



# Lions Tales

**DISTRICT 25-G**

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## Have you scheduled the District Governor's visit to your club?

District Governor Ron Guth would like to attend one of your club meetings, share his vision for our district, and hear your concerns. Check his calendar in this newsletter, then give him a call at 765-460-7177, or send an email message to [guthron@comcast.net](mailto:guthron@comcast.net).

## A Message from District Governor Ron Guth

Well, it looks like that rodent from Pennsylvania was correct and winter is going out with a whimper. But the big news was our district convention held on March 9<sup>th</sup>. You were there, weren't you? Or did you miss these historic tidbits of district history happenings? Let's see if I can do a snapshot of the day's events. We remembered Lions that we lost this past year, who gave a total of 687 years of service. We had informative presentations on Miami County Helping Hands and 85 Hope of Wabash County. Both will be recipients of District & Club Community Impact Grant funds. We heard about the Peru Lions Cheer Club and signed over 200 "get well" cards. We did a little voting activity to work up an appetite, had an excellent lunch, and then were wowed by a presentation from ID Ben Apeland's partner in service, PDG Christine Lank, on "Women in Lions". This was followed by a presentation by Baugo Township Lion Brian Bussard on his journey with testing the Intracortical Visual Prosthesis (ICVP). Go to the Lions Magazine website and read all about it in the Summer 2022 issue. This was followed by our keynote address from ID Ben Apeland who started his remarks with "Today we were introduced to a pioneer – Lion Brian Bussard". ID Ben went on to cover many aspects of Lionism and that what we routinely do makes a difference to others. Lions Kim Polk and Rose Russell were both presented the International President's Certificate of Appreciation for their service to Lions at the district and state levels. We learned about upcoming International and State Conventions and heard candidacy speeches for International Director that will be voted on during the State Convention in Noblesville April 26–28. We covered all the district cabinet meeting business and learned that Vision First Lions Eye Bank has provided tissue for 50,000 corneal transplants. We then gave W.P. Woods Fellowships to Lion Wendy Yuhasz (Lydick), Lion Al Beehler (Madison Township) and Lion Brian Bussard (Baugo Township) for their service with Lions. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Warren Allender was presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship by ID Ben Apeland and the district presented a W.P. Woods Fellowship to ID Ben Apeland along with a history lesson of how Dr. W.P. Woods started Lions in 2016 and was the first president of Lions International.



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## A Message from District Governor Ron Guth

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Oh, remember that little voting thing we did just before lunch? We elected a full slate of Trustees for the state projects and Indiana Lions Foundation, and the 2024-2025 District Governor Team. **I'll bet you wish you had been there to know who!**

Come to the next District Meeting at Leesburg 5/18/24 to find out.

Lions in Action,  
District Governor Ron Guth

## State Convention Updates

### Constitutional Amendments on Ballot at State Convention

Several proposed amendments to the Indiana Lions Constitution will be on the ballot at the State Convention. Information about these amendments was published in the February issue of the Hoosier Lion. A digital copy of the Hoosier Lion was sent to the district email list on Friday, February 23rd. A paper copy of the Hoosier Lion was sent to every Lions household in the state of Indiana. If you did not receive either a digital copy or a paper copy of the February 2024 issue of the Hoosier Lion, please send an email message to [pdgpaul25g@gmail.com](mailto:pdgpaul25g@gmail.com) and request a copy.

### State Convention Registration & Information in This Newsletter

A State Convention registration form, schedule of events, and other information are included at the end of this newsletter.

We hope to see you at the Indiana Lions State Convention, Friday-Sunday, April 26-28, at the Embassy Suites Noblesville Indianapolis Convention Center in Noblesville, Indiana.



**Don't be an April Fool!**

**Register today**

**Indiana Lions State Convention**

**April 26-28, 2024**

**Noblesville, Indiana**

## A Message From 1st Vice District Governor Warren Allender



I want to begin with a big "Thank you" to District Governor Ron and Lion Beth Guth, as well as their committee that put our District Convention together. If you were not there, you missed a good one. The Necrology Service recognized the passing of 21 Lions, with 687 years of service given freely and graciously. That was followed by the presentation of 3 great service projects, *Helping Hands, 85 Hope, and Cheer Club*. After which, a great lunch was provided by the ladies of the Argos Methodist Church. The meal included ham, fried chicken, and all the fixings, in addition to my favorite - green bean & corn casserole. After lunch we had more great programming by Past District Governor Christine Lank, speaking on *Women in Lions, New voices*, and my fellow Baugo Lions member, Lion Brian Bussard, who shared his story of blindness, and his volunteering to be included in the *Intracortical Visual Prosthesis (ICVP) project*. Then it was time for International Director Ben Apeland to update us on Mission 1.5, the convention coming up in Melbourne, Australia, and—closer to home—the USA/Canada Forum being held in Louisville, KY this year. Trustee reports, Global Action Team reports, and acceptance speeches wrapped up the day. It was a full day, and the recurring theme was **Lions in Action**, just as DG Ron predicted a year ago.

Action is what is needed now with nominations and elections in all clubs. It's time to form those nominations committees and get **Lions of Action** to fill the positions of President, Vice President(s), Secretary, Treasurer, Board Members, and LCIF Coordinator. Obviously, I have a vested interest in clubs completing their elections and reporting next year's officers to Lions International. It is from those reports that next year's directory will be compiled. That is one of my responsibilities, so please get those elections going and done early.

I would like to touch on a couple of other items this month. First, my training experience in St. Charles, Illinois, at the Q-Center. This past year, as your 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor, I have been privileged to attend training at the Lions State Office Building in Indianapolis, as well as extensive on-line courses provided by Lions International. All of that is in preparation for us as incoming District Governors to better understand our new roles in Lionism. That culminated in the training at the Q-Center. A weeklong training with 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors from around the world, 798 of us, I believe was the number. It was very exciting and enlightening as we met the incoming International President, Fabricio Oliveira, and heard his ideas and plans for the future. Two points resonate: Mission 1.5 membership growth and retention, and funding for the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

So, my second and last topic is membership retention. This is an unfortunate story, yet one that perhaps has played out in your club, as well. At our last Board meeting a resignation was tendered. The individual was moving on to other activities. He had been with our club a number of years and I was caught off guard. I followed up with a call to the member. While he would not share much, he did indicate that he became disillusioned and somewhat offended by certain activities and felt it better for him to move on. I was disheartened, clearly whatever the conflict was, it was not going to be resolved with my intervention. He chose to "vote with his feet" and moved on. This was and is very saddening to me. While we promote service and action, we do not need actions that are offensive to others. Be conscious of your actions and how they may impact and affect others. We are Lions, with big and kind hearts, WE SERVE.

