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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

And the year is MARCH-ing on!

Ok, maybe not so clever, but you know a guy has to try. My year of district leadership is indeed flying by in the March winds (groan). Was the groundhog correct and an early spring is in the air? Current weather, as I write this, says "yes" and I hope the trend continues. It's hard to believe but 2/3 of this Lions' year is over and we still have so much to do!



Membership—will I ever stop harping about this? I can't because we need to work together to bring new members into our group of Lions. Let's look at the numbers I have as of today since July 1st. New members: 57. Yea! Dropped members: 70 for a net loss of 13 and not so yea. Of those 70 members we lost, 12 are deceased, so why did the other 57 members leave our clubs? It's not easy to find new members unless we "just ask", but it's also important to find out why we've lost members. So "just ask" why and see what we can do to slow down the exodus. I'm sure many of us will be working along side others in the upcoming months to clean up, spruce up, and grow up new plantings. When taking that break from the rake or shovel, just ask, "Do you want to be a Lion"?

Many of the clubs I have visited so far have heard me talk about how many members in the club were born on January 1st (a lot due to a glitch that happened with LCI). We have a good laugh and then I remind them it's a good time to get the correct birth date updated and also check for current e-mail addresses and phone numbers in the LCI records along with any postal mail address changes. (We know you dropped that home phone two years ago). Club secretaries: Are your club meeting locations and dates current on LCI? This brings to mind something Lion Beth saw on the Facebook Global Lions Forum: 97% of Americans have cell phones and 90% of those are smart phones. Only 34% of homes have land lines for conventional phones. I don't have the numbers, but many of us have cut the cord to cable tv service. Is it time for our clubs to embrace the digital world? The Hoosier Lion is

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going out in print this week and only one more issue will be published as an actual printed newspaper. The remaining issues will be in electronic (PDF) format only. The electronic issues are much easier to read on your computer screen or tablet and can be printed out if you prefer on your printer. We need your correct e-mail in order to send them to you.

Coming up soon is our District Convention on Saturday, March 9th in Argos and preceded with a welcome dinner on March 8th in Plymouth for International Director Ben Apeland and his partner in service PDG Christine Lank. You should have your reservations in already, if not give CS/CT Lion Kim Polk a call at 260-571-6125 or e-mail kkpolk61@gmail.com to see if we can get you in with a meal. The day is packed with interesting subjects, voting for new district officers and trustees, not to mention the keynote address from ID Ben and words to listen to from PDG Christine. We have our State Convention in April in Noblesville, so be sure to get your reservations in for a great time there.

Can't wait to see you!

Lion Ron Guth, District Governor

State Convention Updates

Constitutional Amendments on Ballot at State Convention

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

State Convention Registration & Information in This Newsletter

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

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



A Message From 1st Vice District Governor Warren Allender



Time flies and birds are in the sky. I'm hoping spring is here to stay. Looking back on February, I would like to share a great SERVICE project completed by my home club, the Baugo Township Lions. It began with a daughter's concern for her father. Specifically, her dad, a Vietnam veteran, is afflicted by exposure to Agent Orange. He has lost most of his mobility and is now confined to a wheelchair. While they had contacted Veteran Affairs for assistance, the response was not promising. The daughter knew a Baugo Lion and inquired if the Lions might be able to assist with building a wheelchair ramp. Say no more. The contacted Lion reached out to our media gurus who sent out the plea for help via email. With that, the wheels were set in motion. While there wasn't great urgency to the project, we Lions like to "Get-R-Done". Our President contacted the daughter, visited the home, made some preliminary measurement, and

shared the information. Lumber was available from a previously dismantled ramp. A date was set, and volunteers requested. Sixteen able-bodied Lions and one younger grandson (think next generation Lion) showed up. Four hours later the ramp was completed. While it was a cold February morning, when the work was being done, it was heartwarming knowing that we had carried out our mission of SERVICE. Job well done.

