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## Council Chairperson's Corner

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# GO AND DO!

Hello Fellow Lions !

I'm happy to say that our New Lions Year is underway and what a year it will be! My motto this year is Go & Do and that's what Lions have been doing for over one hundred years. We, as Lions, have many challenges ahead of us. We have Mission 1.5 which is concentrated on adding new Lions and new Clubs. Bringing in new Lions strengthens our Clubs and our Districts. Adding new Clubs enhances the overall commitment of the district and spotlight our commitment of engaging more Lions to serve others.

As a New Lions Year has kicked off with our New District Governors being inducted in Orlando, Florida at the International Convention, there are new plans in the works. International President, A. P. Singh has asked Lions to conduct three Weeks of Service. The first Week of Service is October 4 – 12, 2025 and targets Mental Health and Well-Being. The second Week of Service is January 3 – 11, 2026 and targets Hunger. The final week focuses on the Environment April 18 – 26,

2026. Lions Clubs statewide should be asking on how they can accomplish these service requirements during those time periods.

Be creative on how your club can accomplish these Weeks of Service and plan for its accomplishment during that week. Club Secretaries, please submit these service hours in the Portal for your club to get credit. These weeks of service are also some of the requirements for the Club Excellence Award.

Club Presidents, starting with the 2025-26 Lions Year, you no longer have to submit paperwork to be recognized for Club Excellence as the work submitted in the Lions Portal will have all the requirements and will put your Club in for the Club Excellence Award automatically. A list of the new requirements for the Club Excellence Award is shared on page 3. How will your club try to meet these new requirements and how much is your club driven to meet these goals? That's a tough question and as a Club you can break down each of these requirements

by simply making a committee to plan these events. Get your Lions involved so they can Go and Do.

100 years ago at the 1925 Lions International Convention, Helen Keller asked the Lions to become the "Knights of the Blind in the crusade against darkness" to support people with vision and hearing issues. 100 years later, let's recommit to those same principles throughout this Lions Year. Lions collect glasses, do vision screening, perform needed eye exams when needed and provide glasses for those unable to afford the cost associated with being able to see. Lions collect used hearing aids to be refurbished and used again for people who are in need and have sponsored research on cochlear implants. We also support Leader Dog training and eyeglass mission trips to other countries to fit glasses for the needy. These are true examples of Lions who Go & Do!

Fellow Lions, what are you going to GO & DO this year?

## SAVE THE DATE

### January 16-17, 2026

REGISTRATION INFORMATION COMING SOON



### Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference

ALL IN FOR 



It's not too early to start planning for 2026. Mark your calendar now for the 2026 Mid-Winter Conference.

**Opportunities for Learning**



**Opportunities for Service**      **Opportunities for Fellowship**

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

## LEARN GROW LEAD


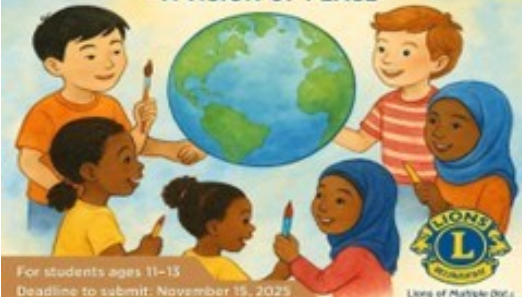


ATLANTIC CITY, NJ  
SEPT. 18-20, 2025

### 2025-2026 PEACE POSTER CONTEST

## Together As One

— A VISION OF PEACE



For students ages 11-13  
Deadline to submit: November 15, 2025  
Lions of Multiple Dist.

**“Please submit your articles to [Lions@ReadTheReporter.com](mailto:Lions@ReadTheReporter.com) by Sept. 20 for the October issue and copy your district newsletter editor.”**



## MAKING OUR MARK MAGICALLY IN ORLANDO

### Highlights from the 107th International Convention

Sixty plus Hoosier Lions traveled to Orlando for the 107<sup>th</sup> International Convention of Lions Clubs International. The Convention is a great opportunity to meet Lions from all over the world, hear from incredible speakers, conduct the business of the Association, and show more ways that We Serve.

The incoming District Governors arrived on Saturday and spent all day in classes on Sunday, July 13. Traditionally they end with a formal banquet, but incoming International President A.P. Singh provided them with more casual Lions gear to have a fun event.

Monday morning we were up bright and early for the traditional Parade of Nations. With the 95' heat, we were glad to be near the front of the line and back in the convention center well before noon. We then heard from the candidates for International Director and enjoyed the International Show – an amazing display of Latin American song and dance. International Convention Committee member PDG Brian Thomas and Susan Arneaud took to the aisles to show off their dance moves.

