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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.

A Message from District Governor Ron Guth

Welcome to February fellow Lions!

Are you ready to take advantage of the extra day this month? Yes, it's leap year and we need to take the leap into leadership that we've avoided for one reason or another. It's not hard, it doesn't take all your time, and LCI or project trustees provide unlimited help in training materials and support. But the very best reason is the PAY! No paycheck



in dollars (or taxes), but wow the benefits! You can't put a monetary number on the feel-good glow you get from serving others. Yes, I know you help out in your club's service projects and fund raisers, but this is a chance to expand your service across the district and share your great ideas with other Lions. 1st VDG Warren Allender and 2nd VDG Jackie Kurley are looking for a Lion to share leadership duties for the 2024-2025 Lions year as incoming 2nd VDG to be elected on March 9th during our district convention in Argos. We also need trustees for Speech & Hearing and Cancer Control, which is a great way to tip your toes into the Lions water.

Did I mention the District Convention is on March 9th? There is something new this year for the district convention. We are combining our 3rd district meeting into the convention proceedings. Two for one and it gets better as we will have a presentation from International Director Ben Apeland and his partner in service PDG Christine Lank. We have a full day of Lionism planned, so make sure you get your reservations in now! We will also have a meet and great dinner for ID Ben & PDG Christine on Friday night the 8th, so that you can hear about their journey in Lionism.

I hope you were able to attend the 35th Mid-Winter Conference on January 20th and Catch the Magic of Lionism! This is a must-do event for Indiana Lions and with 16 different seminars presented along with service projects, there was something for everyone. A couple of my favorites were "Lionism Through the Music of the Beatles" and "Putting

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A Message from District Governor Ron Guth

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Fun in Your Club Meetings". Yes, there was singing and laughing echoing through the halls that day! Speaking of service, 371 Caring Cases and over 1,500 pairs of socks were assembled/collected along with hats, scarfs, and blankets which were distributed to the 7 districts in our state. I was able to split our share up with several giving organizations, including Family Service, and Food Pantry Assistance in time for a major homeless person's event in January.

As always, please "Just Ask" your friends, neighbors and business associates if they want to be a Lion!

Lions in Action,

Lion Ron Guth, District Governor

Call for Nominations for District Elections

MEMORANDUM FOR: Lions of District 25-G

SUBJECT: Nominations for Lions Year 2024-25

FROM: PDG Marlyn Fast, District 25-G Nomination/Elections Chairperson

The Constitution for 25-G states that nominations for District Offices and Trustees need to be turned in at the District Meeting before the District Convention. This year that District meeting is combined with the District Convention. Therefore, I am creating a deadline of Wednesday, January 31, 2024. Lion Leaders need to have club nomination/endorsement letters sent to the Nomination/Elections Chairperson by this **January 31, 2024 deadline**.

Lion Leaders requiring nomination/endorsement to be included on the March 9th ballot include:

DG - 1st VDG Warren Allender, Baugo Township LC

1st VDG - 2VDG Jackie Kurley, Dunlap LC

2nd VDG - Vacant

TRUSTEES:

Cancer Control - PDG Paul Russell, Lakeville LC

- Vacant

Eye Bank - DG Ron Guth, Peru LC

ISBVI - Lion Debra Page, Dunlap LC

Leader Dog - PDG Brian Thomas, Elkhart LC

Lions Foundation/Holding Corp - PDG Marlyn Fast, Dunlap LC

Speech & Hearing - PDG Mary Klempay, Lakeville LC

- Vacant

As a courtesy, incumbents who choose not to run for re-election are asked to notify the District Leadership, so it may be announced that a vacancy will exist. District Lions are encouraged to seek nomination from their club for these positions.

Please send nomination to PDG Marlyn Fast, 24261 County Road 126, Goshen, IN 46526 or email to mfastlionsfdn@gmail.com by **January 31, 2024**.