Lion Warren Allender, 1st Vice District Governor

*Never pass up an opportunity to recognize someone for a job well-done.*

## A Message From 2nd Vice District Governor Jackie Kurley



Hello Lions,

We are rounding the final turn and heading into the home stretch for the Lions' Year. We just completed a fabulous, fun, friendly District Convention where the elections proved to be engaging. At the convention, we were first treated to a fabulous presentation by PDG Christine Lank from Canada, about the "Herstory of Women in Lions". She took us through the progression of women in Lions International and the significant role they have played and continue to play in our organization. It was one of the best presentations I have heard as a Lion. Then, ID Ben Apeland shared stories about his travels and the interesting places he has visited as International Director.

Nominating speeches were given and I got all verklempt by the kind words from Dunlap President Lion Duane Klein and Lion Steve Weld. Thank goodness that ID Apeland told us he was on the Constitution and By Laws Committee, because at the time we did not have a nominee for 2nd Vice District Governor. Nominations were about to close and ID Apeland reminded us there needs to be three requests for floor nominations. Well, after the 2nd and before the 3rd asking, Lion Steve Weld from the Dunlap Lions raised his hand and declared himself a nominee. The room roared with excitement!! It was time for the elections.

We were then treated to the fabulous lunch that always delights our tastebuds. This is the opportunity to share ideas with other clubs in the district and get ideas where projects can be worked on with other clubs.

Congratulations to all those that won their elections in their clubs. I am so proud of the members that stepped up and took on district roles or even other roles in their own clubs. There is nothing to be afraid of when challenging yourself to something new. The best part is that you know there will always be someone there to help you. This is how we strengthen our clubs and grow.

I do have one request, well currently, one request.

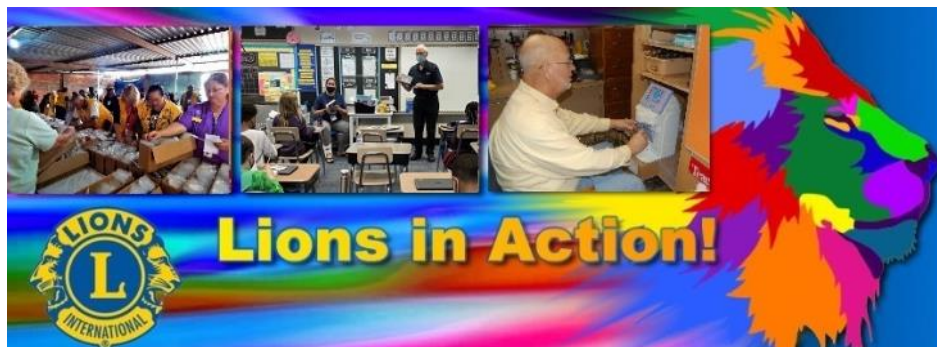
If you did NOT attend the District Convention, would you please drop me an email and express what would entice you to come to a District Convention? What would you enjoy at a Convention?

If you attended the Convention, what else would YOU like to see happen at a District Convention? In other words, what did you like, not like, and what should we do differently?

My email address is: [Kurmon@comcast.net](mailto:Kurmon@comcast.net)

Thanks.

Lion Jackie Kurley, 2nd Vice District Governor



## A Message From District Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Kim Polk



Spring is here, although the chill in the air is deceiving. Are you preparing for your garden? I am planning a new raised garden. It is my hope to work that garden with my granddaughter. So as I am planning that garden, I am planning on planting vegetables that she enjoys eating: mini



cucumbers, mini peppers, peas, cherry tomatoes. My guess is that when they ripen, some of them will not make it into the house but will be eaten as they are picked.

It is also the time of the Lions' year to start preparing for the new Lions' year as we elect officers for next year. The District Lions elected the following District Officers for the 2024-2025 Lions year at the District Convention held in Argos on March 9<sup>th</sup>:

- District Governor: 1st VDG Warren Allender
- 1st Vice District Governor: 2nd VDG Jackie Kurley
- 2nd Vice District Governor: Lion Steve Weld

I congratulate each of these Lions as they continue their service to the District.

Clubs should be electing next year's officers this month and report your elected officers for next year to LCI and to 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Warren Allender.

- By May 1 – Enter your next year's officers on MyLCI.
  - ◆ This is a good time to verify that their address and email address information is correct.
  - ◆ There are other positions that LCI is asking to be reported as well: LCIF Coordinator, Service Chairperson, Marketing Communications Chairperson, and Club Directors.
- Send the elected President's and Secretary's name, spouse's name, address, phone number and email address to 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Warren Allender so that he get can started on his directory for next year. It can be emailed to **warrenallender@comcast.net** or mailed to:  
1<sup>st</sup> VDG Warren Allender  
30009 CR 16  
Elkhart, IN 46516

As you continue your planning for the 2024-25 Lions' year, remember that International Dues will be increased by \$2.00 for the 2024-25 year. The LCI Annual dues will be \$48.00 beginning 7/1/2024. Please plan for this when planning for new Lion year. The District and State dues will stay the same for the 2024-25 year.

Please be aware that there will be an additional \$2.00 increase in International Dues that goes into effect beginning July 1, 2025. If you have questions, please contact DG Ron Guth or me.

