



# 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

Happy New Year Fellow Lions!

Or should I say happy mid-year? As you all know, we Lions start our "Lions" year on July 1st, and January 1st marks the midpoint of our current 2023-24 year. I asked our 5-year-old granddaughter what I should talk about this month and she thought that a gingerbread house she and her mother made was important. It took careful planning to put the house together just like we as Lions plan on how

we can serve others and grow membership during the year. When the house was about half done and getting ready to frost the roof slipped a little and they had to add frosting and supports to keep the house strong. We also slipped a little in Lions membership. We are down 6 members and 1 club (Sidney) from the start of the year. The house survived the roof slip and with the guidance of her mom the house came out of construction with a glorious paint job of snow frosting and gum drop trim. I believe our team of Lions will also have us emerge with positive membership growth and increased service to our communities and increased project support for the second half of the year.



Have you signed up for the Mid-Winter Conference on Saturday January 20th yet? It looks to be a great chance to meet fellow Lions and learn more about what we as Lions can do to help others. As always, we need to keep asking others to join us as Lions and what better place to find new methods than the MWC.,

I've been looking at our district clubs' Facebook pages for ideas to share and find that some have not been updated for a while. Facebook is a great way to talk about your club's achievements and service to others, but it must be maintained to keep it fresh and inviting to prospective members. Take a look at yours and contact your site administrator with new information.

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## A Message from District Governor Ron Guth

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One of my goals this year is to visit every club in the district at least once, and thus far, Lion Beth and I have visited or scheduled 29 clubs with 16 clubs remaining that haven't contacted me for an official visit. Please give me a call or email this month to set up a visit so we can share your club's great ideas with others clubs.

We had unexpected price increases with the Honeywell District Convention location and although a great location the costs were too high and would have diminished attendance. Instead, we will be returning to the Argos United Methodist Church for our District Meeting/Convention on March 9th. We are working out the details after the change so look for our convention flyer in the next few weeks.

Remember, we are "Lions in Action"

Lion Ron Guth, District Governor

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



Ha, yes, it's a new year, 2024, a time for all that goal setting stuff, right??? Well, yes, maybe, and maybe not. I would rather think of January as a month in which we can relax, kick back, and catch our breath. We Lions are not beginning a new year we are just halfway through our year and the last couple of months have been very busy in our world of service to others. Christmas baskets, bell ringing, food pantries, the joys of Christmas giving, the Lions spirit of service was very much on display in each and every one of our/your communities. I recently read an article by Barbara Danza entitled "The Joy of Giving", in which she describes the numerous benefits of giving. That's what we Lions do with our service, is it not? We give of our time and talents in the service to others. She says that "Generosity is an immediate mood booster-a happiness quick fix".

Apparently, scientists have connected generosity to better physical and mental health as well. It's no wonder that the Lions are such a cheerful bunch. Ms. Danza continued by saying, "Giving motivates you to live up to your potential so that you may continue to fulfill your responsibilities and act in service to others. It inspires those around you to also be generous and kind, spreading like the best possible contagion." So, Lions, look forward to the new calendar year knowing that you are of sound mind and body, and your/our acts of kindness will be contagious within our communities. Lions serve and others see that. It is from that visible act of service that our recruitment is best achieved. Thus January, while taking a breath, is the best time to ask that potential new member to your club meeting. It's a time when we/you can tell your story of service, of giving back to your community. I'm going to close with this...make a new year's resolution to ALWAYS report your service projects on the Lions portal. It's quick and easy to do. If you need help just ask... Happy New Year.

Lion Warren Allender, 1st Vice District Governor

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



Happy New Year! I cannot believe we are already through half of this Lions year. It seems like just yesterday we were celebrating Banner Night and listening to our Governor's goals. I am certain we have accomplished some of the things we have wanted to do, and I am also certain we have more to do. Do not just write it off and give up just because you are getting a late start. It is never too late to pull up those bootstraps and get back on track. For some reason, all the "re" words have come to mind.

- **Recommit** to the goals you set for your club and yourself.
- **Reignite** your passion for service to others.
- **Recall** the reason you became a Lion all those years ago.

