. Remember that **our district goal for this year is to get 35 new members** and it would be awesome to see some new member inductees while I visit clubs. Keep going out and serving our communities!!

Just a reminder of dates that you need to get down on your calendars

- ☐ **August 9th**– Work the gate at for 25D Day at the Indiana State Fair (don't forget that I'm bringing the donuts)
- ☐ **September 13th**- Cabinet Meeting at Saratoga at noon
- ☐ **September 13th**- Banner night at the Community Room in Union City at 6PM (there will be a car show going on if anyone wants to come and stroll downtown Union City before the festivities begin)

Your Fellow Lion,

Jim Dubeansky, 25D District Governor

Photos from the International Convention



*Don't forget - Banner night on September 13th at 6pm at the
Community Room in Union City.*

Save the Date!

25D DG Jim Dubeansky's
1st Cabinet Meeting

September 13, 2025

12:00 noon

@ Saratoga Lions Club

125 W. Pearl St.

Saratoga, Indiana 47382

Lunch will be served: \$20.00 per person

RSVP to Lion Anita Hines by Sept. 8th

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More Information to follow.

Lions International in Indiana: New Leadership, New Energy, and a Bright Future

The Lions of Indiana are stepping into a new year with fresh leadership and renewed purpose. As the newly installed First Vice District Governor for 25D, I've already experienced the energy, ideas, and commitment that define this great organization—and it's only the beginning.

At the international level, we're proud to welcome our new Lions Clubs International President, Arvinder Pal (A.P.) Singh, from Kolkata, India. I recently had the privilege of meeting President Singh at Lions International Headquarters. His intelligence, compassion, and clear vision for global service make him a powerful leader for our time. Indiana Lions can be proud to be part of a worldwide movement guided by someone of his caliber.

Back home, we've kicked off the year strong with Jim Dubeansky stepping in as District Governor. At our first state-level meeting this past Saturday, ideas were flowing, and there was a sense of shared purpose among Lions from across the state. One of the most exciting developments: growth in Leo and Cubs Clubs across Indiana.

These youth programs are essential to our future. When young people engage in meaningful service and have fun doing it, they form lasting bonds with the mission of Lions. Supporting and expanding Leo Clubs should be a top priority for every club in our district. It's one of the best ways to secure a strong, service-driven future for Lions in Indiana.

We also have a wealth of untapped opportunities to grow our reach. Many communities across Indiana still don't have a local Lions Club—and they're missing out on the incredible work we do. Whether it's supporting youth, vision care, hunger relief, or disaster response, Lions bring real impact. Now is the time to build new clubs, bring in new members, and show our communities what Lions are all about.

One great way to get involved right now is by volunteering at the Indiana State Fair. It's a fun, high-impact event that needs your help. Signing up is easy at IndianaLionsFoundationMD25.org. I'm bringing a van full of volunteers—come join us!

This is our moment to grow, to lead, and to serve with purpose. Let's make this year one to remember.

Yours In Service,

Michael Careins
First Vice District Governor, 25D
LionMikeC@Gmail.com

On Saturday, July 26th, I had the pleasure of attending my first Council Meeting as the Second Vice District Governor representing 25D. I had a seat at the table! It was great to see everyone there! A special thank you to Carmel Lions PCC Lee Flower, PDG Mary Jane Bodnar and PCC Scott Smith for coming to the meeting and supporting me!

It is always good to hear from the various committee chairs from around the state and what the committee is working on and how they are serving. Greentown Lion Henry Rodriguez gave a great recap of Vision Services from around the state. It is surprising that there are still



School districts that Lions have not gotten into to screen kiddos. If you need help, just reach out to Lion Henry or anyone in District leadership. The next Council Meeting is on Saturday, October 11th at Seasons Lakehouse, Crown Point, and will be followed by 25A DG Jim Furlong's Banner Night. I hope to see more 25D Lions there!

Speaking of Banner Night's, our very own District Governor Jim Dubeansky's Banner Night is on Saturday, September 13th, following our first Cabinet Meeting. It would be fantastic to see all 34 Club Banners there! Save the date on your calendar to support DG Jim!

This month I am going to be working on transferring financial data to our new District Treasurer Upland Lion Gloria Careins and the audit of 2024-2025 records with our Audit Chair Westfield Lion Ron Mangus. Thank you both for stepping up this year!



