



Growing in Service

Dear Fellow Lions,

Hope all is doing well and you survived this hot summer we've had. I know I'm looking forward to it cooling down just a bit.

I've been busy attending Banner Nights for the fellow District Governors in District 25. They have been great meetings and I have been connecting with fellow Lions and being surrounded by those who love to serve. In addition to staying busy with Lions Club, I am working for a family farm we are preparing for harvest time. Feels just like yesterday we were planting crops and now it's time to harvest.

My banner night will take place September 13th at 6pm in Union City and invite you to attend. Union City will have a Car Show taking place downtown, so please feel free to arrive early and enjoy downtown UC before Banner Night.

My calendar is getting full with club visits and upcoming club events. I will be working down my list and scheduling club visits. If you haven't heard from me yet, know that I will be in touch soon. Clubs should have received your district and state directories in the mail. If you haven't received one, please get in touch with me.

As always, continue to network and invite people to your club meetings. Our goal this year is to gain 35 new members. Continue to serve - this is what Lions Club is all about. Continue thinking about how we can help you succeed and strengthen your club.

Upcoming dates to mark in your calendar:

- September 13th-1st Cabinet Meeting at 12pm in Saratoga
- September 13th- 25D Banner Night in Union City at 6pm located in the Community Room.
- October 25th- 2nd Cabinet Meeting at 12pm in Westfield LC

Your Fellow Lion,
Jim Dubeansky
25 D District Governor



[Photo]: Banner night at 25F

Making Lions Club Meetings Fun Again

For decades, Lions Club meetings have been a highlight for members, a time to connect with friends, share laughter, and work together for the betterment of the community. In Indiana, many clubs recall the days when meetings were lively—filled with fun skits, unique programs, friendly competitions, and memorable meals. These gatherings weren't just about business; they were about building fellowship and keeping the spirit of service exciting. As membership continues to evolve, it's time to bring that spirit back and make meetings fun again. Here are ten ways to revitalize our gatherings in Indiana.

1. Start with a Warm Welcome

A positive first impression sets the tone for the entire meeting. Make it a point to greet every member and guest at the door with a handshake and a smile. Clubs can even rotate a “greeter” role among members. Adding upbeat music as people arrive or showcasing a slideshow of past service projects can help create an energetic atmosphere.

2. Plan Engaging Programs

Meetings should include more than reports. Bring in guest speakers from the community—such as local business leaders, police officers, firefighters, or even local artisans—to share their stories. Programs that connect directly to Indiana life, like agricultural innovations, high school sports success stories, or local history presentations, keep members interested and give them something new to look forward to.

3. Make Meals Memorable

Food has always been a part of fellowship, and Indiana offers many ways to make meals more fun. Rotate themes such as “Indiana Comfort Night” with pork tenderloin sandwiches, “County Fair Favorites” with elephant ears and corn dogs, or even “International Lions Night” with dishes from around the world. Potlucks featuring members' family recipes can spark conversations and create a sense of community that extends beyond the meeting.

4. Involve Children and Grandchildren

To keep the Lions legacy alive, we must engage the next generation. Invite children and grandchildren to select meetings, giving them small roles like helping with the pledge, drawing raffle tickets, or sharing about their school or sports teams. This not only creates cherished family memories but also gives young people positive experiences with Lions, planting seeds for future membership.

5. Celebrate Achievements Big and Small

Recognizing members for their efforts goes a long way toward building excitement. Certificates, fun awards, or even lighthearted recognitions—like “most volunteer hours” or “best joke at a meeting”—show members that their contributions are seen and valued. Celebrations give everyone a reason to smile.

6. Incorporate Games and Friendly Competitions

Adding short, fun activities to meetings can break up the routine. Trivia contests about Indiana history, Lions facts, or even members’ hidden talents can be enjoyable and engaging. A little competition—like who can recruit the most new members in a month—keeps people motivated while still having fun.