A Message From 1st Vice District Governor Warren Allender



So, last month I recommended that we Lions slow down, and catch our breath. I hope you've done just that because there is a lot to do from now to the end of the year. Yet, before I go there I would like to share a couple of experiences from the Lions Mid-Winter Conference, held the weekend of January 20th at the Crown Plaza in Indianapolis. OK, I'm going to admit this is only my second Mid-Winter Conference. That perhaps is my best point to be made, I could have / should have been going long before now. The Conference was well-planned from start to finish. We had great entertainment Friday night with magician Daniel Lusk, and Saturday was filled with great informative seminars. Unfortunately, one can't attend them all.

I did attend one that was entitled *Indiana Lions Fighting Pediatric Cancer*. There were three presenters, Karen Pollok, PhD, Steven Rhodes, MD, PhD., and Melissa L. Fishel, PhD. If you ever wondered how your donations to Cancer Control were being used or why, this presentation answered those questions. First, the patients they work with and the courage those pediatric patients displayed are both shocking, and heartwarming. Secondly, the research work being done to fight and beat the scourge of cancer at every age is incredible. The three presenters, as you might imagine, shared some very technical information and did it in a manner that was easy to understand. And thirdly, they expressed sincere thanks to the Lions for our/your support. Often, we are not the largest financial contributor to a project. In fact, often the Lions' share is only the "seed" money to get a project started. Projects must start somewhere and it's great to know the Lions are always there to support the fight against pediatric cancer. Incredible.

Another seminar I attended was Mission 1.5. The presenter was Past International Director Thomas H. Matney, from Harrodsburg, Kentucky. Obviously, Mission 1.5, the recruitment and retention of members is a hot topic. Here the message of recruitment and retention was made clear. It is our primary responsibility. PID Matney's message dovetailed nicely into other on-line training I have been working on in preparation for my duties next year. Specifically, the responsibilities of "change leaders", that would be all of us Lions. Right. Anyway, that training utilized an (S-Curve) model to illustrate how organizations (clubs) might begin slowly, catch some enthusiasm, build rapidly and then begin to decline. Think about your own club for a moment. Where are you on that graph? Wherever you are, change is coming, get ready. The solution, according to the material, is to engage everyone. Recruit new members, listen to their ideas, change leadership roles, and keep building on your successes. By now you should know my next statement: SERVICE, that is what we Lions do and that's why people, young and old join. They, too, want to SERVE their community.

So, here it is February, get ready for the change factor in your club. Begin the process of nominating officers to fill all the required positions, from President to Board of Directors. Get everyone involved. What does that mean? Well, it means that when the person from your nomination committee calls you or summons you, listen to the opportunity in front of you and agree to SERVE. As for myself, I'm working through next year's District roster. There are fifty-seven (57) ways to SERVE. Thank you to those I have already reached out to and have so graciously agreed to SERVE. The rest of you, please feel free to accept my humble invitation for your service. Change is coming.

Leadership is about inspiring people to do things they never thought they could. — Steve Jobs

A Message From 2nd Vice District Governor Jackie Kurley



Welcome to February. What a whirlwind it has been for January. We welcomed in the New Year, sank into a deep freeze, then decided to have an abundance of snow. But Mother Nature was mostly kind for the Mid-Winter Conference. I hope you had the chance to attend this year and if you did not, you need to put it on your calendar for next year. These types of events are where you can really learn what it is to be a Lion. You get the excellent opportunity to grow in your knowledge and do service projects. The Friday evening dinner was Magical. We had a very amusing comedian/magician as our entertainment and our own DG Ron became part of the show. Then we had the chance to participate in a service project. You could either help sort all the donations for the "Sock it to Me" campaign or you could help prepare first aid/hygiene bags to give to the people in need. It was much more organized than in the past and it only took an hour to fill 331 bags for the project. We ran out of Ziplock bags and a few items, otherwise we could have done a lot more.