There are three months left in this Lions' year. This is plenty of time to continue to cultivate the projects that your club currently has in process. Our club has just finished a work day at the community building – doing spring cleaning and completing some work projects that needed to be done. What outstanding projects does your club need to work on before the end of this Lions' year? I am sure there is something that needs to be done. If your club is like mine, the work is never done. There is always something that needs to be done to serve our community! Remember: we are Lions in Action,

Lion Kim Polk. District Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer  
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## Global Leadership Team

### Zone Chairs Are Not Just For Sitting



A Zone is a cluster of neighboring Clubs, usually four to six in number. Every Club belongs to a Zone. Every Zone has a Zone Chair. The Zone Chair plays an important role in this cluster of Clubs. The Chair is a direct link, but not the only link, between the District Governor and each individual Club. Normally, a District Governor has time to visit each Club only once, while Zone Chairs are encouraged to make multiple visits to each Club to understand the needs of each Club and to help them achieve their goals in activities, membership, leadership development, or mastering the methods of contributing to LCIF. But, of course, you knew all that already.

And all of this happens without the Zone Chair actually being in charge of any of the Clubs. The Zone Chair acts more like a mentor or a cheerleader for the Clubs and is not really allowed to tell a Club that they "have to" do something. Encourage, yes; demand, no. The Zone Chair also holds meetings of the Clubs in their Zone from time to time. These meetings are intended to share news from Lions International, recognize good and bad Club experiences, celebrate successes, and provide opportunities to share questions and advice. Such meetings are normally open to all Club members, not just officers.

So, how can you benefit the most from your Zone Chair? First, invite the Zone Chair to your Club meetings, whether in person or virtual. Share any problems you may be having. The Zone Chair has a wealth of resource materials available and may be able to propose some solutions. The Zone Chair could also induct new members or install officers. Zone Chairs pass along news from the District Governor, present awards, provide programs, and participate in publicizing your fundraisers. Second, if given the chance, attend a group meeting. This is not a meeting where the Zone Chair is eagerly waiting to "snitch" your questions or problems to the District Governor, but it is a great chance to network with other Clubs and share in their successes or discuss some current Lions issues. Lastly, the Zone Chair assists the First Vice District Governor or District Governor Elect by suggesting names of possible Zone Chairs, District officers, committee chairs, project trustees, or potential award winners.

If the District Governor Elect is lucky, all Zone Chair positions are filled by now, and you'll have to wait until next year. So get your name in early, express your interest, and shadow a Zone Chair to see how best to accomplish the job. In my opinion, it is the best job in the District. And good Zone Chairs don't get much time for sitting.

PCC Dave Eisen, Global Leadership Team Coordinator

## Celebrating 290 Years of Service

District 25-G recognizes these Lions Clubs chartered during the month of April. These clubs have been serving their local communities for a total of 290 years. Each club has impacted their local community in their own unique way, and has supported district, state, and international projects. They continue to be examples of "Lions in Action" and demonstrate the Lions' motto: "We Serve"! **Congratulations on your years of service!**

CLUB NAME	CHARTER DATE	YEARS OF SERVICE
Culver	April 15, 1943	81
Urbana	April 15, 1952	72
Madison Township	April 8, 1958	66
Grass Creek	April 11, 1973	46
Fulton Liberty	April 23, 1999	25

## Global Membership Team

### Together We Can and Together We Will



We are serving a world in need with one act of kindness at a time. Our service is a promise to the world, and we can only truly fulfill it by expanding our membership. As you can see, this is not a one-person job. That's why Mission 1.5 is so important. Let's get enthused at a club level and achieve positive growth at the club level. Does your club have a Membership Chair Person? If not, now is a good time to elect one. Look for a True leader, a Team Player, an Encourager!

As always, Thank you!

Thank you for being a Lion!

Thank you for the service you give to your fellow Lions and to your community in many ways! It is needed and appreciated.

PDG Marlyn Fast, Global Membership Team Coordinator

## Here We Grow Again

Since the start of the current Lions year, 26 district clubs have welcomed 68 new Lions to the largest and greatest volunteer service organization in the world. We welcome these new Lions and thank their sponsors for offering them the opportunity to make a difference in their communities and the world.

The following new Lions were not previously reported in the district newsletter.

### **Bourbon Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Larry Shutske

Sponsor: Lion Michael Zvalaren

New Member: Lion Sandra Shutske

Sponsor: Lion Michael Zvalaren

New Member: Lion Vicky Lynn Wilcox

Sponsor: Lion Jan Ulmer

### **Dunlap Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Heather Bohn

Sponsor: PDG Marlyn Fast

### **LaFontaine Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Carson Rody

Sponsor: Lion Bradley Rody

New Member: Lion Teresa Rody

Sponsor: Lion Bradley Rody

### **Lakeville Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Ross Richards

Sponsor: Lion Larry Ort

### **Lydick Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Grace Downey

Sponsor: Lion Steven Downey

New Member: Lion Katy Downey

Sponsor: Lion Gary Downey

New Member: Lion John Pangini

Sponsor: Lion Wendy Yuhasz

### **Roann Covered Bridge Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Adam Dolrovodsky

Sponsor: Lion Lisa Dolrovodsky

### **Silver Lake Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Donald Laughlin

Sponsor: Lion Jason McGlennen

New Member: Lion Rosemary Laughlin

Sponsor: Lion Jason McGlennen



# MISSION 1.5

## Global Service Team



It's hard to believe how fast the Lions' year goes by. We only have three months left to complete all the service projects planned for this year, and a limited time to set up and complete new projects that can help those in need within our communities. As good Lions, we are always there for those less fortunate.

District 25-G has helped over 91,000 people through 987 service activities. Clubs have reported holding projects on Vision (124) and Hunger (126). We need to do more with Environment (25), Diabetes (2), and Childhood Cancer (7). Let's all attempt to add to these last three International Causes in the coming months.

Lions International is preparing to roll out the new Lions Portal. This will be happening April 15 - May 13, if all goes as planned. Lion Account users will receive an invitation to access the new portal during this time period. These dates are subject to change, if it is determined more time is needed for the best outcome of launching the new program. A how-to video is available at [lionsclubs.org/portalupdates](https://lionsclubs.org/portalupdates) to better understand accessing the new portal. Look up the site after you receive your invitation.

Please set up a Lions Account as there is a tremendous amount of information to better understand the workings of Lionism. Every Lion member should take advantage of this account.

### WE SERVE

Lion Al Beehler, Global Service Team Coordinator

## LCIF Coordinators Update

### Helping a World in Need



**LCIF Mission:** To empower Lions Clubs, volunteers, and partners, to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding.