7. Use Meetings as Community Service Projects

Not every meeting has to be in a hall. Occasionally, turn your gathering into a hands-on service project—such as packing food for local pantries, collecting school supplies, or visiting a nursing home. These projects not only strengthen bonds between members but also allow potential new members from the community to see Lions in action and get inspired to join.

8. Connect with Local Culture and Traditions

Indiana is full of traditions worth celebrating. Plan meetings around Hoosier themes: March Madness basketball nights, “Indiana Music Spotlight” featuring local performers, or harvest-themed gatherings in the fall. Tapping into familiar culture helps meetings feel more connected to members’ daily lives.

9. Share Stories and Laughter

A great way to make meetings fun again is by sharing personal stories. Allow members a few minutes to tell a funny memory, a heartfelt service experience, or even a short “good news” update from their family. Laughter and storytelling build friendships, and friendships keep members coming back.

10. Rotate Meeting Locations

Sometimes a change of scenery is all it takes. Consider hosting meetings in unique locations like local farms, parks, museums, or even a member’s backyard in the summer. This adds variety and makes each meeting feel special rather than routine.

Lions Clubs in Indiana have a proud tradition of fellowship and service. By focusing on meaningful programs, delicious meals, family involvement, and hands-on projects, we can breathe new life into our meetings. Making meetings fun again doesn’t just keep current members engaged—it inspires future generations to carry the torch of service forward. Let’s recapture the joy, energy, and spirit that made our clubs strong and continue to make a lasting difference in our communities.

Lion Michael Careins
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What did you do during August?

I spent some time at the Indiana State Fair! 25D Day at the Fair. It was a ton of fun! The state shirts looked great and I even had some fairgoers ask where they could buy one. My answer – join Lions!! It is always fun to meet Lions from around the state while earning money for the Indiana Lions Foundation. Thank you to everyone who helped.

My home club, Carmel Lions Club, also held their annual Fish Fry in August. It is the longest running tradition in Carmel.

Next, we are getting ready for our Golf Outing in September. There are a ton of other Clubs in the district that are holding events for their communities. Support them if you can.



I wasn't able to make it to DG Jackie Kurley's (25G) Banner Night but I will be going to DG Angela Locke's (25F) on August 30 th. Don't forget to RSVP to our Cabinet Treasurer, Lion Gloria Careins (glboyle74@gmail.com), for our very own DG Jim Dubeansky's Banner Night on September 13 th in Union City. I hope to see you all there.

We Serve!
2VDG Christine Woodward



Welcome Back District 25 D

Summer is coming to a halt and our District 25 D Lions Clubs are having meetings again. Some Clubs don't meet during July and August because they are doing service projects or have Club members on vacation - everywhere but at home. That's wonderful that we do different things during the summer months, but it sometimes puts District 25 D behind the ball when it comes to new members. We had a marvelous year last year and as we started out this year, we kind of fell off our pace as having plus membership growth. As I checked this morning the District is at -7 for the summer. It shouldn't bring you down as we all know we have been away and we can rebound this number in a couple of months. We have started our roadside signs and they are currently up in Marion. Next will be Gas City as we start the push south. So, we have a plan and it will pay off in the long run.

So here is a tidbit of information that got two new members. Nothing big but it served a purpose. A Lion Member wore the Lions Pin to work. That Lion met with a previous Lions member who left Lions due to a job change. Seeing the pin, the new member asked about the Lions Club where he now lives. The one wearing the pin even had an application at work and had the new member sign up right then. The new member came to the club's meeting that night and also signed up his wife. That club is +2 because a member wore the pin to work.

So please try an experiment: wear your Lions shirt or pin for a day and see if anyone asks you about Lions. Please have an application available for them to fill out. Then, send me a message or text about that experience.

If you need more membership applications, let me know and we'll get them to you. Most the time, all Lions have to do is "ask someone to join Lions."

