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

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

A Message from District Governor Ron Guth

Hello again Lions!

This will be my last chance to address you in this newsletter as District Governor and although that saddens me, it also offers me a glimpse into my future as a Lion. Lions don't quit, we finish a project and then move onto the next challenge to overcome. It might be another project to help others, another job to tackle at the club fundraiser or in my case, it's back to serving as the



Cabinet Treasurer for DGE Warren Allender. It's been a wonderful year serving you as District Governor, meeting so many of you and learning the great things you do at your club meetings. I hope I have been able to give a little back to you during my talks about what is happening at international, state, and district levels, and how our great service organization works to make lives better for all of us. I hope that you have come away from our meetings knowing that we care about each of you and strive to improve Lionism with two-way conversations between members and leadership with the goal of improving the club's service to the community.

By the time you read this, we will have had one officer training session on May 29th, and have the remaining session scheduled for June 5th, to be hosted by the Fulton Liberty Lions in the Methodist Church basement at 6:30 pm. You don't have to be an officer elect to attend! We need Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and any other Lions in the club that want to learn more. We don't always do things the same way we did 5 or 10 years ago! The Lions Portal is new, many things are no longer done by mail. How many of you still have a land line for your phone or get a daily newspaper? Change is constant and we need to embrace it or at least learn how to get along with it. Let's show DGE Warren that we want to support him, and come to the meeting! If nothing else, PCC Dave always has something to drink, fresh fruit and sweet and salty snacks to keep us going.

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A Message from District Governor Ron Guth

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We have a great lineup of Lion leaders who have stepped up to fill most of the trustee positions, but still need a Lion for Trustee of the Indiana Lions Foundation. Please give me a call, email or invite me to meet you somewhere to discuss the satisfaction of serving as a Lion besides just at club level.

It has been an honor serving the district and remember we are "Lions in Action"

Lion Ron Guth, District Governor, 25-G

Opportunities for Service

Volunteers Needed for 2025 State Convention Committee



April 2025 seems like a long time away, however, District 25-G is the host district for the 2025 Indiana Lions State Convention, and we need to kick the planning process into high gear.

The Convention is set for the Farmstead Inn Conference Center in Shipshewana. PDG Marlyn Fast and PDG Brian Thomas are the convention co-chairmen and have already made several trips to Shipshewana to arrange for housing, meeting space, catering, and Shipshewana business involvement for the Convention. It goes without saying that we need a significant involvement from District Lions to make the convention a success. The State Convention was last hosted by District 25-G in 2016 in Shipshewana and was a

rousing success.

A large number of District Lions will be needed as volunteers during the convention. Prior to that and beginning now, we need Lions to step forward to act as committee participants including registration, program ad sales, sponsor procurers, seminars, speakers, among others. Committee meetings will be held on Zoom, so distance from Shipshewana isn't a concern.

Please convey any interest in participating or ideas to make this convention another success to PDG Marlyn Fast or PDG Brian Thomas.

Our contact information:

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Yours in Lions,

PDG Brian Thomas

A Message From 1st Vice District Governor Warren Allender



Can you say, I can't believe it's June already. That means a couple of things: a new Lions year is just around the corner, and this year is quickly wrapping up. With that in mind, I again need to acknowledge District Governor Ron for his leadership and friendship this past year. We have been Lions in Action. Each club is doing what we are chartered to do: Serve our communities.

