



# Lions Tales

**DISTRICT 25-G**

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## A Message from District Governor Warren Allender

Last month it was all about "preemptive", that no longer applied, now it is all about the "history", as OUR/YOUR District 25-G Convention, has come and gone. Looking back, the first thing that comes to mind is again, **A VERY BIG THANK YOU!** Thank you to all those who made it possible, thank you to all those who gave presentations, and most importantly thank you to all those who attended! We had eighty (80) members attend from some twenty (20) clubs, four (4) of those from outside the district. Still, I think that was a very strong showing. What was your highlight? What was your takeaway? And where should we improve? That's the beauty of history, one can look back and see clearly what did transpire, no speculation, just the facts.



For myself, I would share a two-fold highlight. One was the Warsaw High School JROTC cadets posting the colors. Such an inspiration of the youth of today and the leaders of tomorrow. My faith in God and Country just gets stronger witnessing such activities. My apologies for not getting our National Anthem to play. Blame the combination of modern technology and poor technical skills by the operator, me. In any case, my second highlight was the many Club Banners which were on display. That truly said for me, this is OUR Convention and WE are going to be part of it.

My first takeaway came from our International Director Marie Cunning and the use of the metaphor of "planting a seed and making it grow". As many of you know I like to garden, in addition to cooking, and here we are in springtime. My thoughts quickly turn to gardening, and

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

District Governor Warren Allender would like to attend one of your club meetings, share his vision for our district, and hear your concerns. Check his calendar in this newsletter, then give him a call at 574-361-7942, or send an email message to warrenallender@comcast.net.



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



## A Message from District Governor Warren Allender

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planting of seeds for a harvest in the fall. Did you ever look at those dried up, nasty looking seeds and wonder how they come back to life? They must be well-watered and cultivated in a rich soil full of proper nutrients, it's that simple. I agree - new member recruitment is very similar, and Lions International is an organization that is full of enriching and exciting possibilities. New members are needed to cultivate our club's growth for tomorrow. I need to put a little plug in here about our membership goal for the year. It was growth of (91) ninety-one new members with a net of (-32). Well, as of the end of February we have (55) new members, and our net growth now is (-16). This is the final quarter of our Lions year; this is the time to plant those new seeds with new members. That's just two (2) per club. Let's finish the year strong.

My second and strong take away was the power of a project. The presentation about kids not having beds to sleep on was crazy and soul touching. Sleep in Heavenly Peace was captivating and for me a project I want to be part of. It is something I could see my home Lions Club being part of, something meaningful and fulfilling both for the giver, us Lions, and the receiver, a child in need of a bed. That was a great presentation about what we Lions do, SERVE, our communities' needs. I hope it moved you as it did me.

Which lead me to where I would see improvement. First off, I would not combine the Cabinet meeting any longer with the convention. From the evaluations completed, it was suggested that a SERVICE project be included in the Convention activities. I would like to see that happen. In addition, use the afternoon for other informative workshops, a reason for clubs and members to come to the convention, to receive enlightening and exciting service project ideas. Lastly, make the convention just plain old more fun, more fellowship! It is OUR/YOUR Convention, be there for the fun of it.

The nice thing about history is that we don't have to repeat it, rather we can learn and grow, making our future rich and more fulfilling.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Warren Allender, District Governor

### Severe Weather Update

As many of us recently experienced severe spring storms rolling through the district, I would like to just give a brief update on that situation.

There has been a lot of media coverage of severe damage done in the Bourbon area. The night of the storms I reached out to Lions Jan & Jerry Ulmer of the Bourbon club. It was agreed that an update would be necessary in the morning. In that it appeared the most severe weather passed through Marshall County, I also requested information from clubs in Culver, Argos, and Etna Green.

At the present time we are working to obtain an LCIF Emergency Grant. Local resources continue to be used to address immediate needs.

That brings me to look towards the future. Perhaps what is needed is a service project at the district level. Specifically, the ability to develop a core group of Lions, from the many clubs in the district, willing to go and volunteer their services immediately after an event. Bourbon highlighted the need for hands willing to pitch in and help at any level--a great opportunity to show that Lions care about their community. An LCIF Emergency Grant might follow, but what is needed first is help. We're lucky to have Lion Steve Downey with the Lydick Lions working on Emergency Preparedness. I'll be reaching out to Lion Steve to see about getting this project rolling.

For now, let's just have April showers and look forward to May flowers.

Lion Warren Allender, District Governor

## A Message From 1st Vice District Governor Jackie Kurley



Oh, my goodness, wasn't that a great district convention? If you decided not to attend, you missed a lot. The festivities started when we got the opportunity to meet and greet the visiting International Director Marie Cunning from Arizona. What a delightful personality she has. The dinner was spectacular, and we got a chance to talk with Past International Director Nick Xinopoulos, Lion Gretchen, and distinguished members in the District. Then it was Saturday, the Convention Day. The Oakwood Event Center is a beautiful venue with a warm feeling.

The convention began with a nice Necrology service from Chaplain Laura Doty, honoring those Lions that have passed since our last convention by lighting candles of remembrance. Then came the rules of the election. I will be honest; my stomach began to churn as the realization came that I am really going to do this. A special thank you to Past District Governor, Marty Juel, and Past Dunlap Club President, Duane Klein for the kind

words they used in their nominating speeches for me.

We then had two highly informative seminars. One about the usefulness of Artificial Intelligence given by PDG Tom Polk, and the other from the nonprofit, "Sleep in Heavenly Peace." This seminar touched our hearts by seeing the statistics of children in our very own district that do not have a bed to sleep in at night. I highly recommend your club ask for this program to learn how Lions can help in your county.

The luncheon was delicious and gave us time to socialize with other Lions from both our district and other districts that came to support 25G. This time was also used to visit the various causes that District G supports with the trustees or coordinators there to speak about what they are doing to help our communities. Then it was time for our guest of honor, International Director, Marie Cuning, to give her keynote speech. She is such a giving Lion, and her medical mission trips gave her and give many Lions their "aha moments."

