



# Lions Tales

**DISTRICT 25-G**

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

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

## A Message from District Governor Ron Guth

Greetings, Lions!

When you read my words of wisdom, we will have returned from the 103rd Indiana Lions State Convention. I hope you were able to attend and hear about the great things Indiana Lions are doing. Elections will have been held, amendments voted on for approval, and informational seminars given. I know its too late to ask you to come to the convention, but not too late to come to our last District



Meeting of the year on Saturday, May 18th at the Leesburg Community Building. Why do we want you there? Because this is how you learn what the other clubs are doing in the district. Don't you want to know what a club did to add 10 new members? Are you looking for a new service idea or fund raiser for your club? We may say something during the planned agenda, but many times these ideas come from the Lions sitting next to you in the meeting. This is the hidden truth about conventions or meetings. You can learn more from interacting with the other club members, than you might from someone speaking at the head table. We have all been to those meetings when you can't hear the speaker because the ones sitting next to you are talking. So, it must be more important than the speaker's subject right? I don't condone talking while the speaker is presenting, but I do encourage the sharing of ideas.

The new Lions Portal is up and running and some say "Why did they change it, it doesn't work, it's harder, I can't find it" and so on. Well, it's been 55 years since my high school graduation and I didn't have any trouble logging on. I spent about a half hour looking at the "how to" videos listed on the page and then just doing various tasks that the President, Secretary, or Treasurer would do. It all works, it looks different, but it works. I will admit that from a district level I couldn't find some of the reports I was used to, but on the other hand, I found I have more access to data on our district and those around us and I don't need to keep asking LCI for more information. There will be some snags, but I think they have done a great job this time compared to previous updates.

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## A Message from District Governor Ron Guth

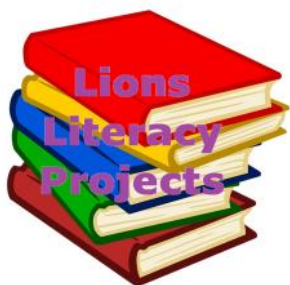
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I have a few more clubs to visit over the next two months and my to-do list is still too long, but this has been a great year to work with some of the best Lions in Indiana.

Thank you,

Lion Ron Guth, District Governor, 25-G

## Lions Literacy Projects Update



Reading Literacy is vital to our present generation and to those in future generations. It is our contribution to the literacy of our children and grandchildren. Lion Ron and I encourage each of the clubs in District 25-G to participate in some sort of Reading Literacy activity. It may be one or more of the following: the Dictionary Project, Little Library, books for students to read, giving time and donations to your local library and schools, or a variety of other ways.

I am very interested in knowing how your club encourages Reading Literacy. Please email me at [guthbeth@comcast.net](mailto:guthbeth@comcast.net) to let me know what your club is doing. I need to know how many students benefit from this

literacy project and the number of books and/or dictionaries you have given away this year. Thank you to those clubs who have emailed me already.

I have been encouraged by many of the clubs DG Ron and I have visited who participate in the Dictionary Project. Our local school corporations absolutely love the dictionaries. It is so exciting to see the students get their dictionaries. They immediately begin looking up their favorite words, sign language, and the longest words in the English language. It is such a delight to see their smiles and joy at getting their own books to keep! Think about providing English/Spanish dictionaries, too. Our two corporations have even asked for extra ones for incoming students in other grades.

Consider donating to your local library for their summer reading program. Peru Lions Club loves to donate money to buy books as rewards for meeting the children's reading goals. Please begin to plan now for next year's Literacy Project of your choice. As Lions we gladly give with open hearts! Let's motivate and serve our young readers now because that is what Lions do!

Lion Beth Guth, Literacy Chairperson for District 25-G



**MISSION 1.5** 

**We're on a mission to grow!**

**A global drive to reach 1.5 millions members world-wide, so we can better meet the growing needs of our communities and serve more people than ever before.**

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



As my journey to the District Governor continues, I try to keep you, Lions at all levels, informed about what I have been doing in preparation for the upcoming year. You need to understand that I don't see myself as a District Governor, rather I see myself as YOUR District Governor. My SERVICE is to YOU, the individual Lion, and Your Lions Club. That responsibility weighs heavily on me and to be very honest, I often fear that I have already mis-stepped or forgotten to do something. So, what have I been doing?

