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Merry Christmas to all Lions!
WE are "Underway for Service"
District 25 D

A fun-filled November was capped off with a truly wonderful meeting at the Saratoga Club. I was like a proud new Dad with all the accomplishments that the district did in November. I'm looking at the upcoming schedule and I look at all the clubs that are scheduling Christmas baskets and Christmas dinners. I must look like a proud peacock with just filled with pride of this districts accomplishments.

I had dinner with the Global Service Team (GST) Chairman, Annita Hines, and we are at 65% reporting service. Please contact her if you are having trouble reporting that for your club in the portal. Her number is 765-546-0643. She has done great work in the GST position and that's why our district is at the level that it is.

Membership and Mission 1.5 is always at the top of my list about my job as your District Governor. I'm happy to say at the last reports, we had 28 new members and should be closing in on my goal of the year. With that said, I'd like all the Lions in district D to ask someone to join. It is really important that we set the foundations for your clubs by building today.

Special Olympics money needs to be turned in by 31 December so we can calculate the needed funds for this organization. We have done so much this year and I'm thinking our goal is within reach. Help us meet another of 25 D's goals with contributions and collections for the Special Olympics.

The mid-winter conference is in January. If you have a new Lion, or an experienced Lion, going to the Conference will only enhance the knowledge of those who attend. The schedule will be coming out soon. The dates are January 17 – 18, 2025.

I know we are talking about next year already and Christmas hasn't even happened yet. During the month of February, I want to attempt to have all district clubs do a GrandKids meeting for that kids can enjoy being with our Lion grandparents. February is LOVE month. I don't know any better month to bring the Grandkids to a meeting and boost about them with other Lion Grandparents. Let's show your love and have our clubs celebrate Grandkids. December is here and we as Lions have things to do. I was trying to make a point to call your Lions for help. I had to do it and I got an excellent response. I thank those Lions who answered the call for help. Heck, that's what Lions Do... (Many Thanks!)

So, I'll end this newsletter with special greetings to all Lions everywhere. MERRY CHRISTMAS to all and to all a good night !

Yours in Lionism,
Rocky, DGE



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DG Rocky visiting the Saratoga Lions Club



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Hello Fellow Lions!

Hope everyone is staying warm. We had a cold snap that hit us and I'm not a fan; not really a fan of winter anyway. All First Vice Governors finished a couple of weekend trainings from all the districts. They were held at the Lions State building and arranged by PDG Glen Georges. We had several great speakers attending, and overall, it was very much a learning experience. Thank you to all who attended and spoke to us.

I attended the Saratoga Lions club meeting with our District Governor Rocky and Second Vice Governor Mike. It was a great evening with a great club.

Julia Kozicki came to the Union City Lions and spoke to the club on what they can expect next year as their Governor. It was very informative meeting and everyone learned what they have to do.

I've been doing a lot of online studies and getting ready for St Charles in February, which is keeping me busy with running my own business working 40-50 hours a week and doing Lions club stuff. I am busy and not sure if I'm coming or going sometimes. It will all fall into place - God is always watching over me.

I hope to see everyone during the holidays at the holidays gatherings. Please be safe in your travels. And let's also don't forget to share the holidays with someone new. Bring a new member and share with them the fun that Lions have and all the service we do. The biggest thing to tell them is that "We Serve" in so many ways in the community. So, bring in a new member; that's my challenge to every club.

Merry Christmas to each of you and God Bless you all

Your Friend Always:
Jim Dubeansky/1VDG

If I say, "Coke," I know exactly what pops into your mind. I even know what the font is. Coca-Cola doesn't even have a K in it, but you think of the sugary drink. That is effective branding. Coke understands the importance of Brand Recognition. Does your club understand how important brand recognition is in your community?

If members of your community see your club out doing service projects or a fund raising, do they know that it is your club doing the work? How would they know? Do you have a club uniform or easily recognizable attire that makes you stick out from the crowd? Having your community aware that their local Lions Club is active and doing all the great things that Lions do is a sure way to get people interested in being a Lion. You must show who is doing that project - do not assume that they know.

How do you show that Lions have done a service project once it is completed? Yard signs are an effective and budget friendly way to go. Yard signs are also a good way to display an ongoing project or one to happen in the near future. For a more permanent fixture, a display plaque may be the way to go. Do you ever do joint projects with other service clubs or volunteer organizations? Be sure that your club gets credit by having your club name and logo listed in the credits for that project.

How do you show your Lion Pride? Do you wear Lions apparel to your meetings? Do you have a sign in your yard proclaiming you're proudly serving your community? One of the easiest ways to show your support of Lions only takes one action and thousands will see it. Get a Lions license plate for your vehicle. You only have to do it once, and it renews just by paying for your plates every year. You have to do that anyway. The simple act of wearing a Lions hat, a Lions pin, or a Lions shirt could be the catalyst that starts the conversation that brings the next member into the Lions family. Never pass up an opportunity to share your great experiences in the Lions Club with someone new.