I know of a person who is not wealthy but also is not poor. She gets along in life with a roof over her head, food on the table, love in her heart, and gets the necessities. She has not splurged on anything she ever mentioned of consequence. But what she did this year was purchase a little something for everyone in her department. It was a small gift, but it was of meaning to each one of us. She appears to look at every situation as an opportunity to do something kind for someone else. When she was standing in the long grocery line right before Christmas, she saw a person with just a few items and let them go in front of her. She was caught in a traffic jam and allowed the car attempting to turn into her lane to get in front of her. She told me that she finds joy in her life by doing kind things for others. And that is what makes her life so worthwhile. And, yes, I am working on her to become a Lion. Some suggestions that should make you feel good about yourself: Carry a stranger's groceries to her car, leave a treat and a note in the mailbox for your mail carrier, volunteer at a soup kitchen or food pantry, read a book at a nursing home, leave a container of bubbles or a hula hoop in the park, return a shopping cart to the grocery store, leave a pack of baby wipes on a baby changing station, or just smile and say hello to a stranger.

**Reimagine** what this world could be like if we were all a little kinder to each other.

I hope to see you at the Mid-Winter Conference, January 20,2024.

Lion Jackie Kurley, 2nd Vice District Governor

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**Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference Catch the Magic of Lionism**

**There Are 7 Days In 1 Week, But "Someday" Isn't One of Them**

**Don't wait for "Someday" to register for the 2024 Mid-Winter Conference.**

**Download a registration form, seminar information, and sponsorship information at indianalions.org**

Monday	_____
Tuesday	_____
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Thursday	_____
Friday	_____
Saturday	_____
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**Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport January 19-20, 2024**

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



Tom and I finished our fall leaf pickup on December 16<sup>th</sup> as we were getting ready for our family Christmas gathering the next day. Fall leaves seem to be a never-ending project. We were blessed with celebrating Christmas early with family and then had a relaxing holiday vacation together in the mountains of North Carolina. It is



one of our favorite places to vacation. We hope that you have been blessed with a joyous holiday season celebrating with family and friends.

Lions International will send out dues invoices in January based on your club's member count as of 12/31/2023. You can expect a district dues invoice from me via e-mail in early January, after I receive the member count from Lions International. Invoices will be sent to the treasurer and/or secretary email address on record with Lions International. If no email is listed or the treasurer has requested mailed copies, I will send them out via postal mail. Please pay your dues promptly. Your payment provides the funds for the District to function.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

PDG Tom & I wish each one of you Happy New Year.

Lions in Action,

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## Celebrating 311 Years of Service

District 25-G recognizes these Lions Clubs chartered during the month of January. These clubs have been serving their local communities for a total of 311 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
Wakarusa	January 30, 1931	92
Silver Lake	January 25, 1937	86
Rochester	January 27, 1943	80
Greene Township	January 29, 1970	53



## Global Leadership Team

### Building Your Club/Team—Part 2



When I wrote the first instalment of this article, I wondered if I would hear from any Lions about my comments. I heard nothing. But I still do wonder what it takes to install the team concept for our Lions Clubs, either an individual Club or Clubs in general. What do we need to do to keep our Clubs successfully working together?

I suggested three things. First, remember that the Club is not the Club President's property. Second, regular communications are a must, and third, finding and using Club members' talents adds to the Club's abilities to serve.

In addition to these three major components of team building, I'd like to suggest a few more that will help ensure success.

First, have a vision and share that vision. It does no good if I know what I want to accomplish but don't share that with anyone else or explain why they need to participate. If I said we want to raise \$10,000 in eight months but don't share "why" or "how", should I really be surprised if there is some pushback. That could range from "we'll never be able to do that" to "I'll bet we could really raise \$12,000, if we tweaked this just a little". Allowing input to your vision could possibly lead to more growth than originally anticipated.

Second, word your goals so that each not only contains a challenge, but it also appeals to personal pride. Who doesn't like a challenge? Who doesn't want to be the best? Who doesn't want some bragging rights? We aren't kids anymore, but some recognition for selling the most pork chop tickets or bringing in the most pounds of used hearing aids isn't all bad.

And third, our expectations need to be realistic. How many hours should each member expect to spend on this project? Don't leave the impression that a few old guys working a few hours can raise that \$10,000 alone. If we really think that it's going to take a lot of time for each member, be honest and say so. No one likes the rules changed partway through a project.

Are you starting to see a pattern here? Yes, we want a successful team, and a large part of that success is getting our team members to buy into our goals. Everybody counts, all year long. In a silly way, it's like Smokey the Bear says, "Only you can prevent forest fires", except that here we are thinking that "Only you can prevent Club member loss". Remember, you can lose a member without having an actual resignation.

Until next time,

PCC Dave Eisen, Global Leadership Team Coordinator



## Global Membership Team

### "Together we can and Together we will"



A new year is upon us. Have we made some New Year's Resolutions? Did they include Lionism? Do we want to serve our community more? Remember our motto is, "We Serve".