After the service project, we headed to the hospitality room where we could exchange ideas, meet new friends, and enjoy some snacks.

Saturday is where we obtain all that knowledge from a variety of sessions you could choose to attend. Now, do not feel that once you get there you cannot change your mind because of course you can. The classes you picked during registration are just so they can reserve the proper room size for the number of attendees they anticipate. Then, we recessed for lunch, and socialized again with hopefully different Lions. Then you attended the afternoon sessions. Once again, we had a fabulous turnout of participants and continue to increase on the number of first-timers to the Conference. It all ended with plenty of time to get home and watch the playoff games. If you have not attended a conference of any type I encourage you to try them. Get yourself ready for the District Convention on March 9th in Argos, the State Convention in Noblesville on April 26-28, the daddy of them all, the International Conventional in Melbourne, Australia in June, and the place where the atmosphere and training is just exceptional at the USA/Canada Forum in Louisville, Kentucky this year from September 5-7, 2024. With a reminder about the party in Mexico City, Mexico in 2025 .

February is also the time when you tell yourself that you, yes you, can step up and expand your role in the district. Let your District Governor know you are ready to accept the challenge and with the support of the entire district you are ready to move up the leadership ladder.

When you attend meetings outside of your club and take on more responsibility, you will get to see that a club is just a tiny part of a worldwide organization that loves to serve the communities that we call home. I can't wait to see you all.

Lion Jackie Kurley, 2nd Vice District Governor

The very essence of leadership is that you have to have a vision. It's got to be a vision you articulate clearly and forcefully on every occasion. You can't blow an uncertain trumpet. -- Reverend Theodore Hesburgh

A Message From District Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Kim Polk



The district dues invoices were sent out on January 8th after I received the Membership Report from Lions International. As of the 25th, I have received dues payments from 32 clubs. Thank you for your great response.



Who can vote at the District Convention?

Delegate Notice: In order to be certified to vote at the District Convention as a delegate or alternate, your club's dues must have been received in their entirety by both Lions Clubs International and District Cabinet Treasurer Kim Polk by February 23, 15 days before the convention. Clubs in good standing with Lions Clubs International, the state, and the district will be entitled to one delegate and one alternate for each 10 members, or major fraction thereof, who have been enrolled for at least one year and one day in the club according to the records of the international office on the first day of February. The major fraction shall be five or more members. In addition, the District Governor and all Past District Governors who are in good standing in a club in good standing in District 25-G are entitled to one vote in addition to their club delegate quotas.

If your club has not already supported the Indiana Lions State Projects, now is a great time for your club to consider supporting them. The State Projects include: Vision First (Lions Eye Bank), Indiana Lions for the School for the Blind, Speech & Hearing, Cancer Control, and Leader Dog as well as Indiana Lions Foundation and Lions Club International Foundation. Other projects that your club can consider supporting are Special Olympics, Diabetes, and Vision Services. If you have questions about these programs, please reach out to the Trustees or me.

If I can be of assistance to you, please contact me.

Lions in Action,
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Celebrating 159 Years of Service

District 25-G recognizes these Lions Clubs chartered during the month of February. These clubs have been serving their local communities for a total of 159 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
Argos	February 1, 1937	86
Clay Granger	February 23, 1950	73

Global Leadership Team

Buidling Your Club/Team—Part 3



No, it's not your imagination. This really is Part 3 of my series on working to build (or rebuild) your Lions Club or Lions team. But lest this turn out to be another "War and Peace", I will assure you that this will be the final installment on this topic. So, if you see this title again next month, it's because PDG Paul ran the title again out of sheer habit.

But before we conclude, let's think about who is responsible for teamwork or Club building. Is it just the Club President telling the Club what he wants them to do? Is it the Club member with the loudest voice? Is it the Board of Directors or one of their committees? The truth be told, it's probably none of these alone.