Lion Michael Careins
Second Vice District Governor 25D

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Lions of District 25-D:

Greetings to all! As we enter the holiday season, I wanted to take a moment to say thank you. Thank you for being you. Thank you for being willing to step outside of yourself and help others. The world is better because of the effort you put into serving your community.

You are doing an amazing job!

Since last month, I have had several conversations with Lions who spoke about the hard time they had getting started as a Lion because there is so much to know, and they did not know where to start. So, before we get to talking about how to use the list of names you have been developing for several months (I promise, we will talk about that next month), here are a few ideas for getting new Lions off to a good start.

1. Create a “quick start” packet for each new member. This can include your club roster, your club annual calendar with meetings and events, who to contact with questions, and how to get into the Lions Portal with the Lions Membership Number.
2. Have an orientation event. You can do this during one of your regular meetings or as a separate event, but a suggestion is to do this with as much of the club as possible because there are many long-time members that probably do not know all the ins and outs. As part of this, demonstrate how to get into the Lions Portal.
3. Introduce them to the Lions Learning Center. I keep mentioning the Portal because, while it has some shortcomings, the Learning Center has awesome videos and training that each member can do at their own pace. When you log into the Portal, the word “Learning”, the middle option on the toolbar. There is then a big yellow button that says “GO” under the Lions Learning Center title. On the new page, you can select “Content Library” to see listings and search for many topics.
4. Encourage all Lions to attend the Mid-Winter Conference. It is on January 18, 2025, at the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel. This is not just for “leaders” but any Lion that wants to learn more about being a Lion as there are 14 seminars and 8 “Speed Learning” topics from which to choose. Register at <https://e-district.org/sites/md25/index.php>

Again, Thank you for all you do as a Lion. When we go around the Thanksgiving table to say what we are thankful for this year, I am going to say “All of the fabulous Lions I have met, and the many more that I haven’t, that are changing the world for the better!”

DGMTC Jeff Kozicki



Happy Holidays!



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To: Lions of District 25D
From: Lion Julia Kozicki, Chair, 25D Nominations and Elections
Date: November 17, 2024
RE: Call for Nominations for Lion Year 2025-26

Under the Constitution and Bylaws of District 25D, Bylaws Article I, Section 3 requires that nominations for the following Lions year must be received by the Chair of the Nominations/Elections Committee no later than sixty (60) days prior to the District Convention.

District 25D's Convention is scheduled for Saturday, March 8, 2025 at the Howard County Fairgrounds, home of the Greentown Lions Club. Nominations for the district's project trustees, 2nd vice district governor, 1st vice district governor and district governor must be received by me no later than January 7, 2025.

Lion Leaders requiring club nomination and endorsement to be included on the ballot include:

- District Governor – 1st Vice District Governor Jim Dubeansky, Union City LC
- 1st Vice District Governor – 2nd Vice District Governor Mike Careins, Matthews LC
- 2nd Vice District Governor –

Trustees:

- Leader Dog – vacant (Trustee Isabel Atcheson has indicated she will not run)
- Speech and Hearing – Lion Gary Chastain, Noblesville LC
- ISBVI – vacant (Trustee Katherine Holtzleiter has indicated she will not run)
- Lions Foundation/Holding Corporation – PCC Scott Smith, Carmel LC
- Cancer Control – vacant (Trustee Larry Coates has indicated he will not run)
- Vision First/Eye Bank –
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As a courtesy, incumbents who choose not to run for re-election are asked to notify the District leadership so that it may be announced that a vacancy will exist. District Lions are encouraged to seek nomination from their club and such nominations received by the Nominations/Elections Chair by the January 7, 2025 deadline.

Nominations may be sent to the Nominations/Elections Chair : 925 Queensbury Dr. Noblesville, IN 46062 or emailed to Julia@theKozickis.org.

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**Make Your Mark In Indiana! Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference
Make plans now to join us January 17-18th!**

It's a great combination of service and learning! The event kicks off with an optional dinner event Friday, January 17th beginning at 6 pm with social time, dinner at 6:30 pm followed by evening entertainment - "Wacky Trivia" with Comedian Craig Tornquist! Conference sessions begin at 9 am Saturday morning and go through 4 pm. Additional Highlights Include:
2 Service Projects - "Sock It To Me" and "Care-ing Cases" - a special luncheon keynote speaker, Phil Rison, Executive Director of the NIAAA.
PLUS -- Exhibits and More!

