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LCIF answering the call

By PDG Ken Faulkner

Hello Lions!
As most of you know, on Sept. 26, Hurricane Helene made landfall and continued up the east coast with a path covering 500 miles from Florida to the Southern Appalachians. Several states were impacted, and tragically, the death toll has risen to the hundreds. Not even two weeks later, Hurricane Milton made landfall near Siesta Key, Fla., with a second round of devastation to already impacted areas.

LCIF was ready and answered the call to action. This would not be possible without the ongoing support of our generous Lions like the one reading this article. As of Nov. 11, LCIF has awarded 13 grants across five states (Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina,

and Tennessee) totaling \$365,000 to date. Another 11 each Emergency Grants totaling \$165,000. Two each Major Catastrophe grants for MD35 (Florida) and MD31 (North Carolina) totaling \$200,000, all totaling \$730,000. This doesn't include any donation made directly to a truck traveling to those 5 states.

I would ask that if you still want to make a donation to the Southeast, you can go online to lionsclubs.org/en/donate. Please choose Empowering Service as LCIF knows where this money is needed. If you can't go online, then call me at (317) 847-7884 and I can tell you how.

Did you know that every club has an LCIF Club Coordinator? If there is not one named, then the Immediate Past President is the one by default. We need you trained! Please watch your email from



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your District Coordinators as this needs to be done by Jan. 1, 2025.

Also, plan to attend Seminar No. 11 at the Jan. 18, 2025, Mid-Winter Conference to learn more about the INVOAD and what is expected of disaster case managers.

Lion John Wilkins is the Chair of the Emergency Preparedness & Disaster Assistance Committee.

Disaster case management

Submitted by Lion John Wilkins

The Lions of Indiana are members of a statewide consortium of service organizations and government agencies focused on disaster response and recovery. This organization is called the Indiana Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (INVOAD).

Each of the 25 members of INVOAD bring their own unique set of capabilities to bear on a disaster. For the Lions of Indiana, we can bring the financial resources

of LCIF to bear, but we also have the opportunity to fill a much-needed role and that is serving as disaster case managers.

Disaster case management is a time-limited process by which a skilled (trained) helper, a Disaster Case Manager, partners with a disaster affected individual or family in order to plan and achieve realistic goals for recovery after a disaster.

Lions are great candidates to serve as Disaster Case Managers. If you have an interest in serving your community in this

way, plan to attend a day-long training session on March 1, 2025, at the Zionsville Lions Clubhouse, 115 Elm St., Zionsville. The training will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and lunch will be provided.

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Council Chair gets back to basics



Council Chairperson's Corner

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Happy holidays to all for the many holidays celebrated in December. My theme for articles this year is "Back to Basics," where I plan to highlight the basics of Lionism and share the joy of Lionism in Indiana.

As we prepare to wrap up 2024 and think about resolutions for 2025, now is a great time to focus on the Mission Statement of Lions International:

To empower Lions clubs, volunteers and partners to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian service and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding.

As Lions, we serve in lots of ways, but sometimes, it's helpful to have ways to narrow down the options. Let's use the mission statement to reflect on what we have accomplished in 2024 and what we

can plan for in 2025.

How do we improve health and well-being? We conduct vision screenings for thousands of kids from 18 months up to eighth grade across Indiana; we support cancer research at Riley Children's Hospital; we support education and research about diabetes; and we volunteer with hunger relief through a variety of local organizations across the state.

How do we strengthen communities? We run youth baseball fields, support Law Camps, conduct street clean-ups, plant trees, hold fundraisers (tenderloins, fish fries, pancake breakfasts) that bring people together to fund local projects. When local groups need volunteers to help with their projects, the Lions are ready to serve. That spirit of service helps to bind our communities.

How do we support those in need and impact lives globally? The donations we make to the Lions Club International Foundation have assisted those in need here in Indiana in 2024 with tornados in east central and southern Indiana, but have also assisted people devastated by wildfires in Hawaii, hurricanes in Florida and the Carolinas, and with earthquakes and other devastation around the world.

Finally, how are we supporting peace

and international understanding? Our Lions peace poster contest is coming to an end for 2024 – the governors will choose a winner to send to the international competition by the middle of December. This year's contest centered on the theme "Peace Without Limits" and we had some outstanding entries from across the state. The kits for the 2025 contest are available from International Headquarters in January – what a great way to connect with your local schools and to encourage discussions about peace in our challenged world.

As we enter 2025, what are you, and what is your club, doing to support these objectives of Lions International? Do you need new ideas for service, or help with existing projects? Have you thought about the Club Excellence Award? We're at the halfway point of the Lions year – now is the time to assess where you are and what you can still achieve.

Elsewhere in the *Hoosier Lion*, you will find information on the Midwinter Conference, which is an excellent way to kick-start the second half of the year. I hope to see you there as we work to fulfill our mission of improving health, strengthening communities, supporting those in need, and encouraging peace.



Gearing up for 2025 State Convention

Greetings Indiana State Lions!

The 2025 Indiana Lions State Convention committee hopes you have or had a wonderful holiday season.

As you look forward to 2025 filled with Indiana Lions activities, we want you to include attending the State Convention on the weekend of April 25-27 in Shpshewana at the Farmstead Inn. The committee has been busy since last convention planning an activity that you'll not want to miss.

All of the main puzzle pieces are in place – all we need now is your participation.

Our special guest will be IPP Jimmy Ross from Texas, our Saturday luncheon will feature remarks from a well-known local celebrity, all meals will feature Amish-style catering, our vendor and exhibit space will be bigger and better than ever, and the Shpshewana area is renowned for its shopping possibilities.

Room registration can be made now at the Farmstead Inn by calling (260) 768-4595. Registration for the Convention, which will have choices of a Friday evening Haystack dinner, Saturday lunch, and Saturday dinner along with a Strides Walk, will be available at the start of 2025.

Forms will be at the Mid-Winter Conference, online at our website, through Facebook, and featured in the February and April Hoosier Lion.

Yours in Lionism,
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SAVE THIS DATE!
Jan. 18, 2025

Have you ever needed "Help?"

Do you feel like you are working "Eight Days a Week?"

Can you only get by "With a Little Help from Your Friends?"

Is it true that "All you need is Love?"

If you have wondered about any of these questions, then have we got the Seminar for YOU! At the Mid-Winter Conference on January 18th, we will come together to explore Lionism through the music of the Beatles.

Will this happen "Any Time at All?" No, it's only at the MD 25 Mid-Winter Conference presented by Lion Jeff Kozicki.

The registration form is on Page 11.



Plenty of ways for you to help others

<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #f9f9f9;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference Make Your Mark In Indiana</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Service Project: Care-ing Cases</p> <p>We will use clean used hard eyeglass cases to create personal first aid kits and small plastic storage bags to create personal hygiene kits which our District Governors will share with those in need in their districts.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport January 17-18, 2025</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #f9f9f9;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference Make Your Mark In Indiana</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Service Project: Sock It To Me!</p> <p>We will collect new socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, knit hats, and blankets which our District Governors will share with those in need in their districts or other areas.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport January 17-18, 2025</p> </div>
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Mid-Winter Conference really isn't that far off ... can YOU help? We're wondering ... do the state projects have something they could donate. You're probably asking, "Like what?" How about tablets, ink pens, magnifying glass (in case they lost their glasses), drawstring backpacks, or eyeglass cleaner. Just look at your promo items and see if you have anything that would help a homeless person with little or a disaster victim. Needed: MWC 125 of same item; State Convention 125 of same item. For more information, email gail45robbins@gmail.com.

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Moving District 25 forward

By DG **Patty Cooke-Furlong**
District 25A Governor

I am going to borrow some words from one of our Mission 1.5 Leaders:

MISSION POSSIBLE: A COMMITMENT TO SERVICE & COMMUNITY

The phrase "Mission Possible" embodies our unwavering belief that every challenge can be met with determination, creativity, and collaboration. It signifies that no matter how daunting the task may seem, our commitment to service and community makes the seemingly impossible achievable. It inspires us to tackle issues head-on, reinforcing the idea that through collective effort and innovative thinking, we can effect real change in our communities.