Someone must start the process, and I would propose that the Club President needs to be the one. But the President must be partnered with the Board and the Club in a positive spirit, regardless of the team, whether that be membership growth, new fundraisers, better meetings, or other personal challenges. Team building simply can't be forced on a Club or a group like a school homework assignment. Its purpose must be understood and supported. Team building is not a one-time event or a regular Club function like a treasurer's report. Team building is both a state of mind and physical action combined.

The literature about team building is enormous. I'd like to pare it down to the following few statements. You can add your own summaries as you see fit.

- The benefits of team building are that each member knows exactly where he/she fits in the organization.
- Members understand the chain of command, but do not feel forcibly greater to or inferior to any other member.
- Team building will let each person's best qualities and skills benefit the group.
- Weak points can be worked on in a nurturing environment where everyone wants to see everyone else succeed for the good of the group.

Hopefully, these three articles have given you some hints about building your team. If they haven't, I invite you to check out some other resources. I'd like to know what you found helpful so I can pass that along to other Lions. It's just one way we can build our Lions team.

I'd also like to thank all those 25-G Lions who braved the snow and cold to attend the 2024 Mid-Winter Conference. If you weren't there, you should have been. The Conference planners obviously put in a great deal of work to create this successful event. If you did attend, be sure to complete the online evaluation at <http://bit.ly/inlions-mwc2024>. I assure you,, the Committee does read them.

And rumor has it that District 25-G will be hosting the Indiana Lions State Convention in Shipshewana again in 2025. Hosting requires many talents and many busy hands. If you have talents, or eager hands, be sure to volunteer. I'm sure we'll hear more at our District Convention and in future newsletters, so pay attention. Be the first to volunteer to do what you would really like to do. That's teamwork.

PCC Dave Eisen, Global Leadership Team Coordinator

"Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look what they can do when they stick together." — Vesta M. Kelly

Global Membership Team

“Together we can and together we will “



The shock of our December report is now past. Let's pick up the pieces and move forward. This past month – January shows two new members with two members dropping. We all need to encourage each other if we are to reach our Mission 1.5 target. Just ask a friend, ask family members, serve in the way that's best for all, so that the important needs of our communities are met. "Together we will" build our membership stronger than ever before.

Thank you for all the time and energy you put into your club and your community.

Thank you for helping others understand Lionism.

Thank you for being a Lion.

PDG Marlyn Fast, Global Membership Team Coordinator

Here We Grow Again

Since the start of the current Lions year, 21 district clubs have welcomed 52 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.

LaFontaine Lions Club

New Member: Lion Marlin Pattee
Sponsor: Lion James Ballard

Mexico Lions Club

New Member: Lion Chad Chamness Sr.
Sponsor: Lion Jeff Shrock

Roann Covered Bridge Lions Club

New Member: Lion Erica Cordes
Sponsor: Lion Pamela Ford

Roann Covered Bridge Lions Club (continued)

New Member: Lion Jared Cordes
Sponsor: Lion Keith Ford

New Member: Lion Chris Ponchot
Sponsor: Lion Sandy Morris

Eyeglass Collection Pails Available

\$8.50 each

INDIANA EYEGLASS MISSION

LIONS INTERNATIONAL

Your used glasses will be recycled and given to people in foreign countries, free of charge by Lions Club volunteers.

A great alternative to cardboard boxes. Sturdy, tamper proof. Put on floor or counter. Order from: info@elkhartlions.org

The advertisement features a white plastic bucket with a blue label. The label has the Lions International logo and text. The background is blue with light rays. There is a small logo for the Indiana Eyeglass Mission in the bottom left corner.

**Advertise Your Club's
Fundraiser or Community Event
in the District Newsletter**

***** FREE *****

**Send a copy of your flyer or just
the basic information about your
event to: pdgpaul25g@gmail.com**

**The normal deadline for
submission of material for the
monthly district newsletter is the
25th of the month.**

Global Service Team



While attending the Mid-Winter Conference, I realized winter has made its presence known with the snow and cold weather. Now is a good time to look for new types of service projects to undertake in our communities. Get together with your club members and other clubs in your zone to find areas of need. Brainstorm as to the best way to approach serving those needs.