The biggest project is creating a District Strategic Plan. In order to do that, I need a lot of help. Specifically, help from the Global Action Team. Those team members are: PDG Lion Marlyn Fast, heading up the Global Extension and Membership Team, PCC Lion Dave Eisen heading up the Global Leadership Team, PDG Mary Kemplay, heading up the Global Service Team, 1<sup>st</sup>VDGE Jackie Kurley, heading up the LCIF Coordinator position, and PDG Marty Juel, heading up Public Relations and Marketing. With that said, you can see that I have a huge debt of gratitude to those Lions. There is a wealth of knowledge and experience between them. They have SERVED and they SERVE. We met as a group one time, but more importantly we met individually to discuss and develop Lions International required "Action Plans" for each area of responsibility. These action plans will be used to guide me through the upcoming year. Keep me on time and on task. I have discovered a couple of things during this process. Number one, when asked to fill or continue in a leadership role on the Global Action Team, those Lions were ready to serve. Number two, as I said before, they each have extensive knowledge and experience, yet were willing to listen to new ideas and willing to do what they could to help. Just a sneak preview of what's to come. Yes, membership growth will be expected, let's say two new members per club, no club closures, and perhaps charter a new club. That would be exciting. All that ties into marketing and resources that we can make available to your club. We want and need that growth. Yes, we will have leadership training for Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Board members, and LCIF Coordinators. It's the locations that I'm excited about - there will be break out rooms and Wi-Fi capabilities. You know Lions International is rolling out a new portal. We might as well embrace the change and learn how to navigate it. We're also working on plans to meet or exceed LCIF's requests. Not a "break the bank", rather "a little goes a long way and we can all do our part" approach. More specifics will be released later, watch for it, hold me to it. And of course, Lions International expects the strategic plan and action plans to be uploaded. On our last Zoom call for our area, we were questioned about how "things were going" and if "plans had been filled"? I had to admit things were going but not uploaded yet. You know that should have been done six days ago. I'm working on it.

So, that's what I've been up to—really working for you and your Lions clubs. I do have something that I would ask of you, and that is participation. Not only have I been working, but many others have also been working to help all of us Lions do what we do best—serve our communities. Your participation is important not only at your local level, but also at the district level. It is from that interaction that we can best communicate and continue to serve and grow. Now, if you don't think new growth or renewed growth is possible just look outside and see what mother nature does each and every spring. We are Lions, getting ready for our new year, renewed and new growth is possible and expected.

Lion Warren Allender, 1st Vice District Governor / District Governor Elect

*Challenges can be stepping stones or stumbling blocks.  
It's just a matter of how you view them.*

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



As I write this newsletter, my heart is aching with the news that one of the most dedicated Lions I have ever met has passed. Lion John Preheim, of the Dunlap Lions, was my club's President when I became a Lion. He and his wife, JoAnn, played important parts in my learning what true Lionism was all about. It was the Dunlap Lions' 60th year anniversary, and President John made sure we learned about the history of the Dunlap Lions. At each meeting, our speaker was a member who would talk about the challenges and the victories of the Dunlap Lions throughout the years. Those meetings proved invaluable to me because they taught me how the culture developed in my club. One regret I have is not joining them on one of their many mission trips in which Lion John played an integral part in the operation. My prayers go out to Lion JoAnn and the Preheim family. Lion John will be dearly missed.

As we enter May, the realization that the year is quickly ending has my nerves a bit rattled. I have learned a lot this past year and know I have much more to learn. Navigating through all the reports and now attempting to find those reports in the new portal has been a bit challenging. Speaking of the new portal, have you had the chance to get into it yet? Watching the videos will most definitely help. The most important thing to do is to get in there and start playing with it. Yes, it is different, but as Lions, we are adaptable. We will help each other when there is something we do not know, and we will become subject matter experts before you know it. Today, I wanted to ensure that all my personal information was correct. I discovered that they had my date of birth incorrect. I immediately emailed them and explained that "somehow" the date was wrong because it was correct on the previous portal. One hour later my phone rang, and it was LCI wanting to fix the issue. I was glad I was at work at the hospital because I almost fainted when they said they were calling to fix the problem. The representative, who also happens to be a Lion, stated they are working 24/7 to field any issues that might occur with the new portal. She also mentioned she is finding the member portal is much easier to work through than the back side where problems must be fixed. I was pleasantly surprised at the quick response and know it will be a useful asset to all Lions.

I am looking forward to hearing about and sharing all the wonderful experiences we had at the State Convention. Let us return motivated and excited to finish out this year and dream of the possibilities for next year.