Thank you to everyone who has ever served our District and the Lions of Indiana! We would not be where we are today without YOU!

My pictures this month are the 2025-2026 Second Vice District Governors from the Council Meeting.

I am looking forward to working with this group over the next 3 years to help lead the Lions of Indiana into the future! And can't wait to see who joins us from Districts C and G!

We Serve!

2VDG Christine Woodward

(Top photo, Left to Right) – 2VDGs Wendy Semans 25A, Matt Morley 25B, Joe Shead Sr 25F, Eddie McKim 25E and me, Christine Woodward 25D.

(Bottom photo, Left to Right) from the July 26th Council Meeting in Zionsville., 2VDG Christine Woodward, DG Jim Dubeansky, and 1VDG Mike Careins.

Now is the time to expand Lions District 25-D!

I hope everyone is doing well. As part of the Global Action Team, the Global Extension Coordinator is a fairly new position, and I need your help, so please consider this your personal invitation to be a part of the team we are forming to expand the role of Lionism in our District. Having recently been at the Lions International Convention in Orlando, Florida, I am more excited than ever over the positive impact Lions are making all around the world. We are a force for good and a beacon of hope in a world that needs our help. This isn't just true in far off countries, but right here in Central Indiana. There are so many towns and cities that used to have a Lions Club, but for whatever reason it has gone away. The plan for this year is to work with the positive-minded citizens of these communities to bring a Lions Club back to them.

One of the most interesting things about being a Lion is, not only does it help the community, but it helps us to live a longer and more rewarding life. As our new International President A.P. Singh said, "The purpose of life is to live a life of purpose". Being a Lion gives each of us, and all of those we invite to join us, a chance to find their purpose and put energy into achieving it.

If you are willing to help work in communities to reestablish a Lions Club, please email me at lionjeff@thekozickis.org.

Thank you for all you do as a Lion. We ARE changing lives for the better.

Lion Jeff Kozicki – Global Extension Coordinator.

The Lions Mid-Winter Conference needs your input!

Hello to all Lions.

The seminar committee is hard at work preparing for the 2026 Mid-Winter Conference, but we need your input so that we have the seminars with the topics and information that Lions want to take part in. To this end, we have put together a short survey to learn about your interests. The survey should only take a few moments and can be reach by this link: <https://tinyurl.com/MWC2026Survey>

We hope to hear from you by August 15th as we will use this information to set the seminar schedule and find the best presenters for each. Thank you for your help and thank you for all you do for your community.

Lion Jeff Kozicki – Mid-Winter Conference Seminar Chair

[Mid-Winter Conference Survey](#)

Noblesville Lion Club Celebrates Christmas in July

On Saturday, July 26, members of the Noblesville Lions rang the Salvation Army bell, collecting donations at the Noblesville Walmart. The Salvation Army has been celebrating Christmas in July to raise funds for their year-round social services, including food pantries and assistance programs *(Photo right)*



Noblesville and Westfield Assist with Mobile Food Pantry

On Saturday, July 12, members of the Noblesville and Westfield Lions clubs, in cooperation with volunteers from Feedingteam.org, assisted Gleaner's with their mobile food pantry at Hamilton Heights High School.

On Tuesday, July 22, members of the Noblesville and Westfield Lions clubs partnered with volunteers from Feedingteam.org to assist Gleaner's mobile food pantry in serving over 150 families at the Harbour Shores Church in Cicero.

Gleaner's provides this mobile pantry at Hamilton Heights High School on the 2nd Saturday of every month (hours are 10 AM to 12 PM) to serve the areas of Noblesville, Cicero, Arcadia, and all of northeastern Hamilton County. *(Photos below)*





Westfield Lions Add 2 New Members

Club Also Preparing for Upcoming Events

At the July 17 th Westfield Lions meeting two more Lions were inducted into the Club. Greg and Karen Batt, sponsored by Lions Mark and Linda Hallett, were inducted by Past District Governor Bob Benson. Also, at the meeting the Lions worked on the plans for several upcoming volunteer opportunities and fundraising events.

The Club is organizing efforts to hold their annual fish fry, which is scheduled for September 5 th and 6 th . This year the event will be held for the first time at their recently renovated clubhouse at 1101 E. 169 th Street. This event has been held for over 90 years and generates several thousands of dollars that go to support the Club's charitable donations.