Tuesday morning we enjoyed the Midwest Breakfast, hosted by Minnesota, and heard from the U.S. and Canada candidates for international director as well as incoming International President A.P. Singh, incoming first international vice president Mark Lyon, and incoming third international vice president Tony Benbow from Australia. We enjoyed the presentation of flags and International President Fabricio Oliveira's final remarks. Tuesday night was an excellent Indiana dinner organized by our International Convention Committee: chair PCC Mitch Semans, PDG Ken Faulkner, PDG Brian Thomas and State Administrative Secretary Ann Ninness.

Olympian Michael Phelps was our keynote speaker on Wednesday, sharing both the joys of his swimming victories and the mental health challenges that he has successfully addressed. Mental Health is the focus for one of three Service Weeks during the coming year and this was a great kickoff.



LEADERSHIP LINES—MD 25 GLOBAL LEADERSHIP—TRAINING DATES

Submitted by Global Leadership Chair PCC Julia Kozicki


International President A.P. Singh’s theme for the year is “Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead” and developing Lions leaders is a part of that message. This space will share upcoming training events inside and outside Indiana. If you or your club have an item you would like training for, please email me at [julia@thekozickis.org](mailto:julia@thekozickis.org).

September 18-20, 2025	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Atlantic City, NJ Register at LionsForum.org
October 4, 2025	Guiding Lion training in northern Indiana, location TBD Information will be provided in September district newsletters
October 19, 2025	Guiding Lion training in southern Indiana, location TBD Information will be provided in September district newsletters
January 16-17, 2026	Indiana Lions Midwinter Conference, Crowne Plaza Airport, Indianapolis. Registration materials in the October <i>Hoosier Lion</i>
April 10-12, 2026	Regional Lions Leadership Institute, Indianapolis. Contact your district governor if you are interested.
May 1-3, 2026	Indiana Lions State Convention, Embassy Suites Plainfield

Club Excellence Award

NEW REQUIREMENTS

including participating in the 3 Weeks of Service.



2025-2026

Roadmap to Success!

Club Excellence Award

2025-2026 Excellence Awards updates

Applications will not be necessary for the 2025-2026 award cycle. Awards will be distributed by Lions International to clubs that meet the updated criteria and eligibility requirements.

Club Excellence Award criteria

The Club Excellence Award acknowledges the dedication and legacy of service within individual clubs

MEMBERSHIP

- Induct a minimum of two or 20% new members, whichever is greater (not including transfer, reinstated or charter members). Eligibility is determined based on the club’s membership count on June 30th of the previous Lion year.
- Or sponsor a new Lions club.

SERVICE

- Report a minimum of four service activities to Lions International.
- Three of these activities must show participation in each of the three International Weeks of Service

Amplify your club's impact during Weeks of Service

This initiative unites Lions and Leos worldwide to address the critical issues of mental health and well-being, hunger, and the environment. By participating, you'll be part of three impactful weeks dedicated to creating positive change and making a difference in communities around the globe — together. So get involved and help drive collective action for a better future!

Mark your calendars

Mental health and well-being  
October 4-12, 2025

Hunger  
January 3-11, 2026

Environment  
April 18-26, 2026

LEADERSHIP

- Report newly elected club officers in Lion Portal by May 15 of the current Lion year.
- A minimum of 10% of the club’s members complete any three courses in the Lions Learning Center.
- The club president for the current Lion year must not have served more than two consecutive terms.
- A minimum of two or more club officers (president, vice president, secretary or treasurer. Of which, one must be the club president) complete Club Officer Training (online with the Lions Learning Center or in-person as reported by a GLT coordinator in Learn) between July 1 – December 31 of the current Lion year.

DONATIONS

- Contributed to LCIF a minimum of the club’s membership total on June 30th of the previous Lion year (2024-2025), multiplied by US\$20.





LOWELL LIONS CLUB SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

By CHUCK ABRAHAM slcsuneditor@gmail.com  
Article Published in the South Lake County Sun Newspaper 8/14/25

Volunteers are the life’s blood of any charitable organization, and the Lowell Lions Club is seeking new people to join their ranks.

President Jennifer Cosenza is in her 10th year as a member of the Lions Club, although she started her journey with the organization in Munster prior to moving to Lake Village in 2021. Cosenza became the president of Lowell’s club in June.

Cosenza’s attraction to the Lions Club is summed up with one word: Service.

“I love the passion for people who want to volunteer and helping people in need,” Cosenza explained. “Whether it’s hunger, school supplies, eyeglasses, you name it.”

Cosenza said the Lowell Lions Club meets twice a month. She said the club volunteers their time working concessions for events around town, hiding eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt or even

selling steaks for fundraising purposes. Cosenza said the club also volunteers with various service projects around the community.