Albert Schweitzer said "Even if it's a little thing, do something for those who have need of a man's help, something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it. For, remember, you don't live in a world all your own. Your brothers are here too." This quote is a good reminder of why we became Lions.

The Lions of 25-G have been serving our communities in many ways with service projects, fundraising, and leadership. We have served 77,892 people having completed 720 service projects with 19,972 volunteer hours. Also, clubs have donated over \$65,800 to area charity needs. These metrics are from 38% of our clubs reporting their activities. Just think what they would look like if every club reported. Lions, please encourage your leadership to enter your clubs activities on MyLion.

Tim Fargo said "Leadership is service, not position". Being a leader can mean many things in our clubs. It's more than the officer positions, it's also being a committee chair, overseeing a project, or mentoring a new member.

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 is \$31,374. As of 12/31/23 we have given \$10,555 or 34%. About half has been received from individual donations and the other half from 10 clubs in our district. We will be counting on contributions from clubs in the next months. Can we count on your club?

Around the world, natural disasters are occurring more frequently and with more intensity than ever before. Last Lions year, LCIF awarded more than \$4 million in grant funds for Lions' service in the wake of natural disasters worldwide. Together, we brought help to people during a time of great need. Your contributions are needed to continue this support, because 100% of your donation will benefit LCIF grants and programs.

PDG Marlyn Fast & 2nd VDG Jackie Kurley

News From Around the District

Elkhart Lions Club Centennial Celebration

The Elkhart Lions Club will celebrate their 100th Anniversary this year. A banquet is being planned and will be held May 17th. Additional information will be forthcoming when arrangements are finalized.

(Submitted by PCC Ray Enfield, Elkhart Lions Club)

News From Around the District

PDG Brian Thomas Receives Top State Award

Elkhart, Indiana – After 20 years of service to the Elkhart City Council, PDG Brian Thomas was presented the Sagamore of the Wabash by Indiana Representative Doug Miller on behalf of Governor Eric Holcomb. The Sagamore of the Wabash is the highest honor the Governor of Indiana can bestow on an individual. Governor Holcomb reserves the award for an individual “distinguished by his Humanity..., his Wisdom in Council, and his Inspiration in Leadership”, who has contributed to his State in an extraordinary manner. Brian Thomas has certainly gone above and beyond in his service to the State of Indiana and to Elkhart. In addition to serving 5 terms on the Elkhart City Council, he served twice as the Indiana Lions Governor of District 25-G.



“If I have any advice to give for the incoming City Council,” Brian Thomas shared at the award ceremony, “it would be to check your egos and your politics at the door and remember you are here to serve. I’m not fully retiring, my service to the State of Indiana and Elkhart will continue, and I look forward to sitting right out there (pointing to the Council Chamber audience) at future meetings.”

(submitted by Lion Susan Arneaud, Elkhart Lions Club)

Lion Georgia Tenney Named Kosciusko County Woman of the Year

Lion Georgia Tenney was named the 2023 Kosciusko County Woman of the Year at the annual Kosciusko Chamber of Commerce awards dinner on Thursday, January 25th. She is the widow of longtime Pierceton Lion Bob Tenney and recently joined the Dunlap Lions Club.

The Times-Union of Warsaw reported:



In announcing Tenney as the Woman of the Year for 2023, Times-Union Managing Editor David Slone said, “Our Woman of the Year has been a very active and committed member of our community for many years and is now retired, but continues to give back. She has an amazing heart for people and endless sacrificial energy.”

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Tenney goes above and beyond for the town of Pierceton, Slone said. She makes herself visible to business owners by walking in and sharing her “very contagious optimistic way of life.” She is always available to her neighbors and anyone in the Pierceton community for a little advice, help, a nice hug and has a prayer list she is always adding to.