Here are a few suggestions. First, resolve as a club to have a meeting to field ideas for new service projects. Be open to all ideas in helping your community.

These projects are a great way to show prospective members what Lionism is all about. Second, have all members report their hours of service. This helps LCI attract corporate sponsors based on services reported. We can help multiply the results of our efforts simply by reporting them. Finally, each of us should resolve to sponsor a new member into the club. This begins with me first.

--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, 19 district clubs have welcomed 47 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.

### **Argos Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Leon Pomeroy  
Sponsor: Lion Eugene Cooper

### **Atwood Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Paul Barrow  
Sponsor: Lion Ashley Irwin

### **Fulton Liberty Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Colleen Diveley  
Sponsor: Lion Kindra Craig

### **Rochester Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Dale Landis  
Sponsor: Lion Phil McCarter

# Welcome, New Members!

*The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members. -- Coretta Scott King*

## Global Service Team



I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying this festive time of year with your families and friends. While we are not having a White Christmas, we can appreciate the warmth for this time of year. While it's nice outside now, we all know cold and snow will be here soon. So now is a good time to get ahead of the coming weather with service projects for the winter.

It's hard to believe that half of the Lions year is past. Have you finished with the fall projects on your club's schedule? It's not too late to finish them before we move into the spring projects. As we enjoy time with our families, let's not forget those who are not as fortunate. Clubs are supplying meals, gifts, and help in many ways. By doing these acts of kindness, we are helping to change our communities for the better. Keep up the great service work and activities for the remainder of the year!

Lion Al Beehler, Global Service Team Coordinator

## LCIF Coordinators Update

### Lions Clubs International Foundation

#### 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.

An update for the calendar year 2023 is: 166 Grants were given for \$3,562,272. This was for 39 states, Jamaica and Puerto-Rico. The state of Indiana applied for four grants totaling \$172,000. This certainly proves that a Lions' share of LCIF funds stay locally.

We are all accountable for achieving District 25-G's 2023-2024 goal of \$31,374. To date, only 19% has been received, leaving a large portion to be received the last six months. Have your club or club members donated to LCIF this Lion Year?

I encourage clubs to come up with ideas for generating giving to LCIF. A recent fundraiser at my home club came up with a new idea that was quite successful. We used a blank calendar month to encourage our giving. Each Lion was asked to put their signature on a date of the month which corresponded with the amount they wanted to give. For example, I signed on the 5th and the 20th since I wanted to give \$25.00. (Our club is larger, so we actually used two months.) Our goal was to fill the calendar with signatures. We then collected the money for LCIF, noting the member's name and amount. The fundraiser was successful in that we collected over \$1500.00. This was sent to LCIF with the donors' names, membership numbers, and amounts donated.

I am sure each club can come up with other fundraiser ideas. The important thing is that members get credit for each donation.

Individual and club donations are very much needed and appreciated!

PDG Marlyn Fast and 2nd VDG Jackie Kurley

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> ballot include:

DG – 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Warren Allender, Baugo Township LC

1<sup>st</sup> VDG - 2VDG Jackie Kurley, Dunlap LC

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG - Vacant

TRUSTEES:

Cancer Control - PDG Paul Russel, 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

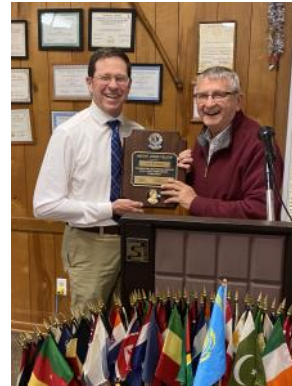
As a courtesy, incumbents who choose not to run for re-election are asked to notify the District Leadership, so it may be announced that a vacancy will exist. District Lions are encouraged to seek nomination from their club for these positions.

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



## News From Around the District

### Dunlap Lions Celebrate Christmas at the Grange



Left: District LCIF Coordinator PDG Marlyn Fast (right) presented Lion Steve Weld (left) with a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

Above: Members of the Dunlap Lions Club enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Party at the Fairview Grange Hall.

*(Submitted by 2VDG Lion Jackie Kurley, Dunlap Lions Club)*

### Fulton-Liberty Lions Club Supports Needy Families in Caston Schools

The Fulton-Liberty Lions Club delivered a collection of items for the Caston Junior/Senior High School "Comet Closet" in December.