The election results came in and I am thrilled to be elected as your next District Governor. Congratulations to our First Vice District Governor Elect, Steve Weld, and we are eagerly searching for a Second Vice District Governor. Always remember that our predecessors are here to help us be the best we can be. Contact me or District Governor Warren if you have any interest or any questions about the position. You have enough time to learn everything if you take the leap. So, please consider the position to help MD25G stay "Quite possibly the greatest Lions District on Earth!"

Also, make plans to attend the State Convention in Shipshewana, April 26-27. We intend to have a ton of fun, and the town is anxiously awaiting our arrival.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Jackie Kurley, 1st Vice District Governor & District Governor Elect

## We Need Your Help to Fill District Positions

Members of District 25-G:

Please let me know if you have any interest in becoming more active in your district.

There are a lot of committees that fuel the passion of specific causes that we focus on as a Multiple District. We are looking for representation of our district in those conversations. We have all the tools you need to be successful in your role. We have a Global Leadership chairperson that is anxious to expand anyone's knowledge in any of those multitude of positions we have in the district. We also have plenty of Past District Governors that yearn to share their knowledge of these areas and will even be your partners in those causes. Even if you are just curious about what these committees do, we would like to know your interest.

Let us keep 25-G "Quite possibly the best Lions District on Earth"! I look forward to hearing from all of you.

District Governor Elect Jackie Kurley

## A Message From 2nd Vice District Governor Steve Weld



### Club Leadership Team

A critical element of your Club's success is how well the leadership team in your Club works as ... well ... a team. The formal "team" leading the Club are the club officers, which the "Standard Club" Constitution and By-laws from Lions International define as "... a president, immediate past president, the vice president(s), secretary, treasurer, membership chairperson, service chairperson, and marketing chairperson." These officers, in concert with the Board of Directors, lead, guide, direct and administer the Club.

Briefly outlined, the key characteristics of these positions are as follows.

- Club President – Leads the Club, runs meetings, sets goals, motivates members to participate, and facilitates the Club decision-making process.
- Vice President – Assists and supports the president, acts as president in case of absence, oversees specific committees or projects as assigned, and may serve as leadership chairperson.
- Club Secretary – Manages Club records and correspondence, including membership records and reports to the Association.
- Club Treasurer - Manages Club finances, including budgeting and financial reporting, ensures documentation and proper authorization of funds, and coordinates audits and financial planning.
- Membership Chairperson – Focuses on recruiting and retaining members, develops strategies for member growth and satisfaction, and arranges orientation for new members.
- Service Chairperson – Plans and coordinates service projects, verifies projects align with Club's goals and community needs, and ensures service activities are reported to Lions International.
- Marketing Chairperson – Develops and implements a marketing plan, promotes Club activities and achievements, and improves Club visibility within the community.

If your team works together, each fulfilling their own responsibilities and enabling both other members of the team and all members of the Club to do their work well, the probabilities improve for your Club to flourish. Some of the elements of a team working together well would include:

- Collaboration – The team works toward common goals, support and reinforce one another, coordinate their actions, and together enable the Club to grow and to serve their community.
- Meet regularly – They discuss progress and challenges, share updates, address concerns, and seek to align with one another to continue pursuing their common goals.
- Support and Communication – Whether in meetings, in person, or separately, the team supports one another, shares responsibilities, shares information, identifies and clears up misunderstandings, and seeks to solve problems in the best interest of the Club.
- Engaging Club members – Club officers should gather feedback, encourage participation, and foster a sense of community within the Club.
- Networking and Continuous Learning – Club leaders can serve their Club well by building friendships and connections with Lions in other clubs and across the district, as well as other service and community organizations. Additionally, a leader strengthens a Club when they continue to grow and develop their own leadership skills, and invest time in developing other Lions.

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Some small clubs may be concerned with how to fill all of the Club officer positions. Instead of being specifically concerned with “more” people or a “bigger” team, it may be better for the Club to consider how the Standard Club model can inform good administration and inspire effective leadership. Then, using the personalities, the experiences, and the talents of the Club members, build a team which enables the Club to effectively serve the community, motivate current members, recruit new members, and raise up future Club leaders.

Would you like to know more? The Member Resource Center on the Lions International website (<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center>) offers a number of resources. The Club President/First Vice President page (<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-president-vice-president>) is a great place to start, offering links to the Constitution and By-Laws for a Standard Club and the Club President and First Vice President e- Book.

We Serve.

Lion Steve Weld, 2nd Vice District Governor

## Celebrating 300 Years of Service

District 25-G recognizes Lions Clubs chartered during the month of April. These clubs have been serving their local communities for a total of 300 years. Each has impacted its local community in its own unique way, and has supported district, state, and international projects. Each is an example of DG Warren Allender’s theme - “Cooking Up Service – Back to the Basics” and IP Fabricio Oliveira’s theme – “Make Your Mark”.

**Congratulations on your years of service and leaving your mark on your community and beyond!**

CLUB NAME	CHARTER DATE	YEARS OF SERVICE
Culver	April 15, 1943	82
Urbana	April 15, 1952	73
Madison Township	April 8, 1958	67
Grass Creek	April 11, 1973	52
Fulton Liberty	April 23, 1999	26



## A Message From District Cabinet Secretary Lion Kim Polk



It is the time of the Lions' year to start preparing for the new Lions' year as we elect officers for next year. The District Lions elected the following District Officers for the 2025-2026 Lions year at the District Convention held in Syracuse on March 8th:

- District Governor: 1st VDG Jackie Kurley;
- First Vice District Governor: 2nd VDG Steve Weld;
- Second Vice District Governor remains vacant.

I congratulate these Lions as they continue their service to the District.

Clubs should be electing next year's officers this month and report your elected officers for next year to LCI and to 1st VDG Jackie Kurley.