While Tenney was not born in Pierceton, her heart and soul belong to it, Slone stated.

For more information, see <https://timesuniononline.com/news/2024/jan/25/white-tenney-are-2023s-man-woman-of-the-year/>

(submitted by 2VDG Jackie Kurley, Dunlap Lions Club & PDG Ann Haffner, Syracuse Lions Club)

News From Around the District

Culver Lions Club Presents Citizen of the Year & Organization of the Year Awards

The Culver Lions presented their annual awards for "The Citizen of the Year" and "Organization of the Year" at the January 24th meeting.

The Citizen of the Year was presented to Nancy McKinnis for her years of dedicated service at the Culver Academies and in the community. She was a teacher, counselor and mentor to students. In short, she prepared and encouraged students on their journey from students to service-oriented adults. Pictured here (l. to r.) Nancy McKinnis; Lion Connie Overmyer, presenter; and Lion Annette Osborn, Culver Lions Club President.



The Organization of the Year was "the Culver Food Pantry". This organization, of all volunteers, has done an amazing job of keeping up with the tremendous increase in clients needing food. These volunteers, plus a giving Culver Community, have provided a consistent food source that has been essential for many families. Pictured here (l. to r.) Lion President Annette Osborn, Rhapsody Craig, Don Zimmerman (Co-Director of Pantry), Lion Gail Orangias (Co-Director of Pantry), Lion Mic Butler, and Dr. Michael Deery.

(Submitted by Lion Don Freese, Culver Lions Club)

Madison Township Lions Conduct Vision Screening at Madison Township Elementary School

The Madison Township Lions Club with the help of the Lydick Lions Club held a KidSight vision screening at Madison Township Elementary School. We screened a total of eighteen Pre-school and Kindergarten students. We are happy to report we had no referrals. This project is a partnership of the Lions Club International Foundation and Johnson and Johnson to detect any concerns with the early development of children's eyes. Children from the ages of six months through six years can be tested.



Left: Students are patiently waiting to be screened as Lion Al Beehler (seated), Lion Doug Moore, and Julie Moore prepare the camera.

Right: A student is seated and being screened by the Madison Township Lions during the KidsSight project.



(Submitted by Lion Al Beehler, Madison Township Lions Club)

News From Around the District

Culver Lions Recognize Students of the Month at Culver Elementary School

Students of the Month for December at Culver Elementary School show off their certificates after enjoying a delicious lunch of pancakes & sausage made and served especially for them by members of the Culver Lions Club.



Back row Culver Lions: Annette Osborn, Lynn Crist, Marian McCuen, Mic Butler, Gail Orangias, Dan Adams, and Marilyn Kelly

Each student pictured here has a photo release on file with the school.

(Submitted by Lion Jill Neidlinger, Culver Lions Club)

Wakarusa Lions Club Welcomes New Members

Two new members were inducted into the Wakarusa Lions Club during District Governor Ron Guth's official visit to the club on January 9th.

Pictured here (left to right): Sponsor Lion Troy Schwartz, his son new Lion Trajan Schwartz, new Lion Landis Skaggs, and DG Ron Guth.

(Submitted by DG Ron Guth, Peru Lions Club)



Roann Covered Bridge Lions Club Mans Concession Stand at R/C Races

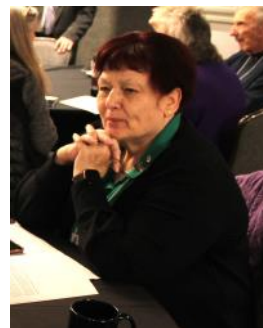
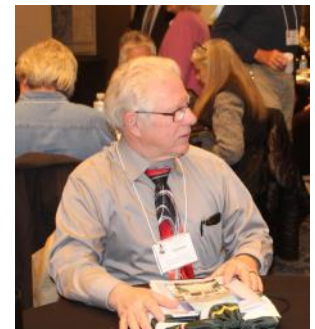