Started in 2019, the Comet Closet is used on a daily basis by students for toiletries, clothes, shoes, coats, and gym clothes. All items are free. Also, Care Packages are sent monthly to families in need. Those families fill out forms requesting items and sizes they need. In November, ten Care packages were sent.

Every year one or two Caston Seniors help run the Closet as part of their Caston Senior Project required for graduation.

Pictured here (l. to r.) Lion Linda Wade, Secretary; Melinda Shultz, Caston faculty sponsor; and Lion Phil Frye, President.

*(Submitted by Lion Linda Wade, Fulton-Liberty Lions Club)*

### Madison Township Lions Club News

The Madison Township Lions Club has had a busy month:

The club made monetary donations to The Food Bank of Northern Indiana, Grace Food Pantry in Bremen, Center for the Homeless, Hope Ministries. Reins of Life, and Ronald McDonald Charities of Michiana.

The club purchased gifts for thirteen children in five families, so they would have a better Christmas. We also supplied hams for holiday food boxes for fourteen area families.

176 Dictionaries were distributed to third grade students in three area schools: Madison Township, Elm Road, and Meadows Edge.

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

## News From Around the District

### Lakeville Lions Spread Holiday Cheer



Left: The Lakeville Lions Club provided Christmas gift bags to 95 patients at Briarcliff Nursing Home. Each bag contained items such as Chapstick, lotion, emery boards, puzzle books, pencils, Christmas hats and socks, Christmas decorations, candy and snacks.

Right: Our Christmas Food Basket project provided 63 families with boxes of food and 5 lbs of hamburger. Each family received 60-90 non-perishable food items, depending on family size. A

total of over 4,000 food items were donated. 285 people were fed.



Left: Our Toys for Tots project provided toys to 195 children. Each child received at least 3 toys, 3 stocking stuffers, 2 clothing items, a hat, and gloves. We had donations of approximately 1,200 toys and 300 new clothing items.

Extra donated items were distributed among church ministries, the local police department, Beacon Children's Hospital-Oncology Department, and our Little Free Library.



Above left: Lions Club members, family members, and friends sorted more than 4,000 food items for the club's Christmas Food Basket project.



Above right: Lions Club members, family members, and friends worked at Distribution Day for the Christmas Food Basket and Toys for Tots projects.

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

# HAPPY ☆ NEW ☆ YEAR



## News From Around the District

### Lakeville Lions Club Provides Free Pictures With Santa at Lakeville Branch Library



The Lakeville Lions Club partnered with the Lakeville Branch Library to provide free pictures with Santa at the Library's Holiday Festival on Saturday, December 9th. The club provided approximately 50 free photos with Santa to approximately 30 local families. When we encountered technical problems with both of our photo printers, the library staff responded by enabling us to print photos on the library's color printer.

The Library staff graciously allowed us to hold our Toys for Tots Blitz Day at the same time. There were a few items in the donation box when we arrived, but it was overflowing by the time we left.

Left: Terry Rensberger donated his time and talent as Santa's photographer.

Below left: Lions Club members, family members, and friends participated in Pictures With Santa and Toys for Tots Blitz Day at the Lakeville Branch Library.

Below right: The Lakeville Branch Library staff went out of their way to help us make this project a success.



### Peru Lions Support "Shop With A Cop"



On December 5, the Peru Lions held our annual Christmas pitch-in dinner. Members brought children's winter scarfs, mittens, sock caps, and other articles of warm clothing. During the meeting, we approved a \$300 donation to the Peru Police Department's "Shop With a Cop" program. Pictured is Lion Dave Frushour presenting Peru Police Officer Tyler Shoffner with several bags of those articles and the check for \$300.00.

*(Submitted by Lion Dave Frushour, Peru Lions Club)*



Your club news could be here. Send articles and photos to PDG Paul Russell at [pdgpaul25g@gmail.com](mailto:pdgpaul25g@gmail.com) by the 25th of the month.

## News From Around the District

### Lydick Lions Support Local Food Pantry



Left: Our Lydick Lions Club and its members contributed a car load of groceries and paper products to the Lydick Food Pantry for their December food drive. Way to go Lydick Lions! Pictured here (l. to r.) are Lion Leroy Wise, Lion Wendy Yuhasz, and Food Pantry Coordinator Karen Swisher.

Right: In December the Lydick Food Pantry welcomed Lions Wendy Yuhasz and Lori Ferro to their food pantry pass out. They were able to help fill bags, pass out hats and scarfs and check out the new Cultivate Food Rescue trailer.