BREATHING NEW LIFE INTO LIONISM

Chartering new clubs isn't just about growth; it's about breathing new life into Lionism, securing its future, and empowering a new generation of leaders to carry the torch of service forward. This initiative is a multi-faceted approach that touches every aspect of our organization, reshaping the way we engage with our communities and each other.

MISSION 1.5 IS POSSIBLE

As we look to the future, we must remain committed to this journey of growth and revitalization. Each new club is a beacon of hope and a testament to our collec-

	Add	Reinstate	Transfer	Drop	Net Gain
Bass Lake	3	0	0	-1	2
Chesterton	1	0	0	-1	0
Crown Point	2	0	0	-1	1
IHEC	2	1	0	-2	1
Koontz Lake	5	0	0	0	5
Kouts	2	0	0	0	2
LOFS	3	1	0	0	4
Lowell	5	0	0	0	5
Monterey	2	0	0	0	2
Morocco	1	0	0	-1	0
Munster	4	1	0	-1	4
Ogden Dunes	1	0	0	0	1
Portage	2	0	0	0	2
South Haven	1	0	0	-1	0
Star City	0	0	1	0	1
Valparaiso	1	0	0	-1	0
Westville	2	0	0	0	2
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tive dedication to service. By embracing the spirit of "Mission Possible," we're not just expanding our organization - we're strengthening the fabric of our communities and reinforcing our shared commitment to making the world a better place.

Let's embrace the spirit!
Pat Vannett, PID
Global Action Team CA1
Leader

We do need to embrace this spirit to move District 25A forward!

When was the last time we actively started new clubs? I think it came too

easy for so many years so we never needed a strategy to find a place to start a new club. Every small town had a club, every big city had multiple clubs, and there were even small clubs in the out-of-the-way communities between the towns and cities.

We have identified some locations for new clubs. Most of these are areas that were farmland a few years ago, but are now thriving communities. We will embrace the spirit and charter a new club this year!

All the Clubs that have added members - either

new, reinstated, or transferred - are listed here. The number of dropped members is also shown, along with the net gain of that club. The number at the bottom - Other Drops - is from clubs who are in the negative. They have only dropped members.

I will celebrate the fact that District 25A is positive at this point and thank the clubs listed! But I know we all must keep working to find new members so that we can better serve our communities. And I will look forward to this list growing!



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Westville Lions vision screenings go high-tech

Lions Marybeth Slont and Debi Ingram assisted Operation Kidsight Coordinator Karlene Roe for Pre-school and Kindergarten students at Westville Elementary school for vision screenings on Monday, Oct. 28.

A total of 66 students were screened; eight of those students received a referral to see an optometrist, and two of those eight are already under a doctor's care.

Operation Kidsight uses the PlusOptix screening system. The volunteer takes a digital "camera" measurement of the child's eyes from a comfortable distance of three to four feet. A pass/referral is used as set by the American Association of

Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus as modified by Dr. Daniel Neely a pediatric Ophthalmologist at the Indiana School of Medicine, Riley Hospital for Children, and the Midwest Eye Institute. This camera is used for ages 18 months to six years of age.

It always makes the Lions feel good when they can catch a vision problem early, especially so early in the school year. These three Lions were joined with fellow Lions to assist with acuity vision screening for first-, third-, fifth-, and eighth-grade students on Friday, Nov. 8 at Westville School, where they screened 288 students.

Thank you for supporting the Lions.



Photos provided

(ABOVE LEFT, from left) Lion Dennis Fischer, Bingo Prize Cart; Daniel Novak, second Bingo game winner; and Lion Bonnie Olson, Club President & Project Chair. (ABOVE RIGHT, standing, from left) Lion Dennis Fischer with the prize cart, Lion Cindy Fischer confirming Bingos, and Charlie McLemore, activities director.

Bingo brings bonafide fun

On Thursday, Nov. 14 at 2:30 p.m., members of the Door Village Lions Club hosted a bingo party for residents at Brickyard Terrace with lots of prizes, including some tasty snacks.

Julie Jones, Activities Assistant at Brickyard, had already gathered the interested residents in the dining hall where Lion Bonnie Olson, President of Door Village Lions, assisted by Lions Cindy and Dennis Fischer, had prepared the Bingo Caller's table and the cart full of prizes. With

all that in place, the games began.

Lion Gene Flickinger called the numbers and the shouts of "Bingo!" soon filled the room. Lions Cindy and Dennis confirmed the bingos as each one was called while Lions Bonnie and George Morley and George's wife Dory, along with Brickyard Activities Director Charlie McLemore, assisted players with various limitations.

The games were changed up several times by Bingo Caller Lion Gene and others throughout the session,

and along with the variety of games and Lion Gene's occasional jokes offered between called numbers, the party was a sparkling success. It was obvious the residents enjoyed the stuffed toys, snacks, and sundry items they chose from the prize cart.

The party ended with all those who did not Bingo having the opportunity to make a selection from the prize cart.

The project was spearheaded by Lion Bonnie, who regularly volunteers at the Salvation Army where

she heard that Brickyard was seeking organizations to host events at the Terrace. She brought the idea to club members and it was approved and planned for with Lion Bonnie buying the prizes and organizing the project.

Lions everywhere are constantly working to help those in need and to contribute to their community, and Door Village Lions were certainly pleased they were able to contribute on this new project, and continue with their motto, "We Serve."



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Munster Lions DARE to give back in big ways

The Munster Lions made a donation of \$1,000 to the DARE program during their Oct. 16 meeting. Accepting the donation was Officer James Ghrist of the Munster Police Department.

The Town of Munster has supported the DARE program since 1988. Of-

ficer Ghrist has taught the program at various schools in the town for many years and has been recognized for his efforts. DARE teaches kids to recognize and resist the direct and subtle pressures that influence them to experiment with alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and other drugs.

**Thanks For Reading
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Greetings from District B(ee)

By DG Jim Bush
District 25B Governor

As we enter the holiday season, we're also passing the midway point of our Lions year.

We've been very busy to this point, serving our friends and neighbors, fellow Americans, and people in need around the world. Since the International convention we've had countless meetings, visits, projects, and are in the process of planning future conferences, state conventions, and numerous other events and projects, not to mention all the holiday gatherings with family and friends.

We can't stop, but as we pause for the season, please take time to set all the stressors aside and celebrate. Celebrate new friends, your service, blessings we've received, and celebrate another successful Lions calendar year. You've all done your Lions best, and that is something to be joyful about. People from all walks of life are beneficiaries of your efforts, and it's okay to celebrate your contributions.

As you celebrate, think about your favorite stories and share those with your friends and on social media. This is a great time of year, when we give back to our communities at community events and providing a personal touch by shopping for people and meeting some of their needs. Consider inviting your friends to come out

and share the joy of service with you.

Typically, this is a slow time for projects, so if you have a few minutes, consider taking a little time to explore the LCI website and explore ideas for a new service project in the coming year. It may be a little chilly to be outside doing service projects, but you can begin putting together solid plans for warmer days.

While you're planning, consider making plans to attend some district and multiple district events. 2025 promises to be an exciting year for our district and state. For more excitement you may want to plan to attend and RSVP for the following events:

- **Mid Winter Conference:** Jan. 17-18 at the Crown Plaza Hotel Indianapolis Airport

- **District B Convention:** Feb. 28 and March 1 Huntington University, featuring guest speaker International Director John Lawrence from Chestertown, Md.

- **State Convention:** April 25-27, 2025, Farmstead Inn and Conference Center, Shipshewana

- **International Convention:** July 13-17, 2025, Orlando, Fla.

Look for registration information online and in upcoming newsletters and sign up for the adventure. If not sooner, I hope to see you all at Mid-Winter Conference. Happy Holidays!

We Serve!

Andrews Lions serve Thanksgiving

By Mike Okuly
Secretary, Andrews Lions

Andrews Lions were invited to serve Thanksgiving dinner to the Boys & Girls Club of Andrews at the Lions building. We served over 25 kids and their families, totaling around 60 people. It was a great turnout with

plenty of food and good times.

After dinner we played Bingo from 5 to 7 p.m. This was a great time to meet the younger parents. Several did not know what we do as Lions.

We had all the trimmings and pies. Some asked more about Lions.