It is sort of strange writing these articles, as you never know exactly what others will be writing about. Will yours be a duplication and be irrelevant? You just don't know. With that thought in mind and with community service in mind, I need to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Elkhart Lions. For what, you may ask? Can you say "**community service for over 100 years!**"? Elkhart Lions celebrated that occasion on May 16th and 17th. Thursday, May 16th was the unveiling of their bronze 400-pound plus Lion statute created by master sculptor, Andrew Owens. This Lion is now prominently situated downtown outside of the Midwest Museum of American Art. Friday, May 17th, was their Centennial Celebration. It included a wonderful dinner, comments from District Governor Ron, and fabulous entertainment provided by singers from the Elkhart Civic Theater. Yet, for me, perhaps the most amazing thing was simply the comradery and history shared. Susi and I had the privilege of sitting with long time Lion Phil Lux, his wife, and long time Lion PDG Glenn Holtz and his wife. Lion Phil, a 77-year member shared many memories of his years as an Elkhart Lion. He shared how they were at one time the fourth largest Lions club in the world, and they had a "cap" on their membership at 175, with an active waiting list. He also told the story about Elkhart Lions hosting the State Convention in 1941. The keynote speaker for the convention was Admiral Richard Byrd, the famous explorer, he too a Lion. Upon hearing these fabulous tales, I couldn't wait to get over to the display tables. Sure enough, in their scrap book, back in 1941, there was a photo of Admiral Byrd with the President of the Elkhart Lion, Dr. H.C. Higgason, and other Lions. In another document, like minutes from the Convention, it was noted, "*this program was held in the evening at Rice Field. It was very cold for June, everybody wore topcoats. Byrd was dressed in a white Navy uniform and said he was colder than he ever was at the South Pole.*" What a wonderful record of Lionism. From all of that, I have made a couple of observations. Number one, PDG Marlyn Fast and PDG Brian Thomas, the co-chairs for the upcoming Lions State Convention in Shipshewana next April, have their work cut out for them. Clearly a speaker of similar caliber and character would be appropriate since District 25-G is hosting the convention. Number two, I noted that there seems to be less and less recorded and published since the advent of the digital age. I'm guilty of that myself, over six thousand photos it says on my photo file, yet very few, if any, have I printed to be shared later in life. I'm not sure how that might be remedied, perhaps an annual yearbook of your Lions Club's activities using Snapfish or something similar. I think it would be worth it.

OK, just one more thought about the upcoming year and what you might expect from YOUR District Governor. Here it is: There are 44 clubs in District 25-G, and there are 52 weeks in a year. I have a goal of visiting every club at least once during the Lions year. In order to get that accomplished, please give me a call and get me on **your** schedule. If you don't call me, you can expect me to call you. Many of you know I'm retired from the Sheriff's Department and we had a saying it goes like this: "book-em". I plan on doing just that with your help.

Here's my contact information: phone: 574-361-7942. Leave a message and I will call you back or give me a text message. My email address is warrenallender@comcast.net.

Lion Warren Allender, District Governor Elect

A Message From District Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Kim Polk



My garden continues to thrive. My granddaughter loves to check it out each time she comes. She is in awe at how much it grows. I am eagerly awaiting her response when we actually see some fruits of our labor of love. We have added tomatoes and have transplanted the peppers we



started in the small hot house. We cannot be complacent about our garden and think that we have planted our seeds and have planted our plants and now we have to do nothing. Our garden may die due to lack of rain or it may be eaten by our friendly critters or bugs, or it may be overrun by weeds.

Our Lions Club is the same. We need to continue to nurture it. We need to continue to look for new members, new projects to meet our community needs and new fundraisers. Our club has recently received some news that could be disastrous. Our major fundraiser that we have relied on for 40+ years will not occur this year. Just as we struggled to adjust when it did not occur during the COVID Pandemic, we are struggling again. Our club managed during the COVID years, I'm sure just as yours did. We never thought we would need to struggle without this fundraiser again, but we are. So once again, we are brainstorming ideas on how to replace those funds. In hindsight, maybe we should have retained the ones we used during the COVID years and been more diverse in our fundraising efforts. It was easy to fall back into our old routines. Old routines are familiar and feel nice. We don't have to work as hard. They come easy to us. But sometimes it is time to put away the old and try something new. Is your club ready to try something new for the betterment of your community and your club? Maybe it's time!

Some housekeeping items:

If you have not already done so, please send your club officer information to 1st VDG Allender. He is also requesting information for your LCIF Coordinator and Membership Chairperson.

Send your 2024-25 President's and Secretary's names, spouses' names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses to 1st VDG Warren Allender, so that he get can started on his directory for next year. It can be emailed to warrenallender@comcast.net or mailed to:

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Some clubs have asked for a copy of the Dues Spreadsheet that we sent out last year. It is published on the next page of this newsletter and will also be available at Club Officers Training sessions.

Remember, we are Lions in Action,

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There is no greater calling than to serve your fellow men. There is no greater contribution than to help the weak. There is no greater satisfaction than to have done it well. -- Walter Reuther

New Member Semi-annual dues breakdown (District 25 G) 2024 - 2025 Fiscal Year

Lions Clubs International annual dues will increase from current \$46 to \$48 eff. 7/1/2024

The information listed below is how the semi-annual dues billing will be calculated.