Our District goal for 2023-24 year is to raise \$31,374. As of February 29, we have given \$17,850 or 56.9%. Let's motivate all of the clubs to support LCIF.

At our District Convention we raised \$260. Every donation that was given had their name put in a drawing. Lion Wendy Yuhasz, from the Lydick Lions Club, was the winner of two tickets to the Round Barn Theater. I hope you enjoy an evening out, Wendy!

Let me repeat myself to say that natural disasters are occurring more frequently and with more intensity than ever before. Most recent are the fires in Texas and Oklahoma. When a natural disaster strikes, we as Lions are ready to help. LCIF, our Global Foundation, has mobilized funds for Lions in Texas.

Your donations make a difference when communities are impacted by natural disasters. 100% of the donations benefit grants and programs and qualify for Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) or Progressive MJF.

### "Lions Clubs are the Grassroots in their Community"

PDG Marlyn Fast & 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Jackie Kurley, LCIF Coordinators



## News From Around the District

### District Convention Held in Argos



2024-2025 District officers (l. to r.):  
1st VDGE Jackie Kurley (Dunlap Lions Club), DGE Warren Allender (Baugo Township Lions Club), 2nd VDGE Steve Weld (Dunlap Lions Club)

The District Convention was hosted by the Argos Lions Club at the Argos United Methodist Church in Argos on Saturday, March 9th with 81 Lions and guests in attendance. 16 district clubs were represented by 61 Lions and 2 guests, and there were 18 out-of-district Lions in attendance.

District officers for the 2024-2025 Lions' year were elected.

- 1st Vice District Governor Warren Allender of the Baugo Township Lions Club was elected District Governor.
- 2nd Vice District Governor Jackie Kurley of the Dunlap Lions Club was elected 1st Vice District Governor.
- Lion Steve Weld of the Dunlap Lions Club was elected 2nd Vice District Governor.

The keynote speaker for the convention was ID Ben Apeland of Bozeman, Montana. He was accompanied by his Partner In Service, PDG Christine Lank of Didsbury, Alberta, Canada.

DG Ron Guth and ID Ben Apeland presented awards and recognition to several Lions:

- International President's Certificate of Appreciation: Lion Kim Polk (LaFontaine Lions Club) and Lion Rose Russell (Lakeville

Lions Club).

- Melvin Jones Fellowship: 1st Vice District Governor Warren Allender (Baugo Township Lions Club).
- W.P. Woods Fellowship: Lion Wendy Yuhasz (Lydick Lions Club), Lion Al Beehler (Madison Township Lions Club), and Lion Brian Bussard (Baugo Township Lions Club).

DG Ron Guth also presented a W.P. Woods Fellowship to ID Ben Apeland.

For additional information about the convention, see the convention minutes that were sent to the district mailing list on March 20th.



ID Ben Apeland and DG Ron Guth are shown here with (above, l. to r.) Lion Kim Polk, Lion Rose Russell, 1VDG Warren Allender; (below, l. to r.) Lion Wendy Yuhasz, Lion Al Beehler, Lion Brian Bussard.



## News From Around the District

### Claypool Lions Club Welcomes New Members, Supports Local School and Food Bank

Claypool Lions have happily accepted several transfers from the former Sidney Lions Club including Lions Tom Brainard, Chuck Eckart, Dave Merritt, and Russel Rose. We also welcomed new member Lion Brent Messmore.

The club continues to fry fish and tenderloins on the third Saturday of seven months. These fundraisers help support several service projects in the community.

The Claypool Lions Club has purchased personal hygiene products and added shelves to the Claypool Elementary School "Closet". Children that need clean, appropriately-fitting clothes for school can receive them from the "Closet". They will receive a bag of hygiene products, a coat, and shoes, if needed, twice a year.

The Claypool Lions have helped stock the Claypool Food Bank with many grocery items. The Food Bank of Claypool is located in the old bank building downtown. It is open on Thursdays from 10am to noon and again from 5pm to 6pm.



Left: Lion Don Morris, Food Bank Manager Rob Seawald, Lions Club President Jack Warren, and Lion Clark Heater with a small portion of the groceries purchased by the Claypool Lions Club for the Claypool Food Bank.

Right: Lion Jack Warren and Lion Don Morris add shelves for shoes and boots in the "Closet" at Claypool Elementary School.



Left: Claypool Elementary School Principal Missy Reece with Lions Jerry Johnson, Jack Warren, Clark Heater, and Don Morris unload hygiene products at Claypool Elementary School.

*(Submitted by Lion Don Morris, Claypool Lions Club)*

### Tell Us About Your Club's Signature Service Project

Does your club have a signature service project ... an ongoing or recurring project that wouldn't be done if it weren't for your Lions Club ... a service project that everyone in your community associates with your Lions Club? Write a short article about your club's signature service project and send it, with photos, to PDG Paul Russell <pdgpaul25g@gmail.com> for publication in the district newsletter.

## News From Around the District

### Lydick Lions Install Grab Bars for Cancer Patient

On March 6, Kathy Hawley, Nurse Navigator at Beacon Cancer Care contacted Lion Wendy Yuhasz and explained that a cancer patient who had recently had surgery, needed grab bars installed in a shower.

Two of our members, Lions Mark Perkins and Leroy Wise, contacted the patient and made arrangements to install three grab bars in the shower. The job was done in three hours.