In Memory of Lion Jerry Woodworth

Jerry Woodworth, age 84, of Topeka, IN passed away on Saturday, November 9, 2024 at home as the result of natural causes. He was born on March 17, 1940 to Lloyd & Helen (Fought) Woodworth in Kendallville. On November 15, 1963 he married Carol Ann Colby. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Carol Ann Woodworth; and a sister, Joella Hunter.



A private graveside service was held at Maple Grove Cemetery where Jerry was laid to rest and military honors was rendered. Pastor Harold Gingerich officiated.

Editor's Note: Lions Jerry and Ann Woodworth from the Topeka Club were very active prior to Lion Ann's passing from cancer. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Zanesville pride grows by three



Photo provided

Zone Chairman Mike Okuly (shown here with his back to the camera) performed an induction ceremony for our three new members at the Zanesville Lions Club. The new members, left to right, are Ashley Ward, Corey Robbins, and Brittany Rauch, joined by Membership Chair Cheryl Tracey. Lion Tracy is the sponsor of the three new members.

Always room for more Monroeville Lions



Photo provided

2nd VDG Beth Kohli inducted two new members at the Monroeville Lions November meeting. Pictured are Sponsor Susan Hoffman with new member Brent McMillan; Sponsor Judy Wagner with new member Sarah Cartwright, and 2nd VDG Beth Kohli.

Notes from the 1st Vice District Governor

By Pam Arnold
1st VDG 25B

This time of year seems to roll around faster and faster every year. I guess that's a sign that I'm getting older. So, if that's the case I'm going to take some time and count my blessings.

In our society I don't think we take time to think about all the blessings that we have in our life. We just take them for granted and assume that they will al-

ways be there. What a rude awakening if one day we woke up and they would all be gone.

We have so many things in our lives, but what about all of the really important people in our lives? Maybe it's time to let the loved ones in your life know how much they are loved and how important they are to you. We aren't mind readers and it's really nice to know that you are loved. Give them an extra special

hug. That's always nice.

Take time to enjoy your family this holiday season even if they drive you crazy. Remember to be thankful for every moment you have with your family. You don't know what lies ahead. Be thankful that you have a family. Be thankful for the wonderful food you will have to eat, and if you are on a diet, take smaller helpings. It's okay - you can work out and eat less the next day. Count your

blessings!

This past year, the ladies that I graduated from high school with have been getting together for lunch every month and we've hugged each other and told each other that we love each other. I've thought to myself, "we never did that in high school." How sad is that?

So, take some time to count your many blessings, name them one by one! Enjoy the holidays!

Roars from District C

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Take a breath and enjoy it

By DG John Waymire
District 25C Governor

Hello Fellow Lions, Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year! Among the hustle and bustle of the holidays, I hope you had the opportunity to enjoy family, food, and fellowship. Take a breath now and let the beauty of the snow fall around you. Outside of shoveling it and getting stuck in it, snow is very calming as it falls. Enjoy the moment. Spring will be here before you know it.

And Spring means renewal. The flowers push through the snow, the trees bud out, and the grass starts to turn green. For Lions, Spring is also a time of renewal. We need to review what we have accomplished to see if we are making progress on our club and district goals that we set back in July.

We have half a Lions year to meet and exceed those goals. Take a fresh look at our communities. Is there a need or a service project that your club can fill? As the snow melts around us and we come out of the winter darkness, what service can we do for our communities? What strengths does your club have to take advantage of the opportunities available?

I look forward to getting out and visiting more clubs. That is the main job of a District Governor – to serve district Lions clubs. How can I help you provide more hands to provide more service to your communities so that your club can throw more starfish into the sea.

Be the Service Difference.

Yours in Lionism,
DG John Waymire

Lions step up for Hurricane Helene disaster relief efforts

Hurricane Helene caused massive destruction throughout the southeastern U.S. Lions have responded in a variety of ways, including hundreds of thousands of dollars of LCIF emergency grant funding to many Lions districts in multiple states.

In addition to this, many Lions clubs around the country have organized local collection points for relief supplies delivered into the disaster zone. One such effort has been organized in Indiana by the Lapel, Matthews, Upland, and Gas City communities.

The Lapel club set up a collection and sorting operation, which resulted in a semi-trailer filled with 14 skids of supplies. These supplies were to be sent to Asheville, N.C., but when it was learned that this area had adequate supplies, a new, more pressing need was identified in the small community of Douglas, Ga., about 200 miles south of Atlanta. Douglas suffered heavy damage from Helene.

Georgia PCC Cathy Williams from the Douglas club contacted LCI headquarters in Oak Brook asking for assistance, which led to a phone call to PDG Charley Short who then forwarded the information to Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Assistance Chair John Wilkins. Lion John contacted PCC Cathy, who explained the dire need for supplies in Douglas as the community had exhausted their relief supplies.

On Wednesday, Oct. 16, a semi loaded with supplies collected and organized in Lapel left a freight terminal in Ft. Wayne bound for Douglas. It arrived in Douglas the following day.

In addition to these supplies, which provided a few days of relief, we have identified a list of urgent supplies needed in Douglas. DG John and Lion John have proposed that the 50 clubs comprising District C 'adopt' the Douglas club and community by encouraging clubs and members to order supplies via Amazon, Walmart, Target, or other vendors and have these orders shipped directly to a receiving point in Douglas.

Needs include diapers,

baby formula, baby wipes, Ensure, adult diapers for seniors, and non-perishable food items. These items can be shipped directly to:

Douglas Lions Club
1525 Pope Drive
Douglas, GA 31533
Phone: 912-389-6106

HURRICANE RELIEF NEEDS LIST

Ship to:

Douglas Lions Club
1525 Pope Drive
Douglas, GA 31533
912-389-6106

- Similac Advance Infant Formula with Iron, Baby Formula Powder, 30.8-oz Value Can 30.8 Ounce (Pack of 1)
- Gerber Purees 2nd Foods Veggie & Fruit Variety Pack, 8 Ounces, Box of 16
- Pampers Swaddlers Diapers - Size 1, One Month Supply (198 Count), Ultra Soft Disposable Baby Diapers
- Pampers Cruisers 360 Diapers Size 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7
- Huggies Size 1 Diapers, Little Snugglers Diapers, Size 1 (8-14 lbs), 198 Ct (6 packs of 33)
- Huggies Skin Essentials Baby Wipes, Hypoallergenic, 99% Water, 6 Flip Top Packs (336 Wipes Total)
- Amazon Brand - Happy Belly Purified Water, Plastic Bottles, 16.91 fl oz (Pack of 24)
- Niro Assortment Ensure Variety Pack | Ensure Original Nutrition Shakes | Milk Chocolate Shake, Vanilla Shake, and Strawberry | Nutritional, Full of Vitamins and Minerals 12 Pack With Niro Travel Beverage Sleeve
- Depend Night Defense Adult Incontinence & Postpartum Bladder Leak Underwear for Women, Disposable, Overnight, Medium, Blush, 60 Count (4 Packs of 15)
- Depend Fresh Protection Adult Incontinence Underwear for Men, Disposable, Maximum, Large, Grey, 72 Count (2 Packs of 36)

Non-perishable food items of your choosing. Some examples are:

- Dole Variety Pack fruit cups (12 pack)
- Maruchan Instant Lunch - Chicken Flavor
- Great Value Premium Shells & Cheese (4 pack)
- Quaker Instant Oats - Flavor Variety (48 pack)
- Dole Diced Peaches (12 pack)
- Chef Boyardee Lasagna

Clinton Club gets additional vision screening equipment



Photo provided
Indiana Lions Foundation Vice-President Lion John Wilkins (far left) and District C Foundation Trustee PDG Ray Collins (second from left) were present at the Clinton Lions Club meeting on Nov. 27 to present a \$1,000 matching grant check to the club for the purchase of a PlusOptix camera for their Kidsight program. Accepting the check was Lion Jerry Spur (first from left). Also present was PID Nick Xinopoulos (far right), who presented the club with an Optec vision screener for use in the club's school vision screening program. Club matching grants up to \$1,000 are available through the Indiana Lions Foundation. Applications can be accessed at indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/what-we-do/foundation-matching-grant.