- 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 CS Kim Polk so that we can get started on 1st VDG Jackie Kurley's directory for next year. It can be emailed to [kkpolk61@gmail.com](mailto:kkpolk61@gmail.com) or mailed to:

CS Kim Polk  
5378 E 975 S  
LaFontaine, IN 46940

As Lions we need to think about how we can create a lasting legacy. By creating a meaningful legacy as a Lions member involves harnessing the principles of service, leadership, and community impact. Here are some ideas for you to think about how you can leave a lasting mark:

1. Develop Signature Projects - Focus on creating or contributing to projects that address a pressing need in your community. Whether it's starting a scholarship fund, initiating an environmental cleanup program, or providing resources for local schools, a consistent and impactful project can become your hallmark.
2. Mentor Future Leaders - Share your experiences and knowledge with younger members or new recruits. By inspiring and empowering others, you ensure the continuity of service-minded leadership within your chapter.
3. Foster Collaboration - Partner with other organizations, local businesses, or community leaders to amplify the impact of your efforts. Collaborative projects often have a broader reach and can build lasting goodwill.
4. Create Personal Connections - The most impactful legacies often stem from genuine connections. Taking the time to engage with the people you serve and fellow Lions members can leave a deep and meaningful impression.

Your legacy doesn't have to be monumental—it just needs to reflect your dedication to serving others and improving lives. What type of project or initiative speaks to your heart the most? Pursue it – that's what will leave a lasting legacy!

Lion Kim Polk, District Cabinet Secretary

## A Message From District Cabinet Treasurer PDG Ron Guth



Ok, its official, spring has arrived so let the green grass grow! Now is a great time to work on growing your club membership along with the grass. Bone up on your elevator speech, talk to folks during your spring walks, events and neighborhood get togethers. Get involved with some of the spring clean-up projects and you have a perfect group to talk to.

Thank you for continuing to support Lions projects with your donations. Remember, you can write one check for all state and district donations made out to District 25-G.

Clubs should have a slate of officers ready for the election process this month. Please be sure to get the new officer's information to the Members

Portal and DG Elect Jackie Kurley. Don't forget to confirm that the member information on the portal is correct as phone numbers and email addresses change often.

I have updated the semi-annual dues breakdown chart, which is included on the next page of this newsletter. Please review it and inform me if you have any questions.

We Serve,

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## Random Thoughts from a Random Mind

### What Would Melvin Jones Say?

What would Melvin Jones say if he came to our club today? That question was posed by a club president during a conversation about issues that arise in local Lions Clubs, and the challenges they present to Lions leaders.

Imagine the founder of Lions Clubs International sitting quietly in the back of the room at one of our club meetings, listening as we review recent activities and discuss proposals for future projects. Would he see our club as an embodiment of his dream – an organization focused on the betterment of our community and the world, or would he feel the need to remind us that "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else"?



## District 25-G Semi-Annual Dues Breakdown

### New Member Semi-annual dues breakdown (District 25 G) 2025 - 2026 Fiscal Year

Lions Clubs International annual dues will increase from current \$48 to \$50 eff. 7/1/2025

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

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

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

Month Joined Club	Billing Date New Member	Semi-annual Dues	* New Member Fee	Total LCI Dues+Fee
July	July 1st	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$60.00
August	August 1st	\$20.84	\$35.00	\$55.84
September	September 1st	\$16.68	\$35.00	\$51.68
October	October 1st	\$12.50	\$35.00	\$47.50
November	November 1st	\$8.34	\$35.00	\$43.34
December	December 1st	\$4.17	\$35.00	\$39.17
January	January 1st	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$60.00
February	February 1st	\$20.84	\$35.00	\$55.84
March	March 1st	\$16.68	\$35.00	\$51.68
April	April 1st	\$12.50	\$35.00	\$47.50
May	May 1st	\$8.34	\$35.00	\$43.34
June	June 1st	\$4.17	\$35.00	\$39.17

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

Month Joined Club	Billing Date New Member	Semi-annual Dues	New Member Fee	Family Member Total LCI Dues+Fee
July	July 1st	\$12.50	\$35.00	\$47.50
August	August 1st	\$10.42	\$35.00	\$45.42
September	September 1st	\$8.34	\$35.00	\$43.34
October	October 1st	\$6.25	\$35.00	\$41.25
November	November 1st	\$4.17	\$35.00	\$39.17
December	December 1st	\$2.09	\$35.00	\$37.09
January	January 1st	\$12.50	\$35.00	\$47.50
February	February 1st	\$10.42	\$35.00	\$45.42
March	March 1st	\$8.34	\$35.00	\$43.34
April	April 1st	\$6.25	\$35.00	\$41.25
May	May 1st	\$4.17	\$35.00	\$39.17
June	June 1st	\$2.09	\$35.00	\$37.09

**District/State Dues are billed based on member count as of December 31st & June 30th**

District/State Dues are not prorated for month member joins.

District/State Semi-annual dues are the same for member/family member.

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

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

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

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



## Global Leadership Team

### Team Building on Two Levels



One of my jobs as District 25-G Global Leadership Team Chair is to work with the incoming District Governor to host a series of officers' training sessions for next year's officers. It can be quite a struggle to mesh dates, locations, speakers, and schedules. Not to mention a slowly dwindling attendance from one year to the next. Sometimes I've driven home wondering if we have made any impact at all. I feel sorry for the session speakers who have carefully prepared, and then no attendees at their sessions. But then again, I've had Lions tell me how great their sessions were and how much they learned.

Until not so long ago, the Mishawaka Lions had the tradition of a Past Presidents Dinner. We would set a date and location when the current and incoming Club Presidents could meet, then invite all Club Past Presidents who were already home from Florida. The purpose of the meeting was to provide "tips" and advice to the incoming President. The advice ranged from the humorous to the serious, from remembering "how we used to do" things to "what we need to do." Even when I wasn't an incoming President, it always amazed me how much we all wanted the Club to succeed. As we left the meeting, we all seemed to be on the same team.