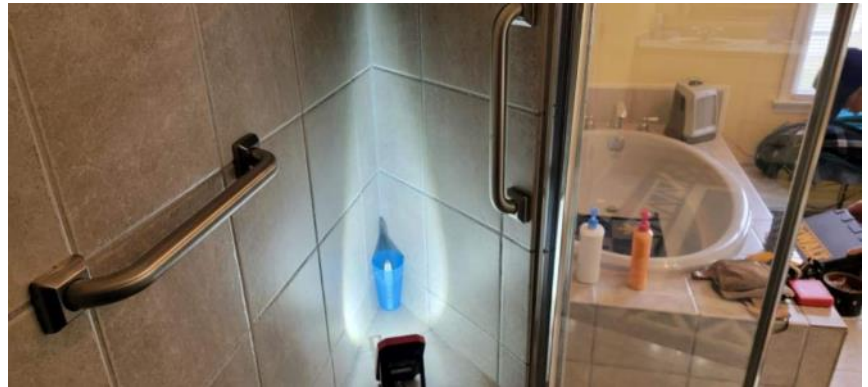
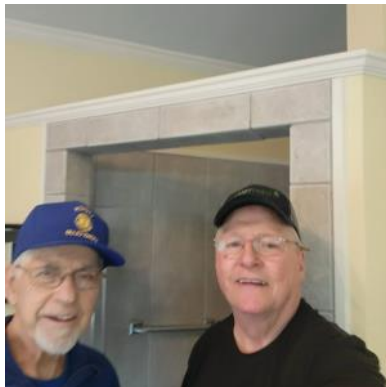
The very happy gentleman and his wife were thrilled with the work and how quickly the bars were installed.



Left: Lion Leroy Wise, seen from the shower where the grab bars were installed.

Below, left: Lions Leroy Wise and Mark Perkins

Below right: New grab bars



*(Submitted by Lion Teckla Lane, Lydick Lions Club)*

### Lydick Lions Club President Honored at District Convention



We are very proud to announce that on March 9, 2024, at the Indiana Lions District 25 Convention, International Director Ben Apeland and District Governor Ron Guth presented Lydick Lions President Wendy Yuhasz a W. P. Woods Fellowship plate.

Lion Wendy has been a member of the Lydick Lions Club since May 2006 and a club officer since July 2013, holding the offices of Secretary, 2nd Vice President, and President. She is currently serving as the club's President and LCIF Coordinator, and as the Zone Chair for Region 1, Zone 1.

She is dedicated, passionate, and diligent in her duties, and an inspiration to all. We applaud you, Lion Wendy. Thank you for the compassionate leadership you demonstrate.

*(Submitted by Lion Teckla Lane, Lydick Lions Club)*

## News From Around the District

### Elkhart Lions Club Welcomes New Member



Left: The Elkhart Lions Club's newest member Lion Linda Choler with sponsor Lion Sandy Ivagnillio and Elkhart Lions Club President Dick Trowbridge.

*(Submitted by PDG Brian Thomas, Elkhart Lions Club)*

### Milford Lions Club Restores Historic Club Banner



The Milford Lions Club has restored the club's original 80-year-old banner. It had been in storage for several years. PDG Bud Seely retrieved it from storage before he passed away. It has been restored and is now on display in a glass case in the club's meeting room, with a plaque honoring PDG Bud Seely and PDG Jerri Seely.

*(Submitted by PDG Marty Juel, Elkhart Lions Club)*



### Lakeville Lions Club Welcomes New Member



At their dinner meeting on March 26th, the Lakeville Lions Club welcomed Lion Ross Richardson as a new member. Lion Ross was sponsored by Immediate Past President Lion Larry Ort and inducted by Past Council Chair Vic Fischer.

Left: Lion Larry Ort fastens a Lions membership pin on Lion Ross Richardson's suspender strap.



**Your club news could be here. Send articles and photos to PDG Paul Russell <pdgpaul25g@gmail.com> by the 25th of the month.**

## News From Around the District

### Elkhart & Dunlap Lions Clubs Team Up for Flags from the Heart

On Memorial Day weekend, the 18th annual **Flags from the Heart** display will be flown in Lundquist-Bicentennial Park in Elkhart. The flags will fly from noon on **May 25** until 4:00 p.m., **May 27**. Memorial Day, or as it was originally named, Decoration Day, is observed on the last Monday in May. It originally began as a way of honoring U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

By participating in the **Flags from the Heart** display, presented jointly by the Elkhart Lions Club and Dunlap Lions Club, you may honor a member of the military, living or deceased, a loved family member, living or deceased, a friend, or a group by dedicating a flag to them. You determine the wording of the dedication. The flag is yours to keep after the weekend and may be taken home to be flown or it may be stored by the Lions to be flown the next year. The **first year**, a new American-made 3'x5' flag costs **\$35** to fly. To fly your flag in **subsequent years** costs **\$20** per flag **each year**. If you wish to take your flag home, please pick it up beginning at **3:00 p.m., May 27**, at the display. You may wish to fly more than one flag. If so, please complete one application form for **each flag flown**.

An application form is included in this newsletter. Application forms are also available at [elkhartlions.org](http://elkhartlions.org). For further information, contact Lion Marlin Culp at 574-596-7095 or Lion Larry Morr at 574-370-0119.

Mail completed application forms and checks payable to **The Elkhart Lions Club** to: **The Elkhart Lions Club, P.O. Box 81, Elkhart, IN 46515**.

*(Submitted by Lion Larry Morr, Elkhart Lions Club)*

### Lakeville Lions Club Member Honored at District Convention



Lion Rose Russell and Lakeville Lions Club President Lion Jim Tibbs display the International President's Certificate of Appreciation she received at the District Convention.

The Lakeville Lions Club recently celebrated member Lion Rose Russell. Lion Rose received an International President's Certificate of Appreciation at the District 25-G convention in Argos on Saturday, March 9th. This award celebrates leaders who have made an impact on the Lions' mission and on the community where they serve. It is the 4th highest award which Lions Clubs International presents to its members. Lion Rose has been a member of the Lakeville Lions Club since 2007. She has served the club as Secretary and Treasurer, and as chairwoman of many club projects. On the district level, she has served as the Newsletter Editor, District Treasurer, and Vision Services Chairperson. She served as co-chair of the 2016 State Convention. Lion Rose has been an Indiana Lions Foundation Trustee since 2013 and serves on the Foundation's Indiana State Fair Committee. She is an inspiration to those around her, as is evidenced by her many awards including a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship, a Progressive W.P. Woods Fellowship, and a Lakeville Lion of the Year award. She has also received an International President's Medal, an International Leadership Medal, several International President's Certificates of Appreciation, and the United States President's Lifetime Achievement Award for her many years of community service.

