

District 25 D Leads the way for Membership "We are Underway for Service"

It's with enormous pride that I pass on to all my Lions in District 25 D that we have made the Top 20 List for CA 1 (The United States) for gaining in membership. Yes, my fellow Lions we have our District listed in the graph below as one of the top Districts in the United States for Membership gains. I'm happy to say that all our efforts as a group have paved the way for our recognition in the top 20 list. Stand Tall and pat yourself on the back. "Well Done"

February has arrived with our January being really miserable and downright cold. I'm not going to say that the last few weeks in January was less productive for anything because Mother Nature wanted us to realize she's in charge of the weather.



As we kick off the 2025 year and set our goals on the next six months of Lions in 25 D, I can't think of one thing that has passed us by. We have targeted the Special Olympics for a fund-raising campaign and it was successful, took on membership and we have a few more to get so I can say I accomplished my goal, but we're close. The new club targets are working on Gas City and now, Fishers. I feel confident that our LCIF goals of \$14,500.00 will be met after we get some good weather. The Training of New Club Officers, Treasurers and Secretaries are not yet scheduled but will be completed before Summer Starts. I think we are doing well.

February is here and I recall February as being the "LOVE" month. I've asked each club to do a meal with the Lions Grandkids. Those Grandkids will appreciate the time with the Grand-parents more than you would believe. I remember my Dinner with my Grand Parents and all the pomp and ceremony the Lions did when I was a Kid. Please don't let this February pass without a Grand-Parent Grandkid evening. It will mean so much in 20 years. Did to me !

District Convention for 25 D is 8 March at the Greentown Lions Club. This should be a great time together as the International Director Judge Anthony Paradiso is coming from New York to be our guest of honor and speaker. I have met him on two occasions and have nothing but raving review as he is down to earth Lion. I think it would be a great time to hear him speak and get to know our District people a little before he returns back to New York. Come help me show him a good time. Need to get him a breaded Tenderloin just so he knows we cook that around Indiana.

State Convention sign ups have already started. I'm aware of the Shipshewana shopping district is really impressive and I know our fellow Lions will be there to attend the State Convention and to get maybe a little shopping in. Sounds like a really good time.

I wanted this last part of my informative newsletter to reflect on a member of my District Cabinet as Don Reibe is the Chairman of the Emergency Preparedness for our District, he tragically lost his wife Janice in January and I'll pass along all condolences to him and his family.

I continually watch our Clubs doing fundraisers and service projects. I'm impressed with all the Lions doing work for their Community, their State, Nation and the world as a part of humanity. No where better can I say I watched our Lions then right here in our 25 D District. I Proud to be amongst the Lions who put "WE Serve" to action every Month.
Thank You !

Yours in Lionism
Rocky



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TOP 20 DISTRICTS AS OF DECEMBER 31: Way to Go!	
District	Net Gain
District 2 X1	212
District 4 L3	145
District 2 S4	119
District 1 A	94
District 4 L6	80
District 23 C	72
District 5M 9	71
District 43 K	52
District 21 N	48
District 20 O	45
District 12 L	44
District 2 S2	39
District 4 C3	38
District 20 R2	33
District 39 W	30
District 44 H	28
District 5M 2	28
District 1 D	26
District 20 K1	25
District 25 D	25

Hello Fellow Lions:

Well hope everyone survived the Extreme Cold Blast we had I am so ready for Spring Weather to get here and sad that I missed midwinter Conference. I would have loved to been there rather than home sick with COVID and it was a rough time for sure still don't have my taste back but in time it will return.

It's been a real struggle to try to keep up with Lions Club Activities and keep the Business running but I am giving it all I got.

Hope everyone is spreading the message how much the Lions due and looking for new members as all the clubs could use new members to join so keep talking to everyone and let's increase our members.

I am doing the best of my ability to keep up with First Vise Governor training and work also and it's a challenge for sure so I ask for any help anyone can share would be a blessing as God will get me through this I am sure and thank you.

Hope to see everyone at the Cabinet Meeting on Saturday, February first. Thank you to all the Lions who put in lots of hours and time for their clubs - it means a lot and I myself Appreciate you as a Lion.

Sincerely yours,
1 VDG Jim Dubeansky

It's that time of year again. The super busy time of the holidays has passed and spring will be here soon. It is a great time to have an annual organizational meeting to plan the future events and put together a calendar for the year. This allows members to incorporate the clubs service activities into their work and vacation plans. I personally need several weeks' notice to fit events into my work schedule. Since many of our newer members are still working and raising families, this needs to be a major consideration to keep them involved. Let's try to give our members plenty of notice to be available to enjoy the opportunity to serve.