It always amazed me that the Club Secretaries, Treasurers, and Board Members didn't hold similar meetings. On the other hand, those positions tend not to rotate annually like the Presidents. We did, from time to time, invite the Secretaries to meeting with the Presidents' group, but that didn't always work out. I think it would have helped the Club if the different groups could have shared what the Presidents were thinking. That might have made for a better Club team.

While I enjoyed those dinners and discussions, as well as admired the Past President who always ordered liver and onions, I never felt that these sessions should replace the District-wide officers training sessions. I believed that the District-wide sessions provided us information on a broader scale than just our own Club, from Lions International down to the particular office we held. Some Clubs didn't send anyone, some (like ours) sent one or two, but it was the smaller Clubs who sent the larger contingents.

In my opinion, both kinds of meetings have their value. A meeting of officers from just one Club fosters a great team spirit and hopefully some wisdom, but just for that Club. A District-wide training session fosters team spirit as well, as the diverse Clubs share their experiences, ask their questions, and listen to presentations on new programs and initiatives from Lions International. Remember the crowded session on the portal at last Spring's training session at Fulton-Liberty? The room was packed, and we practically had to turn out the lights on them to get the session to end.

So this Spring (if it ever gets here), try both kinds of meetings to help build your Club's team. Have as many officer groups as possible. Pay attention to the results of their discussion. But send as many officers as possible to the District-wide trainings as you can. And afterwards, be sure to share the information you gleaned. Perhaps even ask one of the session presenters to speak at your Club. It doesn't do anyone much good if you keep everything you've learned a secret. Teams don't keep secrets.

PCC Dave Eisen, Global Leadership Team Coordinator

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader. — John Quincy Adams

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

## Global Membership & Extension Team



### MISSION 1.5 \* We are on a Mission to Grow

Lions of District 25-G: Do you enjoy being a Lion?

Greetings! We are moving into the last quarter of our Lions Year. One question is, are you a happy Lion? I certainly hope everyone is, but it is always good to check with all the members. Our District continues to have a high drop-out rate and I am sure that can be corrected if we stay on top of club relationships. Here are some questions and thoughts to think about.

- Do you enjoy your club meetings? What is the attendance? Are you helping to make it interesting?
  - Do you enjoy your community service projects? Are they meaningful, and are they fun?
  - Are responsibilities shared with members, so all gain leadership skills?
  - Do you feel like an important part of your club?
  - If you have concerns, it is important to express them, don't just leave. Instead, help make things better and certainly have fun serving.
- \*\* Thank you for all the time and energy you put into your club and your community.
- \*\* Thank you for helping others understand Lionism.
- \*\* Thank you for being a Lion. We Serve!!

PDG Marlyn Fast, Global Membership & Global Extension Coordinator

## Here We Grow Again

Since the start of the current Lions year, 23 district clubs have welcomed 68 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.

### Akron Lions Club

New Member: Lion Christina Morehouse  
Sponsor: Lion Faith Kamp  
New Member: Lion David Morehouse  
Sponsor: Lion Faith Kamp

### Lake City Lions Club

New Member: Lion Kevin Mickem  
Sponsor: Lion Jon Garber  
New Member: Lion Rejeana Mickem  
Sponsor: Lion Jon Garber

### Laketon Lions Club

New Member: Lion Laura Grandstaff  
Sponsor: Lion Carol Shilling

### Lakeville Lions Club

New Member: Lion Phillip Shafer  
Sponsor: Lion Larry Ort

### Lydick Lions Club

New Member: Lion Vicki Jones  
Sponsor: Lion Elaine Gaulin

### Middlebury Lions Club

New Member: Lion Tam Stephens  
Sponsor: Lion Sopheap Long

### Milford Lions Club

New Member: Lion Steve Bartels  
Sponsor: Lion Gervas Schafer  
New Member: Lion Marisa Castro  
Sponsor: Lion James Smiley

### Mishawaka Lions Club

New Member: Lion Carissa Fields  
Sponsor: Lion Sheila Schafer

### Peru Lions Club

New Member: Lion Kyle Eckerley  
Sponsor: PDG Ronald Guth  
New Member: Lion Terri Hall  
Sponsor: Lion Kenneth Magers  
New Member: Lion Thomas Hall  
Sponsor: Lion Kenneth Magers  
New Member: Lion Kathy Jacobson  
Sponsor: Lion Richard Galvin  
New Member: Lion Roland Jacobson  
Sponsor: Lion Richard Galvin

### Silver Lake Lions Club

New Member: Lion Charles Burbank  
Sponsor: Lion Anthony Middleton

## Global Service Team



I hope everyone has been enjoying this crazy weather in Indiana - it's cold one day and the next day it's nice, and the temps are anywhere in the mid-60's and one day it hits 70's, and then rain and snow. I cannot wait for the weather to start to warm up so we can begin to enjoy all the beauty of the flowers blooming and the trees turning green and the warm air and all the beauty as our spring begins on March 20th. But wait, here comes the cold and snow and high winds again. Soon it will be gone with beautiful weather. Come on, warm weather. I also hope everyone had a great St. Patrick's Day.

As we start another month of Service, from Pancake Breakfasts to Fish Dinners, assisting with meal preparation, helping with groceries, Easter Egg Hunts, and many more services you or your Clubs may be doing this month, be sure to report all the service hours for your club events.

Strengthened storytelling gives stories power. Saying you fed 68 families is more powerful than saying you organized a food drive. Saying your club contributed 1,680 volunteer hours last year is more powerful than saying your club serves the community. When your club reports service, you collect the details needed to share powerful stories of your club's impact.

Documented club achievements reveal what's working and what's not. For example, it may show that your diabetes education program is growing in attendance, but your annual club fundraiser is shrinking. Reviewing past service reports helps your club make better decisions, including choosing service activities and setting realistic goals.

