



Growing in Service

Hello Fellow Lions,

Well, fall is here and the leaves are changing and harvesting of crops has begun. Hope everyone is doing well, enjoying this beautiful time year with the leaves changing and all the fun fall activities. Been busy enjoying my visits with some of the clubs that I've visited so far. Just want to thank those who attended my banner night on September 13th. I greatly appreciate those who came to celebrate with me and I enjoyed the evening with my fellow Lions. Great memories made and captured some of those moments on photo.

Some things to remember are getting those service hours turned and continue serving your communities as one of our goals for this year is membership. Keep spreading the word and inviting people to your meetings to help increase our membership. For those struggling to get new members, what are some of your obstacles that you are seeing to get new members? Let's get creative and think outside the box on what we can do.

This Saturday, October 4th, I will be attending Westfield Lions Club 95th Anniversary celebration and building dedication, Congratulations on this milestone achievement to the Westfield Lions Club. Some other dates to keep in mind: October 11th is the State Council meeting at the Hampton Inn at Crown Point and October 25th is our second district cabinet meeting at Westfield Lion's Club. Now, go out and serve your communities. If you would like to share what your club is doing, please send those off to Anita Hines.

Your Fellow Lion,

Jim Dubeansky
25D District Governor



A September Full of Lion Spirit in District 25-D

Hello Lions of 25-D!

It has been a truly wonderful September in our District, alive with the constant buzz of Lions activity. From parades and festivals to service projects and car shows, our members have been out in full force, showing what it means to be Lions and making a real difference in their communities. I had the privilege of visiting with many of you this month, and every stop reminded me of the energy, dedication, and heart that makes this District so special. September might just be my favorite month of the year—though Christmas season gives it stiff competition!

One of the highlights of the month was working alongside Council Chair Rocky Simpson on an exciting new initiative—our roadside Lions recruiting signs. Together with Lion Deb and Lion Gloria, we moved signs from Marion to Frankton and then joined in the Frankton Heritage Days celebration. What an incredible event! The streets were filled with families, laughter, and community spirit. Frankton struck me as a town with so much untapped potential for Lions International. There were countless young families, energetic and committed to their community, who may not yet realize they are future Lions. Our mission is to help them see that joining the greatest service organization in the world is exactly where they belong.

The roadside signs are a step forward, but they are only the beginning. We must continue to find new, creative ways to welcome people into the Lions family. Whether it's through dynamic service projects, family-friendly events, or fresh approaches to recruiting, we must meet people where they are and invite them into the joy of service. And I know that together, we can do it. I encourage every Lion in our District to think about what first drew you to Lions. Was it friendship? A project that touched your heart? An opportunity to give back? Those same sparks are what will ignite interest in others. At the end of this article, you'll find my email—I would love to hear your ideas on how we can continue to grow and strengthen our ranks.

As we look ahead, October promises to bring even more opportunities for service and fellowship. Clubs across the District are planning exciting activities for the fall season and Halloween, from community events to family outreach and service projects that will brighten lives. I cannot wait to see the creativity and impact you bring to your towns during this festive season.

Thank you, Lions, for your dedication and passion. September reminded me once again of the power of Lions working together, and I look forward to all we will accomplish in October. Keep serving, keep growing, and keep sharing the joy of being a Lion!

Yours in service,

Lion Michael Careins
First Vice District Governor, 25-D
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September 2025 is in the books – and I had a blast!!

I started the month by meeting the new 25D Audit Chair, Westfield Lion Ron, to have the 2024-2025 books reviewed. All records have been transferred to our new Cabinet Treasurer, Upland Lion Gloria.

Next up was the 1 st Cabinet Meeting for DG Jim D at Saratoga Lions Club. They did a great job hosting the meeting and providing lunch. We had a good turnout. There were other Lions events going on that day, such as a Foundation Trustee meeting, but I would love to see more Clubs represented at the next 25D Cabinet Meeting on October 25 th at the new clubhouse of the Westfield Lions Club.

We had DG Jim's Banner Night in Union City later that day. There were Lions from all over the state and 5 of the other 6 state Governors were able to attend. One thing I learned is to be careful eating cake with colored icing.

I was able to travel to Atlantic City for the 2025 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. There were so many great sessions to attend. I met Lions from Hawaii, Arkansas, Alaska, Illinois, New York, Virginia, Canada – just to name a few locations. Your District was well represented at the Lions University Graduation. GET Jeff Kozicki earned his Doctorate, PCC Julia Kozicki earned her Masters, and I got my undergrad degree. If you are not familiar with Lions University, it is a free online program where you learn more about Lions. There are videos about the roles of Club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers even Tail Twisters. You can go online to lionsuniversity.org to learn more.

If you have never been to a USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, you should really consider it. Next year it is over Labor Day weekend in Memphis!

We Serve!

2VDG Christine Woodward



Membership Drive

My Fellow Lions,

We can now get busy on looking at our Club numbers and decide how you are going to increase the membership in your club. You can have a new member dinner, Cook out, Halloween dress-up meeting with red punch and ghoooy treats. If you do plan one of these ideas, text or email me, I'd like to be a part of something new and exciting. Memberships are out there. It's your job as our District 25D Membership member to go hunt down a new member.