Brownsburg Lions are a blessing



Photo provided
The Brownsburg Lions Club have a new project! There are six "Blessing Boxes" in their town where food items are available for individuals and families in need. These boxes are maintained by a group of caring women, but the boxes were in need of many repairs and some new paint. Brownsburg Lions spent many hours inspecting, repairing, and painting the boxes to make sure the food items are kept safe and dry. The Brownsburg Club will continue to monitor and repair these "Blessing Boxes" as needed. (From left) Lions Ray Furner, Bob Ford, Mark DeVault, PID Nick Xinopoulos, and John Fletcher.

Plainfield Lions Club saves vision and promotes literacy

The fall months are a busy time for the Plainfield Lions Club. They can be found conducting preschool vision screenings throughout Hendricks County.

A total of 14 preschools participated in this free program under the oversight of Indiana Lions KidSight this year between August and October. Every student at the 14 schools received an age-appropriate book to promote literacy regardless of their participation in the screening. Out of 568 children screened, 26 children were referred for additional professional follow-up by an eye doctor of their family's choice.

More than 12 million school-age children in the United States have some form of a vision problem, yet only one in three have received eye care services before age six. Many vi-

sion problems run the risk of becoming permanent if not corrected by age seven when the eye reaches full maturity. Vision plays an important role in education. Eighty percent of learning is visual according to educational experts.

The Plainfield Lions uses a PlusOptix screening camera. Using infrared light, the camera can detect problems such as astigmatism, nearsightedness, farsightedness, lazy eye, and other imbalances in as little as five seconds. Children need only to sit in a small chair and look at the camera's smiley face while a Lion member operates the camera.

"Early screenings lead to early detection, which helps ensure that children get the follow-up care they need," Lion Tom Iles said. "We want to make sure that

correctable vision problems don't stand in the way of our children learning and seeing the world clearly. Children 6 months through 6 years is the age group we target."

Helen Keller challenged the Lions to be "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." The Plainfield Lions Club continues the challenge in numerous ways. Three elderly individuals in need received free eye exams and glasses this year. A surgical ocular assistance grant was recently procured in September through VisionFirst to help a Plainfield resident obtain cataract surgery in both eyes.

These services are offered free of charge by the Plainfield Lions Club. To request a group screening, financial help with vision needs, or want to learn



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more about these programs, please contact the Plainfield Lions at plainfield.in.li-ions@gmail.com.



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So much going on around District C



(LEFT) Cloverdale Lions Club President Dakota Lanham. (MIDDLE) District Governor John Waymire and the Cloverdale Lions Club. (RIGHT) District Governor John Waymire and PCC Scott Smith visiting the Cloverdale Lions Club.



The Camden Lions Club joined the Delphi Lions Club for dinner and a visit by District Governor John Waymire.



DG John Waymire paid a visit recently to the Flora Lions Club. They presented him with a check in support of all Lions State projects.



Hello, Spencer Lions!



DG John Waymire enjoys Mr. Daniel as he entertains the children during the Zionsville's Lions Clubs Pumpkins & Hayrides event.



District Governor John Waymire visits the Poland and Brazil Lions Clubs.



A life of serving



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Thank you SFC Richard C. Marshall, Jr. He was an Army Veteran for more than 30 years. He became a Prairie Creek Lions Club Lion one year ago. This awesome Lion bought a church after the pastor retired, and it's now the [Allen D. McQueen Hope Community Center](#), of which he is president. It is now a Community Center for Vets and the community to use. Congratulations to Lion Richard who is truly serving his community.

Stepping up to serve



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Zionsville Lions Club celebrated Thanksgiving with a delicious meal made by three of the Lion members then inducting five new members. They are part of the 196 members sharing in serving their community. (ABOVE) PDG Tom Robbins, membership chair, welcomes new members Leo Leighton and Dr. Osa Schulte, sponsors Lion Gail Robbins and Lion Ross Miller, new member Alex Nester, sponsor Lion Kurt Eckert, new members Terry Anderson and Roxanne Blackwell, and sponsor Lion Anne DelPozzo.



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Get to know your District C Clubs Hello, Plainfield Lions!

The Plainfield Lions Club was established on April 1, 1926 with 20 members as part of the International Lions Club organization. The club was sponsored by the Lafayette Lions Club.

The Plainfield Lions has a rich history with the schools. One of the club's first service projects was helping to advance the kindergarten plan to open the first kindergarten within the Plainfield education system.

In the mid-1970s, the Plainfield Lions were instrumental in copyrighting the new school mascot when Quaker Oats threatened the school system with a lawsuit for using the Quaker Oats man as the school's mascot. The club's pin, "The Fighting Quaker" with the International Lions Club logo on his chest, is in recognition of this endeavor.

Nowadays, the club conducts county wide pre-school vision screenings. A total of 567 children were screened with 26 referrals this year. Age-appropriate books to promote literacy are also given at the screenings. Starting in the late 1990s, the club initiated a community outreach program with the Plainfield elementary schools to provide handmade valentine cards. Approximately 1,200 residents residing in the local senior living facilities received cards.

Recently the Plainfield Lions, working closely with VisionFirst's ocular surgical assistance program, helped save the sight of three individuals: a child needing a corneal cross-linking procedure to treat keratoconus, a gentleman needing cataract lens replacement surgery, and an elderly lady using her own blood to make platelet-rich plasma eye drops to treat neurotrophic keratitis to stop the scarring, melting, and perforation of her corneas.

The Plainfield Lions support the five Indiana Lions state projects and LCIF. Locally, they support Sheltering Wings in their fight against domestic violence, Family Promise in combating homelessness, Susie's Place in protecting children against sexual abuse, and the Plainfield Youth Assistance Program in addressing youth delinquency and the developmental needs of handling difficult situations. To increase public visibility, the purchase of limestone benches for the Plainfield Bicentennial Plaza in celebration of Lions International 100th Anniversary and sponsoring Shakespeare in the Park took place.

These and the little things such as color blindness kits and immersive reading books for the public library, snacks for the USO Indianapolis Airport Center have made the club



well regarded for fostering community support.

None of this is possible without good fundraising. The club abandoned selling the citrus fruit, the cornerstone of their fundraising, in favor of hosting craft fairs. With greater revenue, the Plainfield Lions now award three \$1,000 college scholarships and secured a medical-grade refrigerator for insulin storage for Hope Healthcare Services with a matching grant from the Indiana Lions Foundation. Hope Healthcare Services offers low-cost quality healthcare to Hendricks

County residents without health insurance.

The Plainfield Lions Club is recognized as a LCIF Model Club. The club has 23 members. As a testament to the member's commitment to serve, nine Melvin Jones Fellowships – some being Progressive Fellowships – and 22 W.P. Woods Fellows have been awarded in the past two decades.

For more information, you can visit their official website at plainfieldlionsindiana.weebly.com or follow them at [Facebook.com/PlainfieldLions](https://www.facebook.com/PlainfieldLions).



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Views from the 2024 Lions Women's Symposium



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District C PDG Patti Foxx chaired this year's Women's Symposium. Among the guests were PDG Vern Tincher, Lion Janet & PCC Reed Fish, PID Linda Tincher, Sensei Garry Howard, and PDG Patti Foxx. Self-defense techniques were given by Sensei Garry Howard, with over 56 years of experience. He is a fifth degree in Aikido Martial arts. PID Linda Tincher spoke on the involvement of women in Lions. Women were allowed to join a Lions Club starting in 1987.



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Merry Christmas to all Lions!

By DG Rocky Simpson
District 25D Governor

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 with special greetings to all Lions everywhere. MERRY CHRISTMAS to all and to all a good night!

Yours in Lionism,
DG Rocky

Westfield Lions stepping up for displaced vets

HVAF facility in Indy burns; over 50 homeless veterans lose housing

By JEFF LARRISON
Westfield Lions Club



On Saturday, Oct. 26, the Helping Veterans and Families (HVAF) facility located in the 900 block of North Pennsylvania Street in Indianapolis suffered catastrophic damage after a fire broke out in the building. At this location, HVAF provides housing for more than 50 homeless veterans, as well as operating a clothing and food pantry for veterans in need.

The Westfield Lions Club has been a strong and active supporter of HVAF for several years. This has included collecting food and clothing for veterans and their families along with donating more than \$10,000 to HVAF's operation.