Cosenza said being a Lion to her means “having a heart for service.” She said the most important aspect of the club for her is wanting to help others in need.

“Hands down,” Cosenza said.

Mel Goldman has been a member of the Lowell Lions Club for 45 years. Goldman has previously served the club in various roles. He currently serves as the club’s treasurer. Goldman noted the organization has raised thousands of dollars that has went right back into the community. He said the community responds well the club.

Goldman has also received the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Lion, the Melvin Jones Award. He said he wears it well.

And it shows.

“I love my members,” Goldman said. “I love this organization, and I love what this organization stands for.”

Kevin Gray said it’s an honor for him to be a member of the Lowell Lions Club. Gray admires his fellow Lions. He noted people like Goldman make the club the great organization it is today. Gray said giving back to the community is a core value of the organization.

“People like Mel are what make this club what it is,” Gray said. “They give back to not only the club but to the people in the community, and that’s what Lionism is all about.”

For more information on the Lowell Lions Club, or to join, please call Jennifer Cosenza at 219-806-5221, email her at [jenncosenza@yahoo.com](mailto:jenncosenza@yahoo.com) or visit them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/lowelllionsclub](https://www.facebook.com/lowelllionsclub).



PHOTO BY CHUCK ABRAHAM

Lowell Lions Club members, left to right: Kevin Gray, Secretary; Jane Gray, Mel Goldman, Treasurer, Sue Kramer and Jennifer Cosenza, President.





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## GROWTH HELPS EVERYONE

By District Governor Pam Arnold

Hello All,

A big emphasis of Lions International at this time is Mission 1.5. Our organization has been stuck on 1.4 million members for many years. LCI is pushing us to reach 1.5 million by 2028. Why the push on membership? More members means more service means more people helped. If you have a club of 15 members and you feel that you are doing a good job serving your community, just think what you could do with 20-25 members. With all the Lions clubs in the world, each club only needs to have a net growth of 1 member to achieve that goal. Remember, that is net growth. By why stop with one. Last night I made my official visit to the Andrews club and inducted a new member. I know that other clubs have already added new members this year. Let's all get on the

Mission 1.5 bandwagon and help reach that goal.

Another point of emphasis I will be stressing this year is donating to LCIF. Most clubs already give an annual donation. But I would like to stress individual donations as well. Just think what our District could do if everyone donated just \$5 or \$10 or \$25. More grants could be given for natural disaster, diabetes, childhood cancer, and many others. I am asking every Lion in District 25B to make a donation to LCIF this year. To encourage giving, at each of the four Cabinet meetings we will be taking donations for LCIF. If you give a minimum of \$20 at the meeting, your name will be entered in a drawing for a special prize. One prize will be given at each Cabinet meeting. Your donation will be sent to LCIF in your name and will accumulate towards a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Not only should you come to make a donation, we need you at the Cabinet

meeting to help conduct the business of the District but we also need you there for the fellowship with other Lions.

I would also like to remind the clubs that service activities need to be reported. Reporting our service activities allows International to partner with other companies to bigger and better things. Just look up how Lions International has teamed with Johnson and Johnson to help save the sight of thousands of children. These partnerships would not be possible if we did not report service.

I am looking forward to visiting each of the clubs this year and see what you are doing for your communities. But also, what you are doing to support our district, state, national, and international projects as well.

Have a great Lions year!

## DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

I'm thrilled to report that our District Governor's Community Improvement Grant is officially active in New Haven! Stay tuned for progress updates—this is a powerful example of your LCIF donations at work in our own backyard.

Next, let's celebrate some incredible news: Our total district donations for the year reached \$30,058.27, exceeding our goal of \$30,028.27—we did it!

So, what does this mean for us? of that total—\$4,508.74—is now available for use

within our district through Community Impact Grants. This is an amazing opportunity for us to bring even more support to our local communities.

## HOWE LIONS CLUB Submitted by Lion Jim Parker

The Howe Lions Club held their annual Installation Banquet on Wednesday, June 25. Lion Roger Cash of Ossian, IN was present to do the installation of officers. Josephine Schrader and Susan Burger were sworn in as Co-Presidents along with the other Howe, IN Lions.

**Front row: Co - Presidents Susan Burger and Jo Schrader. Back row are Lions Roger Cash, Jeff Schrader, Roger Fenstermaker, Bob Knowlton and Jim Parker.**





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## LEAD WITH SERVICE

By District Governor Paul Scheetz

Greetings Lions,

We are off to a great start for this new Lions year. I have started scheduling my club visits. One of the recent clubs I visited was Brownsburg. The Club presented a check to Indiana Lions to support our States Projects. The club also presented awards to its members for outstanding work in their club.

