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A Message from District Governor Warren Allender

"Tag you're it!" I remembered playing that game as a child. Well, that's the way I feel right about now. You know, in "tag", someone is "it" and they chase you around and around, you dodge, dip, and fake your moves, always staying one step ahead of your pursuer until... "tag you're it" and the pursuer finally catches you. This past year feels a lot like that. There was this training and that training, you need to get ready for this, and do you have people lined up for that and now...

"TAG YOU'RE IT!!" So here I go...

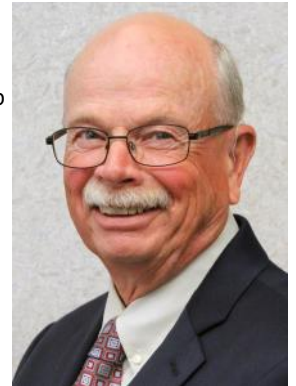
To all of those pursuers, let me start off with a BIG THANK YOU! That would be all the instructors from the Lions Leadership classes, and our group leader from Lions International. It would be all the new friendships made along the way, and the old ones firmed up and leaned on more for advice and direction. I would be remiss to name them all for fear that I would forget someone. Suffice it to say, thank you.

Next in line for a BIG THANK YOU are all those Lions who, when asked to SERVE next year in District Leadership roles said YES. You want to know who that might be? Take a look at our District Directory. There you will find our District Officers, Zone Chairs, District Trustees, and District Committees, sixty-five positions in all, if I'm not mistaken.

Lastly, I need to put out a BIG THANK YOU to all of our Lions Clubs in District 25-G for the officers who have stepped forward and agreed to serve their club in leadership roles. Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Board members, Tail Twisters, Lion Tamers, Membership Chairs, LCIF Chairs, Marketing & Publicity Chairs, and so many other local club committee chairs. You are the heart and soul of Lions in District 25-G, and WE SERVE.

"TAG YOU'RE IT!!" So here WE go...

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

District Governor Warren Allender 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 574-361-7942, or send an email message to warrenallender@comcast.net.



"What does it mean to Make Your Mark? It means stepping up in our clubs and our communities and changing lives. It means amplifying the voices that may go unheard. It means showing the world that Lions care and we are here to stay." 2024-2025 Lions International President Fabrício Oliveira



A Message from District Governor Warren Allender

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District Goals - As recommended by Lions International and compiled by the District 25-G Global Action Team:

➤ Leadership

- 50% of district club officers will participate in officer training when provided by the district. Thanks to Atwood and Fulton-Liberty for hosting this training, Past District Governor Dave Eisen for coordinating it, and all who participated.
- 100% of club officers will be informed of officer training available through the Lions Learning Center.

➤ Marketing

- By the end of the Lions year, 50% of clubs will have been provided marketing tools in order to increase "Lions Brand" awareness and recruit new members.

➤ Membership

- Clubs will be encouraged to promote the retention of members through fun, fellowship, and SERVICE to their club and community.
- A recruitment goal of ninety-one (91) new members has been set for the Lions year. This amounts to approximately two (2) new members per club.

➤ Extension

- The Global Action Team seeks to have NO club close during the Lions year and will take an "All hands-on deck" approach to assist clubs in need.
- The Global Action Team concurs with Lions International in seeking to establish one (1) new club within the District during the Lions year.

➤ Service

- This is what Lions do in all our communities and what needs to be recognized locally and internationally. Therefore, by the end of the Lions year, 80% of district clubs will report their service projects to Lions International. This is the most challenging. Think, "if a tree falls in the middle of a forest does it make noise?" Only if someone is there to hear it. We need our noise/voice of SERVICE to be LOUD and CLEAR! We need SERVICE reported to International)

➤ Lions Foundation

- By the end of Lions year, 100% of district clubs will have made a monetary donation to Lions Clubs International Foundation. This will be accomplished by collecting "Change for Change" by each club. Containers will be provided.
- 80% of Clubs will have identified the LCIF coordinator by year's end.

Nothing here should be of any surprise to anyone or any club. This is what we do, or should be doing. Right? Right!

Lastly, I need to let you know that I do have a couple of "extra" focus areas I would like help with from each of you and your clubs. Specifically, I have chosen **Leader Dogs** and **Childhood Cancer** as my two focus areas. When I speak of focus, I guess what I really mean is fund-raising. I know each club already makes contributions to these causes. What I'm asking of you is just a "little bit" more...

➤ For **Leader Dogs** I would like each club to promote a "Dollars for Dogs" fundraising campaign. It's an easy partnership with local businesses to raise funds for Leader Dogs.

- Material will be provided. Get ready...

➤ For **Childhood Cancer** I would like to have each club auction off at least one Indiana Lions Cancer Control Fund hand-poured artisan candle, valued at no less than \$20.00. Those funds will go to the Walther Cancer Foundation matching grant program for Riley Hospital for Children.

- Candles will be provided, how you auction/sell them off is strictly up to you.

And don't forget, we are the host District for this year's state convention in April, in Shipshewana. We'll need some heavy lifting from many volunteers to make it a success. Pitch in and SERVE!

So "**Tag We're It**". Let have a Lions ROARING GREAT YEAR!