Service comes at a cost and that is the other component of being a Lion. Fundraising. Again, just to highlight my own club's activities, a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast is scheduled for March 2nd at Jamestown United Methodist Church. You are invited. In my mind, fundraising is more than an activity to put cash in the coffers. It's an opportunity to showcase your club and its commitment to the community. It's a time to actively recruit new members. Show the community what you have done, what you are doing, with projects, locally and internationally, and how their support of Lions does, in fact, make a difference. In my opinion, it is those sit-down situations that offer the most opportunities for general conversations between a Lion and a guest. The people who attend the functions are people who generally are known to some members of the club. Use the time to put out the invitation to join. Follow-up later with a specific invitation to a club meeting. New members are the life blood of our organization, my club, your club, our commitment to continue to SERVE our community. We are on a mission, 1.5, remember, you and I are what will make that mission possible. Just Ask.

With all that being said, you might think I'm just bragging about my home club. That's not the case at all. Rather both are examples of what is happening in each and every one of our forty-five (45) clubs in District 25-G. Reflect on that. Take pride in that. Publish that and report it to Lions International. I'm getting ready to attend a weeklong training in St. Charles, Illinois, with 1st Vice District Governors from around the world. My mission is to report District 25-G as the best district in the world. That is made possible by our/your commitment to SERVICE. That is what we do.

Lion Warren Allendar, 1st Vice District Governor



A Message From 2nd Vice District Governor Jackie Kurley



Happy March to all of us. March is one of those busy months in 2024. We did gain that extra day in February, so I hope you used it wisely. The beginning of the month starts with our 25G District Convention on March 8th with the welcoming dinner for ID Ben Apeland and PDG Christine Lank. Then on the 9th is the District Convention, at the United Methodist Church in Argos, where we are sure to have an action filled day. In fact, the day will be so busy that DG Ron stated he was only giving PDG Marlyn and I only 5 minutes to talk about LCIF. Please talk to your clubs and explain to them the benefits of attending these conventions and conferences. Lions have so much to share and when you talk to other clubs there are so many different fundraising and service project ideas that you can bring back to your club. You may be able to still attend the conference, just let Secretary/Treasurer Kim Polk know you would like to attend.

March 10th starts Daylight Savings time so make sure you change those clocks on Saturday night, so you are not late for Church. Then we roll right into St Patrick's Day on the 17th. The first day of Spring begins on March 19 followed by Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday Day is on the 31st. So, as I stated, March is a terribly busy month. It is also the end of our third quarter, and we are heading into the final stretch of this Lion year. I hope you are finishing all those goals you thought of at the beginning of the year and feel good about all your accomplishments. I also hope that you have talked to your club president or any member of your district and take on a greater leadership role. You have a passion for service and now is the time for you to lead our group to great achievements. Please consider taking one of the vacant positions in the district and making our strong district even stronger.

Also, do not forget to register for the State Convention in Noblesville April 26-28,2024.

Lion Jackie Kurley, 2nd Vice District Governor



A Message From District Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Kim Polk



Secretary Information:

Is your club ready for your club elections? March is the month when your club's nominating committee should meet to propose a slate of officers for the 2024- 2025 Lions year. Elections should be held in April.



Once you have elected your officers for next year you need to report the officers to LCI and to 1st VDG Warren Allender.

By May 1 – Enter your next year's officers on MyLCI.

- This is a good time to verify that their address and email address information is correct.
- There are other positions that LCI is asking to be reported as well: LCIF Coordinator, Service Chairperson, Marketing Communications Chairperson, and Club Directors.

Send the elected President's and Secretary's name, spouse's name, address, phone number, and email address to 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:

1st VDG Warren Allender
30009 CR 16
Elkhart, IN 46516

Treasurer Information:

As you are planning for the 2024-2025 Lions' year, International Dues will be increased by \$2.00 for the 2024-25 year. The LCI annual dues will be \$48.00 beginning 7/1/2024. Please plan for this when planning for new Lions' year. The District and State dues will stay the same for the 2024-25 year.

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

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

Lions in Action,

Lion Kim Polk
District 25-G Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer
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Celebrating 195 Years of Service

District 25-G recognizes these Lions Clubs chartered during the month of March. These clubs have been serving their local communities for a total of 195 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
Lydick	March 3, 1958	66
Mentone	March 31, 1933	91
Mexico	March 3, 1986	38

Global Leadership Team

All Together Now, Separately



First Vice District Governor Warren Allendar has my sympathy. He not only has to worry about his own election campaign to become District Governor Elect, he also has to worry about officer elections in every one of our District 25-G Clubs. Besides hoping that the Clubs elect committed and active Lions, he has his own deadlines for putting his directory together and then getting the directories published for quick distribution.