Recognizing HVAF's urgent need for assistance after the fire, the Lions immediately stepped up to make a \$1,500 donation to help with the costs of finding temporary housing, food, and clothing for the displaced vets.

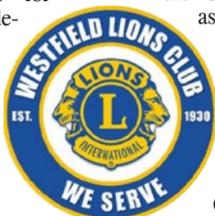
The HVAF is committed to helping veterans suffering from homelessness, unemployment, and psychological issues. This tremendous organization, and the veterans it serves, needs the community's help. The Westfield Lions urge you to please visit hvafofindiana.org to find out how you can make a monetary donation or donate food, clothing, and furniture.

Westfield Lions celebrate 94 years of service

Hamilton County's oldest service club presents annual awards

By JEFF LARRISON
Westfield Lions Club

On Oct. 17, the Westfield Lions Club celebrated its 94th anniversary with special awards for some well-deserving members and an amazing dinner prepared by the Westfield High School Foodies team.



Lion Jerry Kirby was awarded the Richard T. Miyamoto Fellowship Award for his tireless volunteer work at all the Club's events, as well as participating on several club committees. He is currently serving as the Club's 2nd vice president this year. The Miyamoto Fellowship is named after Dr. Richard Miyamoto and is awarded to Lions for exceptional dedication and service to others in accord with the mission of Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Incorporated.

The W.P. Woods Fel-

lowship was awarded to Lion John Wardlow for the tremendous work he has done for the Club over the 10 years he has been a member. He's served as the Club's president, as well as being on the board of directors for four years. Lion Wardlow's efforts to secure ARPA funds during COVID resulted in the Westfield Lions Club being awarded a \$12,000 grant from Hamilton County. The W.P. Woods Fellowship was established to honor the first president of Lions International, W.P. Woods, who was an Indiana Lion from Evansville. The fellowship is a way that Indiana Lions may honor their dedicated Lions.

Lion Rodney Benson received Lions Clubs International's Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. Named in honor of LCI's founder, the fellowship award is the top award a Lion can receive.

Lion Benson recently completed his second term as the Club's president and oversaw its substantial membership growth during that period of time. Also, during his tenure the Club began the remodeling of its new clubhouse at 1101 E. 169th St.

The highlight of each year's awards night is the presentation of the Roy O. Hadley "Lion of the Year" award. Lion Hadley's leadership was instrumental in developing the culture of the Club so that it could



Photo provided by Westfield Lions Club
(From left) Westfield Lions Rodney Benson, Gary Smith, John Wardlow, and Club President Bill Nesbitt. Not pictured is Lion Jerry Kirby.

become an ongoing major asset to the Westfield community. This year's Lion of the Year is Gary Smith. He has served in all the leadership positions of the Club, including president and on the board of directors. His extensive work with the Westfield Lions LLC has been critical to its success.

The Westfield Lions are looking for men and women who want to help make a difference in Westfield. If you would like more information on the Club, go to WestfieldLions.org.

Lions serve & say hi to youngsters at Fall Fest



Photos by Lion Jen Carr
On Friday, Oct. 4, the Noblesville Lions Club served their grilled cheese sandwiches to the crowd in downtown Noblesville from 4 to 8 p.m. Also on hand was Stanley the Lion to say "hello" to the kids. (ABOVE) Stanley and two happy kids.

Noblesville Lions ask: is your child's eyesight okay?

Submitted by Jake Doll
Noblesville Lions Club

It is very hard for a child to tell you if he or she is having problems seeing well, as they have always seen this way and may think it is normal.

However, recent studies have shown that as many as 25 percent of all children have a vision problem significant enough to affect their performance in school. These issues can include nearsightedness, farsightedness, and lazy eye. Students in Indiana have their vision screened in third, fifth, and eighth grades.

The Noblesville Lions Club, which is committed to helping with all vision

issues, performs many of these screenings each year. But vision issues can start much earlier.

In an effort to detect vision issues as early as possible, the Noblesville Lions held a FREE Eye Screening at the Noblesville Branch of the Hamilton East Public Library, 1 Library Plaza, on Saturday, Nov. 23.

The Lions have a special camera that can be used on children as young as 18 months, with the results available on the spot. This screening is open to everyone. If you would like to bring a can of food to help with feeding others, that would be greatly appreciated.



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Noblesville Lions learn about preservation efforts within the city



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll
On Wednesday, Oct. 23, the Noblesville Lions Club learned about preservation activities in the city. Kurt Meyer was the highlighted speaker, and he is a realtor and also active in historic preservation. He detailed some activities in Noblesville over the years that were good, and some a loss, for saving historic buildings and property. The club had a few questions on current activities in the city and area. (ABOVE) Lion VP Hayden Parsons thanks Meyer.

Seven new Noblesville Lions!



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The Noblesville Lions Club was delighted to induct seven new members into the club at their holiday party. New members of the Pride include Tina Willis, Lisa Rohe, Jeanne Auffrey, Lisa Dick, Jeff Dick, Greg Clouse, and Ron Sinicki, along with their sponsors John Einsfeld, Steve Shaw, Julia Kozicki, Jeff Kozicki, Mark Bachar and Walt Scheid.



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Fighting holiday loneliness

By DG Erica Thomas
District 25E Governor

I hope you are blessed during these holidays with moments spent with loved ones. Thanksgiving is one of the largest family travel times each year.

For many the holidays are difficult. It could be that family is too far away to travel for those short breaks from work or school. It could be that someone is not healthy enough to travel. It may even be that there is no more family or for whatever reason someone is staying in a homeless shelter. Alone.

Humans are created to be social, to have a purpose, to feel a sense of belonging. What happens when those basic needs are not fulfilled? Depression, anxiety, forgetfulness, anger, bitterness may quickly set in. Then it becomes much harder to find help and ask for it. Fortunately, I know folks that want to help fill that need! That's right ... you!

In my travels this year, most of the clubs I've visited are doing something to let someone who may feel alone and isolated know they are being thought about, that they matter, that their efforts have not been forgotten. We are signing and sending or delivering cards, putting together gift baskets and delivering them to 150 shut-ins and elders in a community that only

has one stop light, serving a meal to folks who have been invited because otherwise they would be alone, having a social event and snacks for those university students unable to go home for the holidays. Folks are making sleeping mats made out of plastic grocery bags, and the list goes on and on.

My point is that I am extremely blessed to be walking this journey with others who are making this world a better place, helping one person, one community at a time.

For those of you who haven't yet done or were planning to do one of these projects, you've still got time to start! I challenge you to go out and get a box a blank or thinking of you cards, put a personal little message inside that reminds that person that they are not alone, sign your name or the club's name and deliver the cards to shelters, VFW, shut-ins, churches, emergency responders hospitals, nursing homes, etc. The opportunities are infinite.

Maybe your club or family have decided to give of their time to a soup kitchen, or make little goody boxes or bags for their elder neighbors, or sponsor children or families for Christmas, or host a New Year's Eve party at the nursing home, however you share and connect with each other, THANK YOU!



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Sue Leffler and Dale Leffler.

Trunk or Treat at Wirth Park

The Oakland City Lions Club held its first Trunk or Treat at Oakland City's Wirth Park on Oct. 26, and with the outstanding turnout, it may just become a new annual service project. Around 240 kids walked through, collecting treats from the backs of vehicles decorated by members and other com-

munity participants. Even the mayor joined in on the fun and had his golf cart tricked out amid the lineup. We're not sure who enjoyed the event more ... the costumed kids or the club members handing out treats. One thing is for sure - everyone seemed to be smiling and having a good time!

Treat the Halls



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Oakland City University held its annual Treat the Halls on Oct. 24, and the Oakland City Lions Club was overjoyed to be invited as a community organization. Club members Dwayne Donner, Carol Donner, and PDG Glen Georges (pictured above) decorated an outdoor table, then set out an array of goodies for the tons of kids waiting to come through. Glow sticks - made into glasses, earrings, necklaces, bracelets and rings - seemed to be the big hit. It was a nice evening, especially seeing all the families grouped together while enjoying the festivities.