Our International President is encouraging more service to our communities.

As I hear about all the service we are doing, I want to remind our clubs to document all this great service we are doing. One of the ways we can support the Lions in the State is to work at the State Fair. Working the State Fair you get to meet other Lions, exchange ideas and learning more about Lions.

As our summer winds down, that means we are starting a new school year. One of our biggest District and Multiple District service projects is helping school nurses with vision screening. These screenings are a state requirement for the schools. Last year our district helped

screen over 7,500 students. In the Multiple District we screened 14,000. Vision screening is a great way to get to know about the local communities we serve.

As we enter the fall season, many of our clubs will be having Fall Festival events. Information about upcoming events will be sent out to the clubs. If you or your club want to assist with these events, contact that club to schedule how you can help. I encourage lions to visit some of the events in the district and even venture to other districts to see the different service projects to gain ideas for your clubs.

## GET TO KNOW A DISTRICT C CLUB

Lucerne Lion's Club is in Northcentral Cass County. The Club has nine members who actively work on different community projects throughout the year. In early spring we have a workday where the members prepare the Lion's Park for the year. Picnic tables and trash cans are positioned at the pavilion; swings are

installed, and equipment is inspected. At the beginning of May we have our semi-annual fish fry. In late summer the new school year starts, and the club members participate in vision screening at local area schools. Our second fish fry and another workday to close the Lions Park for the winter season are in late fall. The

Lion's Hall is the unofficial custodian of photos of the of the town and township school. The Lion's Hall and Park are used for graduation parties, birthday celebrations, Christmas gatherings and other events by the community.

## LIONS HELP UKRAINE



At the recent MD25 Council meeting, DG Paul Scheetz and CC David "Rocky" Simpson presented PDG Charlie Short a Project Award for his extraordinary work as a Country Coordinator in the " Stove Project " for families in Ukraine. (NOTE: The crutches were a joke because it was PDG Charlie's Birthday) .



ORLANDO 2025  
10TH LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



## ISBVI MAKE WISHES COME TRUE...



Thank You Photo to ISBVI: 23 laptops lined up to spell "LIONS" + 2 in foreground (total 25)

On Wednesday, July 23, the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired ("ISBVI") received a delivery of 25 Dell laptops. This was thanks to the generosity of the Lions of Indiana. At the last meeting of the Lions for the ISBVI trustees,

the school Superintendent (James Michaels) shared his goal of providing every ISBVI student with a laptop. The Trustees voted to allocate \$15,000 to make this a reality. Actions like this cannot happen without the support of everyday

Lions and their Clubs throughout the state. A SPECIAL THANK YOU to 25C clubs for their very generous giving — District C was #1 in the state for funds donated (\$6,960) during 2024-2025.





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## SET YOUR GOALS NOW

By District Governor Jim Dubeansky

Hello Fellow Lions,

My name is Jim Dubeansky and I am the District Governor for 25D. I was born and raised in Union City, IN. A graduate of Union City Community High School in 1983. In 1985, I graduated from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. I'm married to Diana Dubeansky, have four kids and six grandchildren. I owned a detail shop and after several years decided to close up shop and step into the world of farming. In my spare time, I enjoy camping and helping with our town's festival where I have been the Parade Chairman for the past eight years. I joined the Lions Club in 2018.

During my time as a Lion, I have served on the board of directors for my hometown club and served as served as Region 3 chair. I was the recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellow Award. I have also been instrumental in bringing club mascot Gus to the Union City Lions Club. Gus goes to visit the schools and attends many of the club events.

I am excited for this new adventure and look forward to visiting all the clubs in the district and helping each club grow and excel. Our District Goals for the year include starting a new club, gaining 35 new members and retaining the membership we have in each of our clubs in 25D. Most importantly, we will be offering training to our members and to those in leadership positions to help you and your home clubs be stronger and more successful.

Now let us go out and do what us Lions do best, continue to serve our communities.



District Governor Jim Dubeansky greeting State Fair goers at Gate 3. District 25 D has filled the gates today as the Governor declared it District 25 D day. Fun was had by all and the Donuts were good too!

## UNION CITY LIONS HELP 4-H FOOD STAND



On Monday, July 21, the Union City Lions provided help during the Lunch Shift at the 4-H Food Stand. There were eleven Lions and wives participating this year. This was the first year for the new Kitchen and Dining area. The Lions are proud to be of service to Randolph County youth activities.

## NOBLESVILLE AND WESTFIELD ASSIST WITH MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

On Saturday, July 12, members of the Noblesville, Carmel and Westfield Lions clubs, in cooperation with volunteers from Feedingteam.org, assisted Gleaner's with their mobile food pantry at Hamilton Heights High School. They were hard at work again on Tuesday, July 22 serving over 150 families at the Harbour Shores Church in Cicero.