District Governor Warren Allender

Meet Our District Governor



Let me introduce myself, I am Lion Warren Allender and I joined the Baugo Township Lions Club in 1996. I have been Club President twice, served on the Board of Directors numerous times, and served several years as Club Secretary. During my years with the club, I continually contributed my time and talents during fund raising and community service projects. I have received the Lion of the Year award twice.

I began my journey on the district level as Zone Chairman. During a special election in 2022, I was elected as 2nd Vice District Governor. The following year I was elected as 1st Vice District Governor.

Currently, I serve as a Trustee for Indiana Lions for Leader Dogs for the Blind. I am a Melvin Jones Fellow and a graduate of the Indiana Lions Leadership Workshop.

My wife, Susi, and I have been married forty-six years. We have two daughters, Erin and Amy. Erin and her husband, Adam Kennedy have two daughters, Elliot and Avery. Amy and her husband Derek Smith have two sons, Gideon, and Silas.

I retired from the Elkhart County Sheriff's Department in 2002. I continued my public service as Director of Elkhart County Emergency Management. Following that, I served as a public health emergency planner.

I have numerous hobbies and likes, I especially like being outdoors. I am a Master Gardener as well as a Master Naturalist. I enjoy gardening, canning, and cooking, preferably with cast iron.

The Meaning of the Pin

Beginning in the center, you will find a tripod with three golden legs; they represent the Holy Trinity, something I strongly believe in.

Atop that is the Lions emblem, which represents the giving spirit in the heart of every Lion to serve their fellow man.

Hanging from the tripod is a cast iron Dutch oven; it is one of the oldest cooking utensils and represents the longevity of Lionism.

Cooking in the Dutch oven are five service projects of Lionism: Vision, Hunger, Diabetes, Childhood Cancer and Environment.

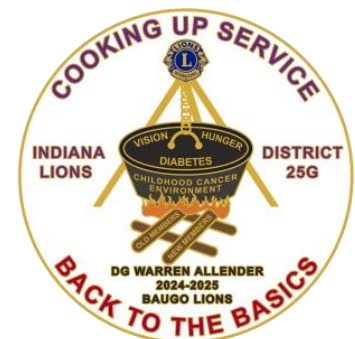
Providing the fuel to cook up the service are both old and new Lions members.

The rocker top and bottom is my theme: Cooking up Service, Back to the Basics.

Left and right of center is Indiana Lions, District 25G (our district).

Below is my name and Baugo Lions, my home Club, of which I am proud to be a member.

Lastly, around the outside is a circle in gold, representing Lions continual service to others. It never stops.



A Message From 1st Vice District Governor Jackie Kurley



Welcome to the new Lions year. As I write this, there are all those Lions preparing to visit the land down under. What an exciting time this must be for the incoming Governors! I am now starting to realize that my year is soon approaching, and I must make sure I hit those time-sensitive tasks to be successful. As I read the other districts' newsletters it appears that the last few months, they really pile on a lot of final requirements to prepare you for the governorship. I am working with Indiana's other 1st Vice District Governors to prepare for our year. The Merlots, as we call ourselves, have already scheduled a meeting of the minds to get our house in order. In addition to getting to know each other, we are planning to do things together to bring our multiple districts closer.

Engaging with other districts, other clubs, and other members is vital to the success of all our clubs. Sharing ideas and experiences gives other clubs the opportunity to learn from others and sets a challenge to exceed expectations. If you have the opportunity, I encourage you to go to your club's Board meeting, attend a district meeting, and plan to attend your Banner night. This year, the Banner night is scheduled for August 24. I am sure you will be getting more details soon. Maybe start setting up a calendar and put in all the dates of things happening in your club and your district. Make a conscious effort to attend more activities this year than you have done in the past. It is amazing what you can learn from other members as you engage with other clubs. As the saying goes, knowledge is power. The more we can learn as Lions, the better we will be able to serve.

Also, in June I had the privilege of installing officers in three of our district's clubs. It is a privilege because these members have stepped up and wanted to contribute to the success of their clubs. Some members were apprehensive but knowing they have their club for support gave them the confidence to make the decision to become an officer. In Dunlap, we have a Spring Fling and what a party it was this year. Our theme was a Hawaiian luau. We dressed the part and even PDGs were seen in grass skirts. We had an ocean and white sand beach as a backdrop for pictures along with the muscle man and hula skirt face cutouts for funny pictures. Many awards were passed out because it takes all of us to make a successful club and everyone appreciates a "thank you."

As this month closes, I cannot help but think about all our Lions converging on Melbourne for the Lions Clubs International Convention. One more year and here we come Mexico!

Happy 4th of July!

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Jackie Kurley, 1st Vice District Governor

Meet Our 1st Vice District Governor

Lion Jackie Kurley has been a member of the Dunlap Lions Club since 2015. She has served as Tail Twister, Membership Chair, Guiding Lion, Vice President, President, LCIF District Coordinator, 2nd Vice District Governor, and is currently serving as 1st Vice District Governor.

Lion Jackie is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and a William P. Woods Fellow. She has received an International President's Medal, International Leadership Medal, International President's Certificate of Appreciation, Membership Key, Dunlap Cub of the Year, Lion of the Year, and Leadership awards.