Lion Jackie Kurley, 2nd Vice District Governor



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



My spring gardening has begun. My granddaughter and I have planted lettuce, peas and cucumbers in the garden. We planted pepper seeds in a small hot house and will be planting them in the garden by the time you read this.



She has enjoyed planting them and watching them

sprout and grow. Gardening takes work to produce a crop. It takes ground preparation, sowing or planting plants, constant tending to the plants, watering as well as pulling the weeds that want to sprout up and take over.

I wonder if I am as diligent about tending to Lions as I am to my garden? Lions takes tending and hard work as well. I have been talking and encouraging a woman in our community to join our club for a couple of years. She has shown interest and has stated when she has more time she will join. I have not pushed or prodded her, but just kept in touch with her talking with her each time I see her. She supports every fundraising event we hold. I spoke with her again this past week. She told me "This is the year!" No, I don't have her membership yet, but I am hopeful that it will occur soon. I have been "tending" to her for a couple of years.

As we continue to "tend" to our growth as Lions, we have the challenge of learning to navigate the new Lions Portal. I am learning to find what I need on the portal. I have watched the YouTube Training Videos which have helped me. I would encourage you to do that as well. Allow yourself time to learn the new portal. When I have trouble with new technologies, I remind myself that my 93-year-old mother-in-law works with computer programs every day, she has learned how to use a smartphone and she texts. If my mother-in-law can learn new technologies, so can I. I just have to allow myself time to learn. Just like when I learned how to ride a bicycle or learned how to drive, I didn't accomplish it the first time. If you are having difficulties with the new portal, feel free to reach out to me. We will figure it out together.

Reminder:

- Send your 2024-25 President's and Secretary's name, spouse's name, address, phone number and email address to 1st VDG Warren Allender so that he can get started on his directory for next year. It can be emailed to [warrenallender@comcast.net](mailto:warrenallender@comcast.net) or mailed to:

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

There are two months left in this Lions' year. If your club has not supported the State Projects this year, this is a perfect time to consider supporting them. You may mail one check to me and inform me how you want your funds distributed and I will forward the funds on to the respective State Projects. Donations to LCIF should be made directly to LCIF. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Remember, we are Lions in Action,

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## Global Leadership Team

### Lions Leadership: It's Everybody's Job



Yesterday morning, I saw a large group of people wearing yellow vests filling trash bags along the highway. They were bundled up warmly against the cold breeze, but I couldn't see any insignia on their apparel. Several were struggling with parts of an old truck tire. As I drove past, I heard laughter.

I wondered what brought these folks out in the chilly air to wade through the soggy grass so early on a weekday morning. They didn't look like highway department people. They didn't look like work release people. They weren't in any kind of uniforms that I could see. Were they volunteers from a church, a business, or a club like Lions? And I didn't see anyone giving orders. They were all working together.

I admit that I admired them. They were willing to get up early, get cold, get wet, just to clean along a highway, to clean up after a winter's worth of thoughtless motorists. I'm only aware of the Etna Green Lions Club doing that same job. But admittedly, Lions spend countless hours screening children's eyesight, building ramps, working in food pantries, passing out dictionaries, and doing countless other projects that are largely invisible but equally vital.

So, here's my challenge. We have just elected our new Club leadership for the coming year. These new leaders are busy preparing for their duties ahead. But let's not forget to challenge our new leaders that they lead the entire Club, not just other officeholders, committee chairs, or their "best buddies". True leaders are all-inclusive.

We often complain that no one wants to be an officeholder. How many times have we offered members the opportunity to be leaders, but then not given them any responsibility or authority? How many times have we offered members a chance to showcase their talents?

The second natural step is that current leaders must be willing to step aside for future leaders. We may have a Lions title for life, but we don't have a job for life. Only when we have a Club willing to share leadership do we have a vibrant, active Club.

Not everyone might be able to physically pick up old tire parts, but every Club has myriads of job openings. Every job needs a leader. Are we willing to share? So, what kind of Club leadership do we want now, or even 10 years from now? Where will our leaders come from? You decide.

PCC Dave Eisen, Global Leadership Team Coordinator

### Club Officers Training Scheduled

Past Council Chair David Eisen, District 25-G Global Leadership Team Coordinator, has announced that Club Officers Training will be offered at two locations.

The first training session will be held at the Atwood Lions Community Building in Atwood at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29th.

The second will be held 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.

## Global Membership Team

### "Together we Can and Together we Will"



We are getting to the end of this Lions fiscal year. June 30 is always a time for Lions Club members to drop out due to membership dues, etc. Let's encourage all members about the need for service in our communities and that every member is needed for this service. The more enthusiasm we show might just help other members to serve and be enthused as a Lion.