## SARATOGA CELEBRATES 150 YEARS

On Saturday July 26th, the Saratoga Lions Club helped celebrate the Town of Saratoga's 150th birthday. Club members hande dout free hot dogs, bottles of water, cans of soda and mugs from the Ardagh Glass Corporation. Lion Gary White grilled over 300 hot dogs with Lions Barb King, Stacy White, Ted Snyder, Don Blunk, and Anita Hines handing out the food.





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## YOUR SERVICE MATTERS

By District Governor John Spurgeon

We ARE one month into the new year here and we HAVE had training for many officers.

International President A. P. SINGH has retained the LIONS LOGO instead of Make Your Mark logo, his slogan for the year is: SERVE TO LEAD. LEAD TO SERVE. We continue to grow membership to reach 1.5 million total members Internationally by July 1, 2027.

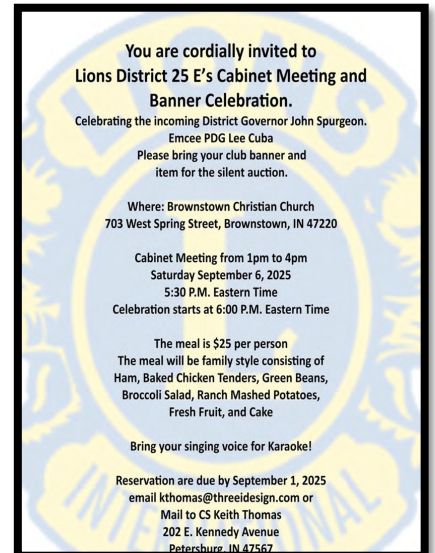
August 1st thru 17th is the Indiana State Fair. The Lions of Indiana volunteer many hours to

support the Indiana Lions Foundation who provide support to Lions Clubs throughout Indiana.

Oakland City has their annual Sweet Corn Festival August 7-9. Come and join them for an ear of corn!

We have ZONE CHAIR training Saturday, August 16th from 1 pm to 4 pm (Eastern) in Jasper at the library at 100 Third Avenue, Suite B in Hickory Meeting Rooms A and B. Parking is behind the Library on the North Side. The district will provide bottled waters and light snacks.

There are several ebooks available for zone chairs, including Zone and Region Chairperson E-Book, Model District Governor's Advisory Committee Meeting Guide, and Zone Chairperson Learning Map. These manuals are available on website lionsclubs.org so that you have something to refer as needed.



**September 6th is the 1st Cabinet meeting and BANNER NIGHT in Brownstown. All Lions are invited.**

## LIONS COMPLETE BUILDING OF 350TH RAMP

Bedford Lions Club members started building wheelchair ramps in 1989 but they didn't realize how successful a project it would become. The ramp building project has not only been one of our most popular projects, it has been one of our most satisfying for members in the long history of the club. They also didn't imagine the number of appreciative individuals they would assist and the impact the project would have on those people's lives. There are no professional carpenters among the Lions who work on the ramps but you couldn't tell that by the great work that is turned

out by this caring group. Since that first ramp, members have now donated their time and effort in building a total of 350 wheelchair ramps and 50 handrails of various lengths, donating more than 13,500 hours to people in need in the Bedford area. In the last 10 years the Lions ramp builders have averaged building 16 ramps per year and have now finished their 12th ramp this year. Over the years the Lions ramp building fund has received assistance from various individuals, many local churches, and other community sources such as the Bedford Urban Enterprise Associa-

tion, American Legion Gillen Post 33, Wal-Mart Community Grants, Southern Indiana Center for Independent Living ramp fund, Disabled Veterans Wish Foundation, Lawrence County Cancer Patients Services, and the Hoosier Uplands ramp fund. Most ramps are finished in a day with an average of 6 to 10 Lions working 4 to 6 hours each to complete a ramp. The Bedford Lions Club was honored in 2000 with a story and photo in an issue of "The Lion" official magazine.



Shown in photo are local Lions from 2 Lawrence County Lions Clubs who helped build Ramp #350 for the Bedford Lions Club. (l-r) Steve Warren (Bedford), Kevin Stailey (Fayetteville), Don Allen (Bedford), Charlie Drake (Bedford), Bob Ruble (Bedford), Ken Brumbaugh (Bedford), Bruce Megnin (Fayetteville), Barry Strong (Bedford), Tina Drake (Bedford), and Chris Sites (Bedford)

## PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!

### Labor Day Open Car Rally



Live 50's and 60's Music • 50/50 Raffle • Food Trucks  
Dash Plaques (For the first 50 cars)



Georgetown Optimist Club  
8260 State Road 64  
Georgetown, IN 47122



September 1, 2025 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Hosted by the Georgetown Lions Club  
\$10 Donation (suggested)





# Roars from District F

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## A Month of Firsts

By District Governor Angela Locke

The new Lions year is underway, and we've hit the ground running! It's been a busy and exciting start, and I couldn't be more thrilled.