Our district has been setting the example when it comes to membership growth. We need to continue this pattern with more outreach programs. Membership drives multiple times a year of varying types are a good place to start. Going to where the people are is the most logical choice for recruiting. Visiting softball or little league tournaments at the park where there are already crowds is where I am going to start. You have teens, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles that are already out in the community. Get permission from the people running the event to set up a recruitment table and talk to people about how great it is to be a Lion. Always take applications with you and don't be afraid to hand them out.

Doing important service projects in your community is going to get prospective members interested in working with you. Ask the people of your community what they think needs to be done in the upcoming year. Your answer should be We can do that with your help. Getting in touch with someone that is excited about a future project is the easiest way to get a new Lion.

Be sure to incorporate fun into your agenda. Having fun and building friendships is just as important as the service that we do. I have the best times when I'm with Lions. I look forward to Lion events and the time spent with fellow Lions.

Have a Great Lion Year!

Michael Careins
SVDG 25D

Lions of District 25-D:

I hope everyone has had a great start to 2025, even if it has been a little chilly. I promise warm weather is coming! In the meantime, following up on my thoughts for the new year, here is a goal that I believe EVERY club can achieve. This goal may seem a little off topic from Membership, but I firmly believe that if we have a goal which includes members doing service, when we achieve that goal, the positive feeling of pride (Lions Pride??) will become infectious and we will have many more happy and active Lions.

What is this magical goal? Have your club earn the Club Excellence Award! You may not have known this exists, or care about “awards”, but this award is really just a list of things that positive energetic clubs are doing. There is a form that needs to be completed and signed by the governor within 12 months of the end of the Lions year. If you search anywhere for “Lions Club Excellence Award,” the first listing takes you to the LCI page with the criteria and the form, or feel free to email me, and I will send it to you. The requirements cover five areas:

- 1 **Membership** – Have a net growth of the greater of 10% or 2 members.
- 2 **Service** – Start a new service project and participate in, and report to LCI, 3 service activities.
- 3 **LCIF** – Make a donation of (the lesser of) \$20 per member or \$1,000.
- 4 **Leadership** – The club is in good standing and the club officers have been reported to LCI and have been trained.
- 5 **Marketing** – The club has published service activities through local and social media.

I encourage every club to set a goal to do this. I know you can do it! As always, thank you for being a Lion and not only wanting the best for your community but leading the way in serving it.

Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Jeff Kozicki, District Membership Chair

Congratulations to all Clubs with positive net growth
for the first half of the year!!!

<u>Club</u>	<u>New Members</u>	<u>Growth</u>
Elwood	1	(6%)
Fowlerton	4	(20%)
Greentown	10	(7%)
Lapel	2	(6%)
Noblesville	11	(15%)
Russiaville	2	(5%)
Saratoga	3	(6%)
Van Buren	1	(4%)
Winchester	2	(10%)

Nominations and Elections Update

During our District 25D convention on March 8 in Greentown, the district will hold elections for positions for the 2025-26 Lions year. Nominations for District leadership positions closed January 7, 2025.

Nominations received were:

- ☐ District Governor - 1st VDG Jim Dubeansky, Union City LC
- ☐ 1st VDG - 2nd VDG Mike Careins, Matthews LC
- ☐ 2nd VDG - Lion Christine Woodward, Carmel LC
- ☐ Indiana Lions Fdn/Holding Corp. - PCC Scott Smith, Carmel LC
- ☐ Leader Dog Trustee – Lion Cathy Stover, Greentown LC
- ☐ Vision First Trustee – Lion Gloria Careins, Upland LC
- ☐ Speech & Hearing Trustee - Lion Gary Chastain, Noblesville LC
- ☐ Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ISBVI) Trustee- **Vacant**
- ☐ Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana Trustee – **Vacant**

Nominations for Trustee positions may be taken during District Convention from the floor. I will call for a 2nd to the nominations received. Each nominee will require a 2nd to their nomination. Lions that 2nd a nomination will limit their 2nd to 3 minutes or less.

For those Trustee positions for which there was no nomination, I will ask for a nomination and 2nd from the floor. A Lion nominated must be present at the convention and accept their nomination. If accepted, I will call for a 2nd to their nomination.