SATURDAY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:00 - 9:00 am: Registration/Continental Breakfast

9:00 - 9:30 am: Opening Session

9:45 - 10:30 am: 1st Session Seminars

10:45 - 11:30 am: 2nd Session Seminars

11:30 - 12:15 pm: LUNCH BUFFET

12:15 - 1:15 pm: Program & Keynote Speaker

1:30 - 2:15 pm: 3rd Session Seminars

2:30 - 3:15 pm: 4th Session Seminars

3:30 - 4:00 pm: Closing Session

ADJOURN

DISPLAYS & SILENT AUCTION - OPEN 8 AM TO 3:00 PM
LUNCH BUFFET MENU - BACKYARD COOKOUT (Included with registration) 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

Click [here](#) to register.

Grant Awarded to the Greentown Lions Club

Greentown Lions Club officers 3rd VP Thom Pemberton, 1st VP Vince Jaenicke, Secretary Jean Ann Wise, President Mark Everling, and Treasurer Alan Gillogly accepted a \$1,000 grant check presented by PDG Mike Imbler on behalf of the Indiana Lions Foundation. It will go toward the renovation cost of the south restrooms at the Fairgrounds.



Union City Lions Club November Meeting



The Union City Lions Club held their first meeting of November on Tuesday evening at the Union City Community Room. The club was treated to a soup, chili, and grilled cheese meal provided by Diane Dubeansky.

The program for the evening was presented by Angie LeMaster, Service Manager, for the Gallagher Insurance Company of Union City. Angie discussed the coverage offered which includes insurance for medical, home, farm, boat, autos, golf carts, rentals, and specialty items. The companies available from Gallagher include Westfield, Auto Owners, Progressive, Nationwide, Grange, and others.

Angie explained replacement costs, medical policies, and the need to be aware of the effect of inflation. Angie took questions from club members and gave examples of insurance claim situations.

Thanks to Angie for a very informative program!

Photo (left): Owen Griffith, Program Chairman, and Angie LeMaster of Gallagher Insurance (Oak Street, Union City, IN)

Union City Lions Club Celebration

The Union City Lions met at the Community Center on Tuesday night for their last regular meeting of the calendar year. The meal, prepared by Diana Dubeansky, consisted of Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, and pineapple upside-down cake.

The program for the evening was presented by Julie Kozicki, the Indiana Lions District 25D Immediate Past Governor. Julie is a member of the Noblesville, Indiana Lions Club. Julie talked to the Union City Club about what to expect in 2025-2026 when our own Jim Dubeansky becomes the District 25D Governor. She encouraged the club to support Jim in any way we can during his very busy year as governor.



Between now and next summer, Jim will be busy filling his slate of people to fill district positions and planning his calendar for the many events and club visits he will make. He will represent Union City all across east central Indiana as he visits the 34 Lions Clubs in our district. During his year as governor, Banner Night and the District Convention will take place in Union City and bring Lions from all over the district into Union City.

During the meeting, the Union City Lions Club formally nominated Jim Dubeansky to be our governor for the 2025-2026 Lions year. Jim has a big year ahead of him with many exciting events to be a part of. Congratulations Jim! We're certain you will make Union City proud. Also attending the meeting were Anita Hines and Jeff Manning from the Saratoga, Indiana Lions Club.

In attendance at the UC Lions meeting were (L-R): Past District Governor Julie Kozicki, District Governor Elect Jim Dubeansky, Global Service Team Leader Anita Hines, and District 25D Zone Chairman Jeff Manning.

Westfield Lions Raise Over \$25K at “Poker for Sight” Tournament:

Joshua Koblneck Takes Home \$10,000 1st Place Prize

On Friday and Saturday, November 15th and 16th over 260 poker players competed in the Westfield Lions Club’s semi-annual “Poker for Sight” tournament. Over \$25,000 in prize money was paid out, with Joshua Kublnick coming in first place and claiming the \$10,000 prize. The first thing Joshua said when he received his check was that it would be going toward the downpayment of a house he is trying to buy.

For the tournament, the Lions netted just over \$25,000, which will go toward the numerous organizations and projects supported by the club. Prior to each of three qualifying sessions and the final round the Lions presented \$1500 “Big Checks” to organizations that work with veterans, blind students, citizens that struggle

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to afford health care, and the homeless. This year's recipients of the Big Checks were the Indiana Blind Children's Foundation, Pets Healing Vets, the Heart & Soul Free Clinic, and Habitat for Humanity.

The IBCF is the fundraising arm of the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Lions Clubs International places a major emphasis on supporting organizations that fight the causes of blindness and helps those suffering from it. This has been part of LCI's focus since Helen Keller challenged LCI to be "Knights of the Blind" at the 1926 LCI convention. To learn more about IBCF and the ISBVI, and how you can support them, go to www.indianabcf.org.