*(Submitted by Lion Lori Ferro, Lydick Lions Club)*

### Mexico Lions Club Purchases Playground Equipment, Welcomes New Member



The Mexico Lions Club purchased new playground equipment which is currently in storage and will be installed in the spring.

Left: Lion President Jim Alwine & Lion Pastor Chad Chamness

At their meeting on December 13th, the Mexico Lions Club welcomed Pastor Chad Chamness as a new member.

Below: Sponsor Lion Jeff Shrock with new member Lion Pastor Chad Chamness.

*(Submitted by: Lion Richard Phillips, Mexico Lions Club)*





## News From Around the District

### Milford Lions Club Brought Christmas Cheer to Local Residents

December was full of activities for the Milford Lions Club. Many members rang bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettle fundraising campaign. Members enjoyed a wonderful Christmas party dinner along with family members. The club provided Christmas gifts for 10 children from the local daycare, and delivered 50 Christmas fruit baskets to residents at local retirement community and others who cannot get out during the holiday season.



Mr. and Mrs. Lion Ron Baumgartner (left) and Lion Bruce Lamb (right) rang bells for the Salvation Army.



Right: Logan Dickerson, Assistant Director at New Beginnings Pre-School & Daycare, and Lion Lisa Enz with gifts provided by the club.



*(Submitted by Lion Lisa Enz, Milford Lions Club)*

### Rochester Lions Ring Salvation Army Bells, Donate to Community Foundation



Left: (l. to r.) Lion Jeff Becker, Lion Joe Moore and Lion John Roberts rang bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign.

Right: Lion John Roberts presents a check in the amount of \$250 to Brian Johnson of the Northern Indiana Community Foundation. The check is for the Rochester Telephone Communications Foundation and will receive a double match by RTC of \$500, making the gift's total value \$750.



*(Submitted by Lion Jeri Good, Rochester Lions Club)*

### Syracuse Lions Install 5th Little Free Library



On December 11, the Syracuse Lions Club, led by Service Chair John Searfoss, installed a Little Free Library inside one of the entrances to the Syracuse Community Center. The library was installed complete with books, which were donated by Lions Club members and Half Price Books in Fort Wayne.

The library's design is based on the lighthouse that stands in front of the Community Center. The design was developed by Lion Marie Butler-Knight, who assisted Lion John Searfoss in building the project. Assistance was also provided by Friends of the Syracuse Lions, Dustin Lowe and Robert and Tina Kocher.

This is the fifth Little Free Library designed, built, and installed by Lions within the Syracuse community since 2017. The first Little Free Library, installed inside the Wawasee Middle School, was the club's Lions Legacy Project. The next three libraries were installed in subsequent years inside Syracuse Elementary School and the Syracuse Food Pantry, and outside the Wawasee Area Conservancy Foundation's Education Center.

*(Submitted by Lion Marie Butler-Knight, Syracuse Lions Club)*



## News From Around the District

### Peru Lions Recognize Outstanding Members



Above left: Lion President Dick Galvin presents Lion Dave Frushour with an appreciation award for his 22 years of service as Club Secretary.

Above center: Lion President Dick Galvin presents a Distinguished Service Award to Lion Dennis Eckerly for his efforts in service projects and for heading up the club's Cheer Club program. Lion Bob Cassler is seated in the foreground.

Above right: Lion President Dick Galvin presents Lion Ken Magers with the Lion of the Year award for his countless hours of service to the Peru Lions Club for our tenderloin fundraisers, free eyeglasses program, and to Helping Hands of Miami County.

*(Submitted by DG Ron Guth, Peru Lions Club)*

### DG Ron Guth Presents Awards During Official Visit to LaFontaine Lions Club



Above left: District Governor Ron Guth presented Lion Stephen Polk with the patch and pin for the Club Excellence Award earned by the LaFontaine Lions Club during the 2022-2023 Lions year.

Above center: District Governor Ron Guth presented Lion Ethel Eib with her 25-year Milestone Chevron during his visit to the LaFontaine Lions Club.

Above right: District Governor Ron Guth presented Lion Jerry Wilson with his 30-year Milestone Chevron during his visit to the LaFontaine Lions Club.

*(Submitted by DG Ron Guth, Peru Lions Club)*

## State Project Updates

### Operation Cancer Hero—Indiana Lions Fighting Pediatric Cancer



In August 2023, the Walther Cancer Foundation and Riley Children’s Foundation announced that the Walther Cancer Foundation has pledged \$10 million to match donations of \$100,000 or more from other organizations and individuals to fund pediatric cancer research and treatment at Riley Hospital for Children.