Discs flying in Seymour

On Saturday, Aug. 3, the Seymour Noon Lions Club hosted its second annual Disc Golf Scramble at Freeman Park in Seymour. The event was a great success, bringing together more than 25 enthusiastic players.

Event highlights: Grand Prize Winner - Congratulations to Casey Clark, who took home the Disc Golf Basket generously donated by Mister Hardware



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(valued at approximately \$150). The basket was on display at BIG O Tire in

Seymour. The weather was fantastic and the energy was elec-

tric (to use a metaphor). Every participant had a blast!

Seymour Noon in the movies

Dana Phillips, the new Marketing Director for Seymour Noon Lions Club, took on the task, with blessings from the club's president, Rosy Jennings, to do a face lift to one of the club's display boards. A local artisan created a display board years ago to showcase SNL's activities, but it was time for a modernization to Seymour Noon's branding.

Dana formed a working group for this purpose and loaded it with members that were handpicked by him for their particular skill set. This included four seasoned members and two new members. This made for a well-rounded team.



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Thousands of photos were sifted through, finally whittled down to around 60 images to fill the 4-by-

8-foot heavy vinyl banner. Once the images got transferred, the final project was ready to display and can be

seen at the Seymour Noon Lions Club trailer at the 51st Annual Seymour Oktoberfest.

51st Annual Seymour Oktoberfest

By Dana Phillips
Seymour Noon Lions

The Seymour Noon Lions were busy during the 51st Annual Seymour Oktoberfest Festival held Oct. 3-5 in downtown Seymour.

The Noon Lions set up downtown on Wednesday, Oct. 2 to get our trailer and merchandise ready and the outside surrounding the trailer decorated. We even found time to sing "Happy Birthday" and have a birthday cake on 2VDG Brad Nolan's birthday!

The Seymour Noon Lions are responsible for selling the "Official Oktoberfest Merchandise" for the festival and have been appointed as the official seller of swag by the City of Seymour.

We sell short-sleeved shirts, long-sleeved shirts,



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sweatshirts, Alpine Hats, and Festival Collector Pins and we also sell water and sodas each year for \$1 (as a service and not a fundraiser) and are the cheapest every year at the festival.

The best part of the festival for me was talking to all the great people from all over Jackson County,

the state, and the United States. They were unique, down-to-earth people who were just there to join in the celebration and help support your cause.

We would like to say "Thank You" to all those individuals who helped man the Seymour Noon trailer to help sell merchan-

dise and the drink station to help sell our covey of refreshments. You gave freely of your time and talents, and we appreciate every one of you!

YOU are the reason that we can do what we do in our community because of the support that you so freely give - Thank You!

Chandler Christensen becomes a Lion

At the Seymour Noon's club meeting on Thursday, Sept. 26, they had the distinct honor of inducting their newest member.

Chandler Christensen, crematory manager at Christensen Family Funeral Home in Seymour, has committed to the Seymour Noon Lions Club and the Jackson County community. He aims to volunteer his time for the betterment of the club and the community, where he and his wife, Meredith, reside.

The induction officer for the ceremony was 2nd Vice District Governor Brad Nolan and treasurer for the Seymour Noon Lions. Chandler's sponsor is Lion Curt Staley, the club's past president. This is Lion Curt's second member that he has sponsored into the club.



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(From left) Curt Staley, Chandler Christensen, and Brad Nolan.

Seymour Noon make special check presentation

At the Seymour Noon meeting on Thursday, Sept. 26, they had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Chuck Seybold, Director of Community Provisions, Inc. (commonly known as Provisions Food Pantry) of Seymour, for a special check presentation.

Provisions Food Pantry serves approximately 70 to 80 families in Jackson County each week. As food insecurities continue to rise in this area, the number of recipients is

also increasing. The pantry specifically assists Jackson County residents who are in need of sustenance, requiring proof of residency within the county.

During a recent service project, Pig in the Park, we informed the public about the 50/50 Freewill Donation Initiative. The proceeds from this initiative were to be divided between the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) and Provisions Food Pantry.



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Richmond's 100 anniversary



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 (TOP LEFT) DG Nancy Baxter presents a W.P. Woods Fellowship to Richmond Lion Janice Edelman at Richmond's 100th anniversary. Others pictured are PID Nick Xinopoulos, Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos, and Richmond Lions Club President Mike Talbot. (TOP RIGHT) DG Nancy Baxter presents a Life Membership to PDG Jack Buckland at Richmond Lions Club's 100th Anniversary celebration. Also pictured are Mr. Varese, PID Nick Xinopoulos, Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos, and Richmond Lions Club President Mike Talbot. (RIGHT) DG Nancy Baxter presents a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Jill Moore at Richmond's 100th Anniversary. Also pictured are PID Nick Xinopoulos, Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos, and Richmond Lions Club President Mike Talbot.



The power of thankfulness

By DG Nancy Baxter
 District 25F Governor

The power of thankfulness, a core value of Lions. In our world where we often feel busy and challenged all the time, we often do not take the time to think about how blessed we are.

Thankfulness helps us stay grounded and motivated. When Lions' members express their appreciation for the work of others it creates a ripple effect that inspires more people to join

in. A simple "thank you" can energize the members to continue serving. In the spirit of "We Serve" let's continue to be thankful for one another. Through these efforts we can build a brighter future in our communities.

Remember this holiday season to reflect on all the things you can be thankful for and know that we are making our mark in the world. Thank you, Lions, in 25F!

Lions know all about running



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 Speedway Lions volunteered with the 317 Run, a series of running events held throughout central Indiana.

Helping those who need it most



Photo provided
 Several Lions from District F helped out at this summer's Special Olympics Games.

Working all week at Eyeglass Mission



Photo provided
 Lions from District F helped Sept. 21 to 28 at District G's Eyeglass Mission. Two of those Lions were Tim Ramion (left) and Reed Fish (right) of Speedway.

Chevrons across the district



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 DG Nancy Baxter has been traveling the district handing out Chevrons to our dedicated Lions who have been members for 10 years or more! (TOP DOWN) Ben Davis Lion James Graves receiving his 45-year Chevrion; Clermont Lion Harold Malo receiving his 40-year Chevrion; Aurora Lions dad and son combo! Lion Carl Petty received his 60-year Chevrion while his son John Petty received his 25-year Chevrion; and Chapel Hill Lion Dick Garretson receiving his 45-year Chevrion.

45 years of service



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 Chapel Hill Lions Club President Joe Snyder (left) presents a special recognition for 45-year Lion Dick Garretson.

Visiting Speedway



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 DG Nancy Baxter paid an official visit to the Speedway Club. She is pictured here with Club President John Dizney.

DG Nancy visits Lions Club around the District



Photos provided
 DG Nancy Baxter visited (LEFT, TOP DOWN) Aurora Lions Club, Carthage Lions Club, Bright Lions Club, (RIGHT, TOP DOWN) Ben Davis Lions Club, Clermont Lions Club, and Bordan Lions Club.



Roars from District G

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Reflecting on thanks

By DG Warren Allender
District 25G Governor

November is behind us; the elections are over and Thanksgiving is done.

Take a moment to reflect on that, giving thanks – not the noun, the verb: giving. Just think of the many, many things that we have, you have, and can be thankful for. Friends, family, our community, our country, our work, and our wealth.

Think of the many blessings you have been given. Multiply that by the many blessings your Lions club has been given. It can be said that it is just and right that November, the time of Thanksgiving, precedes December, a time of giving and receiving.

December, a time of giving. Regardless of your religious beliefs, December is a time of giving and receiving. That's what we do in America. It is a time of long, dark, cold, and sometimes stormy nights. Yet it

is the Lions with their generous hearts, minds, and souls that bring and shine light on an otherwise bleak outlook for many families.

And guess what? We don't need grants to do it. We Lions, in our own communities, meet our own needs. We raise funds and distribute gifts of all shapes and sizes. Some are food, some are presents, and some are services. Lions meet the needs of so many and that is what makes me proud to be a Lion! I know many clubs will be helping ring bells for the Salvation Army. I know many will be collecting and distributing food. I know many will be adopting families. I know Lions SERVE their communities.

December is Christmas, a national holiday. Enjoy the gifts you receive and give thanks for your generous gift giving. The light above the manger shines brightly on all of us. Merry Christmas.