Please consider if serving with the Indiana Lions for ISBVI or Lions Cancer Control Fund is of interest to you in the coming year.

Yours in Lionism,

CC Julia Kozicki
25D Chair of Nominations and Elections

Note from Cabinet Treasurer

Your Club's President and/or Treasurer should have received an email with the State and District Dues invoice. If you haven't seen it, please let me know. I can get you another copy.

State and District Dues go to:

Indiana Lions – District 25D
c/o Cabinet Treasurer Christine Woodward
13862 Kickapoo Trail
Carmel, IN 46033



Your International Dues Statements are available on the Lions Portal as well. They are payable online or a check can be mailed to:

The International Association of Lions Clubs
35842 Eagle Way
Chicago, IL 60678-1358

Please let me know if you have any questions. You can reach me at woodward1999@sbcglobal.net

Noblesville Lions Activities With City and Members

On Jan 22nd the Noblesville Lions hosted Mayor Chris Jensen as speaker. Mayor Jensen gave a detailed account of the city activities this year. The major details focused around the construction work being accomplished, and construction that is still to come in the future. The mayor pointed out that Noblesville is the 9th largest city in Indiana with a population of 77,000 people. 2600 new jobs have been brought to Noblesville since 2020.

The club also honored three members for service anniversaries. Rocky Simpson, the current 25D Governor, was on hand for the well wishes. Those honored were Lions Mark Bachar for 25 years, Gene Beck for 40 years, and Steve Craig for 50 years.

Photo 1: Lion VP Hayden Parsons and Mayor Chris Jensen

Photo 2: Lion Mark Bachar, Lion 25D Governor Rocky Simpson, Lion Gene Beck, and Lion Steve Craig



Noblesville Lions Induct New Member Christy Oakes

On Jan 8th the Noblesville Lions inducted Christy Oakes into the club. Christy is sponsored by Lion Jen Carr; and was inducted by Lion Julia Kozicki, Club LCIF Coordinator and PDG.

Photo (L-R): Lion Jen Carr, Sponsor, Lion Julia Kozicki, and Lion Christy Oakes

Noblesville Lions Entertain Shop For Kids

At the Jan 8th meeting the Noblesville Lions Club welcomed Dustin Dixon as a speaker for Shop For Kids. Dustin outlined how the organization began through the Hamilton County Sheriff's Dept., and now operates as an independent organization. Donations are accepted and the organization can be reached at 317-678-7248.

Photo: Dustin Dixon (left) being thanked by Lion Hayden Parsons, Lions Club VP



Union City Lions Club Welcomes Greater Heights Co

The Union City Lions Club welcomed Matt Peden from Greater Heights Co to present a program on his duties working on gas lines in the area. GHC has contracted with Ohio Valley Gas Co since 2020. They primarily work in East Central Indiana.

They have been busy replacing older equipment to upgrade to current standards. Meter reading is moving to "drive-by" method with the new meters. Staff have extensive training on safety measures with 6 field employees and 6 office personnel. Matt brought visual props to explain the process. Much thanks to Matt for sharing with the group.



Elwood Donates to the Community

The Elwood Club made several donations in November and December. The club donated \$1,000 to the local YMCA for renovations to the After School Room, \$1,000 to Morrisett Center and Food Pantry for Toy Baskets, and \$500.00 for Food Baskets. The club also donated \$1,000 for books for a Bingo for Books Title I event.

Eagle Scout Celebration

DG Rocky attended the Scout Eagle ceremony with Eagle Scout Seth Clark and mom Karen Farmer at Fairmont. Troop 528 is sponsored by the Greentown Lions Club.



New Member in Greentown

At the January 27, 2025 Greentown Lions business meeting, Lion Mike Imbler inducted Dawn Pemberton as a new member to the club. Her sponsor is Lion Thom Pemberton. Welcome Lion Dawn – our 145th member!



DG Rocky Visits Russiaville

Lion 25D Governor made his official visit to the Russiaville Lions Club on January 20th. DG Rocky encouraged RLC members to keep serving in our community and “rock on!” “We serve & share kindness.”





RUSSIAVILLE LIONS AT THE MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

Russiaville Lions turned out in attendance for the Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference in January.

Lion Erin Nemeth won a prize for first time attendees – admission for the 2026 mid-winter conference.