Top two charts are for LCI dues only, bottom chart is for District/State dues.

** New member fee only applies one billing cycle for new or reinstated member after 12 months*

Month Joined Club	Billing Date New Member	Semi-annual Dues	* New Member Fee	Total LCI Dues+Fee
July	July 1st	\$24.00	\$35.00	\$59.00
August	August 1st	\$20.00	\$35.00	\$55.00
September	September 1st	\$16.00	\$35.00	\$51.00
October	October 1st	\$12.00	\$35.00	\$47.00
November	November 1st	\$8.00	\$35.00	\$43.00
December	December 1st	\$4.00	\$35.00	\$39.00
January	January 1st	\$24.00	\$35.00	\$59.00
February	February 1st	\$20.00	\$35.00	\$55.00
March	March 1st	\$16.00	\$35.00	\$51.00
April	April 1st	\$12.00	\$35.00	\$47.00
May	May 1st	\$8.00	\$35.00	\$43.00
June	June 1st	\$4.00	\$35.00	\$39.00

Chart listed below is for qualifying family member (half price LCI dues)

Month Joined Club	Billing Date New Member	Semi-annual Dues	New Member Fee	Family Member Total LCI Dues+Fee
July	July 1st	\$12.00	\$35.00	\$47.00
August	August 1st	\$10.00	\$35.00	\$45.00
September	September 1st	\$8.00	\$35.00	\$43.00
October	October 1st	\$6.00	\$35.00	\$41.00
November	November 1st	\$4.00	\$35.00	\$39.00
December	December 1st	\$2.00	\$35.00	\$37.00
January	January 1st	\$12.00	\$35.00	\$47.00
February	February 1st	\$10.00	\$35.00	\$45.00
March	March 1st	\$8.00	\$35.00	\$43.00
April	April 1st	\$6.00	\$35.00	\$41.00
May	May 1st	\$4.00	\$35.00	\$39.00
June	June 1st	\$2.00	\$35.00	\$37.00

District/State Dues are billed based on member count as of December 31st & June 30th
 District/State Dues are **not prorated** for month member joins.
 District/State Semi-annual dues are the same for member/family member.

Join Date	Regular Member	Family Member	Billed in
July-December	\$9.00	\$9.00	January
January-June	\$9.00	\$9.00	July

Semi-annual District/State dues breakdown for qualified expenses:

District Governor	\$1.00	MD 25 (State)	\$7.00
1st VDG	\$0.50	2nd VDG	\$0.30
Youth Fund	\$0.10	Convention Fund	\$0.10

Any club dues would be added to the LCI & District/State dues amount for each member.

Global Leadership Team

The Last Could Be Best



One of my newer hobbies is attending draft horse auctions, even though I seldom buy anything bigger than a jelly-filled donut. And living in this area, I've eaten quite a few jelly-filled donuts. It is exciting to see draft horses trotting up and down in cadence with the auctioneer as the price goes higher and higher. It's like the horses know. There's a catalog of horses being put through the ring, but at every auction there are "uncatalogued" horses at the end, horses whose owners decided to sell them after the catalog deadline had passed or who weren't deemed just ready for sale then.

Sometimes the best (and highest selling) horses come from this group of "uncatalogued" horses. It's like finding the traditional diamond in the rough. And it is in some ways mysterious to see these horses lined up behind the auctioneer's booth with no published information about them, looking just as shiny and capable as the catalogued horses, but no owner's notes or name, no genealogy, no statement on why that horse is for sale. So many questions. Does the horse have defects or bad habits? How much training has it had, or what are its strengths?

Draft horse auctions remind me of Lions Clubs sometimes, especially during this season when new officers are elected and preparing to take over. Most of us probably prefer our officers "catalogued", the old reliables about whom we know a lot. We know their capabilities, what offices they might already have held, and what their personal Lions history is. And in some cases, who their parents are, how long they have lived in town, and where their kids go to school.

The problem is that we also have "uncatalogued" Lions in our Club, the new Lions, the shy Lions, the ones who might have to miss multiple meetings for various reasons. These Lions may be the ones who have turned down inquiries to become officers or committee chairs enough times that the Club has stopped asking, enough times that a current officer gets re-elected to the same job for the umpteenth time.