Now is the time for 25 D to start the impressive new member agenda and get positive membership growth.

"Growing in Service."

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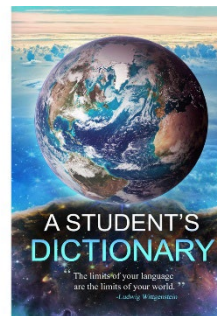


The Reading Action Program

The purpose of the Reading Action Program is to challenge Lions to focus on literacy and access to educational tools & resources. This LCI literacy program is a commitment to increasing reading and literacy rates. Some activities to support this could be: handing out free Scholastic readers, setting up at time of reading to students at school or at your "Club" house, joining "The Dictionary Project" and buying dictionaries for third grade students to keep for their very own. Students can't wait until they are third graders so they can get their Dictionary. Some are still using them when they reach high school. It isn't just a dictionary – it is a great resource for all kinds of facts and information for students to learn. Lions, get creative, for there are endless resources and possibilities in helping students increase their reading skills.

Please contact me for more information. I would love to tell you more about The Dictionary Project!

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CLUB EXCELLENCE STARTS NOW!

Lions Clubs International has updated the requirements for Club Excellence Awards. The first thing to know is that clubs will no longer submit applications - all requirements will be judged based on submissions to the Portal.

Clubs must report a minimum of 4 service activities and three of those must show participation in each of the three international weeks of service:

- Oct 4-12: Mental Health and Well-being
- Jan 3-11: Hunger
- Apr 18-26: Environment

With the first week of service coming up next month, start planning now for your Mental Health and Well-being activity. That could be sending cards or collecting puzzles for a local nursing home, sponsoring a training on suicide prevention, hosting a diabetes or eye screening, or anything else that encourages mental health and well being.

Clubs will also need to induct 20% new members, report new officers by next May 15, have 10% of the club complete 3 classes in the Lions Learning Center, and have at least 2 officers complete club officer training in the fall. Additionally, clubs must donate a minimum of \$20/member to the Lions Club International Foundation.

Clubs in 25D are doing all of these great things - make sure you are getting them reported.

Yours in Lionism,

PCC Julia Kozicki
MD25 Global Leadership

LIONS & LEOS WEEKS OF SERVICE 2025-2026



The Weeks of Service centers around significant international days, highlighting the impact of Lions through the world. Lions are encouraged to do service that greatly impacts their communities while also finding sustainable ways to increase service impact, visibility of the Lions brand through consistent periods of service.

THE 3 FOCUS AREAS FOR THIS FY INCLUDE:



MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING

LIONS SERVICE WEEK WILL BE ON
OCTOBER 4-12, 2025



HUNGER

LIONS SERVICE WEEK WILL BE FROM
JANUARY 3-11, 2026



ENVIRONMENT

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Lions hear from Noblesville City Engineer

At the August 13th meeting, Noblesville City Engineer Alison Krupski gave an update on construction projects throughout the city. She share timelines for various projects and took questions and suggestions from members. *[PHOTO]: First Vice President John Einsfeld recognized Noblesville City Engineer Alison Krupski for her informative presentation at the August 13th meeting.*



Noblesville Lions Collect Food for Schools

On Saturday, August 16, the Noblesville Lions collected food donations at the Logan Street

Kroger to support Fueled for School, the Noblesville nonprofit that provides nutritious meal packs to K-12 students experiencing food insecurity. The Lions wish to express their appreciation to David Himmelhaver and his team at Kroger for welcoming our members. Thanks also to the many Kroger customers who gave generously. In addition to a loaded pick-up truck full of peanut butter and jelly, granola bars, canned pasta and other food items, over \$200 was also donated by shoppers. Fueled for School Executive Director Kristina Trusty shared that the donations provided will be going home with students as soon as this Wednesday.