Some Clubs work to be among the first to report new officers; others will put off elections until the deadlines are past. Everybody does it differently. It would be nice if everyone hustled to get their elections and reporting done early, but I just don't see that happening. Sorry, 1VDG Warren.

But there is one thing every Club in District 25-G shares identically: their Club constitution. Through Club visits, Zone discussions, and casual conversations, I've learned one thing: Club constitutions vary tremendously, if they exist at all. Lions International has a Standard Club Constitution and Bylaws (SCB) which applies to every Club in the world. It ensures that we, as Clubs and Club members all over the world are united in how we are governed. It tells us, for instance, how Nominating Committees function, how elections should be held, and how a replacement is chosen should an officer resign.

And yet the SCB allows amazing freedom. It doesn't tell us how many fish fries to hold, how many members have to attend Zone meetings, or how much we must charge to rent out our Club space to other groups. But there is that little caveat that if there is a discrepancy between an existing local constitution and the SCB, the SCB carries the authority. The same is true at the District and Multiple District levels. This is not "big brotherism", this is to keep our 46,000 Clubs worldwide all together while acknowledging local differences.

It is also important to check the SCB periodically. It gets amended practically every year, and we need to keep up with those amendments. For instance, the current SCB, found on the Lions International website, was amended on July 11, 2023 in three places. See if you can find them.

So do what you can to make 1VDG Warren's introduction to District Governorship more pleasant. Give him a chance to boast about how well his District is doing. Get those potential officers nominated, get them elected, and get them reported. And for the grand prize, find a copy of your Club's constitution.

And good luck to First Vice District Governor Warren.

PCC Lion Dave Eisen, Global Leadership Team Coordinator

No man will make a great leader who wants to do it all himself or get all of the credit for doing it. — Andrew Carnegie

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

Global Membership Team

Together we Can and Together we Will



Hey, did you know Lions Club members live longer? Involvement in a community that is doing something positive and interactive with other people, can improve our health because you are living a more fulfilling life. This sounds like Lions to me. Also, as I look at myself or other club members, I see a lot of white-haired people, so it's got to be true. It may not be a great opening line for talking with perspective members, "Let's go for it." Mention it; say it; do it! Ask your neighbor, ask your friend, ask your relative. Just getting together has a positive impact on club members and it's a great service we can all be a part of without even realizing it.

As always, Thank You! Thank you for being a Lion. Thank you for the service you give to your fellow Lions and to your community in so many ways. It is needed and appreciated.

PDG Lion Marlyn Fast, Global Membership Team Coordinator

Here We Grow Again

Since the start of the current Lions year, 23 district clubs have welcomed 55 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.

Atwood Lions Club

New Member: Lion Kristian Eicher
Sponsor: Lion Carol Huffer

Middlebury Lions Club

New Member: Lion Darcy Ebersole
Sponsor: Lion Cansie Witcher

Eyeglass Collection Pails Available

\$8.50 each

INDIANA EYEGLASS MISSION

LIONS INTERNATIONAL

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

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

The advertisement features a white plastic bucket with a lid. The lid has a label that says "Eyeglass & Hearing Aid Collection". The bucket has a blue label with the Lions International logo and text. The background is a blue gradient with light rays. There is also a small logo for the Indiana Eyeglass Mission.

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

***** FREE *****

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

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

Global Service Team



Service projects are the essence of what it is to be a member of our individual club and Lions International. They are contributions to our communities of kindness and concern to help our fellow people have a better life. We do this by working together with our members and other supporting groups of family, friends and organizations. I read a quote in my town newspaper made by Mary Handrich, a Pastor's wife: "You may serve others without loving them, but you can not love others without serving them."

Lions are constantly showing love of mankind through our service.

It takes planning to maximize the effects of a project. Club service projects are started by determining your projects goals and organize the tasks and time needed to accomplish the project. Determine the resources needed to complete the project and work with any volunteers that are helping with the project. Be sure to communicate with the public as to what, where and when you will be working the event.