Over the last one hundred years, the Lions have grown to cover the world. Do you realize that at any moment of the day, there are Lions somewhere on our planet doing some type of service for others?!! Yes, I know we are working toward having 1.5 million Lions by 2027 to provide even more services. That will be even greater!!

Thank you for being a Lion.

Thank you for the service you give to your fellow Lions and to your community in many ways! It is needed and 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 81 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.

### **Dunlap Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Darla Hostetler

Sponsor: 2nd VDG Jackie Kurley

New Member: Lion Marilyn Thiess

Sponsor: Lion Kathryn Livings

### **Elkhart Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Linda Choler

Sponsor: Sandra Iavagnilio

### **Greene Township Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Laura Sawdon

Sponsor: Lion Michael Sawdon

### **Lydick Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Cindy Finney

Sponsor: Lion Wendy Yuhasz

New Member: Lion Elaine Gaulin

Sponsor: Lion Lori Ferro

### **Lydick Lions Club (continued)**

New Member: Lion Barbara Kidd

Sponsor: Lion Mark Perkins

New Member: Lion Denise McDowell

Sponsor: Lion Lori Ferro

New Member: Lion Howard Morse

Sponsor: Lion Wendy Yuhasz

New Member: Lion Connie Price

Sponsor: Lion Lori Ferro

New Member: Lion Stephanie Szczepankiewicz

Sponsor: Lion Lori Ferro

New Member: Lion Karen Swisher

Sponsor: Lion Lori Ferro

New Member: Lion Karen Trzaskowski

Sponsor: Lion Lori Ferro

*Just ask! If you don't ask, the answer is always "No".*

## Celebrating 364 Years of Service

District 25-G recognizes these Lions Clubs chartered during the month of May. These clubs have been serving their local communities for a total of 364 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
Converse	May 3, 1929	95
New Carlisle	May 19, 1939	85
Syracuse	May 3, 1950	74
Laketon	May 11, 1951	73
Denver Community	May 5, 1987	37

## Global Service Team



Lions, we have quickly moved through the year as there are only two months left in DG Ron's term. I know the clubs in our District have been working hard to accomplish the goals you set for yourselves. There is also much more that we all can do in the name of Lions to help our respective communities and beyond. Lions should remember that we are more than just the club we belong to. The District motto this year is "Lions in Action". When acting on a large project, don't forget your neighboring Lions Clubs and consider working together for the greater good.

DG Ron set five goals for his term. The goals are geared towards building membership and clubs. More members and clubs means more hands to work on service projects. Club members should be striving to meet these goals. There is still time to get there.

Please keep in mind that new members should be included immediately in working on projects so they have the opportunity to learn the importance of Lions service. Let's all work together to finish the year off strong.

Lion Al Beehler, District Global Service Team Coordinator

## LCIF Coordinators Update



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**

### Helping a World in Need

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

Our District goal for 2023-2024 year is to raise \$31,374. As of March 31, we have given \$24,296 or 87%. Only \$7,000+ is needed in the next 3 months to reach the goal. **YES, WE CAN DO IT!!**

In listening to the news, natural disasters are happening every day. The needs are there. We commend all of you for your contributions and service to alleviate in times of need.

Your donations make a difference when communities are impacted by natural disasters. 100% of all donations benefit grants and programs and qualify for Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) or Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship (PMJF).

**"Lions Clubs are the Grassroots in their Community"**

PDG Marlyn Fast & 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Jackie Kurley, LCIF Coordinators



## News From Around the District

### Fulton-Liberty Lions Use NICF Grant to Purchase 2 AED for Community



The Fulton-Liberty Lions Club recently received a grant from the Northern Indiana Community Foundation for the purchase of two American AEDs (automated external defibrillators) from their Health and Wellness funding.

Two public locations in town are housing these timely and valuable medical devices. One is located at the Fulton Branch Fulton County Public Library at 7420 Liberty Avenue (South State Road 25), and the other is installed at the Fulton Community Center at 204 East Dunn Street in Fulton.

Officials from the four cooperating entities met at the library to celebrate this service now available, if needed.