*(Submitted by Lion Anne Weber, Lakeville Lions Club)*



18<sup>th</sup> Year

## Memorial Day Weekend 2024

*Display your honor and dedication with a 3' x 5' U.S. Flag*

Each flag will include your message to honor an individual, group, or organization, or memorialize someone who has passed. Flags will be displayed over the 2024 Memorial Day weekend in downtown Elkhart's

### Lundquist-Bicentennial Park

Noon Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> to Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

\$35 per new dedicated American flag

The flag is yours to keep after the weekend, or we can keep your flag to be displayed in next year's Flags project.

\$20 to display any previous "Flags from the Heart" flag.

Call Larry Morr at (574)-370-0119 or Marlin Culp at (574)-596-7095 for further details

Your Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Flags: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35.00 for new American Flag = total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Flags: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 to re-display 2008 to 2023 flags = total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication: (Put one dedication per flag on a form. Print the completed dedication below or on the back of this application. PLEASE DO NOT WRITE 'SAME')

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Make checks payable to: Elkhart Lions Club

Mail to: P.O. Box 81, Elkhart, In 46515

Flags should be picked up on 5/27/24, 3-4 pm at the flag display area unless prior arrangements are made. Flags are made in the USA

## Our State Projects & Foundation



## Vision First Indiana Lions Eye Bank

Because of you, 50,000 corneas have been transplanted.



50,000 people have the chance to see again.

Click on the image or click [here](#) to see a short video about Vision First Indiana Lions Eye Bank

## Indiana School for the Blind & Visually Impaired

### Lions Work Day at Indiana School for the Blind & Visually Impaired (ISBVI)

Your ISBVI Lion Trustees are sponsoring a **work day** at the school in Indianapolis on **Saturday, May 18, 2024**. This is a great opportunity for you, your family members, and friends to walk the walk and put our "**We Serve**" motto into action. Our schedule for the day will be:

- > 8:30 a.m. Registration and donuts (Of course!)
- > 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Morning work session
- > 1:00 p.m. Lunch (provided by the school)
- > After lunch **Tour of the school** for those interested
- > After lunch Afternoon work session until done

Come and help us beautify and improve this campus! Interested? Contact:

Lion Mike Okuly  
260-519-3541  
mokuly52@yahoo.com

It's a great day of fun, hard work, and camaraderie, and a chance to meet other Lions from around the state, as well as visit this beautiful campus. This is one of **your** Lions State Projects.....take a few hours to help beautify and improve it. You'll get great satisfaction from doing so....and of course, a **free lunch**! Hope to see you there.



### Major Changes to ISBVI Campus Beginning This Summer

You may already know that the State of Indiana intends to move the Indiana School for the Deaf to the current campus of the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Most of the existing buildings on the ISBVI campus will be torn down and new buildings will be erected for each school. This is a multi-year project which will begin in earnest this summer.

#### What will happen to the current ISBVI campus buildings?

After graduation, the contents of existing buildings will be removed to Indianapolis Public Schools #83 and #94. These schools are 20 minutes east of the ISBVI campus. Bulldozing will begin in late summer. The tower and wings will remain and be renovated. The auditorium has already been renovated. The pool and its building will be renovated.

There will be no auction of contents left behind.

#### What are the plans for new construction?

##### Upper Campus

Fine Arts Building  
Separate dorms and educational units  
2-story buildings, instead of 3-story buildings  
One kitchen, two dining areas  
Two separate administrations  
Central utility plant  
One maintenance department  
Two greenhouses

##### Lower campus

Football stadium  
Fieldhouse  
Baseball & softball fields  
Christmas Tree Sales





*85 Years of Serving Peru and Miami County Friends and Neighbors*

## **PERU LIONS CLUB**

### **“TENDERLION” SANDWICH CARRY-OUT**

**Saturday, April 20, 2024**

*Serving from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM*

*(While quantities last)*

**Drive-up's enter alley behind fire house from east end  
(No dine-in service)**

**“Old Fire House”  
Corner of Main and Miami St., Peru**

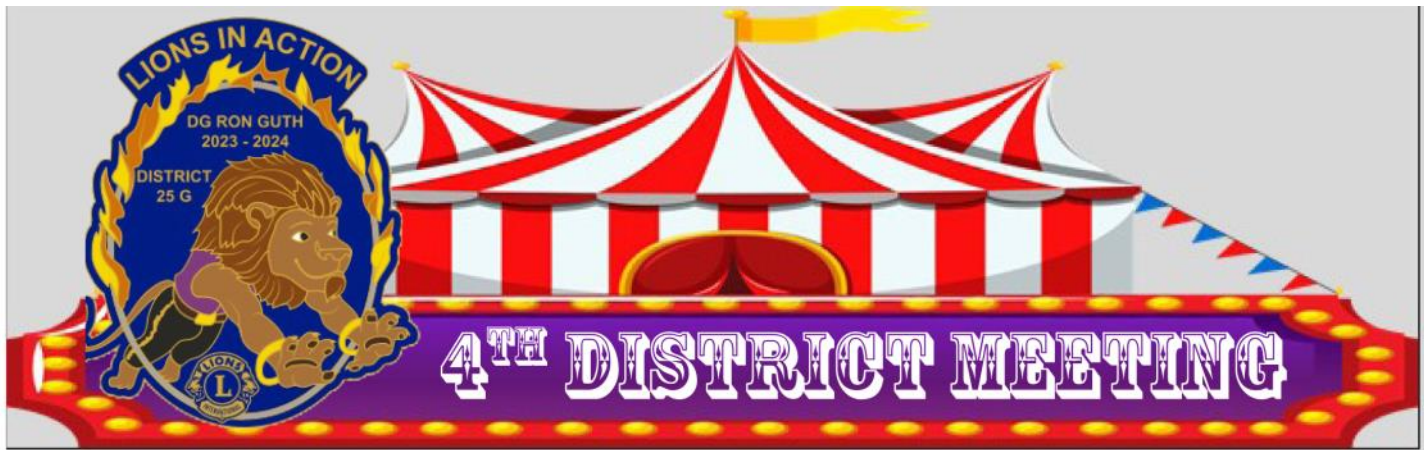
**“Tenderlion” Sandwich \$8.00**

*\*Served with condiment packets of ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise,  
dill pickle slices and chopped onions*

*Proceeds for Scholarships, Eye Glasses for Those in Need, Youth  
and Adult Charities, 4-H, Food Backpacks & Vision Screening*

**Please drop off your old eye glasses and hearing aids so we can  
help those less fortunate with better vision and hearing**

**We need more LIONS ask us how to join our team!**



Hosted by  
**Leesburg Lions Club**  
 Leesburg  
 Community Building  
 114 School St.  
 Leesburg, IN

**Saturday**  
**May 18, 2024**  
**Breakfast: 9 - 9:30 am**  
**Meeting 9:30 am - Noon**

**\$8<sup>00</sup> ea.**

The ladies of the church will again be preparing breakfast casseroles and assorted other items for our breakfast. **YUMMY!**

Known for their **GREAT** breakfasts and **OUTSTANDING** fellowship, don't miss this opportunity to meet the Leesburg Lions and learn about programs in and around the district.