### Operation Cancer Hero



The Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc. (CCF) has accepted this challenge and started our campaign:

**Operation Cancer Hero!** We need your help to fight

pediatric cancer. You may send a check to your District Treasurer with a note that the donation is for the “**CCF Riley Challenge**”, or you may make an online donation on one of the CCF Cancer Hero web pages.

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

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

As of December 31, 2023, nearly \$10,000 has been donated to Riley Children’s Foundation via the Cancer Hero web pages. Lions in District 25-G have donated \$1,000.

As of December 31, 2023, more than \$11,000 in direct donations to CCF have been designated for the CCF Riley Challenge. Lions in District 25-G have donated \$1,200.

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



## Previews of Coming Attractions

### Coming Soon: Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference—Catch the Magic of Lionism



The 35th annual Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport Hotel. The theme for this year's conference is "Catch the Magic of Lionism".

Some Indiana Lions say the Mid-Winter Conference is "the best place for learning" about leadership, service, and all aspects of Lionism. We offer seminars on club administration, community service, fundraising, and membership recruitment and retention, as well as opportunities for service, fellowship with Lions from around the state, and plain old everyday Lions fun.

The registration fee is only \$50 and includes informative seminars, on-site service projects, coffee and pastries in the morning, lunch at noon with a motivational speaker, and fellowship with other Lions.

The keynote speaker at the Saturday luncheon had not yet been announced when this article was written.

The conference will be preceded by a dinner on Friday evening. The cost for this event is \$30. The after-dinner entertainment will be provided by magician Daniel Lusk. He has performed across the United States, overseas, for celebrities, national sports teams, and on national TV. His magic has not only been seen by millions, but Daniel also lectures at conventions for other magicians teaching his trade.

Conference attendees will be offered the opportunity to participate in two on-site service projects. After dinner on Friday evening, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in the Care-ing Cases project, using clean recycled hard eyeglass cases to assemble first aid kits and toiletry kits. Conference attendees are also encouraged to donate new socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, knit hats, and blankets to the Sock It To Me project. Collection boxes for these items will be available on Friday and Saturday. Our District Governors will share all items created/collected by these projects with those in need in their districts.

For more information about the conference and a registration form, visit the Indiana Lions website at [indianalions.org](http://indianalions.org) and click on the link labelled "Printable Forms". The list of available forms includes a registration form with seminar descriptions and hotel information.

We hope to see you at the 2024 Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference.

**Silent Auction**

**2024 Mid-Winter  
Conference –  
January 20, 2024  
"Catch the Magic of  
Lionism!"**

We are in need of items for the silent auction at the 2024 Mid-Winter Conference. If you would like to donate something, please contact either Co-Chair Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos at [liongretchen@att.net](mailto:liongretchen@att.net) or PDG Linda Scott at [lindamscott@comcast.net](mailto:lindamscott@comcast.net) with a description of item or items by January 18, 2024. Funds raised from this silent auction will go toward support of the MidWinter Conference, to better help defray the costs. Thank you for your willingness to make this event a success.



# MD-25 Lions

## International Pin Design

2025



**July 4-8, 2025: Mexico City, Mexico:** Mexico is currently the sixth most visited country in the world, welcoming more than 39 million international visitors each year. Mexico City is a busy modern city with a rich heritage dating back 30 centuries! The historic city center has a pyramid, an ancient castle and fort and many museums to celebrate and display the culture. Mexico is also an excellent touristic destination, with more than 6,000 miles of coastline, 35 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, the world's most dazzling assortment of resorts, 28 World Cultural Heritage Sites and 187 archaeological sites, a vibrant, indigenous culture and a 300-year Spanish/European Colonial legacy. Mexico is unparalleled in diversity, hospitality and the quality of its visitor experience.

Pins **MUST** include:

a-MD 25 Indiana (as text)

b-the Intl Convention year - 2025

c-Lion Club Intl Logo

d-Intl Convention Host City representation

e-MD 25 graphic representation of MD-25 usually includes a race car and/or the outline of Indiana.

Each club can submit one design. If there are multiple designs submitted by one district, one design will be selected by that District Governor. All District designs need to be submitted to me by January 15, 2024. You can scan and attach it to an email to me at [angbelc@iue.edu](mailto:angbelc@iue.edu). Each District's selected design will be presented to State Council in January. Remember: pin designers do not have to be (a) Lions.

Be creative and have fun!