Pictured here (l. to r.): Brian Johnson, Director of Development, NICF; Lion Phil Frye, Fulton-Liberty Lions Club President; Tim Strasser, Fulton Town Board President; Margaret Pendley, Fulton Library Branch Manager

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

### LaFontaine Lions Support Local Organizations



LaFontaine Lions have been busy supporting local organizations with their breakfast fundraisers this spring. The club has been able to present funds to both the Troyer Memorial Library and the LaFontaine Learning Community for their ongoing operations. Lion President Dave Ballard presented \$600 checks to each organization.

Left: Megan Smith, LaFontaine Learning Community, accepts Lions Club check



Right: Amy Brainard, Troyer Memorial Library, accepts Lions Club check from Lion President Dave Ballard.

*(Submitted by Lion Kim Polk, LaFontaine Lions Club)*

### Silver Lake Lions Club Donates to Local Kids Closet & Food Bank, Hosts Easter Egg Hunt



The Silver Lakes Lions Club collected children's shoes and other supplies for the Kids Closet at Claypool School, and food for the local food bank.

The club also hosted an Easter Egg Hunt for 84 children.

*(Submitted by Lion Jean Weller, Silver Lake Lions Club)*



## News From Around the District

### Lakeville Lions Hear From ID Candidate, 2nd VDG, & Cultivate Food Rescue Representative

At their monthly dinner meeting on Tuesday, April 23rd, the Lakeville Lions Club heard from three guest speakers.



(l. to r.) Lion Janet Fish, Lion President Jim Tibbs, PCC Reed Fish

Past Council Chair Reed Fish of the Speedway Lions Club in District 25-F is seeking the endorsement of the Indiana Lions as a candidate for International Director for Lions Clubs International. PCC Reed spoke about his Lions experience and asked the club delegates for their support at the upcoming State Convention.

2nd Vice District Governor Jackie Kurley of the Dunlap Lions Club spoke about the Lions International Mission 1.5 membership program and presented a 25-year service chevron to Past District Governor Paul Russell.

Todd Zeltwanger, Director of Fund Development for Cultivate Food Rescue in South Bend thanked the club for its previous donation to Cultivate Food Rescue and recognized several club

members who have worked as volunteers at the organization's facility in South Bend. He spoke about their current expansion project and their plans for the future. Cultivate Food Rescue partners with more than 70 food donors to redistribute food to more than 121 partner agencies and 9 school corporations in St. Joseph, Elkhart, and Marshall Counties. They produce 8,000 meals each week for distribution to school children who are food insecure.



PDG Paul Russell accepts a 25-year chevron from 2nd VDG Jackie Kurley

*(Photos by Lion Rose Russell, Lakeville Lions Club)*

### Peru Lions Club Donates Funds for Safe Haven Baby Box at Fire Station



Peru Lions Club members present were: (left side) Kim Burton, Susan Landgrave, Beth Guth, Kendra McElroy, (right side) Chrystal Burton, MK and Dave Frushour, and Kayla Sanchez.

The Peru Lions Club made a donation of \$1,000 to help pay for a Safe Haven Baby Box that was installed at a fire station in Peru. Several Peru Lions Club members recently attended the blessing of the Baby Box. It was a very emotional experience hearing about the history, meeting a young family who adopted a child put in a Baby Box, and hearing about the process that brought this project to fruition.



*(Submitted by Lion Beth Guth, Peru Lions Club)*

## News From Around the District

### District Governor Visits Atwood Lions Club



District Governor Ron Guth visited the Atwood Lions Club on Monday, April 8th, and presented Club President Lion Joseph Irwin with his Lions In Action pin.

*(Submitted by DG Ron Guth)*

### Peru Lions Provide Vision Screening for Pre-School Students

Pictured here, Peru Lions Karen Magers, Kendra McElroy, Ron Guth, and Kayla Sanchez prepare for KidSight screening with the Blinq camera.

29 Preschool Students were screened at the Peru Main Street Preschool.

*(Submitted by DG Ron Guth)*



### Elkhart & Dunlap Lions Clubs Team Up for Flags from the Heart

On Memorial Day weekend, the 18th annual **Flags from the Heart** display will be flown in Lundquist-Bicentennial Park in Elkhart. The flags will fly from noon on **May 25** until 4:00 p.m., **May 27**. Memorial Day, or as it was originally named, Decoration Day, is observed on the last Monday in May. It originally began as a way of honoring U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

By participating in the **Flags from the Heart** display, presented jointly by the Elkhart Lions Club and Dunlap Lions Club, you may honor a member of the military, living or deceased, a loved family member, living or deceased, a friend, or a group by dedicating a flag to them. You determine the wording of the dedication. The flag is yours to keep after the weekend and may be taken home to be flown or it may be stored by the Lions to be flown the next year. The **first year**, a new American-made 3'x5' flag costs **\$35** to fly. To fly your flag in **subsequent years** costs **\$20** per flag **each year**. If you wish to take your flag home, please pick it up beginning at **3:00 p.m., May 27**, at the display. You may wish to fly more than one flag. If so, please complete one application form for **each flag flown**.