This month I'm trying the wear something Lions in my day to day work routine. I have hats and shirts and when I dress up, I have a pin or two that I can wear to let people know, I'm a Lion. My biggest secret to finding new members is; New members usually aren't found at a Lions meeting. They're out in the community at the store, Schools and parks. Just waiting for someone to ask them, Hey, "You want to be a Lion " ? Try the Bank too.

So let me tell you where we are at as a District, we have lost some members and we are still negative as of where we were last month. We are not last, but we are no where close to First. Help is on the way as the spooky season is upon us. I'm happy to say we plenty of Service Projects we can ask for help this coming three months. Food Drives, Health Fairs and Fish Fries... and I can go on and on. If you're working, you need to ask someone to help. More New Lions want action and Service... Try to provide that.

We are in a little slump, but can quickly get back on top by working towards new members. We are counting on YOU!

Thanks,

Rocky

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CLUB NEWS

Vision Screening with Elementary Students

The Noblesville, Westfield, and Zionsville Lions Clubs did a vision screening at Hazel Dell Elementary on Friday, September 19. Lions screened about 180 3rd and 5th graders. *PHOTO BELOW: Front row from left to right: Vicki Neddenreip, Lisa Rhoe, Christy Oakes, and Kennedy Cardiff. Back row from left to right: Bill Nesbitt, Andy Luckey, Jeanne Auffrey, Walt Scheid, Steve Shaw. Not pictured: Dan Dumbauld.*



Supporting Gleaners

On Saturday, September 13, the Noblesville and Westfield Lions Club along with The Feeding Team distributed food from Gleaners to families in need at Hamilton Heights High School.



Noblesville Honor Flight

At their September 10th meeting, the Noblesville Lions welcomed Ed and Sherry Sweetland from Indy Honor Flight. Veteran and Lion John Grimes participated in Indy Honor Flight's 45th trip to Washington, DC earlier this year. The program has a 2-3 year waiting list, but applicants are prioritized based on age and health status. The purpose of IHF is to celebrate veteran service through a trip to see the memorials built in their honor. The program is 100% free for veterans.

There are four hubs in Indiana and 128 across the U.S. The first flight out of Indy was September 12, 2012. Since then, over 3,800 veterans have flown on 46 flights.

Veterans who wish to apply must have a DD-214 and fill out an application. Each veteran needs a guardian to travel with them who donates \$500 to the cost of the flight. They always fly on Saturdays and each flight includes 86 veterans, 86 guardians, 4 paramedics and 10 staff. They visit Arlington Cemetery for the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. They also visit the World War II memorial and the Vietnam wall. If time permits, they also visit the Air Force museum and the Iwo Jima memorial, among others. After the flight, the IHF volunteers plan monthly meals and an annual reunion for all who have flown. Veterans who have participated are encouraged to recruit other veterans. The organization is run solely on donations and has no paid employees. Upcoming flights include September 13 and October 25.

Also at this meeting, Lion Julia Kozicki inducted new members Ken and Christina Jackson.



PHOTO (left to right): First Vice President John Einsfeld, veteran and Lion John Grimes, Ed Sweetland, IHF volunteer and board member, Sherry Sweetland, IHF volunteer



PHOTO (left to right): Ken Jackson, Christina Jackson, Julia Kozicki

Union City Celebrates Banner Night

Union City Lion Member Jim Dubeansky has been selected to be the Governor for District 25-D for 2025-2026. This District of East Central Indiana includes 33 Clubs. Jim has been a LION since 2018 and has been very active in the Union City Lions Club chairing events and holding offices. Congratulations to Jim!

PHOTO: Officers from Clubs attending Banner Night at the Union City Community Room on September 13, 2025. 3rd from right is Jim Dubeansky District Governor from the Union City Lions Club who Chaired this event.



Russiaville Lions Hold Annual Golf Fundraiser

Russiaville Lions club held its annual golf outing fundraiser on Saturday, September 20. This event reflects the positive community relationships established by several members of the Russiaville Lions Club, especially Lion Bryan Altmaier. This 6th annual golf outing fundraiser was indeed fun and a financial success. Many thanks to the financial support provided by several local sponsors.



Russiaville Provides Constitution Booklets for Western Students

Russiaville Lions are always pleased when we can partner with Western Schools on various projects that help Western students, such as Indiana Lions Liberty Day. This project is specifically designed to give each Western 8th and 11th grade student a complimentary copy of the US Constitution. We provided almost 400 booklets to Western students. Booklets are printed as part of the Indiana Lions Liberty Day project, led by Lion PDG Bill Willis.



Greentown Celebrates Constitution Day with Eastern Students

Lion Thom Pemberton and State Senator Stacey Donato presented to the 8th grade class at Eastern, about the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. He spoke about the branches of government and many other interesting facts. Each student was given a booklet containing those two documents.

The students asked many interesting questions and were very attentive to what Senator Donato and Lion Thom were saying. One of the students asked “would Senator Donato present a bill that would put Bibles in schools?” She said she would....and she wanted the class to follow that bill, from the time she introduced it – to the time it became law. That was her assignment for the class. Lions assisting Lion Thom were Mike Imbler, Dave Shearer and Jean Ann Wise.





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