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A look behind the scenes at one eyeglass mission

District 25G's eyeglass mission was held Sept. 21-28 in Aguascalientes, Mexico. During the five-day event, Lions provided eyeglasses to nearly 2,100 individuals. A total of 20 Lions, 18 from Indiana, Utah, Ohio, and Massachusetts, and two from Mexico, tested and fitted eyeglasses from the 14,500 such glasses that were shipped a few months earlier for this project.

Lions from District 25G work throughout the year to collect, sort, clean, read prescriptions, box, and otherwise prepare the glasses to the city where that year's mission will be held.

The daily routine at the mission begins at 8 a.m. and usually ends around 6 or 6:30 p.m. On Friday, in order to serve all those who came for glasses, workers had to use the flashlight app on their phones in or-

der to see the glasses in the numerous boxes. The main room at the mission site had two operating ceiling lights!

Members from the Club de Leones Aguascalientes Hidrocalido, A.C., were abundant and always ready to help the mission group. The local club provided snacks and meals during the mission as well as numerous translators to assist Lions when discussing the

various pairs of glasses that were found to match a person's prescription. The district's eyeglass mission was last held in Aguascalientes in 2019.

Next year plans are being prepared to hold a similar mission in Puebla, Mexico, a city located about an hour southeast of Mexico City. Currently a mission team is being recruited to participate during the Sept. 27-Oct. 4, 2025, trip.

Lions of District 25G present \$3,000 check to 85 Hope Free Medical Clinic

The Lions of District 25G, utilizing a Lions International Foundation Community Impact Grant, generously donated \$3,000 to the 85 Hope Free Medical Clinic in Wabash in October. This donation supports the clinic's mission to provide essential healthcare services to uninsured and under-insured residents of Wabash County.

The check was presented to 85 Hope Executive Director Evyonne Smith by Past District Governors Ron Guth and Tom Polk, who is also a board member of 85 Hope and President of the LaFontaine Lions Club. This contribu-

tion will help 85 Hope continue its vital work in the community, offering free medical care to Wabash County residents in need.

"We are incredibly grateful for the support from the Lions of District 25G," Smith said. "This donation will significantly impact our ability to serve our patients and fulfill our mission of providing compassionate and comprehensive healthcare."

The Lions of District 25G have a long-standing commitment to community service and supporting local organizations that make a difference. Their donation to 85 Hope is a testament to their dedication to



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(From left) PDG Ron Guth, 85 Hope Executive Director Evyonne Smith, and PDG Tom Polk.

improving the lives of individuals in Wabash County.

For more information about 85 Hope Free Med-

ical Clinic and how you can support their mission or volunteer, please visit 85Hope.org.

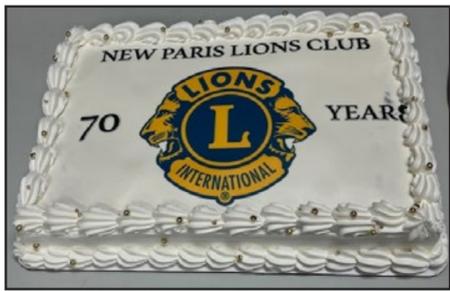
Little Library donation #4



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On Monday, Nov. 11, the Lydick Lions Club added its fourth Little Free Library box to the community. Lion Leroy Wise built the box, and along with Lion Jim Day, they installed it at St. Vincent DePaul Society in South Bend. Nice work guys!

70 years and just getting started



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(TOP) The New Paris Lions Club recently celebrated its 70th anniversary, celebrating with a cake. (ABOVE) Old and new members (from left) Lion sponsor Joas Eash, new Lion members Kevin & Kari Silcox, Charter member Lion Bob Lutez, DG Warren Allender, and New Paris Lions President Ken Sith.

Cooking up Service

By DG Warren Allender

This receipt comes from the New Paris Lions Club. The entree was served during the Club's 70th anniversary celebration. A time when I was honored to recognize charter Member Lion Bob Lutez with his 70th year charter member chevron.

It was also a meeting when I had the honor of inducting two new members into the Club, Lions Kari and Kevin Silcox. As my District Governor pin says, we need Old and New Members to cook up SERVICE.

The meal was prepared by Dorothy Schwartz from the Maple City Chapel. Here is her signature:

Poppyseed Chicken

(roisserie chicken works well for this)

- 2 cans cream of chicken soup
- 16 oz. sour cream
- Grated parmesan cheese
- 2 sleeves Townhouse crackers
- 1 stick of butter (melted)
- 1 Tablespoon poppy seeds

Combine soup and sour cream. Add cubed cooked chicken. Put mixture into a 9-by-13 baking pan. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese.

In a separate bowl, crush crackers and mix with butter and poppyseeds. Spread on top of the chicken.

Bake 35-40 minutes at 350 degrees.

Enjoy on a cold winter's night.

Mishawaka Lions Club spotlight

1923 was a very memorable year. Warren G. Harding was President of the United States and facing a White House scandal. The top silent films for the year were *Safety Last* starring Harold Loyd, *Robin Hood* with Douglas Fairbanks, and *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* with Lon Chaney. The most popular songs for that year were "Tea for Two" and "Barney Google."

1923 was also when four men gathered together to start the Mishawaka Lions Club. Those four men, William W. French, D.D. Gross, A.M. Jennings, and Edgar Duker, worked to get the club off the ground and held their first meeting with nine other recruits on June 23, 1923. The Club

was authorized by Lions International on July 12, 1923, under a special dispensation because it did not yet have the required quota of 25 charter members. Additional members were soon obtained and the Club's charter was formally presented on November 16, 1923.

The Mishawaka Club was the 12th Lions Club formed in Indiana. When the Mishawaka Lions Club was first organized there were 600 clubs and 40,000 members in the International Association.

Lion William French (d. 1949) was one of the most distinguished and active members of the club. He served as club President on three separate occasions and was Deputy District

Governor and District Governor twice. Lion French even served on the International Board of Directors from 1935 to 1937.

Mishawaka Lions Club has many members who have been a part of our organization for over 25 years or are life members. When International began allowing women members, the Mishawaka Club inducted its first two members in 1987. Today, women comprise approximately one-third of the Club membership and have served in every leadership position.

Mishawaka Lions Club supports all of the States Projects as well as LCIF. Some of the more significant contributions made by Mishawaka Lions include: over \$14,000 to Sight First,

used to eradicate river blindness in South America and Africa; \$41,000 for eye clinics in poor areas of the globe, assist with ocular surgery and provide education for eye care professionals around the world. Local donations and impacts range from dictionaries to third grade student to scholarship for high school students and Eagle Scout projects to Fine Arts in the schools.

Mishawaka Lions serve their community in many ways, some more visible than others. Their goal is not recognition, but service to their community in which they live and work.

Job well done, Mishawaka Lions, and may you SERVE for another 100 years.

Congratulating 2024 Peace Posters winners

Submitted by
Teckla Lane & Lori Ferro

Congratulations to the top three Peace Poster winners at Holy Cross Grade School!

The Lydick Lions proudly sponsored the 2024 Peace Poster Contest at Holy Cross Grade School in South Bend. Three Lydick Lions – Stephanie Szczepankiewicz, Grace Downey, and Denise McDowel – were the judges and they chose three winners out of 128 student entries. It was not easy!

Nine Lydick Lions were present at the school to announce the three winners, present prizes to the winners, and hand out consolation prizes for the remaining students who entered. The first-prize winner's poster will go to the state competition; those three winners'



Photo provided

(From left) Lydick Lions present at the award ceremony included Karen Trzaskowski, Karen Swisher, Wendy Yuhasz, Teckla Lane, Paul Yuhasz, Mike Lane, Connie Price, Elaine Gaulin, and Christine Bella.

posters will go to the international competition where the final first-place poster will become the "Peace Poster of 2024."

Thank you to our judges, Lori Ferro and Karen Trzaskowski, for making our first Peace Poster contest a success!

Lending a hand to those with helping hands

The Lions District 25-G (North Central Indiana) awarded a \$3,000 Community Grant to Miami County Helping Hands, Inc. in October.