An application form is included in this newsletter. Application forms are also available at [elkhartlions.org](http://elkhartlions.org). For further information, contact Lion Marlin Culp at 574-596-7095 or Lion Larry Morr at 574-370-0119.

Mail completed application forms and checks payable to **The Elkhart Lions Club** to: **The Elkhart Lions Club, P.O. Box 81, Elkhart, IN 46515**.

*(Submitted by Lion Larry Morr, Elkhart Lions Club)*

## News From Around the Indiana Lions State Convention

### District Lions Receive LCI Awards at State Convention

Two Lions from District 25-G were among those honored during the All-State Banquet at the Indiana Lions 103rd State Convention.

Past District Governor Tom Polk of the LaFontaine Lions Club received an International Leadership Medal. This is the third highest award presented to a Lions Club member by the Association.

Lion Ken Magers of the Peru Lions Club received an International President's Medal. This is the second highest award presented to a Lions Club member by the Association.



(l. to r.) DG Ron Guth, PID Linda Tincher, PDG Tom Polk, PIP J. Frank Moore III, PID Doug Lozier



(l. to r.) DG Ron Guth, PID Linda Tincher, Lion Ken Magers, PIP J. Frank Moore III, PID Doug Lozier

### District Clubs Recognized as LCIF Model Clubs

Three clubs in District 25-G were among those recognized as LCIF Model Clubs during the Awards Session at the 103rd Indiana Lions State Convention. The LCIF Model Club program was created in conjunction with Campaign 100 to encourage clubs and individual Lions to increase their financial support for LCIF. To join the Model Club program, a Lions Club had to pledge to donate at least \$500 per member between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2022. The awards recognized clubs that fulfilled their pledge, and were presented by PDG Ken Faulkner, MD-25 LCIF Coordinator.

2nd VDG Jackie Kurley accepted a Model Club award for the Dunlap Lions Club (below left), DG Ron Guth accepted a Model Club award for the Elkhart Lions Club, and Lion Duane Griner accepted a Model Club award for the Lake City Lions Club (below right).



## News From Around the Indiana Lions State Convention

### A Message from PCC Reed Fish, Endorsed Candidate for International Director

#### Thank You – Gracias – Merci – Danke - Grazie



Lion Janet and I would like to express our gratitude to the Lions of Indiana for your faith in allowing us to be YOUR voice with Lions International. To be able to be given this chance comes with a great deal of responsibility, which we look forward to embracing. We will show to the members throughout the World that Indiana continues to produce dedicated, thoughtful, forward thinking and professional candidates for every level of leadership in our association.

While there will be a waiting period before we can be on the slate for the Board of Directors, you will see us working service and fund-raising projects in all corners of Indiana.

This is our way of learning first-hand what thoughts and concerns our clubs have and possible ideals to make our organization better. Plus as retirement gets closer there will have to be something to keep me busy!

As was said many times during this campaign – Indiana is fortunate to have many quality leaders and that when our multiple district was asked to put forth an International Director candidate – PDG Charlie Short (District C) and myself were able to be considered by the membership to be that endorsed nominee. I personally would like to thank PDGs Charlie and Pat for their dedication to the Lions and their commitment to continue to provide service to the community.

While having this printed in the district newsletters enables us to get our message out to more members with more speed, it will be when we meet again in person that we can share with you what each word of encouragement and show of support during the campaign meant to us. We truly feel blessed to be part of such a great group of people!

PCC Reed & Lion Janet Fish  
Lions of Indiana

### District 25-G Lions at Indiana State Convention



## News From Around the Indiana Lions State Convention

### District 25-G Lions at Indiana State Convention



Indiana Lions State Convention photos provided by:

- PDG Roger Cash, District 25-B
- Lion Robert Ford, District 25-C
- Lion Beth Guth, Peru Lions Club
- 2nd VDG Jackie Kurley, Dunlap Lions Club
- PDG Paul Russell, Lakeville Lions Club
- PDG Lana Wilson, Mishawaka Lions Club



*Make no small plans for they have no magic to stir men's souls. -- Daniel Burnham*