The Roann Covered Bridge Lions Club sells hamburgers, pulled pork sandwiches, hotdogs, etc. once a month at the Brickhouse Remote Control races in Roann. It is a fun day with racers of all ages from youth to adults, who come from all over the Midwest to race their cars. There are several different classes, and the racers may change engines or tires at their work station during the race day. Each car has a computer chip that tells how fast they are going and other details while racing. The races are held most Saturdays from October through May.

(Submitted by Lion Donna Harman, Roann Covered Bridge Lions Club)

District 25-G Lions at Mid-Winter Conference

30 Lions and family members from 10 clubs in District 25-G attended the 35th annual Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference in Indianapolis on January 20th.



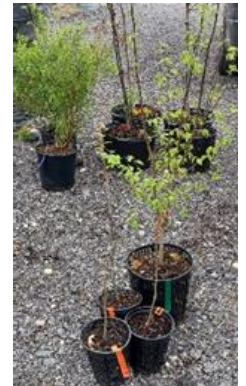
District 25-G Lions at Mid-Winter Conference



Photos by 2VDG Jackie Kurley, Dunlap Lions Club; Lion Jill Neidlinger, Culver Lions Club; PDG Paul Russell, Lakeville Lions Club

Previews of Coming Attractions

Native Tree Sale



LaFontaine Lions are assisting the Friends of the Upper Wabash Invasive Network. It is a local organization trying to prevent invasive species by encouraging planting of native flowers, shrubs, and trees. You may order native plants on the LaFontaine Lions website, www.lafontainelions.com. The deadline for orders is March 21st. Pickup of orders will be May

5th from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm at Mississinewa Lake's Miami Recreation Area, 4673 S 625 E, Peru, IN, 46970. Gate fees will be waived on this date.

For more information about the Friends of the Upper Wabash Invasive Network, visit their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/UpperWabashInvasivesNetwork>.

(Submitted by Lion Kim Polk, LaFontaine Lions Club)

State Project Updates

Operation Cancer Hero—Indiana Lions Fighting Pediatric Cancer

Operation Cancer Hero



Lions Clubs throughout Indiana have accepted the challenge to raise \$100,000 for Riley Children's Foundation to support their efforts to fight pediatric cancer.

As of January 31st, nearly \$10,000 has been donated to Riley Children's Foundation via our Cancer Hero web pages. Lions in District 25-G have donated \$1,300.

As of January 31st, more than \$15,000 in direct donations to Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc. (CCF) have been designated for the CCF Riley Challenge. Lions in District 25-G have donated \$1,200.

When we reach our \$100,000 goal, our donation will be matched by the Walther Cancer Foundation.

(Right) At the Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference on January 20th, the Seymour Noon Lions Club in District 25-E presented a check in the amount of \$3,700 to Lion Beverly Coombs, the President of the Board of Trustees of Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc.



To donate online and have your donation credited to District 25-G, click on the following link:

<https://give.rileykids.org/25G>

Follow the CCF page on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IndianaLionsCancerControl>

Join the CCF group on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1470990497011888>

If you have questions or need more information, contact one of our district's CCF trustees:

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Our State Projects



VISIONFIRST
Indiana Lions Eye Bank



District 25-G CONVENTION

Argos United Methodist Church
570 N. Michigan St., Argos, IN

Saturday
March 9, 2024
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Special Guest ID Ben Apeland



Ben Apeland from Bozeman, Montana, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of LCI in June 2022. He has more than 50 years of experience in retail jewelry including jewelry design, repair, sales, purchasing, managing and accounting. In 1974, after seeing the Bozeman Gallatin Empire Lions Club actively serving within his community, he asked one of the members about Lions. He liked what he heard and has been serving with them ever since. He has held a number of offices within the association and served as a DGE School Facilitator for eight years and is a trustee on the Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation. He has received numerous awards including the recipient of multiple International President's Certificate of Appreciation, two International President's Medals and the International President's Leadership Medal. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. Director Apeland and his partner in service, PDG Christine Lank, who is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two children and three grandchildren.