**4<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT MEETING RESERVATIONS**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this reservation and your check payable to District 25-G to:

CS/CT Kim Polk  
 260-571-6125 • kkpolk61@gmail.com  
 5378 E 975 S  
 LaFontaine, IN 46940

**Lions Club International Experience:**

- Club Extension Awards (2)
- Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships (14)
- Attended 8 International Conventions
- Attended 4 USA/Canada Forums
- Int. Pres. Leadership Medal
- Int. Pres. Certificate of Appreciation (3)
- Graduate of Faculty Development Institute LI

**MD 25 Lions Experience**

- Council Chairperson 2014 - 2015
- MidWinter Chairperson
- State Convention Chairperson
- Int. Convention Chairperson
- Eyeglass Missions to Mexico (5)
- Progressive WP Woods Fellowships
- Richard Miyamoto Fellowship
- Trustee for Leaderdogs for the Blind
- Trustee for Vision 1st IN Lions Eye Bank
- Nominated for Distinguished Lion (2)



Working at a Lions/Anthem partnership program.



Lion Janet & Reed at a Lions Celebration



Lion Reed working with others at the Indiana State Fair



Lion Janet & Reed at a state convention

**Vote PCC Reed Fish for International Director**

**Working together to achieve more TLCS:**

- Teamwork**
- Leadership**
- Commitment**
- Service**



Part of the 100th State Lions Convention Planning Team (2021)



PCC Bob Booher and Reed Fish co-chaired the 100th State Lions Convention

**District 25 F Experience:**

- District Governor
- Vice-District Governor
- Zone Chair
- Cabinet Treasurer 7 years
- Global Leadership Chair 9 years
- Carter Everage Fellowship
- Jewel Pin DG recognition
- Camp Woodsmoke Trustee

**Speedway Lions Club Experience:**

- Club President
- Chair of Multiple Committees
- Member since 1989



Speedway Lions Club  
<http://e-club.house.org/stevespeedway/>

# CHARLIE SHORT

*for*

## INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR



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ACTION TODAY -  
VISION FOR THE FUTURE

*Vote Charlie at State Convention!*



# April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	<b>4 DG Visit Roann Covered Bridge LC</b>	5	6
7	<b>8 DG Visit Atwood LC</b>	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	<b>23 DG Visit Etna Green LC</b>	24	25	<b>26 State Convention Noblesville</b>	<b>27 State Convention Noblesville</b>
<b>28 State Convention Noblesville</b>	29	30				



# May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	<b>9 DG Visit Richvalley LC</b>	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	<b>17 Elkhart LC 100th Anniversary</b>	<b>18 District Meeting #4 Leesburg</b>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

### District Global Action Team

#### Global Leadership Team (GLT)

PCC David Eisen  
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*(for assistance with myLCI & myLion)*

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### Mark Your Calendar

Apr 26-28, 2024 State Convention  
Noblesville, Indiana

May 18, 2024 District Meeting #4  
Leesburg, Indiana

### District Directory Updates

p. 30: Lion Teckla Lane (Lydick LC Secretary)  
Email address: dbsshama2@gmail.com

p. 35: Lion Angela Himes (Syracuse LC President)  
Home address: 703 W. Catholic St., Pierceton, IN  
46562

International President Dr. Patti Hill

# BE THE CHANGE



## We Serve

#CHANGINGTHEWORLD  
#BETHECHANGE  
#WESERVE

**The new digital Hoosier Lion is now available on our district website at <http://lions25g.com/>. Click on "Newsletters" and "Hoosier Lion".**



# 2024 Indiana Lions 103<sup>rd</sup> State Convention

Hosted by District 25D

April 26 – 28, 2024



## Embassy Suites Noblesville Indianapolis Convention Center With Special Guest Past International President Frank Moore

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR OWN LODGING BY APRIL 1, 2024

Embassy Suites Noblesville Indianapolis Conference Center  
13700 Conference Center Drive South, Noblesville, IN 46060  
(317) 674-1900 (Group Code LIO) or click [here](#)

Room Rate: \$175/night. Includes cooked-to-order hot breakfast and manager's reception  
For those not staying at the hotel who wish to enjoy the breakfast or reception,  
the cost is \$20 per – please register below.

Friday Golf Outing at Top Golf, 9200 E 116<sup>th</sup> St. Fishers  
\$20 per person / limited to 48 golfers

### Registration Form (one form per person)

**Deadline: All Registration Forms must be Postmarked by April 12, 2024**

Please print name/Lions title as desire on Name Badge:

Name and Lion Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Special Dietary Needs, list here: \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Top Golf	\$20	_____
Friday Evening Hors D'oeuvres	\$10	_____
Saturday Lunch: Beef Tips with Buttered Noodles	\$25	_____
Or Chicken Parmesan (circle one)		
Saturday Strides Walk T-Shirt Size (S to 3XL)	\$20	_____
Saturday Dinner: Grilled Ribeye or Filet of Salmon (circle one)	\$35	_____
Non-Hotel Guest: Breakfast ticket(s)	\$20	_____
Non-Hotel Guest: Manager's Reception ticket(s)	\$20	_____
<b>Total Registration Paid</b>		_____

Mail this form (**postmarked by 4.12.24**) and your check,  
payable to: **Indiana Lions State Convention** to:  
Lion Christine Woodward, 13862 Kickapoo Trail, Carmel, IN 46033  
[Woodward1999@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Woodward1999@sbcglobal.net) or 317-716-0622