She has a bachelor's degree from Lions University and is about to receive her master's degree.

Lion Jackie has been enjoying employment in the healthcare field for the past 7 years after 38 years in retail. When she is not working, she enjoys playing with her two dogs, Zoe and Bo, and loves doing yardwork. Jackie has recently taken up feeding birds and riding her new bicycle. Jackie aspires to retire soon and take on more Lions activities.

A Message From 2nd Vice District Governor Steve Weld



Lions International is an amazing organization, dedicated to serving around the world. Our mission statement is challenging, and can inspire us to look beyond ourselves in service..

"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."

I look forward to serving this year with District Governor Warren and with you as we cook up some service this year. Thank you for your continuing energetic support to your communities, to your Clubs, and to the mission of Lions International. Stay cool this summer, and remember that "We Serve".

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Steve Weld, 2nd Vice District Governor

Meet Our 2nd Vice District Governor

Lion Steven Weld has been a Lion and a member of the Dunlap Lions Club since 2019. He has served as Club President and a Zone Chair.

Lion Steve is a Melvin Jones Fellow. He is a graduate of Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI) and has completed the Masters Program through Lions University.

Lion Steve is retired from the US Air Force, where he served as an aircraft maintenance and logistics officer.

Lion Steve and his partner-in-service Carol have been married since 1986, and have four children.



A Message From District Cabinet Secretary Lion Kim Polk



I look forward to continuing to serve District 25G as your Cabinet Secretary.

Please mark these dates on your calendar & plan to attend these events:

- August 10 – District Meeting – Hosted by the Baugo Lions Club
- August 24 – Banner Night at Camp Mack
- November 9 – District Meeting – Hosted by the Argos Lions Club
- March 8 – District Meeting & District Convention at Oakwood Resort in Syracuse
- April 25 – 27 – Lions State Convention – Hosted by District 25-G at Shishewana
- May 17 – District Meeting – Hosted by the Roann Covered Bridge Lions Club

Clubs qualifying for the Club Excellence Award for the 2023-24 Year should have their application completed and submitted to PDG Ron Guth. He must submit them to LCI no later than August 31, 2024. This application can be found on the LCI Website. It can be located at: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-excellence-awards>

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

Yours in service,

Lion Kim Polk, Cabinet Secretary

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Celebrating 332 Years of Service

District 25-G recognizes 4 Lions Clubs chartered during the month of July. These clubs have been serving their local communities for a total of 332 years. Each club has impacted its local community in its own unique way, and has supported district, state, and international projects. Each is an example of DG Warren's theme - "Cooking Up Service – Back to the Basics" and IP Oliveira's theme – "Make Your Mark". **Congratulations on your years of service and leaving your mark on your community and beyond!**

CLUB NAME	CHARTER DATE	YEARS OF SERVICE
Mishawaka	July 12, 1923	101
Millersburg	July 20, 1945	79
Etna Green	July 5, 1946	78
Plymouth	July 12, 1950	74

A Message From District Cabinet Treasurer PDG Ron Guth



Hello Lions!

I am back as your Cabinet Treasurer. My thanks to Lion Kim Polk who has done a fantastic job as the district treasurer the last couple of years. I hope I can relearn what she has accomplished.

LCI will be sending out dues invoices in July based on your club's member count as of 6/30/24.

The member count is determined by LCI based on their records from each club's last membership changes on the Lions "Member Portal" before the end of June. Any changes on 7/1/2024 or later will not change the billed count. The State and District dues are based off the

same LCI member count.

Semi-annual dues for LCI are \$24.00 per member and \$12.00 for a family member.

Semi-annual dues paid to District 25-G are \$9.00 for all members (\$7.00 state, \$2.00 district).

You can expect a district dues invoice from me via e-mail no later than mid-July, after I receive the member count from LCI. Invoices are sent to treasurer and/or secretary email address on record with LCI. If none are listed, then they are sent via postal mail.

You will be sending your dues and project donations to me again at:

PDG Ron Guth
2386 W Broadway
Bunker Hill, IN 46914-9489

Please feel free to contact me with any questions and I will do my best to answer.

We Serve,

PDG/CT Ron Guth
guthron@comcast.net
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Global Leadership Team



Editor's Note: PCC Dave's wife, Barb, was in the hospital with severe hip pain. He has been spending time with her and has not had an opportunity to write a new column for this issue of the district newsletter. We are reprinting this column that was originally published in the July 2022 issue of the district newsletter.

"I Just Don't Have Time"

How often haven't we heard that plaintive cry? As a new group of officers readies to serve in July, this cry becomes increasingly common and frustrating. How are we going to fill our committee chairperson positions? How are we going to continue with projects and fundraisers? Who will do the work?

Unfortunately, it is often the Club leaders who foster that complaint. How often hasn't a Club President complained that he, or she, is just too busy to attend to all the many details of the job? And yet the President seldom asks for help. Maybe it's because we've always done it that way. Delegating, rather than assigning, can be a real challenge for Club leaders. We assume that no one else can do the job as well or as quickly as we can. We assume others will think we are lazy, incompetent, or just trying to get out of the job we were elected to do. Or maybe it's because we are afraid to share power.