[PHOTO]: Lions members Lisa Dick, Steve Shaw, Skylar Herold, Julia Kozick, Jen Carr, Jeff Dick, Scott Willis



Noblesville Hosts DG Jim Dubeansky

At the August 27th Noblesville Lions Club meeting, Indiana Lions District Governor Jim Dubeansky shared his goals for the coming year. *[PHOTO]: First Vice President John Einsfeld recognized Jim Dubeansky, Indiana Lions District Governor for District 25D at the August 27th meeting.*



Lions meeting recognizes speakers; Lions serve at Noblesville Main Street dance

At the July 23rd meeting, the Noblesville Lions Club heard a presentation about Noblesville Main Street from executive director Kate Baker and board member Chris Theisen. *[PHOTO LEFT]: Lion David Marsh was recognized by First Vice President John Einsfeld for his presentation on his travels to Malta, Italy and Turkey at the July 9th meeting. [PHOTO RIGHT]: First Vice President John Einsfeld recognized Lion and Noblesville Main Street executive director Kate Baker and Noblesville Main Street board member Chris Theisen for their presentations about Noblesville Main Street at the July 23rd meeting.*



Lions were promoting their mission of service, emptying the trash bins at the Noblesville Main Street Dance on Sunday evening, August 3. *[PHOTO]: Lions Ron Williamson, Julia Kozicki, Joe Arrowwood, Mark Bachar, Walt Scheid, Steve Shaw, Vicki Neddenriep, Gene Beck, Rollin Cutter*



Westfield Lions' "Fore the Kids" Golf Outing Raises \$7200

Lions also Donate \$1000 to Westfield Choir & Theater Boosters

During the summer months the Westfield Lions cut back to one meeting per month, and at the August 21st meeting they were pretty busy (and generous). After wrapping up the finances for their second annual golf outing and adding a sponsorship check to one of the Westfield High School booster clubs, the Lions wrote donation checks totaling \$8200.

The Lions' "Fore the Kids" golf outing held at Pebble Brook GC raised funds for four different organizations that work with Westfield children and school students. This year's recipients of the proceeds from the golf outing were Student Impact, the Westfield Education Foundation, the Westfield Youth Assistance Program, and the Westfield Lions' WHS scholarship program. The \$7200 raised at the golf outing allowed the Lions to write \$1775 checks to each of these well-deserving organizations.

The Lions' golf outing chairman, Dave Sobczak did another masterful job organizing the event and lining up several sponsors. His hard work, along with several other Lions, ensured the event ran smoothly and all the golfers had fun (even if they didn't play well).

In addition to the donations made possible by the golf outing, the Lions continued their commitment to supporting the Westfield schools and their students by becoming a "Rocks" level sponsor for the Westfield Theater & Choir Boosters Association. The Lions have placed a huge emphasis on funding teacher and student grants, various donations, scholarships and even dictionaries to Westfield school students.

The Westfield Lions are constantly looking for more ways to be a key resource for the Westfield community. Besides raising funds for the schools and their students, they also volunteer at numerous events, and now have a state-of-the-art community center that is an affordable option to rent.

For more information on the Westfield Lions, their work in the community, their newly renovated community center, and how to become a member, go to www.westfieldlions.org.





Russiaville Supports Personal Finance & New Members

"Don't Fall for those Tricky Schemes of many Financial Scam Artists" was presented during the Russiaville Lions Club meeting on Monday, August 18th. Ms. Kimberly Graves and Ms. Trish Parker, representatives from Solidarity Federal Credit Union, did an excellent job describing various financial scams and offering sound advice concerning what to do to prevent personal financial losses from these many clever, very prevalent, and often plausible sounding financial scams. "Be alert and be vigilant." Club President, Lion Reba Casler, made a presentation of our RLC friendship banners to the Solidarity FCU representatives.

RLC also celebrated new members that evening. Lion PDG Eric presented the Lions International (New) Membership certificates to Lions Cathy and Leo Keegan. Lions Cathy and Leo have certainly demonstrated their great hearts for community service as active Russiaville Lions since they joined our club this past spring.