There are many tools available to clubs through the LCI website to help with service activities planning. One place to go is LCI's Project Planners webpage. Every Lion has the opportunity to establish a worthy service activity for your club. The home club should always look into members ideas for service projects without prejudice.

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.

The District 25-G goal for 2023-24 is \$31,374. As of 1/31/24 \$12,475 has been given or 39.92% of the budget. Wouldn't it be great if every club from our district donated something, even if it was only a dollar! 100% of all donations received are given in grants, etc. Can we count on your Club?

At this year's District Convention, we will raffle off two tickets to either the Beef and Boards Dinner Theater in Indianapolis or Round Barn Theater in Nappanee. Be prepared to donate \$5.00 or more and get a chance to win one of those two tickets; plus, have your donation be credited to LCIF. LCIF impact is worldwide....

- 9.7 million cataract surgeries performed to restore sight.
- More than 20 million students worldwide impacted by Lions Quest youth development program.
- More than \$140 million in funding awarded to communities devastated by natural disasters.
- Over 5 million people are benefitting from diabetes related grant projects.
- Sight for Kids has provided vision care to nearly 50 million school children.

"Lions Clubs are the Grassroots in their community"

PDG Marlyn Fast & 2nd VDG Jackie Kurley, LCIF Coordinators

News From Around the District

Lydick Lions Club & Lydick Food Pantry Volunteer at Cultivate Food Rescue

On January 30th, the Lydick Lions Club partnered with the Lydick Food Pantry to assemble 862 meals at Cultivate Food Rescue in South Bend. Volunteers donned hair nets, face covers, and gloves, then formed production lines around tables filled with pans of food, then filled and sealed the individual meal trays.



Pictured here, in no particular order:

Lydick Lions volunteers Wendy & Paul Yuhasz, Mike & Teckla Lane, Bernie & Lori Ferro, Jim & Cheryl Day, Stephanie Szczepankiewicz.

Lydick Food Pantry volunteers Karen Swisher, Elaine Gaulin, Terry Keeton.

(Submitted by Lion Teckla Lane, Lydick Lions Club)

Roann Covered Bridge Lions Host Valentine's Day Banquet for Senior Citizens

The Roann Covered Bridge Lions Club held their annual Valentines Banquet for the Senior citizens of the Roann area. The event was held at the Roann Community Building on Saturday, February 10th. Lions Club President Phil Dale welcomed everyone and gave the prayer before the meal. A delicious meal was served to approximately 40 people. The Lions Club also delivered nine meals to shut-ins in the Roann Community. The guests were entertained by the beautiful piano music played by McKenzie Niccum of Akron, IN. Names were drawn for door prizes to close out the evening.

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



Milford Lions Club Pancake Breakfast Attracts Lions & Local Community

The Milford Lions Club had a great turn out of Lions and guests from the community to enjoy a pancake sausage breakfast on Saturday, February 17th. Many from the community and nearby Lions clubs joined as well. This was a great donation driven event. The community has a long history of enjoying the Milford Lions Club breakfasts to eat in or take out. We delivered breakfast to some who can no longer get out and attend this tradition of our community enjoying breakfast together. The club's next breakfast event will be in April.

(Submitted by Lion Lisa Ensz, Milford Lions Club)



News From Around the District

Baugo Lions Builds Wheelchair Ramp for Disabled Vietnam Veteran

Baugo Township Lions Club members, assisted by a member's grandson, built a wheelchair ramp for a Vietnam veteran who is suffering from the long-term after-effects of exposure to Agent Orange during his service in South Vietnam. See 1VDG Lion Warren Allender's column elsewhere in this newsletter for additional information about this service project.

(Submitted by 1VDG Lion Warren Allender, Baugo Township Lions Club)



Lydick Lions Club Members & Friends Work at Cultivate Food Rescue Again

The Lydick Lions made another visit to Cultivate Food Rescue, labeling trays, passing them along as they are filled with nutritious food, and sealing to keep them fresh. We were joined by a member of the Lakeville Lions Club, ladies of the Lydick Food Pantry, and students from Holy Cross and Notre Dame. Teamwork rocked the house in the production of packaged meals for those in need! Together, we were able to produce a whopping 1,279 individual meals! We love being part of such a worthy cause.