But in reality, delegation can be a Club builder. The late PDG Rev. Will Lawson always said that he tried to find a job for everyone. Delegating gets everyone involved and active. Active members stay members and can act as good recruiters and Club ambassadors. Active members know what is happening in the Club and are more confident that their voices and contributions will be heard and appreciated.

But delegating tasks cannot be done willy-nilly, nor can it simply be demanded. A good leader finds out what interests specific members have, and then finds tasks to fit those interests. Good leaders give the members the authority to do those tasks without constantly looking over their shoulders or offering "constructive criticism". Good leaders provide feedback, assistance where needed, and public praise for jobs well done. Remember, one word of praise is worth a thousand words of "constructive criticism". Well-appreciated members gain the confidence to take on further tasks and, hopefully, be ultimately willing to become leaders themselves.

Leaders do need to be careful to fulfil their own commitments. The Club President, for instance, can't give away the entire job. Giving everything away lessens credibility and trust. Officers do need to be responsible for the jobs for which they were elected. But they don't have to do everything alone.

Now, at the start of a new Club year, is the prime time for a Club to think seriously about delegating. With new people in office, it's time for a new start. Empowering Club members to participate in otherwise closely-held Club activities will help your Club thrive and attract new members. But we must be willing to help others help us. Then maybe we'll all have time.

PCC Dave Eisen, Global Leadership Team Coordinator

Global Leadership Team Coordinator PCC Dave Eisen wants to thank all of the district Lions who participated in the recent Club Officers Training sessions, especially those who served as instructors.

Global Membership & Extension Team



MISSION 1.5 * A MISSION TO GROW

At this point, Lions Clubs International membership is at 1,307,800. That is a long way from the goal of 1.5 million, BUT, that is doable if we all work together! "Together We Can and Together We Will," as Past International President Brian Sheehan promoted.

The goal for District 25-G this 2024-2025 year has been set at 91 new members (net gain). If you break that down per club, it is only a net gain of two members per club with three clubs gaining three members. That seems doable.

Lions everywhere are doing great things and with a great attitude. Last year alone, our own Lydick Lions Club had 15 new members join. Is there any club in 25-G to meet that challenge in 2024-2025?

In my last report, I asked everyone to finish the year strong with extra enthusiasm and encouragement of all fellow Lion members. We did that and why not keep going this year with momentum? Let's have fun doing it.

Thank you for being a Lion. Thank you for all the time and energy you put into your club and community. It will pay off when you least expect it.

PDG Marlyn Fast, Global Membership & Global Extension Coordinator

Here We Grow Again

During the 2023-2024 Lions year, 28 district clubs welcomed 91 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.

Culver Lions Club

New Member: Lion Kelsey Losch
Sponsor: Lion Gail Orangias

New Member: Lion Bruce Osborn
Sponsor: Lion Michael Overmyer

Grass Creek Lions Club

New Member: Lion Renee Hizer
Sponsor: Lion Denise Baker

New Member: Lion Scott Hizer
Sponsor: Lion Denise Baker

Grass Creek Lions Club (continued)

New Member: Lion Cynthia Plummer
Sponsor: Lion Bill Plummer

New Member: Lion Tim Uhrich
Sponsor: Lion Peggy Dague

North Webster Lions Club

New Member: Lion Gene Derolf
Sponsor: Lion Derik Greene

Global Membership Approach

Where there's a need, there's a Lion—when our membership grows, our communities grow. Our service strengthens. Our future brightens. The Global Membership Approach provides a process and resources for districts to achieve this growth.

Global Service Team



I would like to introduce myself. My name is PDG Mary Klempay, and I am your Global Service Team Coordinator for District 25-G. I look forward to serving our District as your GST. I would like to welcome all the new members to the Lions. As we continue to grow, keep in mind that our new Lions should be included in our service projects so they may join in the fun of serving those in need. It is a testament to the belief in serving, they could learn the importance of Lions service in areas like Speech and Hearing, Diabetes, Cancer Control, Eye and Tissue Bank and Vision First, Leader Dog, School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and Indiana Lions Foundation.

Lions International has updated their Member Portal. Navigating the information for members should be easier in this new system, which is now available. If you have not tried, or you are unable to login to use the portal, please let me know. I will assist you with the portal.

The Lions Motto of "WE SERVE" is alive and well in District 25-G.

PDG Mary Klempay,

District 25-G GST Coordinator
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As I am no longer serving as the District GST, I would like to thank all the District club officers for their service to their clubs. It has been an honor to serve the District in this capacity.

Keep in mind that serving your club or the District is a true act of service as without the officer positions filled, there would be no one leading towards the future endeavors of service. The Lions Motto of "WE SERVE" can only be accomplished through membership and leadership.

Service = Leadership + Membership

I encourage every Lion member to consider taking on a leadership role at some time as a Lions member, it is very rewarding.

Thank you all for your service in all capacities.