PDG Jeff and I had the pleasure of joining the Richmond Noon Lions for their annual picnic—a wonderful evening filled with fun, fellowship, and yes, some delicious food. I was honored to present two Melvin Jones Fellowships to two outstanding Lions: Sandra Poe and Janice Edelman. Both were genuinely surprised and deeply deserving of this recognition. This was my first official act as a District Governor.

My first District meeting, Organizational Day, followed soon after, bringing together club presidents, vice presidents, secretaries, treasurers, and zone chairs for a full morning of training. Thanks to our dedicated trainers and engaged participants, the day was a great success. I heard many positive comments about the value of the sessions.

If you missed it and would like access to the training materials, please reach out to our Global Leadership Team Leader, Lion Andrea Feeney, who can provide you with an electronic copy.

Our first official club visit took us to Milan, where it's become tradition to host the District Governor right after Org Day. I had the honor of installing their new officers and enjoyed a lively evening of camaraderie and celebration. It was a fantastic way to kick off the year's visits.

By the time you are reading this I will have attended my first Council of Governors meeting as a District Governor followed by DG Paul Scheetz's Banner night. I am look forward to a great year with a great group of District Governors from around the state.

Mark Your Calendars: Banner Night – August 30, 2025 I'm excited to invite you to my upcoming Banner Night celebration! Join us on Saturday, August 30 for an evening of fellowship and fun. The social hour begins at 5:00 PM, followed by dinner at 6:00 PM. There will be a silent auction, with all proceeds benefiting Camp Woodsmoke

and Special Olympics. And don't forget your passport if you got one at Org Day. If not, you have a chance to pick one up at Banner night.

If your club hasn't scheduled its official visit yet, please contact CS Lion Angie Crouch at mwam2893@gmail.com to get on the calendar.

Don't forget to send information about any upcoming events you may be having so we can include them in our newsletter. Please submit them by the 20th of the month to newsletter25F@yahoo.com. Lions love to support other lions, so the more who know the more can go and be a part of your great event.

Our International President, AP Singh, has challenged us to have each club in our district to add a new member in the next 3 months. I think we are up to the challenge. What do you say? Are you ready, eager, able and dedicated to grow our great organization?

Yours in Service, Angela Locke District Governor



**25 F Team Introduced at Camp Woodsmoke Organization Day!**





# 2025 Clermont Festival & Parade and 70th Rodeo



**Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

The Clermont Lions Club invites you to join us for the 2025 Clermont Festival & Parade, followed by the 70th running of the Clermont Rodeo.

**Parade**

The event will begin Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at the intersection of SR136 and Raceway Road and end at the Lion's Club Park. Special appearance by the Ben Davis Marching Band (\*Check in for the parade is between 9:30 and 10:30 am at the Spirit of Life Church (North Raceway Road). All parade entries should wait there to be directed by parade staff.)

**Festival**

Check out vendors in the Lion's Club Park following the parade until 3:00 pm

**Rodeo**

End the night with the 70<sup>th</sup> running of the Clermont Rodeo. This will be a full 8 event Rodeo. Tickets go on sale August 1, 2025.

Want to participate in the parade? We are searching for parade entries.

Contact Nancy Baxter at 317-833-2435 or [nancybaxter1011@yahoo.com](mailto:nancybaxter1011@yahoo.com) with questions regarding the Parade or Rodeo tickets or Angie Crouch at [clermontfestivalvendors@gmail.com](mailto:clermontfestivalvendors@gmail.com) with questions regarding vendor space at the festival.

**CONNERSVILLE LIONS CLUB**



**GOLF TOURNAMENT &  
HELICOPTER GOLFBALL DROP**  
**AUGUST 23rd @ ARBOR CROSSING GOLF CLUB**

**TOURNAMENT STARTS @ 9:00 AM**  
**HELICOPTER GOLFBALL DROP @ 2:00 PM**

**IF INTERESTED IN COMPETING, SIGN YOUR GROUP UP  
AT ARBOR CROSSING/CONTACT ANY LION MEMBER**

**SELLING ALL NUMBERED TICKETS FOR  
\$25 EACH OR 5 FOR \$100**  
**ALL GOLF BALLS DROP OVER THE GREEN  
CLOSEST TO HOLE WINS**

**\$2500 - 1ST PLACE  
\$1000 - 2ND PLACE  
\$500 - 3RD PLACE**





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## DISTRICT G: QUITE POSSIBLY THE GREATEST LIONS DISTRICT ON EARTH

### GROWING WITH INTENTION

By District Governor Jackie Kurley

Welcome to the District G section of the August edition of the Hoosier Lion! Around here, we proudly say that “G” stands for “Quite Possibly the Greatest Lions District on Earth”—and we mean it.