# 2024 State Convention

## Tentative Schedule of Events

Time Begin	Time End	Event
<b>Friday, April 26, 2024</b>		
9:00am	11:30am	Council of Governors
2:00pm	4:00pm	Top Golf
2:30pm	3:00pm	Credentials Committee Meeting
3:00pm	5:30pm	Registration and Packet Pick-Up
3:00pm	5:30pm	Exhibits and Silent Auction Open
3:00pm	5:00pm	Credentials Certification
5:30pm	7:30pm	Manager's Reception/ Lions Reception with Hors d'oeuvres
7:30pm	9:00pm	General Business Session 1
9:00pm	11:00pm	DJ with cash bar
<b>Saturday, April 27, 2024</b>		
8:00am	4:00pm	Exhibits and Silent Auction Open
		Service Project
8:00am	4:00pm	Registration and Packet Pick-Up
8:30am	9:30am	District Meetings
9:00am	4:00pm	Credentials Certification
10:00am	11:30am	General Business Session 2
11:45am	1:45pm	Luncheon
		Katie Stam Irk, 2009 Miss America
		Presentations (MJF, WPW, etc).....
		State Awards
2:00pm	2:45pm	Seminars
3:00pm	3:45pm	Strides Walk for Diabetes
4:15pm	5:00pm	Past District Governors Meeting
5:30pm	7:30pm	Hotel Manager's Reception
6:00pm	6:50pm	Receiving Line
7:00pm	9:30pm	All-State Banquet
		Past International President Frank Moore
<b>Sunday, April 28, 2024</b>		
6:30am	7:00am	Credentials, Nominations, Elections Breakfast
7:00am	10:00am	Voting
7:00am	10:30am	Full Service Breakfast – For Embassy Suites Guests
10:00am	10:45am	Worship and Memorial Service
11:00am	11:30am	Morning Session
		Jeweled PDG Pin Presentations
		Membership Award Presentations
11:30am	1:00pm	General Business Session 3
1:15pm	4:00pm	Council Meeting (starts 15 minutes after General Business Session 3 concludes)





## Lions of Indiana 2024 State Convention

April 26-28, 2024

### Keynote Speakers

**Saturday, April 27, 2024 Luncheon**

**Katie Stam-Irk, Miss America 2009**

Katie Stam was born in Seymour and raised on a dairy farm there showing dairy cattle in 4-H at the Jackson County Fair. She received a bachelor's degree from the University of Indianapolis in communication studies and interned at WTHR – TV in Indianapolis. She began competing in pageants at age 15 and later won Indiana's Junior Miss in 2005, Miss Indiana in 2008, and Miss America in 2009. Her pageant social platform was "Passion for Service: Promoting Community Service and Involvement". She traveled extensively during her year promoting community service and was named the National Goodwill Ambassador for the Children's Miracle Network. Miss Stam is married to Brian Irk and has three children.



**Saturday, April 27, 2024 Dinner**

**Past International President Frank Moore III**



J. Frank Moore III, of Daleville, Alabama, was elected as international president at the 2001 convention in Indianapolis. Past President Moore is an educator by profession and a former superintendent of education for the Daleville City Schools in Daleville, Alabama. Past President Moore has held key leadership positions in Lions International including the office of Executive Administrator and Secretary of the association from 2017-2021. He served as chairperson of the Centennial Action Committee, as LCIF vice chairperson of Campaign SightFirst II, and as vice chairperson of Campaign 100—the most successful fundraising initiative in the history of the Lions Clubs International Foundation. Past President Moore has received

numerous awards in recognition of his service to the association, including the Friends of Humanity Award presented by LCIF and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. Past President Moore is an LCIF Humanitarian Partner. In addition to his Lions activities, he is a member of the Army Aviation Museum Foundation Board of Directors, the Friends of Fort Novosel, a lay speaker in the Methodist Church, and a former chief executive officer of the Association of the United States Army. Past President Moore and wife, Rita, also a Lion and progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters and a son—who also are Lions—and seven grandchildren.



## Indiana Lions 2024 Convention Silent Auction Items Needed



The Indiana Lions 2024 Convention will once again be having a Silent Auction. It will only be successful with your help.

Have your Club donate something to the Silent Auction that will run during the Convention. This could be a basket representative of your community, or something Lion related, or anything that you think another Lion will enjoy. These donations can be brought to your District Convention, as members of the Convention Committee will be on hand at each to collect and transport to the State Convention or bring it when you come to the State Convention.

Please send questions to [woodward1999@sbcglobal.net](mailto:woodward1999@sbcglobal.net)

### Indiana Lions Special Olympics Committee Random Raffle



Benefits the Indiana Special Olympics Winter Games and Corn Hole Tournaments

## Tickets are 3 for \$5.00.

Drawing to be held at the Indiana Lions State Convention April 27<sup>th</sup>.

(Do not need to be present to win.)

S.O. Polar Plunge Large Dry Bag, S.O. Sling bag, Insulated Tumbler & Water Bottle, S.O. Winter Games Scarfs, S.O. Gray Fleece Blankets, S.O. Snack Basket, Wayne Convention Bureau Blanket. S.O. Picnic Blanket, S.O. Fleece Bath Robe, Polar Plunge tee's- size large, Additional Items will be added up to the day of drawing.

#### Donations Accepted.

For tickets see any S.O. Committee Member or contact Bill McDonald

812-689-6699 or [lionmcdonald53@gmail.com](mailto:lionmcdonald53@gmail.com)

### Constitutional Amendments on Ballot at State Convention

Several proposed amendments to the Indiana Lions Constitution will be on the ballot at the State Convention. Information about these amendments was published in the February issue of the Hoosier Lion. A digital copy of the Hoosier Lion was sent to the district email list on Friday, February 23rd. A paper copy of the Hoosier Lion will be sent to every Lions household in the state of Indiana. If you did not receive either a digital copy or a paper copy of the February 2024 issue of the Hoosier Lion, please send an email message to [pdgpaul25g@gmail.com](mailto:pdgpaul25g@gmail.com) and request a copy.