Lion Al Beehler

LCIF Coordinators Update



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Thank you so much for your contributions to LCIF last year. As you may know, it is predicted that it will take \$50 million dollars each year to keep up with the disasters we are experiencing in the world. The US received more money through grants last year than what we donated. So, please consider donating with your personal donation as well as a donation from your club. DG Warren Allender has embraced the mission of collecting dollars (coin and paper) in our "Change for Change" challenge. Each club will be receiving a container so that monies can be collected at every meeting for LCIF. You can donate any "change" at any time.

You can even set up a system where you can have money donated monthly. More information will be coming to you as this new year begins. Again, thank you for the donations that you gave to LCIF last year, and we hope you continue to support your foundation this year.

1st VDG Jackie Kurley, LCIF Coordinator

News From Around the District

Rochester Lions Support Local Fireworks Display



Commander Rob Beckman of the Fulton County Veteran's Honor Guard accepts a check from Lion Treasurer John Roberts to help fund the 2024 Rochester Fireworks Display.

Left to Right: Lion Stephen Williams, Lion Roberts, Commander Beckman and Lion Joe Moore.

(Submitted by Lion Jeri Good, Rochester Lions Club)

Peru Lions Present Scholarships to Local High School Graduates

The Peru Lions Club Memorial Scholarship fund was started in December of 1999 after the passing of two of our members, **Jim Busta** and **Frank Drake**. Their families had requested that money be donated to the Peru Lions Club in their memory to be used in the community.

It was decided that we would start a scholarship fund that, hopefully, would be on-going for years to come. From small beginnings (initially \$580) good things have happened. Including this year's recipients, we have helped **141** students in the past **24** years totaling **\$67,900**.

Below left: Maconaquah High School scholarship recipients (l. to r.) Molly Tenny, Miranda Stoll, Zoe Moore, Lauryn Merritt, Peru Lions Club President Lion Dick Galvin, Anna Clifton

Below right: Peru High School scholarship recipients (l. to r.) Beverly Claire Fry, Jaylah Harlan, Ian Potts, Matthew Roettger, Emma Thomas, Jordyn Ulery.



(Submitted by Lion Ken Magers, Peru 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

Madison Township Lions Donate to Fire Department, Present 5 Scholarships

The Madison Township Lions Club donated \$1,200 of the profit from the recent Pork Chop Sale to the Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department, who helped with the sale.

The club also donated \$1,000 to the Jamie Fox Cancer Benefit. We are only able to make these donations due to the generous community support we get at our Pork Chop Sales.



The Madison Township Lions Club awarded five \$1,000 scholarships to local graduates. Four of the recipients and their parents were in attendance at our June dinner meeting. Each student was presented a certificate and a check. Each noted the University they will be attending and their intended major. The fifth student will receive his scholarship at a later date.

Pictured are (l. to r.) Caroline Bontrager, Georgia Pogue, Jonathan Pletcher, and Keyton Marker. Ian Hahn was unable to attend our meeting due to a previous commitment.

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

Milford Lions Hold Local Festival, Install New Officers

Milford Lions Club had an amazing Milford Lions Festival over Memorial Weekend. It kept the Milford Lions extremely busy as we served our Milford community. We also had our installation of officers with the amazing 1VDGE Lion Jackie Kurley.

Below left: Ferris wheel at the Milford Lions Festival, owned by Lion Tom Beer.

Below center: Lion Ron Marquart and Lion Michael Schafer assemble the stage for the music at the Festival.

Below right: Milford Lions Club officer installation (l. to r.) Lion Judy Marquart, Tail Twister; Lion Michael Schafer, Director; Lion Dr. Gerv Schafer, 2nd VP & Director; Lion Tom Sorensen, Director; Lion Dr. Bruce Lamb, 1st VP & Song Leader; Lion Steve Weisser, Treasurer; Lion Jasmine Baum, Secretary. Front row (l. to r.) Lion Barb Zimmerman, Director; Lion Lisa Ensz, President, and 1VDGE Lion Jackie Kurley.



(Submitted by Lion Lisa Ensz, Milford Lions Club)



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

Lydick Lions Welcome New Members

During our June meeting, Lydick Lions President Wendy Yuhasz proudly performed the Induction Ceremony for 3 new members of our Lydick Lions Club.

Our Club is honored to welcome:

- ★ Stephanie Szczepankiewicz sponsored by Lion Bernie Ferro,
- ★ Karen Swisher sponsored by Lion Lori Ferro, and
- ★ Connie Price sponsored by Lion Lori Ferro.

Welcome Ladies, to the Land of Lionism.

Our Club is fortunate you chose to become a Lydick Lion. Thank you.

We are excited that our Club has been experiencing a growth in membership recently, and we look forward to including them in all possible aspects of Lionism.

Pictured below (l. to r.) President Lion Wendy Yuhasz, Lion Bernie Ferro, Lion Stephanie Szczepankiewicz, Lion Karen Swisher, Lion Lori Ferro, Lion Connie Price



(Submitted by Lion Teckla Lane, Lydick Lions Club)



Your club's news could have been here.

News From Around the District

Lakeville Lions Recognize Service, Install New Officers



At their dinner meeting on Tuesday, June 25th, the Lakeville Lions recognized several members for their service to the club and the community, and District Governor Warren Allender installed officers for the 2024-2025 Lions year.