The Westfield Lions are an active participant in the school vision screening program that tests over 20,000 students at 88 schools in the central Indiana area. This program, coordinate by the Zionsville Lions Club, is an extremely valuable tool helping with early detection of vision issues with students. It also takes a huge burden off under-staffed school nurses who are responsible for conducting student vision screenings. Westfield's vision screening dates are October 8 th and 10 th and will cover over 500 students. Twice a month the Westfield Lions participate in the Gleaner's Mobile Food Pantry food distribution events. These events take place in Arcadia and Cicero and help provide food for area families in need. Gleaner's generosity provides an opportunity for the Carmel, Noblesville and Westfield Lions Clubs to work together to serve Hamilton

County residents.

Even though it seems that November is a long way off, the Lions are in the early stages of preparing for their highly successful semi-annual "Poker for Sight"® Texas Hold 'em tournament. On November 14 th and 15 th the Lions will host over 350 players vying for \$25,000 in prize money. The November tournament – the Club's signature fundraising event - will be back at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds now that the fairgrounds current renovation project is at a point where the 4H building can be used again. Details on how to register will be sent out soon. To learn more about the tournament dates, rules, and payouts, go to www.lionspoker.org.

These are just a few of the numerous events, projects, and fundraisers the Westfield Lions participate in throughout the year. To help them with the ever-increasing needs of the community, they are looking for men and women interested in serving others. To find out more about the Westfield Lions and how to become a member, go to www.westfieldlions.org. (Photo, left to right: Linda Hallett, Karen Batt, Greg Batt, Mark Hallett, and Bob Benson)





Westfield Lions Support the 'Shoe

Service Work in the Community Includes Colts Camp

The Westfield Lions are well known for their commitment to raising funds for charities and serving at various events around Westfield. This commitment to serving Westfield has grown to include volunteering at the Indianapolis Colts training camp at Grand Park. The last few years the Lions have stepped up to fill several roles at the camp, assisting the City of Westfield's efforts to make sure fans' experiences are positive ones.

Each year the City puts out requests for volunteers to staff the numerous positions that need to be filled every day the camp is in operation. The Lions saw this as another opportunity to serve the community (and have some fun at the same time).

To learn more about how the Westfield Lions serve others, go to www.westfieldlions.org. They are looking for men and women that want to make a difference for others.



Photo (top): L to R Bill Nesbitt, Judy Waldroup, and Jack Waldroup

Photo (right): Steve Hall (with two of his grandchildren assisting)

Photo (below): L to R Greg Batt, Carrie Larrison, Karen Batt, Jeff Larrison, and Craig Cooley





Saratoga Celebrates 150 Years

Saratoga Lions Club helped celebrate the Town of Saratoga's 150th birthday on Saturday, July 26th. Club members handed out free hot dogs, bottles of water, cans of Coca Cola and mugs from the Ardagh Glass Corporation. Lion Gary White grilled over 300 hot dogs with Lions Barb King, Stacy White, Ted Snyder, Don Blunk, and Anita Hines handing out the food.