### Previews of Coming Attractions

## Madison Township Lions Club

### Pork Chop Sale

Saturday, May 18, 2024

11 AM to 2 PM

Madison Township Fire Station

66341 SR 331, Wyatt, Indiana

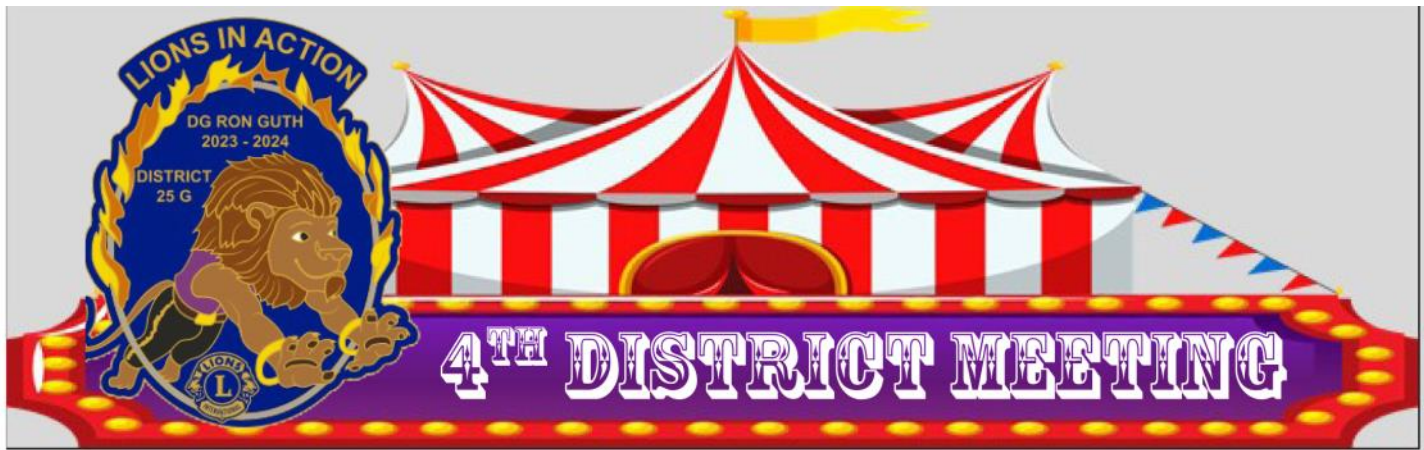
Pork Chops

\$7.00 each

10 or more \$6.50 each

Carry Out Only





Hosted by  
**Leesburg Lions Club**  
 Leesburg  
 Community Building  
 114 School St.  
 Leesburg, IN

**Saturday**  
**May 18, 2024**  
**Breakfast: 9 - 9:30 am**  
**Meeting 9:30 am - Noon**

**\$8<sup>00</sup> ea.**

The ladies of the church will again be preparing breakfast casseroles and assorted other items for our breakfast. **YUMMY!**

Known for their **GREAT** breakfasts and **OUTSTANDING** fellowship, don't miss this opportunity to meet the Leesburg Lions and learn about programs in and around the district.

**4<sup>th</sup> 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:

CS/CT Kim Polk  
 260-571-6125 • kkpolk61@gmail.com  
 5378 E 975 S  
 LaFontaine, IN 46940

# SMOKED PULLED PORK DINNER

Saturday, May 18th, 4:00—7:00 pm

LaFontaine Community Building—103 West Branson Street

## Smoked Pulled Pork Dinner:

Choice of Pork Sandwich or Pork Loaded Fries &  
Choice of 2 sides: French Fries, Baked Beans or  
Cole Slaw —\$12.00

## Smoked Pulled Pork Child's Dinner:

Choice of Slider Pork Sandwich or small Pork  
Loaded Fries & 1 side. Cost—\$6.00

Desserts available for donation.

Proceeds supporting the Lion's Duane Davis  
Scholarship & other Lion's Community Projects.



LaFontaine Lions Club – proudly  
serving our community for 84 years





18<sup>th</sup> Year

## Memorial Day Weekend 2024

*Display your honor and dedication with a 3' x 5' U.S. Flag*

Each flag will include your message to honor an individual, group, or organization, or memorialize someone who has passed. Flags will be displayed over the 2024 Memorial Day weekend in downtown Elkhart's

### Lundquist-Bicentennial Park

Noon Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> to Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

\$35 per new dedicated American flag

The flag is yours to keep after the weekend, or we can keep your flag to be displayed in next year's Flags project.