So what can we do to change the "uncatalogued" to "catalogued"? It could be just simple things like having conversations, finding out their stories and interests in Lions, then allowing them to share those interests. Make sure they know they are more than members, they are Lions. Make it your task to see they get introduced to the whole Club. All of this takes time.

Then see if they would like to take on a committee assignment or an officer's chair. Suggest something specific they can do. Who knows where this could lead? But pushing a new Lion may not be all that profitable.

Only you and the other Club members can determine how far and how quickly this transition can be made. It may take time, or it may happen quickly. But as I wrote at the beginning, sometimes the "uncatalogued" horses can become the gems of the sale. And sometimes the "uncatalogued" Lions can become the gems of the Club. Let's go mining.

PCC Dave Eisen, Global Leadership Team Coordinator

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

Global Membership Team

"Together we can and Together we will"



Greetings to all Lions of 25-G:

What a great District Meeting we had at Leesburg on Saturday morning, May 18th. For those that were there, please report to your club of all the activity talked about during the morning.

Mission 1.5 -- is a goal to reach by July 1, 2027, set by Dr. Patti Hill. Yes, we are growing and so is the service Lions are providing. Let's finish the year strong with extra enthusiasm and encouragement of all fellow Lion members. Let's finish with a positive number and begin a new year with momentum.

Thank you for being a Lion. Thank you for your service. It is greatly appreciated.

PDG Marlyn Fast, Global Membership Team Coordinator

Here We Grow Again

Since the start of the current Lions year, 26 district clubs have welcomed 84 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.

Lydick Lions Club

New Member: Lion Christine Bella

Sponsor: Lion Gary Downey

New Member: Lion Marie Briggs

Sponsor: Lion Gary Downey

Lydick Lions Club (continued)

New Member: Lion Catherine Day

Sponsor: Lion James Day

Celebrating 537 Years of Service

District 25-G recognizes these Lions Clubs chartered during the month of June. These clubs have been serving their local communities for a total of 537 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
Bourbon	June 25, 1931	93
Lakeville	June 28, 1943	81
Lapaz	June 30, 1943	81
Milford	June 20, 1944	80
North Webster	June 28, 1945	79
Akron	June 19, 1947	77
Somerset	June 14, 1999	25
North Manchester	June 20, 2003	21

Global Service Team



The Lions year has gone by so quickly, it's hard to believe we're in our last month for this term. I know the clubs have been working hard to accomplish their goals. We still have this month to finish those lingering projects and get ready to launch into the new Lions year. There are many opportunities for clubs to help those less fortunate have a better life. Always be on the lookout for ways to help others as it is the way of Lionism.

Remember, it is important to get the word out about the great efforts Lions do in our communities by "tooting our own horn". If we don't report our service projects, donations, and fundraising events to LCI and local news outlets, people outside our own club have no concept of the work Lions do to help others. Lions, be sure to let your club officers know what activities you do so they can be reported. Getting the word out can also help increase our membership.

Lion Al Beehler, Global Service Team Coordinator

LCIF Coordinators Update

Helping a World in Need



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

As reported in prior months, our District goal for 2023-2024 year is to raise \$31,374. According to the new portal as of May 31, we have given \$24,238 so far. Only \$7,000 is needed in the next month to reach the goal. Have you or your club donated this year? If we all support LCIF, we can do it!!

If your club hasn't designated a LCIF Chairperson for 2024-2025 yet, you are encouraged to do so on the LCI website. If no one is designated, the Immediate Past President will be assigned.

"Lions Clubs are the Grassroots in their Community"

PDG Marlyn Fast & 1st VDG Jackie Kurley, LCIF Coordinators

Opportunities for Learning

Club Officers Training—It's Not Too Late

If you missed the first Club Officers Training session at Atwood on May 29th, or if you simply want to relive the experience, there will be another Club Officers Training session at the Fulton-Liberty Methodist Church, home of the Fulton-Liberty Lions Club, 7413 Liberty Avenue, in Fulton at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5th.

All current and incoming Club officers are encouraged to attend. DGE Warren Allender will present important information on the new Lions Portal which should be of interest to all Lions. Sessions will be available for all Club officers. Please be sure that someone from your Club attends. Light refreshments will be served.

News From Around the District

Leesburg Lions Host District Meeting

The 4th and final District Meeting of the 2023-2024 Lions year was hosted by the Leesburg Lions Club at the Leesburg Lions Community Building on Saturday, May 18th. The meeting was attended by 45 Lions representing 12 district clubs.