(Submitted by Lion Teckla Lane, Lydick Lions Club)



Left side: ND & Holy Cross students (1 holding left side of sign), Lion Leroy Wise (blue Lions hat)
Right Side/Front Row: Grace Downey (holding sign), Lion Wendy Yuhasz, Karen Swisher (Lydick Food Pantry)
Right Side/Middle Row: Lion Lori Ferro, Lion Paul Yuhasz, Lion Teckla Lane, Elaine Gaulin (Lydick Food Pantry)
*Right Side/Back Row: Lion Lloyd Mehaney (Lakeville), Lion Steve Downey, Lion Mike Lane, Lion Mark Perkins

News From Around the District

Lakeville Lions Hear About Membership, New Vision Services Program, Youth Programs

The Lakeville Lions Club welcomed several visitors to their monthly dinner meeting on February 27th.

Past District Governor (PDG) Charlie Short of the Lafayette Lions Club in District 25-C is the Global Membership Team Coordinator for Multiple District 25 (Indiana). PDG Charlie spoke about current membership trends in Indiana and encouraged club members to continue their efforts to recruit new members.

PDG Charlie also spoke about a new partnership between the Indiana Lions and the Children's Eye Foundation of the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus (CEF of AAPOS). As a result of this partnership, CEF of AAPOS' [All Children See](#) program will start accepting qualified referrals for pediatric ophthalmic care from the Indiana Lions' vision screening programs. See the Indiana Lions Vision Services Update elsewhere in this newsletter for additional information about this new partnership.

Lion Wendy Semans of the Hamlet Lions Club in District 25-A is the LEO Clubs Committee chair for Multiple District 25 (Indiana). She spoke about engaging youth in Lions service through the Lions Cub Club program and the LEO Club program. She introduced Carly and Meena, two members of the Oregon-Davis LEO Club, who reviewed some of their club's recent service and fund-raising projects.

Other guests at this meeting were District Governor Steve Helmken of the Michiana Lions Club in District 25-A, Past Council Chair Mitch Semans of the Hamlet Lions Club, and Past District Governor Pat Short of the Lafayette Lions Club.



Left: PDG Charlie Short speaks to the Lakeville Lions Club.



Right: Lion Wendy Semans speaks to the Lakeville Lions Club. Oregon-Davis LEO Club members Carly and Meena assisted her.



Left (l. to r.): DG Steve Helmken, LEO Meena, LEO Carly, Lion Wendy Semans, PCC Mitch Semans

Right: PDG Charlie Short & PDG Pat Short



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

Indiana Lions Foundation Update

Summary of Indiana Lions Foundation & Indiana Lions Holding Corporation Trustees Meeting of February 10, 2024.

The trustees of the Indiana Lions Foundation and Indiana Lions Holding Corporation met at the state office building in Indianapolis on Saturday, February 10th, 2024. At this meeting the trustees approved a \$1,000 matching grant for the Union Township club to purchase playground equipment, a \$1,000 matching grant for the Crown Point club to purchase and erect park message boards, a \$499 matching grant for the Oakland City club to purchase a refrigerator for their local food pantry and a \$1,000 matching grant to the Gosport club for upgrading local park landscaping.

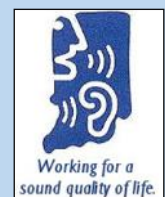
The State Fair Committee received a check in the amount of \$52,749.05 in December for the work of Lions at the 2023 Indiana State Fair. The State Fair will implement several changes for the 2024 fair including remodeling of Gate One to make that gate safer for both workers and fair goers. Also, there will be four additional entrance points in parking lot areas that have been offered to Lions to work. The Fair will be shortened by one week in 2024, but will be open six days per week rather than the previous five days. With these schedule changes and gate additions, the Foundation has an opportunity to increase our revenues by \$15,000 to \$20,000 in 2024. We are also considering the creation of additional club incentives in 2024 to assist in recruiting state fair volunteers.

The Trustees approved an invitation to the ISBVI to conduct the annual Brian's Trike Race at 8780 Purdue Road due to the construction at the College Avenue campus.