I’d like to begin by congratulating Past District Governor Warren on his outstanding year of service. His leadership was marked by compassion, energy, and a crystal-clear vision for the future. One of the most valuable things he shared with us was his commitment to setting SMART Goals—goals that are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Timely. But PDG Warren’s goals didn’t end with his term. His vision extended beyond a single year, with long-term objectives designed to guide our district well into the future.

Those goals remain focused on four core pillars: service, membership, leadership, and our foundation—and they’ll continue to guide us in 2025–2026 and beyond.

#### Growing with Intention

District 25G has always excelled at welcoming new members, but retention is

where we have a real opportunity to grow stronger. It’s not enough to bring new Lions into the fold—we must nurture and support them, show them their value, and remind them why they joined in the first place.

Likewise, we’re no strangers to impactful service. We live our motto: “We Serve.” But we don’t always give ourselves credit for the work we do. Documenting our service not only helps us measure our impact, but also raises awareness in our communities—and that visibility is what inspires others to join our mission.

#### Empowering New Leaders

Leadership development is another key focus this year. I’ll be honest—when I was asked to serve as club president, I was terrified. I doubted my ability to lead such an incredible group of people. But I said yes. And I was right about one thing—I couldn’t do it alone. Thankfully, I didn’t have to. My fellow Lions were there for me every step of the way, and together, we created some amazing memories.

The truth is, any Lion can be a leader, and Lions Clubs International offers outstanding resources to help you grow into the leader your club needs.

### Supporting Our Foundation

The final pillar is our global foundation: Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). LCIF is the financial engine that powers our biggest dreams—granting clubs the resources they need to turn their boldest service ideas into reality. Whether it’s disaster relief, youth programs, or vision screenings, LCIF allows us to serve on a much larger scale.

#### A Little About Me

Since I’m new to some of you, here’s a quick introduction: I’ll celebrate 10 years as a Lion this year. I spent 38 years in retail before transitioning to my current role in a hospital emergency room, where I’ve worked for the past eight and a half years. I share my home with two sweet 12-year-old Bichon/Shih Tzu pups, Zoe and Bo, and I love spending time in my yard. But my proudest title of all? “Greatest Aunt”—a name lovingly given to me by my two great-nieces and three great-nephews.

I’m looking forward to serving alongside all of you in the year ahead. Let’s keep building the legacy of District 25G—one member, one act of service, and one big idea at a time.

## RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM A RANDOM MIND

### I Didn’t Know I Did That!

When I talk to family members, friends, and acquaintances about Lions Clubs’ service projects, I often hear “I didn’t know Lions did that”. We all recognize the importance of publicizing our fundraisers, but how many of us recognize the importance of publicizing our service projects?

Our Lions Clubs exist for one purpose: community service. We serve our communities in many ways, but in many communities, the local Lions Club and the service it provides are the best kept secret in

town. As we serve those who need our help, we need to make sure that our neighbors know who we are and what we are doing to make a difference in our local community, across the state, and around the globe. We need support – and new members – from our local communities, in order to continue our long tradition of service, but we are not going to get that support or those new members, if people do not know that our Lions Club exists, or if they think that we’re just another card club or bowling team.

Our Lions Clubs have a long tradition of service. If we want that tradition to continue far into the future, it is not enough to work to meet the needs of today; we must also build to meet the needs of tomorrow. We joined Lions because someone offered us the opportunity to make a difference in our community. Offer someone else that same opportunity.



WHAT ARE THE 5 PILLARS OF THE LIONS CLUB? (An AI Overview)

The five pillars of Lions Club International are Vision, Hunger, Diabetes, Childhood Cancer, and Environment. These are the core global causes that Lions Clubs International focuses its service efforts on. These pillars represent areas where Lions Clubs International aims to make a significant impact through various service projects and initiatives

Vision:

Lions work to prevent avoidable blindness and improve the lives of the visually impaired.

Hunger:

They strive to ensure that all community members have access to nutritious food.

Diabetes:

Lions focus on reducing the prevalence of diabetes and improving the quality of life for those affected.

Childhood Cancer:

They support children and families impacted by childhood cancer.

Environment:

Lions are dedicated to protecting and restoring the environment to improve the well-being of communities.

Special Olympics Corn Hole Tournament 2025

This is a GREAT opportunity for you and your club to get involved!