\$25*
Per Person

Enjoy Continental breakfast items before the meeting.
Dinner includes: Chicken, ham, cheesy potatoes, green bean/corn vegetable, tossed salad, rolls, & peanut butter or chocolate sheet cake

DISTRICT CONVENTION RESERVATIONS

Name _____ Club _____

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Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ for _____ reservations at \$25 each.

Mail this reservation and your check payable to District 25-G
by Feb. 26 (Payments after March 1 will be \$30 per person) to:

CT Kim Polk
5378 E 975 S, LaFontaine, IN 46940
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You're Invited!

Welcome dinner with
ID Ben Apeland
and PDG Christine Lank

Friday, March 8, 2024

Social time- 6 p.m.

Dinner- 6:30 pm

Menu

Braised chicken thigh, salad, roasted red potato, vegetable, rolls, & dessert

Seasoned Banquet Center

(formerly Christo's Banquet Center)

830 Lincoln Hwy E., Plymouth, IN

\$30⁰⁰ per person.

Make checks payable to District 25-G Lions

Deadline: February 23, 2024

\$35/per person after March 1

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Previews of Coming Attractions

International Director Ben Apeland to Speak at District Convention



International Director Ben Apeland of Bozeman, Montana will be the keynote speaker at the District 25-G Convention on Saturday, March 9th, at the Argos United Methodist Church in Argos, Indiana.

Ben Apeland from Bozeman, Montana, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the Association's 104th International Convention, June 24 through June 28, 2022 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Director Apeland has more than 50 years of experience in retail jewelry as the owner of Benjamin Jewelers. His many responsibilities include jewelry design, repair, sales, purchasing, managing and accounting. He maintains a strong reputation as a professional business owner that is well recognized within the industry and throughout his community.

In 1974, after seeing the Bozeman Gallatin Empire Lions Club actively serving within his community, he asked one of the members about Lions. He liked what he heard and has been serving with them ever since. He has held a number of offices within the association including Multiple District Council Chairperson and Multiple District Finance Chairperson. He served as a DGE School Facilitator for eight years and is a trustee on the Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation. Additionally, he serves as part of the Montana District 37 friendship committee, District Governor's advisory team, PDG association and one of the convention advisors.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including being an honored recipient of the Tom Lehman Fellowship. He is the recipient of multiple International President's Certificates of Appreciation, two International President's Medals and the International President's Leadership Medal. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Apeland is active in numerous professional and community organizations including the American Legion, the Federation of Eagles and the Jewelers of America. He is also a past executive director of the Montana-Wyoming Jewelers Association.

Director Apeland and his partner in service, PDG Christine Lank, who is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two children and three grandchildren.



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2nd Annual Pancake
& Sausage
Breakfast**

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**March 2, 2024
7 am - NOON**

**Jamestown UM Church
59218 CR 3
Elkhart, IN**



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February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Peru LC Meeting	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 DG Visit Plymouth LC	20	21	22	23	24 4-H Pancake Day
25	26	27 Buddy Bag Truck	28	29		



March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 District 25-D Convention
3	4	5 Peru LC Meeting	6	7 Pick up ID in Indy	8 ID Welcome Dinner	9 District 25-G Convention
10 Vision First Meeting	11	12	13	14	15	16 District 25-B Convention
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Buddy Bag Truck	27	28	29	30
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Mar 9, 2024 Dist. Conv. & Dist. Meeting #3
Argos UMC, Argos, Indiana

Apr 26-28, 2024 State Convention
Noblesville, Indiana

May 18, 2024 District Meeting #4
Leesburg, Indiana

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