Lion PDG Eric also presented the Lions International New Member Sponsorship certificate to Lion Lori Seaman. (Russiaville's First VP). Lion Lori and many of our Russiaville Lions know that active membership growth is very important to our Russiaville Club and actually... to all Lions clubs.

Membership growth starts by helping our friends and neighbors better understand how we Russiaville Lions connect with others in our community and actively display our hearts for teaming up together to accomplish several different and highly valued community service projects.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS
ZONE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11TH
6:30 PM
Greentown Lions Club
610 E. Payton St.
Greentown

The purpose of this Lions Region#1 Zone A club leaders meeting is to foster collaboration, unity, share best practices and facilitate fellowship. Lion Jean Ann will be serving her famous ham sandwiches.

In memory of Lions

We sadly report the passing of Saratoga Lions Club member Ted Snyder on August 13, 2025. Ted had been a member of Lions International since 2008 beginning with Lynn Lions Club and transferred to Saratoga Lions Club in 2023. He held office of Club President at Lynn twice and was currently the 1st Vice President at Saratoga

Another long-time Lions Club member at Union City, Larry Amspaugh, passed away on September 1, 2025. Larry helped launch the Community Christmas at Harter Park, an annual light show that drew thousands of cars every holiday. This year will be the 20-year celebration. [Larry Allen Amspaugh](#)
[Obituary September 1, 2025 - Reichard Funeral Home](#)





Lions International

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MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Facts and Statistics

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. The 17 goals are an urgent call for action by all countries — developed and developing — in a global partnership. Achievement of the SDGs also relies on the involvement of volunteer organizations who connect governmental strategies and initiatives with complementary, yet essential, community action.

THIS GLOBAL CAUSE SUPPORTS SDG #3

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



ENSURE HEALTHY LIVES AND PROMOTE WELL-BEING FOR ALL AT ALL AGES



An estimated **700,000 people die by suicide every year** (World Health Organization).



On average, **2% of health budgets go to mental health** (World Health Organization).



People who are exposed to adverse circumstances — including poverty, violence, disability and inequality — are at **higher risk of developing a mental health condition** (World Health Organization).



Depression is the leading cause of disability globally, affecting an estimated more than 300 million people worldwide — the majority of them women, young people and the elderly (United Nations).



For depression, the gaps in service coverage are wide across all countries: in high-income countries, an estimated **23% of cases receive minimally adequate treatment for depression** and in low- and lower-middle income countries this is estimated at **3% of cases** (World Health Organization).



More than 80% of all people with mental disorders live in low- and middle-income countries, where the vicious cycle between mental health and poverty is particularly prevalent because of a lack of welfare safety nets and poor accessibility to effective treatment (World Health Organization).



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MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Service Ideas

lionsclubs.org/mental-health



Promote education, awareness and advocacy resources and tools from reputable organizations such as the World Health Organization and World Federation for Mental Health.



Explore the World Health Organization's mental health and well-being stigma reduction resources and promote them using social media to highlight the importance of lessening mental health stigma and debunking common misconceptions.



Contact local, state/province and federal government representatives to advocate for increased mental health funding and expanded services. Use our Lions Advocacy Toolkit to get started.



Explore ways to increase access to vital mental health screening services in your community among underserved groups by contacting and utilizing mental health professionals, psychologists and psychiatric physicians in your networks. Connect with local stakeholders such as schools, hospitals and community leaders to collaborate on shared goals.



Find your region or country's suicide prevention hotline using the International Association for Suicide Prevention's international suicide crisis hotline search feature and promote the hotline at awareness events and on social media.



Use resources, facts and statistics from the World Health Organization and World Federation for Mental Health to create a World Mental Health Day social media campaign with your club, district or multiple district. Share your impact on social media with photos, videos and other assets using the hashtag #WorldMentalHealthDay.