After a breakfast prepared by the Leesburg Methodist Church women, District Governor Ron Guth called the meeting to order. Reports were presented by district officers, zone chairs, and state project and foundation trustees. Attendees also heard reports about the district's eyeglass recycling project, LCIF, and the 2025 State Convention.



Left: DG Ron Guth presented a W.P. Woods Fellowship to Lion Duane Griner of the Lake City Lions Club.

Right: PDG Marlyn Fast (left) and PDG Brian Thomas (center) are the co-chairmen of the organizing committee for the 2025 State Convention. They encouraged attendees to volunteer to serve on the organizing committee.



Left: DGE Warren Allender outlined his plans and goals for the coming Lions year. His theme will be "Cooking up Service—Back to the Basics" and he intends to focus on Leader Dogs for the Blind and pediatric cancer.

Right: The Dunlap Lions Club was represented by 1VDGE Jackie Kurley, Lion Amanda Fast, PDG Marlyn Fast, Lion Jeanine Juel,

Lion Steve Page, Lion Duane Klein, Lion Georgia Tenney, Lion Debra Page, 2VDGE Steve Weld, and Lion Kori Fortunato

Photos provided by Lion Beth Guth (Peru LC), 1VDGE Jackie Kurley (Dunlap LC), & PDG Paul Russell (Lakeville LC)



News From Around the District

Elkhart Lions Celebrate A Century of Service



75-year Lion Phil Lux and his wife, Jan, are shown at the artist reception at the Midwest Museum of American Art.

On Friday, May 17th, more than 55 Elkhart Lions Club members and guests celebrated the club's 100th anniversary. The club organized and held its first meeting in December, 1923, and received its charter from Lions Clubs International in April, 1924. At the dinner, hosted by local celebrity Alan Strike, the sculptor of a life-size bronze lion, Andrew Owens, spoke about the project from conceptual drawings to the final casting of the statue. City Council member Arvis Dawson, representing the City of Elkhart, accepted the statue on behalf of the city.

In 2023 the Elkhart Lions Club voted to gift a statue of a lion to commemorate its 100th anniversary, celebrating its long history of public service in the Elkhart community. A life-size, 4' x 6' bronze replica of a lion was scheduled to be given to the City of Elkhart in April, 2024, culminating a several month fund-raising effort for the lion. The placement of the lion was made at the entrance of the Curtis Parking Lot, next to the Midwest Museum

of American Art, on South Main Street in downtown Elkhart. The sculpture was created by designer and sculptor, Andrew Owens, who was born and raised in Elkhart. Following the presentation, the activities continued inside the Midwest Museum of American Art with a reception and time for attendees to meet the artist. About 75 individuals attended the artist reception, where artist Andrew Owens was welcomed and spoke about the statue.



Left: Andrew Owens, the artist who created the bronze lion, is shown positioning the statue at its final resting place in front of the Midwest Museum of American Art in downtown Elkhart.

Center: The lion statue with signage in downtown Elkhart.

Right: Elkhart Lions president Richard Trowbridge holds a plaque from Lions Clubs International designating the Elkhart Lions Club as a 'Model Club'. District Governor Ron Guth made the presentation.

(Submitted by PDG Marty Juel, Elkhart Lions Club & Lion Karin Frey, Elkhart Lions Club)

News From Around the District

Culver Lions Club Happenings



Above: Culver Lions Club President Lion Annette Osborn addresses students, family members, friends, and fellow Lions at the Senior Awards Night.

The Culver Lions Club held their annual High School Senior Awards night on May 15th. There were approximately 85 people in attendance for the dinner and recognition of 15 outstanding seniors from Culver Community High School. In addition to awards presented to students who were presidents of different organizations and/or outstanding students in various disciplines, the Lions also awarded \$1,000 scholarships each to two deserving students.

Additionally, on May 22nd at the Culver Lions 81st Anniversary celebration, Lion



Annette Osborn was named "Lion of the Year". This annual award is determined by the balloting of the Culver Lion membership.

Right: Lion Annette Osborn accepts the 2024 Lion of the Year award from the 2023 Lion of the Year, Lion Eddi Langenberg. Both of these Lions, Annette and Eddi, epitomize the Lion motto of "We Serve, and Serve, and Serve"!