At the Holding Corporation meeting, Trustees heard from Vision One Realty about the ongoing effort to sell the 8780 Purdue Road property. At the current asking price of \$1.65 million, there are two current entities that have shown serious interest in the property and it is anticipated that these negotiations will reach some conclusion within 30 to 60 days. If these negotiations result in sale of the property, then the Trustees will begin to implement a plan which will provide uninterrupted office and conferencing space for all of the present activities of the Lions of Indiana. The conclusion of the plan will be a vastly improved office and conferencing facility that we can all take great pride in.

John R. Wilkins, Secretary
Indiana Lions Foundation and Holding Corporation

Our State Projects & Foundation



Indiana Lions Vision Services Update



Special Report:

Children's Eye Foundation of AAPOS Selects Indiana Lions as Partner

The Children's Eye Foundation of the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus (CEF of AAPOS) and Indiana Lions Vision Services have agreed to partner and provide expanded vision care opportunities for Hoosier children.

This is the first statewide Lions partnership for CEF of AAPOS. Under the terms of the agreement, CEF of AAPOS' *All Children See* program will start accepting qualified referrals for pediatric ophthalmic care from the Indiana Lions' vision screening programs.

Children under eighteen years of age and either uninsured or underinsured would qualify for no cost or reduced cost care. This includes ocular surgery and other treatments for pediatric eye conditions.

Megan Pfefferle, Executive Director of CEF of AAPOS said, "The Lions of Indiana are simply amazing. They provide tens of thousands of free vision screenings per year to schools and preschools already. This screening makes early detection possible, so our two programs are a natural fit. They find kids that may need help, our doctors can diagnose them, CEF of AAPOS helps eliminate the cost barriers to care, and the kids get into treatment."

Charlie Short and Henry Rodriguez of the Indiana Lions both expressed how important the new partnership is. "Indiana Lions have worked to help the blind and visually impaired for over a hundred years. Now we have a national professional association's foundation as a partner. It's just terrific." said Rodriguez.

"Indiana is the first statewide Lions partnership for CEF of AAPOS and we couldn't be more pleased." said Short. "Bringing two large-scale organizations together to accomplish more is always a good thing, but when it's such a natural alliance, it's just like meeting a great new friend. We're all excited to get going."

For more information, contact:

CEF of AAPOS at <https://www.childreneyefoundation.org> or email ACS@aapos.org

Indiana Lions at <https://e-district.org/sites/md25/>

Children's Eye Foundation of **aapos**

1935 County Road B2 W, Ste 165

Roseville, MN 55113

infoCEF@aapos.org

www.childreneyefoundation.org



District 25-G CONVENTION

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

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

Special Guest ID Ben Apeland



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

\$25*
Per Person

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

DISTRICT CONVENTION RESERVATIONS

Name _____ Club _____

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Name _____ Club _____

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

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

CT Kim Polk
5378 E 975 S, LaFontaine, IN 46940
(260) 571-6125 ♦ kkpolk61@gmail.com



You're Invited!

Welcome dinner with
ID Ben Apeland
and PDG Christine Lank

Friday, March 8, 2024

Social time- 6 p.m.

Dinner- 6:30 pm

Menu

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

Seasoned Banquet Center

(formerly Christo's Banquet Center)

830 Lincoln Hwy E., Plymouth, IN

\$30⁰⁰ per person.

Make checks payable to District 25-G Lions

Deadline: February 23, 2024

\$35/per person after March 1

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ for _____ reservations at \$30⁰⁰ each.

Name _____ Club _____

Name _____ Club _____

Name _____ Club _____

Mail to: Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Kim Polk, 5378 E. 975 S, LaFontaine, IN 46940

District Convention Update

International Director Ben Apeland to Speak at District Convention



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Previews of Coming Attractions



Baugo Lions Club 2nd Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

\$10 – All you can eat

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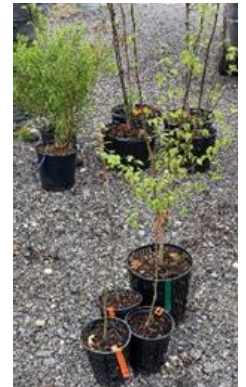
Grade K-12 eat free

***Pancakes, sausage, biscuits
& gravy, juice and coffee***

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

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

Native Tree Sale



LaFontaine Lions are assisting the Friends of the Upper Wabash Invasive Network. It is a local organization trying to prevent invasive species by encouraging planting of native flowers, shrubs, and trees. You may order native plants on the LaFontaine Lions Club website, www.lafontainelions.com. The deadline for orders is March 21st. Pickup of orders will be Sunday, May 5th from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Mississinewa Lake's Miami Recreation Area, 4673 S 625 E, Peru, IN, 46970. Gate fees will be waived on this date.