We have 15 Clubs that have not reported their Service Hours. I hope we can have everyone up to date with their Service Hours before the end of April. I will be sending emails to those clubs to see how we can help you. We have the Zone Chairs, 1st Vice District Governor, 2nd Vice District Governor, and then your Service CST Coordinator.

Have a great day and stay safe.

And remember - in April the State Convention is just around the corner. It will be hosted by District 25-G and held in Shipshewana, Indiana. I hope to see all of the Lions there.

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## LCIF Coordinators Update

District 25G Lion Members: We are on the final turn of this year with only 3 months to go in this Lions' year. At the beginning of the year, District Governor Warren, asked us to participate in his LCIF "Change for Change" donation program. Well, most clubs have turned in money from passing the tub around at each meeting. For that, we thank you! If you have not turned in your club's money yet, please send it to our District Treasurer, PDG Ron Guth, or your District LCIF Coordinators, Lion Sopheap Long or me. Presidents, you are the CEO of your club and leading by example is the difference between leaders and title holders. Have you sent in your donation?

Lions, we also encourage you to make your own personal donation. This path will earn you credit toward your Melvin Jones Fellowship. There is a special kind of pride that comes with wearing your Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) pin. It is a symbol of generosity, leadership, and a deep commitment to service. As a Lion, you know firsthand the power of giving.

If you are already an MJF, you understand what it means to be part of something bigger than yourself. If you have not reached that milestone, now is the perfect time to contribute and be recognized for your dedication to service. If you would like to see how close you are to becoming an MJF or a progressive MJF, just contact Lion Sopheap Long or me and we can let you know your balance.

Please consider donating today. Visit <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate>.

Whether you give \$5, \$50, or more, please remember that 100% of every dollar given goes directly to the Foundation and nothing is used for administrative costs.

We will have a booth at the Indiana Lions State Convention in Shipshewana on April 25-27. We intend to have fun and show the other Districts why 25-G is: "Quite Possibly the Greatest Lions District on Earth!"

Lion Jackie Kurley



## News from Around the District

### District Convention Held at Oakbrook Resort

Lions of District 25-G held their 2025 District Convention at the Oakbrook Resort in Syracuse, Indiana. Attendees included 70 Lions and guests representing 19 clubs in District 25-G, 8 Lions from other Indiana Lions districts, and International Director Marie Cuning of Phoenix, Arizona.

Lion Jackie Kurley of the Dunlap Lions Club was elected District Governor for the 2025-2026 Lions' year. She is currently serving as 1st Vice District Governor.

Lion Steve Weld of the Dunlap Lions Club was elected 1st Vice District Governor for the 2025-2026 Lions' year. He is currently serving as 2nd Vice District Governor.

The delegates approved an amendment to add the following to the District's Constitution and By-Laws:

*Article VIII Dissolution:*

*Upon dissolution, this organization's remaining assets will be dedicated exclusively to charitable purposes.*

For more information about the District Convention and 3rd Cabinet Meeting, see the message dated March 23rd in the [online archives](#) of the district mailing list.

Several attendees provided photos from the convention. A few are included here and on the next page.





## News from Around the District

### More Photos From District Convention





## News from Around the District

### Rochester Lions Club Member Gail Karas Honored with Sagamore of the Wabash Award



Congressman Rudy Yakym and Lion Gail Karas with the prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash award.

The Rochester Lions Club is proud to celebrate one of its outstanding members, Gail Karas, who was recently honored with the Sagamore of the Wabash award, one of Indiana's highest civilian honors. The award was presented by Congressman Rudy Yakym (IN-02) in recognition of Karas' exceptional service and dedication to the community.

Gail Karas has been an active member of the Rochester Lions Club, always willing to serve in any capacity. Her servant's heart and commitment to public service have been evident throughout her career, including her tenure as the Fulton County Emergency Management Agency Director and 911 Communications Director.

"Gail has really been the tip of the spear here in Fulton County to make sure that those services operate seamlessly," said Congressman Yakym in his remarks during the award presentation.

The Rochester Lions Club is filled with dedicated individuals who work tirelessly to support the community, and Gail Karas stands out as a true leader and role model. Her efforts, both in her professional life and as a Lions Club member, have made a lasting impact on Fulton County.

"We are incredibly proud to have Gail as part of our Lions Club family," said a club representative. "Her dedication to serving others does not go

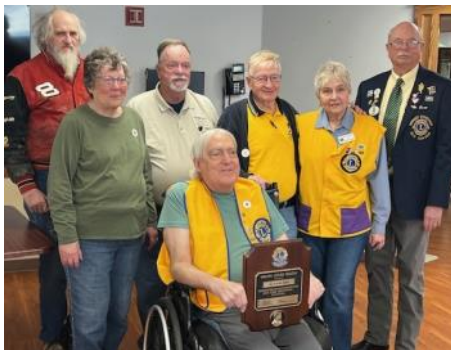
unnoticed, and this recognition is well deserved."

The Sagamore of the Wabash award is a prestigious honor bestowed by the Governor of Indiana to individuals who have demonstrated distinguished service to the state. Gail Karas joins an esteemed list of Hoosiers who have made a significant difference in their communities.

The Rochester Lions Club is dedicated to serving the local community through volunteer service and charitable initiatives. As part of Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service organization, the Rochester Lions Club focuses on making a difference in the lives of those in need.

*(Submitted by PDG Marty Juel, Elkhart Lions Club)*

### Lake City Lions Present Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Richard Sisk



The Lake City Lions Club is proud to announce that longtime member and past president Richard Sisk has been awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship, the highest form of recognition bestowed by the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). This distinguished honor is reserved for individuals who have demonstrated outstanding dedication and service within their local Lions Club, as well as in activities that extend beyond their immediate community.

A devoted Lion, Sisk has played a pivotal role in the Lake City Lions Club, serving in various leadership positions and contributing his time and talents to numerous service initiatives. However, his impact extends far beyond the local level. For several years, he was an integral part of District 25-G's eyeglass missions to Mexico, where he supervised the operation of three autorefractors—specialized

devices used to assess vision and determine appropriate eyeglass prescriptions. His leadership in this effort helped provide much-needed vision care to individuals who lacked access to proper eye care resources.