Donate food, toiletries or maintenance services to a local transitional living home serving disabled individuals and/or those living with various mental health conditions in your community.



Host a walk or event in partnership with a local mental health organization to raise mental health and well-being awareness utilizing the World Health Organization's mental well-being resources and depression infographics.



Volunteer at your local center for elderly care to assist with enrichment and well-being events.



Support Lions Quest social-emotional learning and well-being curriculum for youth in your community. Consider providing promotional support and curriculum delivery for Lions Quest by applying for a Lions Quest Promotional Grant or Lions Quest Community Partnership Grant.



Use resources from the International Association for Suicide Prevention to highlight World Suicide Prevention Day in your community.



Provide assistance to mental health agencies and treatment centers by hosting fundraisers, providing publicity on social media and collecting needed supplies.



Encourage well-being and development of life skills among youth by creating a local social and mentorship group in your community. Get started by watching this video about Camp Conquer, a community-based youth wellness group created by Lions in Delaware, USA.

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 **Lions International Week of Service**

Mental Health & Well-Being

October 4-12, 2025

Worldwide Service Opportunity

Lead to Serve. Serve to Lead.

Join Lions Clubs around the world

as we take action to support and raise awareness for Mental Health & Well-Being—a key priority set by Lions International President A.P. Singh.

 **Why It Matters**

Mental health challenges impact every community. As Lions, we can be a beacon of hope by reducing stigma, promoting self-care, and connecting people with resources.

How You Can Serve:

- Host a mental health first aid workshop
- Partner with local professionals for a wellness fair
- Organize stress-relief and mindfulness events
- Distribute resource guides on mental health support
- Create safe spaces for youth to talk about mental wellness

Let's open hearts and minds.

Together, we build stronger, healthier communities.

Share your service! #usehashtag **LionsForMentalHealth**



Service is our heart. Mental health is our mission.



**District 25D Banner Night
Growing in Service**

**Saturday, September 13
6:00 p.m. Social Hour
7:00 p.m. Dinner: \$30**

Chicken with potato wedges, corn, roll and dessert

**Union City Community Building
101 N. Columbia St., Union City, IN 47390**

**RSVP to: Gloria Careins
glcareins@gmail.com
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**Mail checks to:
District 25D
188 S 700 E
Hartford City, IN 47348**

**Don't forget to bring your club banner!
Attire: Lions Casual**

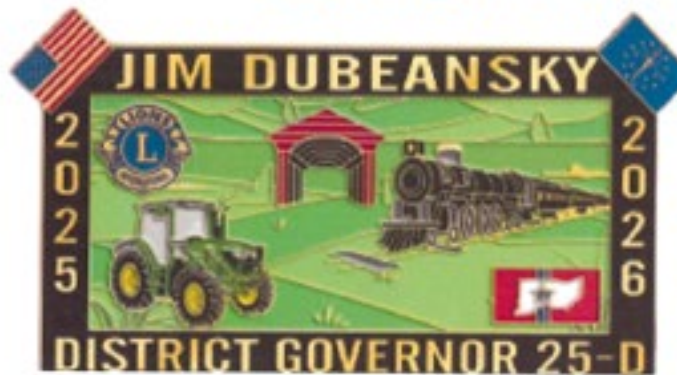
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LIONS DISTRICT 25-D 1st CABINET MEETING "Growing in Service"



DATE

SEP 13, 2025

Location: Saratoga Lions Club
125 W. Pearl St.
Saratoga, IN 47382



TIME

11:30A SOCIAL
12:00P MEAL
MEETING TO FOLLOW

REGISTER NOW

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Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference

ALL **IN** FOR 



Opportunities for Learning

**It's not too early to
start planning for
2026.**

**Mark your calendar
now for the 2026
Mid-Winter
Conference.**



Opportunities for Service



Opportunities for Fellowship

**Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport
January 16-17, 2026**