(Submitted by Lion Don Freese, Culver Lions Club)

Lydick Lions Club Welcomes 12 New Members

At their monthly meeting on Monday, May 13th, the Lydick Lions Club welcomed 12 new members. The New Member Induction Ceremony was led by Past Council Chair David Eisen of the Mishawaka Lions Club. This growth spurt was the result of an Open House which the club held in April, where they discussed the club's service projects and answered questions for the attendees.



Above (standing, left to right): PCC Dave Eisen, Grace Downey, Lion Lori Ferro, Karen Trzaskowski, Elaine Gaulin, Denise McDowell, Barbara Kidd, Lion Mark Perkins, Cindy Finney, Howard Morse, John Rutkowski, John Pangani, Katy Downey, Lion Gary Downey, Marie Briggs, Chris Bella, Lion Wendy Yuhasz.

(Submitted by Lion Teckla Lane, Lydick Lions Club)

News From Around the District

LaFontaine Lions News

LaFontaine Lions have been busy the last couple of months. PDG Tom Polk and Lion Dave Ballard provided KidSight Eye Screening at the Healthy Kids Day at the Wabash County YMCA. Lion Kim Polk hosted an informational booth at the LaFontaine Springtime Extravaganza.

The LaFontaine Lions hosted a Smoked Pulled Pork Dinner which helped support our Community Programs and our Duane Davis Scholarship Fund. Two Scholarships were awarded to Liberty Township High School Seniors.



Left: Lion President Dave Ballard presented Emma Adams of Southwood High School her Scholarship.



Right: Lion Donna Pattee-Ballard presented Isaak Wright of Wabash High School his Scholarship.

(Submitted by Lion Kim Polk, LaFontaine Lions Club)

Madison Township Lions Hold Spring Pork Chop Sale



The Madison Township Lions Club held our Spring Pork Chop Sale on May 18th, at the Fire Station in Wyatt. Club members cut 3,000+ pounds of smoked pork loins into more than 3,100 pork chops before they were cooked. The chops were marinated and grilled over charcoal on eight grills manned by club members and volunteers. We sold out by 1:00 pm. 35 Lions and volunteers donated around 300 hours to accomplish this sale. The club extends a big note of thanks to everyone who helped. We also thank all who patronized our sale. The funds raised through this

event will be used for our yearly projects and donations.

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



Left: After the District Meeting in Leesburg, District Governor Ron Guth and Lion Beth went to the Madison Township Lions Club Spring Pork Chop Sale, where DG Ron presented Lion Al Beehler with a Certificate of Appreciation for serving as the District's Global Service Team Coordinator.

Right: Lion Beth found Lion Lloyd Mehaney of the Lakeville Lions Club directing traffic for the Madison Township Lions Club Spring Pork Chop Sale.

(Submitted by Lion Beth Guth, Peru Lions Club)



News From Around the District

Rochester Lions Club Supports One School, One Book at Riddle Elementary School



Rochester Lions Club Treasurer Lion John Roberts presents Riddle Elementary teacher Mrs. Mandy McCarter with a check for \$300 to assist the school with the purchase of this year's book "*Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*". Each student at the school received a copy to study and keep.

(Submitted by Lion Jeri Good, Rochester Lions Club)

Syracuse Lions Participate in Local Earth Day Celebration

For its fifth year, the Syracuse Lions participated in the Earth Day Festival sponsored by the Wawasee Area Conservancy Foundation, on Saturday, May 4. As in previous years, the Lions' "Chasing Butterflies" tent promoted education about and appreciation of Indiana butterflies, and was open from 11 am to 3 pm. Giveaways included a colorful, hand-crafted paper butterfly clip, butterfly coloring pages, and an original 8-page educational booklet titled *Six Sensational (Indiana) Butterflies...and a Moth*. The Syracuse Lions also gave away seed packets of butterfly-attracting flowers with club membership information and applications.



The festival took place at the WACF center on Hwy. 13 from 11 am to 3 pm. For the first time in five years, the weather was perfect! We experienced neither snow, nor sleet, nor freezing cold, nor severe thunderstorms. A wonderful day for everyone!

Left: Project Chair Lion Marie Butler-Knight and Membership Chair Lion Doris Yoder watch over the butterflies, while Lion Karen Hartley takes pictures between visits from attendees. We were busy throughout the event and gave away almost everything we brought, especially the butterfly clips.

Notice: No one is wearing a winter coat!