Through his unwavering commitment to service, Sisk has embodied the true spirit of Lionism—selflessness, leadership, and a passion for making a difference. The Melvin Jones Fellowship is a fitting tribute to his years of dedication, and the Lake City Lions Club celebrates this well-earned recognition.

Left: Members of the Lake City Lions who attended the presentation of the Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Richard Sisk (seated) were (l. to r.): Lions Paul Fribley, Sherri Reeve, Jon Garber, Duane Griner, and Diane Savage. On the right is District 25-G Governor Warren Allender from the Baugo Township Lions Club.

*(Submitted by PDG Marty Juel, Elkhart Lions Club)*

## News From Around the District

### Akron Lions Support Compassionate Health Center of Fulton County



The Akron Lions Club recently presented a check in the amount of \$3,509 to Mary Kay of the Compassionate Health Center of Fulton County. The Center provides free healthcare to individuals in Fulton County who do not have insurance. This includes most patients in the Akron area. The funds for this donation were raised through the club's March fish fry. Pictured here (l. to r.): Lion Chris Baker, Lion Karen Heltzel, Lion President Steve Nelson, Mary Kay with Compassionate Health Center, Lion Treasurer Jim Steen, and Lion Secretary Faith Kamp.

*(Submitted by Lion Faith Kamp, Akron Lions Club)*

### Akron Lions Recognize Members for Service to Club and Community

At the club meeting on March 11th, the Akron Lions Club recognized three Lions for their service to the club and the community.

Below Left: The club presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Merl Tinkey, pictured here with his family, in recognition of his 23 years of service to the club and community.

Below right (l. to r.) Lion Josh Manns (Past President, 2021-2023), Lion Steve Nelson (current club President), and Lion Faith Kamp (Past President, 2023-2025 and current club Secretary). The Past Presidents were presented with Testimonial of Sincere Appreciation plaques for their generosity in giving of their time and efforts to serve the Akron community.



*(Submitted by Lion Faith Kamp, Akron Lions Club)*

### Lydick Lions Donate Art Supplies to Local Daycare/Preschool



A rainbow of happiness! The Lydick Lions received this AWESOME thank you from Lydick ECM Daycare/Preschool and Director Chris Iannuzzelli for the art supplies our club collected for the preschool in February.

Pictured here (l. to r.) ECM Director Chris Iannuzzelli and Lion Wendy Yuhasz

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

## News from Around the District

### Culver Lions Recognize Lion of the Month



This month, we're proud to recognize Lion Don Langenberg as our Outstanding Lion of the Month! Lion Don is the definition of service, always ready to lend a hand wherever and whenever he's needed. Whether it's supporting our events, helping our community, or just being a dependable friend to all, Lion Don's dedication to the Culver Lions is truly inspiring.

*(Submitted by Lion Laura Anderson, Culver Lions Club)*

### Culver Lions Members Recognized at District Convention

We are proud to announce that Lion Annette Osborn and Lion Jill Neidlinger were honored with prestigious awards at the recent District 25-G Convention!



(Left) Lion Annette Osborn (3rd from right) received a Melvin Jones Fellowship in recognition of her incredible dedication to Kidsight and vision screening, helping improve children's eye health.

(Right) Lion Jill Neidlinger received an International President's Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of her outstanding contributions to Lionism and her dedication to service. This is the 4th highest award a Lion can receive! Lion Jill was not present at the Convention; her Certificate was presented to her at a subsequent club meeting.

*(Submitted by Lion Laura Anderson, Culver Lions Club)*

### Culver Lions Recognize Lion Marilyn Kelly for Sponsoring 10+ New Lions



Congratulations to Marilyn Kelly!

Marilyn has officially been pinned for sponsoring more than 10 new Lions!

Her dedication and passion for growing the Lions Club is truly inspiring.

Thank you, Marilyn, for your commitment to service and for helping strengthen our community!

*(Submitted by Lion Laura Anderson, Culver Lions Club)*



## News from Around the District

### Culver Lions Recognize Citizen of the Year, Community Organization of the Year



(Left) In March, the Culver Lions Club presented this year's Citizen of the Year Award to Dr. and Mrs. Deery in recognition of their outstanding service, dedication, and commitment to our community.

Through their tireless efforts, generosity, and leadership, Dr. and Mrs. Deery have made a lasting impact on countless lives. Whether through their professional work, community involvement, or acts of kindness, they exemplify the spirit of giving and the values we cherish in Culver.

(Right) In March, the Culver Lions Club recognized the Culver Union Township Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary as the Organization of the Year.

This incredible group of women—Suzi Wakefield, Julie Albright, Caiti Dyer, Savanna Larson, Kimberly Cooper, Emily Rogers, Sally Hubbard, and Jennah Fairchild—works tirelessly to support our local firefighters and community. Their dedication, hard work, and generosity do not go unnoticed.

*(Submitted by Lion Laura Anderson, Culver Lions Club)*



### Culver Lions Club Welcomes New Members



Brook Ash and Shirley Betz were sponsored by Lion Connie Overmyer and Lion Bruce Osborn

KP and Julie Patrick were sponsored by Lion Gail Orangias.

*(Submitted by Lion Laura Anderson, Culver Lions Club)*



### Introducing Lydick Lions Club Mascots



Introducing Lydick Lions' newest mascots, Lionel (left) and his adventurous brother Leo (right)! Lionel will be a regular presence at our monthly meetings. Meanwhile, Leo is set to embark on exciting journeys, traveling with a different member each month. From exploring local landmarks to venturing into uncharted territories, Leo's adventures are sure to be inspiring and full of surprises. Follow along on our Facebook page (Lydick Lions Club) to keep up with Leo's travels and discover where his next destination will be. Join us in welcoming Lionel and Leo to the Lydick Lions family, and stay tuned for the exciting stories they will bring!