President Jim Tibbs presented **Everyday Hero** awards to Lions Brenda Allen, Jean DuFord, Diane Fischer, Darcy Gardner, Jennifer Gardner, Laura Hawkes, Sharon Miller, Marsha Omans, Darlene Shock, and Conner Tillman. Lion Darlene Shock also received a **Certificate of Appreciation** from President Jim Tibbs.

Lion Jim Tillman was recognized for 13 years of service at the club's food booth at the St. Joseph County 4-H Fair. Lion Jim also received a **Lions & Scouts** patch in recognition of his service as the Scouting Coordinator for the Cub Scout Troop and Scout Troops sponsored by our club.

President Jim Tibbs presented **Presidential Service** awards to PCC Vic Fischer, Lion Larry Ort, and PDG Paul Russell.

Lions Arden Balmer, Donald Coleman, and Bob Feitz were recognized for **50 years of service** as members of the Lakeville Lions Club.

The **Howard Heines Memorial Lion of the Year Award** was presented to Lion Lloyd Mehaney. Lion Howard's daughter Sheryl Baker and son Rick Heines assisted with the presentation of the award.

The **Jackie Walorski Memorial Community Service Award** was presented to Lion Kerry Palmer. Lion Jackie's mother Lion Martha Walorski assisted with the presentation of the award.

Lion Tiffany Scheiber was presented with a **Melvin Jones Fellowship**. Lions Anne Weber and Janet Weber received **W.P. Woods Fellowships**.

Lion Max Feitz was one of only 14 Lions from throughout the state of Indiana who was nominated for the **Indiana Distinguished Lion Award**. He was not present at the Indiana Lions State Convention when other nominees received recognition plaques. Indiana Lions Foundation Trustee Lion Rose Russell presented Lion Max with his plaque at this meeting.

District Governor Warren Allender installed club officers for the 2024-2025 Lions year. We believe this was DG Warren's first official act as District Governor.



Opportunities for Service

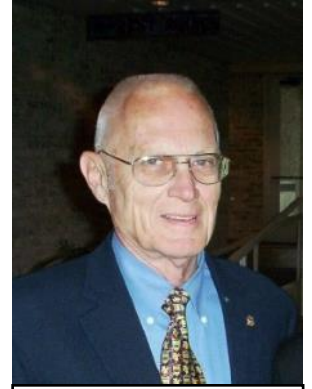
Build-A-Bed Project to Honor PDG Charlie Haffner



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a non-profit organization with more than 200 chapters nation-wide. Their purpose is to ensure that "No kid sleeps on the floor in our town!" Their volunteers build, assemble, and deliver bunk beds to children and families in need.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace will honor PDG Charlie Haffner with a Bed Build sponsored by the Syracuse Lions Club on Saturday July 27th. We would like to get as many Lions and family members as possible to come and help build beds that will be donated to kids in Kosciusko County.



PDG Charlie Haffner



Scan the QR code on the left, or click this link:

<https://x.gldn.io/e/sCRUeXoMyKb>

to register for this service project. You must sign up to get the location of the event.

(Submitted by Lion Michael Webb, Leesburg Lions Club)

ULTRASOUND

Eyeglass Washing



**Tuesday
July 16**

**ONE SESSION ONLY
10 am - Noon**



Come help with District 25-G's eyeglass recycling project. Only 6 volunteers needed. To be held at the Fairview Grange, 22482 CR 45, Goshen (just east of Oxbow Park on CR 45). To be included, email your intentions to info@ElkhartLions.org

Opportunities for Service

Volunteers Needed to Sort & File Eyeglasses for Mission Use

We are falling behind in getting several thousand pairs of eyeglasses sorted and filed for our Mexico eyeglass mission. These glasses have been washed and the prescriptions have been read by our three lensometer operators. Now we need to put the glasses in order by prescription in boxes for final shipment to Mexico. To help us



schedule time, let us know when you are interested, and we will schedule our sessions to best accommodate the needs of district Lions. For example, let us know if you prefer a particular day of the week or if it doesn't usually matter. We'll schedule a time that can accommodate the most people. Why not make this a club project? If you can bring at least 6 Lions, we'll set a time just for your club. Contact us at info@elhartlions.org with your questions or times you are available.

(Submitted by PDG Marty Juel, Elkhart Lions Club)

Eyeglass Sorting & Filing



Dates
TBA

EVENING SESSIONS
6:30 – 8:00

Come help with District 25-G's eyeglass recycling project. We will determine the best times for clubs and individuals to come and help sort and file glasses. Let us know your preferred date (Mon.-Thurs.) Why not make this a club event? Bring at least 6 Lions for your own special session. To be held at the Fairview Grange, 22482 CR 45, Goshen (just east of Oxbow Park on CR 45).

To be included, email your intentions to info@ElkhartLions.org

Opportunities for Service

2025 State Convention Theme Contest

PDG Marlyn Fast and PDG Brian Thomas are making progress on State Convention planning but we need help on picking a theme. We have several in mind, but would like to utilize your creative minds to offer other options. Please submit a four-to-seven-word theme that would best describe our convention in Shipshewana by July 22. For reference, the 2016 theme was "In the Heart of Amish Country". Possible key words are Lions, service, Amish, change, caring etc. The winning theme will be featured on the program, social media, and convention pin. The winning submission will receive a registration for the convention. Send themes by July 22 to mafast1107@gmail.com or brian10k@aol.com.