Local Zone Meeting in Kokomo

Lions Zone 1A meeting was held at Pizza Hut in Kokomo on January 16, 2025. Despite chilly weather, Lions from Tipton, Russiaville, Kokomo, and Greentown attended.

Sweetser's Annual Planning Meeting & Induction

Sweetser's Lion Club held their annual meeting on January 16, 2025. DG Rocky attended the meeting. He got to induct the new President and Treasurer.



Indiana Lions Foundation Indiana State Fair Project



We may be shoveling snow from the sidewalk and scraping ice from the car windows now, but it's not too early to start thinking about fun and fellowship with other Indiana Lions at the 2025 Indiana State Fair. This is the Foundation's single largest fundraiser. Proceeds support the operation of the Indiana Lions State Office Building and provide funds for the Foundation's new Community Service Grants.

We have spoken to our contact at the Indiana State Fair and do not anticipate any major changes for the 2025 State Fair. The Fair will be held in Indianapolis, August 1-17, 2025, and we will need volunteers to work at six gates during the Fair.

Scan the QR code above to go to <https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/what-we-do/indiana-state-fair-volunteer/> and sign up to work for the Foundation at the 2025 Indiana State Fair.

If you liked our ferris wheel and carousel pins, you'll love our new roller coaster pin. The proposed design is shown here. The only way to get one of these pins is to work for the Foundation at the Indiana State Fair.

When you work for the Indiana Lions Foundation at the Indiana State Fair, you receive W.P. Woods Fellowship credits. Work a morning shift and receive 1 credit; work an afternoon shift and receive 2 credits. You may redeem 10 credits for a W.P. Woods Fellowship for yourself or another individual.

This past July, the board of trustees of the Indiana Lions Foundation approved a proposal to allow State Fair volunteers to redeem W.P. Woods Fellowship credits for Community Service Grants to benefit Indiana Lions clubs, Indiana Lions districts, Indiana Lions state projects, or LCIF. For more information about Community Service Grants, visit the Indiana Lions Foundation website at <https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/>.



If you need assistance signing up for this project, please contact Lion Rose Russell at 574-250-0125 or RoseWRussell@gmail.com.

If you have question about the Foundation, please contact one of the Foundation trustees in your district.



25D District Convention
Saturday, March 8



Keystone Community Building Howard Co. Fairgrounds
610 East Payton Street Greentown

Keynote Speaker
International Director Judge Anthony Paradiso

Guest Speaker
President of Gaston Lions Club & Former Miss Indiana
Chantal Sherfy

Social time at 8 am with Donuts, Coffee & Juice
Meeting is underway at 9 am

Luncheon at 12 noon: Mexican Buffet

RSVP & payment of \$25 per person no later than February 25, 2025 to:
Lion Jean Ann Wise PO Box 18 Greentown, IN 46936
(make checks payable to: Greentown Lions Club)

Make additional copies if needed

Name: _____ Title _____

Name: _____ Title _____

Home Club: _____





2025 Indiana Lions 104th State Convention

Hosted by District 25-G
April 25-27, 2025



Farmstead Inn and Conference Center, Shipshewana, Indiana
With Special Guest PIP Jimmy Ross

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR LODGING BY MARCH 26, 2025
Farmstead Inn and Conference Center, 370 S Van Buren St, Shipshewana, Indiana 46565
Call (260) 768-4595 and reference LIONS
Room Rate: \$159 + taxes per night (includes hot breakfast)

Please use one form per person

Deadline: All registration forms must be postmarked by March 26, 2025
Please clearly print name and Lion title as desired to appear on Name Badge:

Name and Lion Title: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

District: _____ Club: _____

Is this your FIRST Indiana Lions State Convention? (please circle one) YES NO

Please list any Special dietary needs here: _____

Friday Evening Dinner \$15 _____

Authentic Amish Haystack Dinner, hosted by Dunlap Lions Club

Saturday Lunch \$25 _____

Buffet: baked pineapple ham, meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad, pie

Saturday Strides Walk T-Shirt: \$20 _____

Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL (please circle one)

Saturday Dinner: \$35 _____

Plated: roast beef & poppy seed chicken, mashed potatoes, noodles, green beans, salad, pie

Total Registration Due: _____

Mail this form with payment to:

Lion Jeanine Juel, 3204 Village Ct, Goshen, IN 46528

Jeanine@martyjuel.com or (574) 370-2475

Registration must be postmarked by March 26, 2025

Make checks payable to: **Indiana Lions State Convention**

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