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

## News from Around the District

### Lakeville Lions Learn About Eyeglass Missions; Present Check to Camp Millhouse



Left: At their meeting on Tuesday, March 25th, the Lakeville Lions heard about the district's eyeglass recycling and eyeglass missions program from PDG Marty Juel, one of the leaders of these programs.



Right: The club presented a check in the amount of \$1,620.14 to Diana Breden, Executive Director of Camp Millhouse in South Bend. Camp Millhouse is a non profit residential summer camp for children and adults of all ages with varying disabilities.

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

### Lydick Lions Participate in Operation KidSight

On Tuesday, February 25th, Lydick Lion Wendy Yuhasz, Clay-Granger Lions Andy & Kelly Edelbrock and Dave Coffman, held an Operation KidSight screening at Clay United Methodist Church Pre-School. They screened 49 children and had 3 referrals for further testing. Great teamwork Lions!!



Left:

Standing (l. to r.): Lion Kelly Edelbrock, Lion Wendy Yuhasz  
Seated (l. to r.): Lion Dave Coffman, Lion Andy Edelbrock

Right (l. to r.): Lion Dave Coffman, Lion Andy Edelbrock

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



### Lake City Lions Welcome New Members



Lion President Duane Griner (left) and District Governor Warren Allender (right) welcomed new members Kevin and Rejeana Mickem.

*(Submitted by DG Lion Warren Allender, Baugo Township Lions Club)*



## News from Around the District

### Lydick Lions Support Reins of Life



In March, the Lydick Lions visited Reins of Life, to present a donation check for \$1,000 to Dorota Janik, Executive Director, and also offered continued support of programs and horse care by Lydick Lions members. Dorota proudly explained Reins of Life's "Plans of Expansion", then gave a tour of the progress of the expansion of offices, stalls and indoor arena currently under construction that Reins of Life has worked so hard to fund. Congratulations Reins of Life, so well deserved!



Left (l. to r.) Lydick Lions Teckla & Mike Lane, Reins of Life Executive Director Dorota Janik, & Lydick Lion President Wendy Yuhasz



Top right: Lion Mike Lane, Reins of Life Executive Director Dorota Janik, and Lion Wendy Yuhasz

Bottom right: Reins of Life Executive Director Dorota Janik provides a tour of the construction project in progress.

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



### Peru Lions Sponsor Peace Poster Contest

Below left: Peace Poster Contest chairman Lion Dick Galvin displays the Top 5 entries in the Peru Lions Club Peace Poster Contest

Below right: Lydia Evert and her parents display her winning entry in the Peru Lions Club Peace Poster contest.



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

## News from Around the District

### Peru Lions Welcome New Members

Five new Lions were inducted by PDG Ron Guth at the March 18th meeting of the Peru Lions Club.

The Jacobson's were previously members of the Fulton Liberty Lions for about 1.5 years, leaving in June of 2021. They have relocated to Peru to be near family, and we have welcomed them back into the Lions family as well!

Below left: New Lion Kyle Eckerley with sponsor PDG Ron Guth.

Below right: New Lions Kyle Eckerley, Roland Jacobson, Kathy Jacobson, Thomas Hall, Terri Hall with sponsors Lion Ken Magers (Hall's) and Lion Dick Galvin (Jacobson's)



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

### Roann Lions Sell Food At RC Car Trophy Race, Hold Soup Supper to Fund Fireworks Show

The Roann Covered Bridge Lions Club had a busy month of activities in March. The RC (remote control) car trophy race was held on March 8th, with racers coming from as far away as Iowa, Michigan and Ohio. These races are held several weekends in our little town. The Lions Club sold sandwiches and snacks.

On Friday, March 28th. the Lions Club held a soup supper, with a choice of several soups, hotdogs, PBJ sandwiches, and desserts. The club accepted free will donations for the fireworks for the Independence Day celebration in July. The fireworks show is sponsored by the Lions Club and other community organizations. The Lions Club also collects aluminum cans to sell for firework funding.

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





**Previews of Coming Attractions**



**Madison Township Lions Club  
Pork Chop Sale**

**Saturday, May 15, 2025**

**11 AM to 2 PM**

**Madison Township Fire Station**

**66341 SR 331, Wyatt, Indiana**

**Pork Chops**

**\$8.00 each**

**10 or more \$7.50 each**

**Baked Beans with Pork \$3.00/pint**

**Carry Out Only**



**ULTRASOUND  
Eyeglass Washing**



**TUESDAY  
April 22**

**We need Lions for a one-day, two shifts  
eyeglass washing  
(9 am -11 am & 11 am -1 pm.  
We have THOUSANDS of glasses to prepare  
for the 2025 eyeglass mission.**



**Come help with District 25-G's eyeglass recycling project.  
To be held at the Fairview Grange, 22482 CR 45, Goshen  
(just east of Oxbow Park on CR 45). To be included,  
email your intentions to [marty@martyjuel.com](mailto:marty@martyjuel.com)**

## Indiana Lions State Convention



Greetings District 25-G Lions:

I hope you got a chance to read the poem generated by our good friend ChatGPT AI that was sent out on March 18. It was a whimsical reminder that the 104th Indiana Lions State Convention in Shipshewana is fast approaching. As of now, available lodging is booked up unless you have a connection in Shipshewana or want to rent out my house as an AirBnB. However, if you are in reasonable driving distance to Shipshewana and want to make a day trip or several, we can still register you for the Friday evening dinner hosted by the Dunlap Lions, Saturday lunch featuring local weatherman/pundit Gary Sieber and/or Saturday evening banquet featuring Past International President Jimmy Ross from Texas. The deadline to register for meals is past, but you are welcome to attend the Convention seminars, silent

auction, display of vendors and State projects and social interactions with fellow Lions. We would ask that you register with us even if you're not joining us for dining so we can have an accurate account of attendees.