Thank you, PDG Marlyn Fast & PDG Brian Thomas

Volunteers Needed for 2025 State Convention Committee

As stated many times before, the plans for the April 2025 Indiana Lions State Convention in Shipshewana are progressing. We feel that if we say that enough times, it actually will be true!

However, seriously and in reality, there is significant progress in the planning—all the major components are in place, now the devil is in the details.

Thankfully, many District 25-G Lions have answered our call to be sub-chairpersons of several facets of the Convention. It has to be stressed that District 25-G is the host of the Convention, and it is incumbent on us to put our best "paws" forward. We can use many more volunteers for registration and welcoming, errand runners, guides, set up/take down teams, audio experts, and most importantly, attendees! We can use several Lions who can contact businesses for program book advertising and sponsorships, including ads from District clubs highlighting the club's major activities. In addition, we are open to suggestions of a Saturday lunch speaker and seminar topics. We know this all sounds early, but time is marching on--please put the Convention on your calendar for attending, and if you can grace us with your help, please do so.

See ya in Shipshewana!

Thank you, PDG Marlyn Fast & PDG Brian Thomas



Indiana Lions State Projects & Foundation



State Projects & Foundation Trustees

Contact one of our district trustees to schedule a program for your club.

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Vision First Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Inc.

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Lion Steve Page (Dunlap)	ndpage12@aol.com	574-226-8945

Indiana Lions for Leader Dog, Inc.

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PDG Brian Thomas (Elkhart)	brian10k@aol.com	574-596-7411

Indiana Lions Foundation

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Lion Rose Russell (Lakeville)	RoseWRussell@gmail.com	574-250-0125
(vacant)		

Indiana Lions State Projects & Foundation

An Official Announcement on Operation Cancer Hero!

At the June 9th meeting of the board of trustees of the Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc. (CCF), Melissa Sexton, Community Fundraising Program Officer at Riley Children's Foundation and our liaison with the Foundation, confirmed that CCF is the first group to fulfill their commitment to raise \$100,000 for the Walther Cancer Foundation Matching Grant Program. So ... that's \$200,000 for Pediatric Cancer Research at Riley Children's Hospital! But wait! There's more! We are also the first group to make a second commitment to raise another \$100,000! Don't ever underestimate the Power of Lions! INDIANA LIONS FIGHTING CANCER! Let's go and present another check at the 2025 State Convention!



As of June 11th, CCF is one of seven organizations or event groups that are participating in the Walther Cancer Foundation Matching Grant Program for Riley Children's Foundation.

(Submitted by Lion Bev Coombs, Decatur Central Lions Club & CCF Board President)

Indiana Lions Foundation Needs Your Help at the Indiana State Fair

The dates for the Indiana State Fair this year are August 2, 2024 through August 18, 2024. This is just a few weeks away and we still have many, many openings.

There are a couple of changes for this year.

- Last year, the Fair was closed on Monday and Tuesday each week; this year it will be closed only on Monday.
- Automobile entrance to infield parking will be handled differently this year. In prior years, cashiers collected money for auto parking fees and entrance fees on the access roads. This year, only auto parking fees will be charged at the access roads. Four new gates are being created on the infield, and Lions will sell and scan tickets at these new gates. On the website sign-in sheets they are designated as NW, SW, NE and SE gates.

This year, we will have approximately 1,000 shifts and we need your help to fill these positions. Please sign up on the website at:

IndianaLionsFoundationMD25.org

If you have any questions, please contact one of the Indiana Lions Foundation's State Fair Committee members:

Lion Rose Russell	574-250-0125
PDG Don Cooper	260-615-5350
Lion Pam Arnold	260-705-6610
PDG Kathy Lozier	317-431-7655
PCC Bob Booher	317-435-0139



(Submitted by Lion Rose Russell, Trustee, Indiana Lions Foundation)

Saturday

AUG. 10

**Breakfast: 9-9:30 am
Meeting 9:30 am-Noon**

Hosted by
Baugo Township Lions
Jamestown United Methodist Church
59218 County Road 3
Elkhart, IN 46517

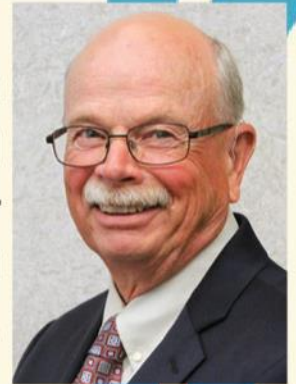


\$8⁰⁰ each

Breakfast meal includes biscuits and gravy, pancakes, juice & coffee.

(Not exactly as shown, but it's still a pretty picture.)

1st
DISTRICT
25-G
MEETING



Don't miss DG Warren Allender's first district meeting!
Another great opportunity for a great breakfast, and
OUTSTANDING fellowship. There will be lots of handouts for
Leader Dogs' Dollars for Dogs, Candles for Cancer Control and
a chance to help fill LCIF containers with your loose change.