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

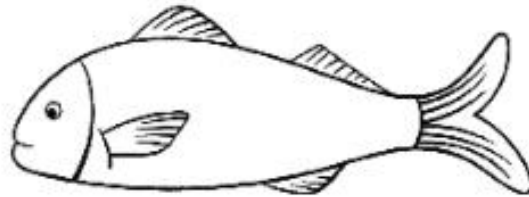
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The normal deadline for submission of material for the monthly district newsletter is the 25th of the month.

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Friday, March 29, 2024

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International
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**International Presidential
Leadership Medal
International Presidential
Certificate of Appreciaion (3)
Progressive WP Woods
Fellowship**

**District Leadership Chair 9 years
Cabinet Treasurer 7 years**

**State Convention Chairperson
Mid-Winter Chairperson
International Convention
Chairperson
Club Extension Awards (2)
Eyeglass Missions to Mexico (5)
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Charlie Short *for* Lions International Director



PDG Charlie and PDG Pat Short

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INDIANA SERVICE

- Co-Founded Facebook *Global Lions Forum*
- Statewide Google Workspace system for Clubs
- Eyeglass World/America's Best Partnerships
- Visionworks Partnership
- Lions Certified Instructor Program Graduate
- 30 Year Lion Leader
- International President's Medal
- IP Leadership Medal
- IP Certificates of Appreciation
- GAT Chairperson Medal
- Progressive WP Woods Fellowships (5)
- Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships (5)
- New Club Extension Success (4)
- Senior Master Membership Key Award

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- **Oregon** Lions Leadership Conference
- **California** Lions District 4-C6 Convention
- **Illinois** State Convention and Mid Year Forum
- **Iowa** Leadership Conference
- USA/Canada Forum **Spokane, WA**
- USA/Canada Forum **Des Moines, IA**
- USA/Canada Forum **Calgary, Canada**
- USA/Canada Forum **Reno, NV**
- LCI Convention **Milan, Italy**
- LCI Convention **Montreal, Canada**
- LCI Convention **Boston, MA**

Your Voice for Indiana Lions



March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 District 25-D Convention
3	4	5 Peru LC Meeting	6	7 Pick up ID in Indy	8 ID Welcome Dinner	9 District 25-G Convention
10 Vision First Meeting	11	12	13 DG Vist North Manchester	14	15	16 District 25-B Convention
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Buddy Bag Truck	27	28	29	30
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April 2024

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

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Mark Your Calendar

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

District Directory Updates

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International President Dr. Patti Hill

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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".

2024 State Convention

Tentative Schedule of Events

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



Lions of Indiana 2024 State Convention

April 26-28, 2024

Keynote Speakers

Saturday, April 27, 2024 Luncheon

Katie Stam-Irk, Miss America 2009

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



Saturday, April 27, 2024 Dinner

Past International President Frank Moore III



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

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



2024 Indiana Lions 103rd State Convention

Hosted by 25 D

April 26, 27, & 28, 2024

Embassy Suites Hotel, Noblesville, IN

with special guest: Past International President Frank Moore



EXHIBIT AND VENDOR APPLICATION

EACH 8' X 10' Booth Includes

8' skirted table

2 chairs

Lions Exhibitor – \$25

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w/electrical per booth - \$25

Additional Booths - \$50 each

Please return the completed form and payment by March 16, 2024 to:

PDG Mike Imbler

7609 E. 50 N.

Greentown, IN 46936

Make checks payable to: Lions of Indiana, Inc State Convention

Questions, please contact PDG Mike Imbler

mikeimbler@sbcglobal.net or (765) 776-0424

(if no answer, please leave message)

Name: _____

Organization/Club _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

_____ Lions Exhibitor - \$25

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_____ Electricity - \$25

_____ Additional Booth - \$50 each

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Thank you for supporting the Lions of Indiana!!!