FISH FRY

Fried Fish And Tenderloin Sandwiches

Friday Lunch August 15 11:30am-1:30pm

Friday Dinner August 15 4:30pm-7:30pm

Saturday Dinner August 16 4:30pm-7:30pm

Carmel Lions Club- 141 Main Street



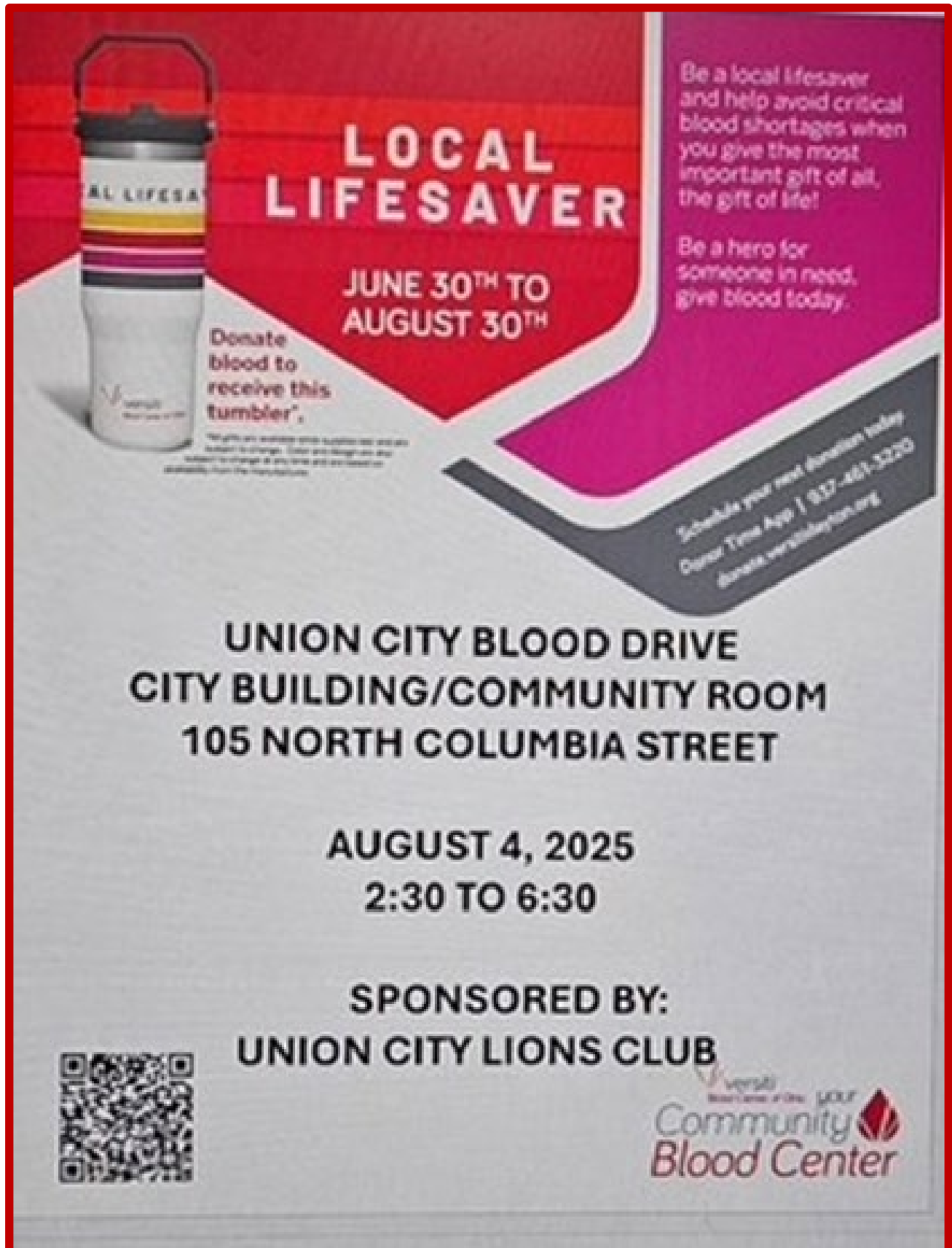
Drive through,
Carry out,
or Eat In

Union City Lions - Provide help for 4-H Food Stand

On Monday, July 21, the Union City Lions provided help during the Lunch Shift at the 4-H Food Stand . There were eleven Lions and wives participating this year.

This was the first year for the new Kitchen and Dining area. The Lions are proud to be of service to Randolph County youth activities.





LOCAL LIFESAVER

JUNE 30TH TO AUGUST 30TH

Donate blood to receive this tumbler*.

*The gifts are awarded after donation and are subject to change. Color and design are also subject to change at any time and are based on availability from the manufacturer.

Be a local lifesaver and help avoid critical blood shortages when you give the most important gift of all, the gift of life!

Be a hero for someone in need, give blood today.

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donate.verahealthcare.org

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CITY BUILDING/COMMUNITY ROOM
105 NORTH COLUMBIA STREET

AUGUST 4, 2025
2:30 TO 6:30

SPONSORED BY:
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Be a hero for someone in need, give blood today.
Community Blood Center

INDIANA STATE FAIR

VOLUNTEER AT THIS YEAR'S STATE FAIR!

District 25 D day at the Fair to work is August 9, 2025.

We have openings from 5:30 AM till 9:00 PM at multiple Gates and multiple times.

Go online at
<http://www.IndianaLionsFoundationmd25.org>