CS Angela Locke, State Pin Chairperson



# January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	<b>8 DG Visit Millersburg LC</b>	9	10	<b>11 DG Visit Argos LC</b>	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	<b>19 Mid- Winter Conference</b>	<b>20 Mid- Winter Conference</b>
<b>21 Council Meeting</b>	22	23	24	<b>25 DG Visit North Webster LC</b>	26	27
28	29	30	31			



# February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	<b>19 DG Visit Plymouth LC</b>	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		



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### Mark Your Calendar

Jan 19-20, 2024 Mid-Winter Conference  
Indianapolis, Indiana

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



## 35TH MID-WINTER CONFERENCE FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER JANUARY 19, 2024



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

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

**Price:** \$ 30.00

**Social Time:** 6:00 P.M. **Dinner:** 6:30 P.M.

**Registration table will be open for packet and meal ticket pick-up on Friday evening until 6:30 PM**

### Friday Night Entertainment:

**Magician Daniel Lusk**



## SATURDAY CONFERENCE LUNCHEON JANUARY 20, 2024

**Menu:** BACKYARD COOKOUT

Grilled Black Angus Burgers, Bratwurst with Sauerkraut, Bourbon Brisket, Cole Slaw, Macaroni Salad, Baked Beans, Corn, Vegetable toppings for burgers and assorted condiments, Breads, Sheet Cake, Coffee and Tea

**Price:** Included in Full Conference Registration

### TWO SERVICE PROJECTS!!

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

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

## SATURDAY KEYNOTE SPEAKER

To be determined

**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**35th Annual Lions of Indiana Mid-Winter Conference**  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024**

*(Each Attendee Is Asked to Complete a Separate Form)*

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: \$40.00 (\$5.00 less than last year)**

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR EMAILED BY NOVEMBER 30, 2023**

**Registrations received or postmarked after DECEMBER 1ST and ON-SITE \$50.00**

**Conference Registration with no meals included: \$25**

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

**To guarantee meal availability. Registration must be received by Monday, January 15, 2024**

**CANCELLATION POLICY: CANCELLATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO JANUARY 10, 2024. TO RECEIVE A REFUND. CANCELLATIONS REQUESTED AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY REFUND. REFUNDS WILL NOT BE GRANTED BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER**

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

**PLEASE SEND COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND CORRECT REMITTANCE TO:**

Lion Angie Crouch, 9051 Greystone Court, Indianapolis, IN 46234

[mwam2893@gmail.com](mailto:mwam2893@gmail.com)

317-518-4070

**Make Checks Payable to: Lions of Indiana, Inc. OR**

Card Type: [ ] VISA [ ] MC [ ] Discover Card# \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note : If using a Visa or Master Card credit card, you will be charged a 3% fee added to your charge by the processing company. All other cards along with debit cards will have NO fee added.**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Title or Position: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) This is my first Mid-Winter Conference. I was encouraged to attend by: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration: ( ) \$40.00 **early-bird**; ( ) \$50.00 after Dec.1; ( ) \$25.00 Conference Only – No Lunch

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

= Total Amount Due per Registration \_\_\_\_\_

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

9:45 – 10:30	Seminar Session 1	1	2	3	4
10:45 - 11:30	Seminar Session 2	5	6	7	8
1:30 – 2:15	Seminar Session 3	9	10	11	12
2:30 – 3:15	Seminar Session 4	13	14	15	16

## Morning Seminar Session 1 (9:45 – 10:30)

### Seminar 1

**Title:** Mission 1.5

**Presenter:** PID Thomas Matney, Kentucky, Global Action Team Area Leader

**Description:** Everything you ever wanted to know about our campaign to achieve the goal of 1.5 million members globally.

### Seminar 2

**Title:** All You Need Is Love

**Presenter:** Lion Jeff Kozicki, Noblesville Lions Club, District 25-D GMT/GET Coordinator

**Description:** Have you ever needed help? Do you feel like you are working eight days a week? Can you only get by with a little help from your friends? Is it true that all you need is love? If you have wondered about any of these questions, then this is the seminar for you! We will come together to explore Lionism through the music of the Beatles.

### Seminar 3

**Title:** Mentoring: You've Got a Friend in Me.

**Presenter:** Lion Ruth Kelly, Zionsville Lions Club

**Description:** This seminar is for members who want to be of service to new members of their club. Being "the new person" is difficult for many people. The goal of this seminar is to help you learn why mentoring is important for your club, provide an example of a mentoring program, and provide information that will assist you in establishing a mentoring program that works for your club. It is hard work to find new members. You need to have an action plan to keep those new members engaged and enjoying being a Lion. We can never have too many friends.