As we head for the weekend of April 25-27, co-chairs PDG Marlyn Fast and PDG Brian Thomas want to thank the Lions of District 25-G for the confidence shown to us (no matter how misplaced) to be the chairmen of this event. Needless to say, it could not happen without the support of a dedicated committee and Lions Amanda and Susan. If you encounter these people at the Convention, please thank them.

We can still use volunteers from District 25-G to help bus tables at Saturday lunch and possibly Saturday evening banquet. We also need several volunteers to help at the Silent Auction event on Saturday. If you want to help and can help, let us know.

District 25-G hosted this Convention in 2016, and Indiana Lions still remember the fantastic time they had in Shipshewana then. We trust 2025 will provide the same long-lasting impression on our organization, and we urge you to join us.

Yours in Lionism,

PDG Marlyn Fast

PDG Brian Thomas



## Indiana Lions State Convention

### **Jimmy M. Ross Past International President Keynote Speaker at All-State Banquet**



Jimmy M. Ross of Quitaque, Texas, USA, was elected to serve as 2006-2007 president of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 89<sup>th</sup> International Convention, held in Boston, Massachusetts, USA June 30 - July 4, 2006.

Past President Ross is a rancher and a retired judge.

A Lion since 1969, Past President Ross is a member of the Quitaque Lions Club. He has held many offices within the association, including club president, multiple district secretary, state membership & extension chairperson, multiple district convention chairperson, multiple district council chairperson and international director. Additionally he has taken part in eyeglass recycling missions to South America and been involved in chartering more than 500 clubs.

Past President Ross has also been active in numerous professional and community organizations. He was a member of both the Water Control & Improvement Board and the District Juvenile Probation Board and chairperson of the board of the All Emergency Systems in 26 counties of Texas.

Past President Ross's special interests have been in membership extension, the strengthening of clubs and community service. In recognition of his work on behalf of the association, he has received many awards, including District Governor Appreciation Awards, International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor bestowed upon association members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Past President Ross and his wife, Velda, have three daughters, two granddaughters and two grandsons.

### **Gary Sieber WNDU Weatherman & Poet Keynote Speaker at Saturday Luncheon**



There's a lot more to Gary Sieber than meets the eye. Best known for Saturday morning weather poetry ("The Weather Could be Verse"), Gary has worn many hats in the Michiana community over the last four decades.

Gary served as Director of News and Public Affairs at WNDU-TV from 1985-1991. He has worked at Channel 16 since 1980. Sieber has supervised the education programs offered through WNDU for the University of Notre Dame since 1991, and still teaches Broadcast Journalism specializing in News Writing, Ethics, and Journalism Law as an Adjunct Professor of Film, Television, and Theatre at the University of Notre Dame.

In addition, Sieber has managed FCC regulatory and First Amendment legal matters for WNDU. From 1992 to 2003, Sieber supervised production and writing of the nationally distributed PBS documentary series Today's Life Choices, which garnered numerous honors including a Gabriel and several awards from the prestigious New York Festivals. Sieber hosted morning radio news and interview programs on local stations WTRC and 95.3 MNC, and is a frequent on-air host for programs airing on WNIT-TV Public Television.

During the regular Monday-Friday workday, Sieber is Director of Sales at Welch Packaging in Elkhart.

Sieber is a 1981 graduate of Notre Dame. He began his college career in Physics before changing paths and pursuing his media vocation through concentrations in government, economics, history, and literature. As a result, he has what might be described as an eclectic set of interests—which explains why he enjoys reporting and interviewing on a wide variety of topics, including the weather, of course! He's also a self-confessed golf nut, having played in places around the globe - for example, at the Old Course at St. Andrews in Scotland, Pebble Beach, Italy, Ireland, and even on the permafrost north of Fairbanks, Alaska.



## Indiana Lions State Projects & Foundation



## State Projects & Foundation Trustees

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

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## Indiana Lions Foundation Indiana State Fair Project



We may be cleaning up debris from recent spring storms, but it's not too early to start thinking about fun and fellowship with other Indiana Lions at the 2025 Indiana State Fair. This is the Foundation's single largest fundraiser. Proceeds support the operation of the Indiana Lions State Office Building and provide funds for the Foundation's new Community Service Grants.

We have spoken to our contact at the Indiana State Fair and do not anticipate any major changes for the 2025 State Fair. The Fair will be held in Indianapolis, August 1-17, 2025, and we will need volunteers to work at six gates during the Fair.

Scan the QR code above to go to <https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/what-we-do/indiana-state-fair-volunteer/> and sign up to work for the Foundation at the 2025 Indiana State Fair.

If you liked our ferris wheel and carousel pins, you'll love our new roller coaster pin. The proposed design is shown here. The only way to get one of these pins is to work for the Foundation at the Indiana State Fair.

When you work for the Indiana Lions Foundation at the Indiana State Fair, you receive W.P. Woods Fellowship credits. Work a morning shift and receive 1 credit; work an afternoon shift and receive 2 credits. You may redeem 10 credits for a W.P. Woods Fellowship for yourself or another individual.

This past July, the board of trustees of the Indiana Lions Foundation approved a proposal to allow State Fair volunteers to redeem W.P. Woods Fellowship credits for Community Service Grants to benefit Indiana Lions clubs, Indiana Lions districts, Indiana Lions state projects, or LCIF. For more information about Community Service Grants, visit the Indiana Lions Foundation website at <https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/>.

If you need assistance signing up for this project, please contact Lion Rose Russell at 574-250-0125 or [RoseWRussell@gmail.com](mailto:RoseWRussell@gmail.com).





## District Governor's Calendar

April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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20	21	<b>22 DG Visit Fulton Lib- erty LC</b>	23	24	<b>25 State Convention</b>	<b>26 State Convention</b>
<b>27 State Convention</b>	28	29	30			



## District Governor's Calendar

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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### **Mark Your Calendar**

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

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

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

### **Directory Updates**

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Meeting location:  
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South Bend, IN 46628



**Meet me in Shipshewana for the Indiana Lions State Convention!**