Pets Healing Vets is a program run by the Humane Society of Hamilton County. It works to pair up veterans suffering from PTSD and TBI with carefully selected shelter animals. Funds raised for Pets Healing Vets go to helping defray the cost of pet ownership for these veterans. You can help support this amazing program by going to www.hamiltonhumane.com/programs/pets-healing-vets.

The Heart & Soul Free Clinic in Westfield is an organization the Westfield Lions have been committed to supporting for several years. Providing free medical services to those who can't afford them fits perfectly with the Lions Club's motto "we serve". The number of people in Hamilton County utilizing Heart & Soul's services continues to grow every year. Please consider supporting this tremendous organization by going to www.heartandsoulclinic.org.

Prior to the championship round on Saturday night, the Lions presented Habitat for Humanity with a Big Check to help with their projects in Central Indiana. Habitat for Humanity brings citizens together to help build homes for those battling homelessness and needing a hand up. You can support the Central Indiana Chapter of HFH by going to www.indyhabitat.org.

The Westfield Lions' next tournament is scheduled for April 25th and 26th of 2025. To find out more about the tournament and how to register, go to www.lionspoker.org. In the meantime, the Westfield Lions are looking for men and women interested in making a difference in our community. Please go to www.westfieldlions.org to find out more about the club and how to become a member.



Photo: Lions Bruce Bowman and Mike Burk with Habitat for Humanity



Photo: Jennifer Hatcher, Humane Society of Hamilton County, and Lion Brian Abraham



Photo: 1st place winner Josh Kublnick and Westfield Lions

Noblesville Lions Help Turkey Trotters



On Thanksgiving Day, Nov 28th, the local Lions Club helped keep the runners in the Noblesville Turkey Trot race refreshed with water. The race was well attended in both running and watching.

Photo (J. Kozicki): Assisting Lions were Dale Unger, Josh Kozicki, Jen Carr, Bruce Moss & wife with corgi, Steve Shaw, and Gene Beck. Missing in photo was Jeff Kozicki.

Noblesville Lions Induct 4 New Members

As part of the Noblesville Lions Veterans night meeting, they inducted 4 new members to the club. They were inducted by Lion DG Rocky Simpson. The Lion family is growing!

Photo (L – R): Lion DG Rocky Simpson, Lion Jeff Kozicki sponsored Todd Thurston, Lion Julia Kozicki sponsored Kate Baker, Bruce Moss sponsored by Lion Larry Jacobi (not pictured), and Lion John Einsfeld sponsored Scott Willis



Noblesville Lions Honor Veterans With Dinner and Introductions

On Wednesday, the 13th the Noblesville Lions served local veterans with a free Thanksgiving dinner at Ginger's Café. Each veteran was introduced by their evening sponsor.

Invited speaker, Bill Doss, from the Hamilton County Veterans (HCV) gave information to the club about his organization that helps veterans. The HCV organization is working to get the American Legion and VFW organizations to combine with the HCV group with some services. The HCV is looking to setup a complex and combine activities of all veteran organizations in the area.

Photo (right): Speaker Bill Doss (rt) being thanked by Lion VP Hayden Parsons

Photo Group (below): Group of attending Veterans, including Noblesville Lions Veterans



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Noblesville and Carmel Lions With Gleaners in November

On Tuesday, the 12th the Lions Clubs served 169 families or roughly 680 people at Grand Park with food, courtesy of Gleaners.



Photo (Lions): Lions from the Carmel Club were Paul Cardinal, Bill Ryan, Betty Yunker, Jason Randlett and Bob Yunker. Lions from the Noblesville Club were Bruce Moss, Jerry Baker, Jeff Kozicki, Rollin Cutter, Steve Shaw, John Einsfeld, Ron Williamson, Linda Williamson, Larry Jacobi, Maryanne Jacobi. More from the Carmel club were Mark Hallett, Linda Hallett, Norm Steele, Christal Steele, Don Collins, and Jim Kagler. Not pictured was Carrie Larrison.

Russiaville Lions Host an Evening with Pastor Jamie Lyon

Our Nov. 18th Lions club meeting provided our Russiaville community with a unique opportunity to see and learn from Pastor Jamie Lyon, the Pastor of the Russiaville Friends Meeting. Jamie shared his talents by using his painting skills while he presented the Gospel message and his patriotic tribute to many soldiers who were tragically killed during WWII in a transport vessel that was attacked and sunk – including two of his uncles. The bodily remains of Pastor Lyon’s (US Army) family members and their Army colleagues went unmarked to the depths of the Mediterranean Sea. Pastor Lyon’s tribute was poignant, powerful and patriotic. He also made a point of thanking us Russiaville Lions for providing our clubhouse as a safe and inviting meeting place for the members of Scout Troop 519.



DO YOU HAVE A CLUB HIGHLIGHT YOU WANT TO SHARE? PLEASE
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