\$20 to display any previous "Flags from the Heart" flag.

Call Larry Morr at (574)-370-0119 or Marlin Culp at (574)-596-7095 for further details

Your Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Flags: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35.00 for new American Flag = total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Flags: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 to re-display 2008 to 2023 flags = total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication: (Put one dedication per flag on a form. Print the completed dedication below or on the back of this application. PLEASE DO NOT WRITE 'SAME')

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Make checks payable to: Elkhart Lions Club

Mail to: P.O. Box 81, Elkhart, In 46515

Flags should be picked up on 5/27/24, 3-4 pm at the flag display area unless prior arrangements are made. Flags are made in the USA

## Indiana Lions State Projects & Foundation



## 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](http://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)*

## Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc.

### Indiana Lions Fighting Cancer!

On behalf of the Lions of Indiana, trustees for the Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc. presented checks totaling \$125,000 to Riley Children's Foundation at the Indiana Lions State Convention in Noblesville on Saturday, April 27th.

The \$25,000 donation is part of a 3-year, \$25,000/year commitment to provide funding for research to address severe neuropathy experienced by pediatric cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy.

The \$100,000 donation will be matched, dollar for dollar, by the Walther Cancer Foundation, resulting in \$200,000 for pediatric cancer research.

The Walther Cancer Foundation has pledged 10 million dollars to match donations of \$100,000 or more from individuals and organizations who make a commitment to Riley Children's Foundation and fulfill that commitment by 2027. We are the first donor to complete our \$100,000 pledge, and we intend to pledge an additional \$100,000. We will need your help to fulfill that commitment.



Left: Melissa Sexton, Community Fundraising Program Officer for Riley Children's Foundation, accepts a \$25,000 check from Lion Wendy Semans, CCF trustee from the Hamlet Lions Club in District 25-A as other trustees and State Comptroller Lion Bob Yunker look on.

Right: PDG Paul Russell, CCF trustee and treasurer from the Lakeville Lions Club in District 25-G holds a \$100,000 check for Riley Children's Foundation as PIP J. Frank Moore III, DG Patti Fox (25-C), Melissa Sexton of Riley Children's Foundation, and several CCF trustees look on.



*(Photos by PID Linda Tincher & PDG Bill Willis)*

### Did You Visit the Cancer Control Table at the State Convention?



Left: PDG Mark Clark (25-E) and PDG Nick Gonzalez (25-A) worked at the CCF table at the recent State Convention.

Right: Melissa Sexton of the Riley Children's Foundation and PDG Mark Clark (25-E) watch the antics of our Cancer Hero Lion (PDG Peg Dawson).



*(Photos by PDG Roger Cash)*

## Indiana School for the Blind & Visually Impaired

### Lions Work Day at Indiana School for the Blind & Visually Impaired (ISBVI)

Your ISBVI Lion Trustees are sponsoring a **work day** at the school in Indianapolis on **Saturday, May 18, 2024**. This is a great opportunity for you, your family members, and friends to walk the walk and put our "**We Serve**" motto into action. Our schedule for the day will be:

- > 8:30 a.m. Registration and donuts (Of course!)
- > 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Morning work session
- > 1:00 p.m. Lunch (provided by the school)
- > After lunch **Tour of the school** for those interested
- > After lunch Afternoon work session until done

Come and help us beautify and improve this campus! Interested? Contact:

Lion Mike Okuly  
260-519-3541  
mokuly52@yahoo.com

It's a great day of fun, hard work, and camaraderie, and a chance to meet other Lions from around the state, as well as visit this beautiful campus. This is one of **your** Lions State Projects.....take a few hours to help beautify and improve it. You'll get great satisfaction from doing so....and of course, a **free lunch**! Hope to see you there.



### 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



# May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	<b>2 Twin Bro Don's Birthday</b>	3	<b>4 District Treasurer Training</b>
5	6	7	8	<b>9 DG Visit Richvalley LC</b>	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	<b>17 Elkhart LC 100th Anniversary</b>	<b>18 District Meeting #4 Leesburg</b>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	<b>29 Officers Training, Atwood</b>	30	31	



# June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	<b>5 Officers Training, Fulton</b>	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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### Mark Your Calendar

May 18, 2024 District Meeting #4  
Leesburg, Indiana

May 29, 2024 Club Officers Training  
Atwood, Indiana

June 5, 2024 Club Officers Training  
Fulton, Indiana

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International President Dr. Patti Hill

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#BETHECHANGE  
#WESERVE

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