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

District Governor Presents Monarch Chevrons at Somerset Lions Club

District Governor Ron Guth reported that he "was honored to present 25 year Charter Monarch Chevrons to Lion Kathy Hecker (left) and Lion Phillip Rebholz (center), and a 15 year Monarch Chevron to Lion Linda Rebholz (right) during my visit to the Somerset Lions Club on 5/21/24."

(Submitted by DG Ron Guth, Peru Lions Club)



Indiana Lions State Projects & Foundation



State Projects & Foundation Trustees

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

Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc.

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PDG Paul Russell (Lakeville)	pdgpaul25g@gmail.com	574-250-2621

Vision First Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Inc.

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Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc.

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Indiana Lions Foundation

Indiana Lions Foundation at the Indiana State Fair

The dates for the Indiana State Fair this year are August 2, 2024 through August 18, 2024.

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:

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

Changing the World

**There's an old saying – It's the journey, not the destination.
Changing the world is a journey.
There's no middle and no end.
There is, however, a beginning.**

With every small act of service, you contribute one step towards change. It's up to each of us to simply begin. Like rain filling a bucket, we can change the world one drop at a time.

In fact, we are all changing the world with every decision we make. Truly meaningful changes will occur when we are intentional about the *kind* of changes we want to make. When we strive to make positive changes—in our lives and in the lives of others—we put *good* into the world.

Indiana School for the Blind & Visually Impaired



Major Changes to ISBVI Campus Beginning This Summer

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

What will happen to the current ISBVI campus buildings?

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

There will be no auction of contents left behind.

What are the plans for new construction?

Upper Campus

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

Lower campus

- Football stadium
- Fieldhouse
- Baseball & softball fields
- Christmas Tree Sales



Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference

Save the Date!



It's not too early to start planning for 2025.
Mark your calendar now for the 2025 Mid-Winter Conference.

Opportunities for Learning
Opportunities for Service
Opportunities for Fellowship

Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport
January 17-18, 2025



Happy Father's Day

Graduation



Experience Leader Dogs for the Blind



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

**For questions call
248.218.6421**

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with a white cane**

**PRESENTATION BY
A LDB CLIENT**



with a Leader Dog



News from Lions Clubs International

Update on 2026 International Convention in Atlanta

Dear Lion Leader,

We are writing to share an important update on our international convention in Atlanta. We have been informed that the City of Atlanta has cancelled its commitment to host the 2026 Lions International Convention due to the schedule for the upcoming 2026 FIFA World Cup, which will host eight games in the city at the same time.

We are incredibly disappointed that we will be unable to host the Lion event of the year in one of the most dynamic cities in the world.

Due to this unfortunate decision, work has begun to identify a suitable host city for 2026, and the Convention Committee will take up the topic during upcoming meetings in Melbourne, Australia. At this point, there is no plan to reschedule convention in Atlanta, but the committee will look to evaluate the host city for a future event.

The executive officers would like to thank the Atlanta Host Committee for their efforts and the work already in progress.

We are saddened to report this news today. However, we are fully committed to identifying a new host city with the same world-class amenities and character as Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill
International President

J. Frank Moore III
Convention Committee Chairperson

This message was sent to the following: GAT Area Leader, LCIF Area Leader, LCIF Vice Area Leader, Council Chairperson, Multiple District GMT Coordinator, Multiple District GLT Coordinator, Multiple District GST Coordinator, LCIF Multiple District Coordinator, District Governor, Past District Governor, First Vice District Governor/District Governor-Elect, Second Vice District Governor, District GMT Coordinator, District Global Extension Team Coordinator, District GLT Coordinator, District GST Coordinator, LCIF District Coordinator





District Governor's Calendar

June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Pre-Council Meeting, State Office
2	3 DGE Visit, New Paris LC	4 DG Visit, Peru LC	5 Officers Training, Fulton	6	7	8
9 Vision First Board Meeting	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 DGE Visit, Baugo Twp LC	18 Peru LC Meeting	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 DGE Visit, Lakeville LC	26	27	28	29
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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			

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Mark Your Calendar

Wed, Jun 5, 2024 Club Officers Training
Fulton-Liberty Methodist Church, Fulton

Sat, Aug 3, 2024 District Meeting
Jamestown UMC, Elkhart

Sat, Aug 24, 2024 Banner Night
Camp 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

Fri-Sun, Mar 7-9, 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

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