This year, our sectional tournaments will be held on September 13th and 14th, and the State Tournament will take place again at Grand Park in Westfield, Indiana, on September 28th.

Please reach out to Bill McDonald at [Lionmcdonald53@gmail](mailto:Lionmcdonald53@gmail.com) with questions or to sign up!

Sectional #	Date (Saturday or Sunday )	Location	Management Team Email		Tournament Director
Sectional 1	Sunday, 9/14	<a href="#">3848 N Frontage Rd., Michigan City, IN 46360</a>	Orak Shrine Hall	<a href="mailto:areaone.soi@gmail.com">areaone.soi@gmail.com</a>	Garnett Kirk
Sectional 2	Sunday, 9/14	<a href="#">9273 IN-9, Hope IN 47246</a>	Hauser JR-SR High School	<a href="mailto:susie.warnell@yahoo.com">susie.warnell@yahoo.com</a>	Susie Warnell
Sectional 3	Saturday, 9/13	<a href="#">555 W Ohio St., Kendallville, IN 46755</a>	Hidden Ego Event & Recreation	<a href="mailto:lpepple10@gmail.com">lpepple10@gmail.com</a>	Laura Pepple
Sectional 4	Sunday, 9/14	300 S 3rd St., Monticello, IN 47960	Twin Lakes High School Monticello	<a href="mailto:whitecountyso91@gmail.com">whitecountyso91@gmail.com</a>	Kevin Anderson
Sectional 5	Sunday, 9/14	<a href="#">9815 IN-25, Rochester, IN 46975</a>	Caston HS	<a href="mailto:jonesgirls03@gmail.com">jonesgirls03@gmail.com</a>	Michelle Jones
Sectional 6	Saturday, 9/ 13	<a href="#">4405 S Madison St., Muncie, IN 47302</a>	Fountain Square Church	<a href="mailto:barb.cox@oldnational.com">barb.cox@oldnational.com</a>	Barb Cox
Sectional 7					
Sectional 8	Sunday, 9/14		<a href="#">1300 E 100 S, Lebanon, IN,46052</a>	<a href="#">Boone County Fairgrounds</a>	<a href="mailto:somcsouth@gmail.com">somcsouth@gmail.com</a>
				<a href="mailto:soboonecounty@gmail.com">soboonecounty@gmail.com</a>	
Sectional 9	Sunday, 9/ 14		<a href="#">412 Eastern Ave, Sunman, IN 47041</a>	<a href="#">American Legion</a>	<a href="mailto:heatherscarr93@gmail.com">heatherscarr93@gmail.com</a>
Sectional 10	Saturday, 9/13	<a href="#">6800 N Green River Rd. Evansville, IN 47725</a>	Goebel Soccer Complex	<a href="mailto:connieking5354@gmail.com">connieking5354@gmail.com</a>	Connie King

# 2025 INDIANA STATE FAIR

Thank You for a Great State Fair!

Submitted by Lion Jeff Kozicki

This year’s Indiana State Fair ran from August 1st to the 17th with the theme of “The Soundtrack of Summer”. The theme should have been “Lions are Everywhere” as this year Indiana Lions manned gates 1 and 3 (formerly gate 12) as well as the Southeast, Southwest, Northeast, and Northwest gates from the infield. As if that wasn’t enough, after the Fair started, Lions were asked to also handle the special gate that comes in next to the antique Hook’s Drug Store. Many Lions put in extremely long days, beginning before 5:30 when the gates for the exhibitors opened and staying until well after 9pm to get ready for the next day. Across hundreds of shifts the Lions and their friends that volunteered help the Fair attendees have a great time. If you worked one shift or where there every minute of the fifteen days of the fair. Thank you.

As a reminder, the money raised from working at the Fair goes to the Indiana Lions Foundations and funds the matching grants that clubs can request from the Foundation. For 2025-2026, the Foundation has raised the maximum grant to \$1,500. Those that work also earn credits that can be used for W.P. Woods Fellowships for themselves or others in their community or for \$200 Community Impact Grants that do not have a match. For more information, please contact your District’s Indiana Lions Foundation Trustees.

If you have not had the opportunity to work at the State Fair, there are a number of great jobs and benefits. The jobs include Cashier who sells entry tickets, Monitor who helps visitors use the kiosks to purchase tickets, Scanner who scans the visitor’s entry tickets to confirm they are valid and Stamper who gives the re-entry stamps as needed to visitors as they exit. Most jobs are seated and either inside an airconditioned building or under a tent. All workers get free parking at the fair, can enjoy the fair for free before or after their shift, get to meet lots of great Lions from all over the state, and have lots of fun. The State Fair dates are not yet out for next year, but please keep some time



*Thank you for all you do as a Lion!*