### Seminar 4

**Title:** Serving Beyond the Club

**Presenters:** PDG Tom Robbins, Zionsville Lions and PDG Jeff Locke, Williamsburg Lions

**Description:** This session will discuss leadership opportunities beyond the club level from zone chairs and cabinet positions to project trustees, committee chairs, and District leadership.

## Morning Seminar Session 2 (10:45 – 11:30)

### Seminar 5

**Title:** Indiana Lions Fighting Pediatric Cancer

**Presenter:** Representative from Riley Children's Foundation

**Description:** Learn about the Cancer Control Fund's new partnership with Riley Children's Foundation and the Walther Cancer Foundation.

### Seminar 6

**Title:** Putting Fun in Your Club Meetings

**Presenter:** Luanne Julian, Middletown Lions Club

**Description:** Discover new ways to dispel the persistent myth that Lions Clubs meetings are B-O-R-I-N-G.

### Seminar 7

**Title:** Why are Leos Important for our Future

**Presenter:** ZC Wendy Semans, Hamlet Lions Club

**Description:** Learn how Leos can benefit your Club. What do Leos need from you? What's involved in having a Leo Club? Ideas and projects for your Leos.

### Seminar 8

**Title:** Building a Cabin for Children with Type 1 Diabetes

**Presenters:** PCC Ross Drapalik, Martinsville Noon Lions Club, and Jenna White

**Description:** The Martinsville Noon Lions Club has partnered with Diabetes Youth Foundation of Indiana (DYFI) to construct a new cabin and laundry facility at "Camp Until-a-Cure" in Noblesville, Indiana. PCC Ross Drapalik will discuss the process of turning a \$10,000 memorial contribution into a \$204,000 turn-key project, and Jenna White, the Executive Director of DYFI, will talk about the camp, its needs, and how your Lions Club can help.

## Afternoon Seminar Session 3 (1:30 – 2:15)

### Seminar 9

**Title:** Finding and Applying for LCIF Grants

**Presenters:** PID Linda Tincher and Lion Debbie Ellis, Sullivan County Lions Club

**Description:** Where to find LCIF grants, how to write LCIF grant requests, and how to avoid common pitfalls that may prevent you from getting the LCIF grants.

### Seminar 10

**Title:** Securing Sponsorships

**Presenter:** PDG Tom Robbins, Zionsville Lions Club

**Description:** What you need to know to secure ongoing sponsorships.

### Seminar 11

**Title:** Lions International Convention in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

**Presenter:** PDG Alan Arnold, Monroe Lions Club, and Indiana Lions International Convention Committee Chairman

**Description:** Everything you need to know about the 2024 International Convention in Melbourne, Australia

### Seminar 12

**Title:** Eyeglass Recycling: An Eye-Opening Experience

**Presenter:** PDG Marty Juel, Elkhart Lions Club, District 25-G

**Description:** Does your club collect used eyeglasses for Lions eyeglass missions? Find out what it takes to get used eyeglasses from your club's donation box to new owners in Mexico.

## Afternoon Seminar Session 4 (2:30 – 3:15)

### Seminar 13

**Title:** Lion Cubs, Our Future Lions

**Presenter:** Wendy Semans and Lions Gloria Ballard, Hamlet Lions Club

**Description:** What is a Cubs Club and what are the benefits of starting a Cubs Club? Who can join? What is involved in starting a Cubs Club.

### Seminar 14

**Title:** Who's Who with Lions Acronyms and Badges

**Presenter:** PDG Kathy Lozier, Carmel Lions Club and Vice President, Indiana Lions Foundation, Inc.

**Description:** Decoding the "alphabet soup" of Lions acronyms and abbreviations often encountered in Lions meetings and communications and recognizing Lions officers by the shape and design of their name badges.

### Seminar 15

**Title:** New Member Orientation

**Presenter:** Lion Jeff Kozicki, District 25-D GMT/GET Coordinator

**Description:** Congratulations! You have added a new member to your club! Now what? This seminar will discuss how to start your new member right and get them the information they need to get a solid start. This seminar will also be great for Lions that have been around for a while as there may be a few things they can learn about their Club, their District, and Lionism.

### Seminar 16

**Title:** 2024 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Louisville Kentucky

**Presenter:** PDG Chuck Carlson, Forum Host Committee Chairperson and Karen Nitschke, Kentucky Lions

**Description:** What happens at a Forum, the seminars, speakers, meals, and other details to encourage you to attend the Forum in Louisville in September of 2024 and become educated, motivated, and inspired.