1st 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:

CT PDG Ron Guth
2386 W. Broadway
Bunker Hill, IN 46914
765-460-7177 • guthron@comcast.net

**Syracuse Lions Club
Original Jonah
FISH FRY**



Friday, July 12, 2024

4:30 – 7:00 pm

Syracuse Community Center

(3 blocks east of downtown stoplight, across from Lakeside Park)

**Eat-In – All You Can Eat
or Carry Out**

Adults \$12

Children under 12 \$6

Children under 3 Free (Eat-In only)

Previews of Coming Attractions

2024 FULTON FUN DAY FESTIVAL

"Fulton Honors Our First Responders"

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

SPONSORED BY FULTON LIBERTY LIONS: >[www.facebook.com Liberty Lions Club](http://www.facebook.com/LibertyLionsClub)

8:00 A.M.	MUSHBALL TOURNAMENT begins
8 – 10	LIONS BREAKFAST at the Park
8:30	5K RACE/WALK
9 – NOON	LIBRARY BOOK SALE/CASTON ART SHOW
11:00	FOOD VENDORS AT PARK BEGIN – to at least 9 p.m.
10:30-1:00	LIONS POPCORN STAND downtown by Library
12 - 12:45	PARADE
1:00- 6:00	CRAFT VENDORS & INFORMATION TABLES
1:00	PEDAL TRACTOR PULL – register, then Pull
1:00	CHALK ART CONTEST
1:00 – 3:00	BOUNCE HOUSES
1:00 – 1:45	TAEKWONDO DEMO
1:00 – 6:00	DUNK TANK – Caston Football Team Fundraiser
1:30	HORSESHOES TOURNAMENT
2:00 – 5:00	SPEED & ACCURACY BASEBALL or SOFTBALL THROW - NEW
2:00	BINGO {Free}
2:00 – 4:00	ADAM GUNDRUM CONCERT
3:00	VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT – NEW!!!
2:30 – 4:00	PRINCESS MAKEOVERS
3:30 – 4:30	MARK'S ARK ANIMALS – Program and Petting Pens
4:00	FREE THROW/3 POINT CONTESTS – Elem/Junior High
4:30 – 5:30	MAGIC SHOW – on Park Stage & circulating
4:30	MIDDLE SCHOOL 3-ON-3 TOURNAMENT
5:00	EUCHRE CONTEST
5:00 – 7:00	BOUNCE HOUSES
6:00	CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT
6:00	HS/OPEN 3-ON-3 TOURNAMENT
6:30	KIDS' BINGO/14 & younger: prizes & grand prize drawing for all -NEW
6:30 – 8:30	"THE WAY WE ROLL" BAND on the stage

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CRAFT VENDORS

PAINTBALL TRAILER



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FOR THE BLIND

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or scan the QR code on the left.

[LeaderDog.org/
lions-club/resources](https://LeaderDog.org/lions-club/resources)

BOOK NOW!
*Registration
limited to 30!*



Experience #31 on the Lions International magazine checklist... "How Lionisitic Are You?"
by visiting to the Leader Dog campus via a FREE personalized trip!

2024 DATES - Mar 16 | Jul 20 | Oct 19
TIME - 1-4PM

For questions call
248.218.6421

FREE TOUR INCLUDES

CANINE DEVELOPMENT CENTER TOUR



BLINDFOLD WALKS with a white cane



with a Leader Dog



PRESENTATION BY A LDB CLIENT





District Governor's Calendar

July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Council Meeting, Terre Haute	20 Council Meeting, Terre Haute
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



District Governor's Calendar

August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 LCI GAT Meeting
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 District Meeting, Jamestown UMC, Elkhart
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Banner Night, Camp Mack
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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Mark Your Calendar

Sat, Aug 10, 2024 District Meeting
Jamestown UMC, Elkhart

Sat, Aug 24, 2024 Banner Night
Camp Alexander Mack, Milford

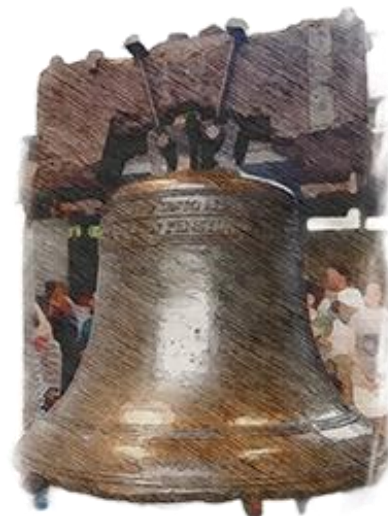
Sat, Nov 9, 2024 District Meeting
B&R Building, Argos

Fri-Sat, Jan 17-18, 2025 Mid-Winter Conference
Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport, Indianapolis

Sat, Mar 8, 2025 District Convention
Oakwood Resort, Syracuse

Fri-Sun, Apr 25-27, 2025 State Convention
Farmstead Inn, Shipshewana

Sat, May 17, 2025 District Meeting
Roann Christian Church, Roann



**Proclaim liberty throughout all the land
unto all the inhabitants thereof.**