The check was presented by Past District Governor Ron Guth to Deb Borse of Miami County Helping Hands and Ken Magers, CFO of Miami County Helping Hands, who is also a 50-year member of the Lions Club.

According to Ken Magers, Miami County Helping Hands began in 2001 as a

food pantry and assistance center and is an all-volunteer organization. The mission of Helping Hands is to attack poverty by providing assistance and critical services to low-income children and families at risk in Miami County. The \$3,000 grant will be used to upgrade their telephone system, which is an integral part to communication with clients.

To find out more about Miami County Helping Hands, you can visit their [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/ahelpinghandnow.org) or go to ahelpinghandnow.org.



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(From left) Miami County Helping Hands CFO Ken Magers, and PDG Ron Guth, and Deb Borse of Miami County Helping Hands.

MAKE YOUR MARK IN INDIANA!

The Lions of Indiana

36th Mid-Winter Conference Saturday, Jan. 18, 2025

Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport

2501 S. High School Road, Indianapolis, IN 46241

(317) 244-6861

Conference Schedule

Registration & Continental Breakfast	8:00 am - 9:00 am
Displays And Silent Auction	Open until 3:00 pm
Opening Session	9:00 am - 9:30 am
First Session Seminar	9:45 am - 10:30 am
Second Session Seminar	10:45 am - 11:30 am
Lunch - Buffet	11:30 am - 12:15 pm
Program and Keynote Speaker	12:15 pm - 1:15 pm
Third Session Seminar	1:30 pm - 2:15 pm
Fourth Session Seminar	2:30 pm - 3:15 pm
Closing Session	3:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Directions to Crowne Plaza

From the north via I-465 - Take 1-465 to Exit 11 (Sam Jones Expressway). Turn right (to the west) on Sam Jones and be in left lane. Turn left at High School Road and the hotel is on your left.

From the south or Northbound I-465 - Take 1-465 to Exit 11(Sam Jones Expressway). Turn left (to the west) on Sam Jones but keep to the left to High School Road. Turn left at High School Road and hotel is on your left.

Lions room rate is \$124 plus applicable taxes.

Specify your choice of a king room or a room with two double beds.

Hotel Reservations must be made by 6:00 pm EST Thursday, December 26, 2024

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Cancellations requested ten (10) days before the conference will receive full refunds, but cancellations requested after that date will not receive any refund. Refunds will not be granted because of the weather.

*Note: The Mid-Winter Conference Committee would like those attending for the first time to indicate who is sponsoring them to attend or who has influenced them to attend their first Mid-Winter Conference. There is a line on the registration form for this information.

Friday Night Dinner

January 17, 2025

Make your plans now to join us at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport Hotel for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship.

Menu: A plated dinner that will include Grilled Pork Chop or Chicken Marsala with Scalloped Potatoes, Garlic Green Beans, Fresh Garden Salad, Dessert, House Bread and Butter, Coffee and Tea.

Price: \$ 30.00

Social Time: 6 p.m.

Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Registration table will be open for packet and meal

ticket pick-up on Friday evening until 6:30 p.m.

Saturday Keynote Speaker

Tom, Rison, Executive Director National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association
Menu: BACKYARD COOKOUT

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.

Price: Included in Full Conference Registration

Service Projects

“Sock It To Me” - Please bring new socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, knit hats and blankets to be collected and divided among the district governors to distribute to needy people in their districts.

“Care-ing Cases” - Friday night after the dinner program, we will again assemble our Care-ing Cases, which consist of first aid kits using cleaned hard eyeglass cases and toiletry kits made up of personal hygiene items. These cases will be given to the district governors who will share them with the needy people in their districts.

Seminar Schedule

Morning

Seminar Session 1 (9:45 - 10:30)

Seminar 1

Title: ‘The Lions Portal
Presenter: TBD
Description: Help all Lions get used to the new portal.

Seminar 2

Title: Membership Orientation
Presenter: PDG Glen Georges
Description: If you’re a new member, or a seasoned member, come to this session to learn more about Lions

Seminar 3

Title: How to Take Care of Your Heart
Presenter: Lion Dr. Bob Robison
Description: Learn from a leading heart surgeon on ways to take care of your heart so we can serve better.

Seminar 4

Title: LCI Insurance and Retention: Not Just for Membership Anymore
Presenters: PDG Mark Clark
Description: Learn what Lions and Lions Clubs need to be protected

Morning

Seminar Session 2 (10:45 - 11:30)

Seminar 5

Title: Gaming Rules
Presenter: Mark Mason
Description: Do you host games? Learn what you need to stay legal

Seminar 6

Title: Cancer Control
Presenter: TBD from Riley Children’s Hospital
Description: Learn how the Cancer Control project is helping at Riley

Seminar 7

Title: All You Need is Love
Presenter: Lion Jeff Kozicki
Description: Understanding Lionism Through the Music of the Beatles.

Seminar 8

Title: Eyeglass Recycling (and Mission Trips)
Presenters: PDG Marty and Lion Jeanine Juel

Afternoon Seminar Session 3 (1:30 - 2:15)

Seminar 9

Title: The Secret Sauce
Presenters: CC Julia Kozicki
Description: Learn what PIP Brian Sheehan calls the ‘secret sauce’ to achieve Mission 1.5

Seminar 10

Title: Building Fellowship in Your Club Through Ice Breakers and Recognition
Presenter: Lion Joy Robinson
Description: Learn how to connect your members and energize your meetings

Seminar 11

Title: Emergency Preparation/VOAD

Presenter: Lion John Wilkins and Lion Jane Cady
Description: Learn what to do before, during and after an emergency

Seminar 12

Title: Understanding Diabetes (without the big scary!)
Presenter: Lion Brandon Bischof
Description: understanding diabetes with screening and tests

Afternoon

Seminar Session 4 (2:30 - 3:15)

Seminar 13

Title: Artificial Intelligence in Promoting Lions
Presenter: PDG Jeff Locke and DG Jim Bush
Description: learn how AI can help promote Lionism

Seminar 14

Title: LCIF From Giving to Grants to Legacy
Presenter: PDG Ken Faulkner
Description: Learn how LCIF benefits our communities in Indiana and around the world

SPEED LEARNING ROUNDTABLES

New this year! Speed learning provides 4 short sessions to learn a number of topics in a fun format! Topics available at indianalions.org.

Attendee

Registration Form

36th Annual Lions of Indiana Mid-Winter Conference

Jan. 18, 2025

(Each attendee is asked to complete a separate form)

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION IS CLOSED

Registrations received or postmarked after DECEMBER 1ST and ON-SITE \$50.00 Conference Registration with no meals included: \$25

Registration includes: morning coffee and pastries, buffet luncheon, use of hotel meeting rooms, audiovisual equipment, keynote speaker expenses, printing, and supplies.

To guarantee meal availability, Registration must be received by Monday, January 13, 2025

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations must be received prior to January 7, 2025 to receive a refund. CANCELLATIONS REQUESTED AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY REFUND.

Refunds will not be granted because of the weather.

Seminars and Workshops will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Send registrations early to ensure the seminars of your choice.

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND CORRECT REMITTANCE TO:

Lion Cheri Faulkner, 1021 Woodpointe Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46234
clermontlionlady58@yahoo.com (317) 271-3314

Make Checks Payable to: Lions of Indiana, Inc.

OR

Card Type: [] VISA [] MC [] Discover

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Note : If using a Visa or MC you will be charged a 3% fee by the processing company. All other cards along with debit cards will have NO fee added.

Name: _____

Club: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

District: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

() This is my first Mid-Winter Conference.

I was encouraged to attend by: _____

Registration:

() \$40.00 early-bird

() \$50.00 after Dec.1

() \$25.00 Conference Only - No Lunch

() \$30.00 Friday Dinner (Circle) Pork Chop or Chicken Marsala

= Total Amount Due Per Registration: _____

Review the Seminars offered and note the session time each seminar will be offered. Please circle your selections for each session to help us plan sufficient seating and handouts for each seminar.

9:45 - 10:30	Seminar Session 1	1	2	3	4
10:45 - 11:30	Seminar Session 2	5	6	7	8
1:30 - 2:15	Seminar Session 3	9	10	11	12
2:30 - 3:15	Seminar Session 4	13	14	*SL	*SL

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