Indiana Lions 2024 Convention Committee



Dear Friend of the Indiana Lions,

The Lions of Indiana have a mission to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities and support those in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally and locally. For more than one hundred years, Lions have embodied our motto of 'We Serve' by supporting life-changing research at the IU Med Center in vision and hearing and by a multitude of projects in 331 cities and towns across the state of Indiana. Our 8500 members are the glue holding communities together by providing leadership and service supporting those in need.

In April 2024, the Lions of Indiana will be gathering for the 103rd state convention in Noblesville to celebrate the many great works accomplished by Lions and Lions Clubs across the state. We anticipate 400 members will join us at the Embassy Suites over the three days of the convention to learn and have fun while serving.

As a friend of the Indiana Lions, we hope that you would consider sponsoring or advertising at our event. The details for sponsorship and advertising are shown on the next page. All sponsorship and ad information must be submitted by March 15, 2024 to meet our publication deadline. Please know that your support will allow our members and clubs to pour more into their communities, supporting the Hoosiers we know and love.

In appreciation,
The 2024 Indiana State Lions Committee

For questions regarding sponsorships, call Lion Jeff Kozicki (765) 481-0822
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Indiana Lions 2024 Convention Committee



Dear Fellow Indiana Lion,

First and foremost, let me thank you and your Club for all of your amazing acts of service. All Lions of Indiana have a mission to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities and support those in need. Through humanitarian services and grants, we impact lives globally and locally. You are no exception and embody our motto of 'We Serve' by participating in a multitude of projects in 331 cities and towns across the state.

April 26-28, we will gather for the 103rd State Convention in Noblesville. This is a unique opportunity to celebrate the many great works accomplished by Lions, Leos, and Clubs across the state. We hope members of EVERY Club in the State will join us at the Embassy Suites to celebrate, learn, socialize and most of all have fun. There are lots of new things happening at the convention this year, so we hope you will attend and bring other members of your club with you.

Beyond attending, we are hoping you will participate in three special ways:

- Have your Club donate something to the Silent Auction that will run during the Convention. This could be a basket representative of your community, or something Lion related, or anything that you think another Lion will enjoy. These donations can be brought to your District Convention, as members of the Convention Committee will be on hand at each to collect and transport to the State Convention (if needed).
- Show pride in your Club and place an advertisement in the convention book that will be given to all attendees. This could be used to promote your upcoming fundraisers or service projects or to thank the speakers coming to the convention or honor a club member or community leader. Whatever you decide, you can be as creative as you like as all items, no matter the size, will be printed **in full color**.
- Help us by suggesting and/or talking with businesses that might be interested in supporting Lions either by sponsoring a part of the convention, by putting their own advertisement in the Convention book, or donating to the silent auction. The details for sponsorship and advertising are shown on the next page.

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We are looking forward to being with you at the Convention!

Thank you from all of the members of the 2024 Indiana Lions State Convention Committee.



Indiana Lions 2024 Convention Committee



Program Book Advertisements

- \$250 – Full page
- \$150 – Half page
- \$75 – Quarter page
- \$50 – Business Card size

Convention Sponsorship Levels

- **\$10,000 Premier Level:** This sponsorship includes your logo on all printed materials, including a full-page ad in the program book, logo in all ads in the Hoosier Lion newspaper (sent to all members in December, February and April), logo in the convention information on the state website, public acknowledgement at all meals and 10 minutes to speak to the attendees during the Saturday lunch.
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- **\$2,500 Gold Level:** This sponsorship includes a half page ad in the program book, logo in the April Hoosier Lion, logo in the convention information on the state website and a public acknowledgement during the Saturday lunch.
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Please contact and provide the following information:

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Please make all checks out to "Indiana Lions State Convention"



Indiana Lions 2024 Convention Silent Auction Items Needed



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

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Please send questions to woodward1999@sbcglobal.net

Indiana Lions Special Olympics Committee Random Raffle



Benefits the Indiana Special Olympics Winter Games and Corn Hole Tournaments

Tickets are 3 for \$5.00.

Drawing to be held at the Indiana Lions State Convention April 27th.

(Do not need to be present to win.)

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

Donations Accepted.

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

812-689-6699 or lionmcdonald53@gmail.com

Constitutional Amendments on Ballot at State Convention

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

