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A Message from District Governor Warren Allender

So, here it is February, the month of love and affection. Lion Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is right on top of that with their new pin featuring a heart for caring and sharing. I'm sure our 1st VDG Jackie will have more to say about that, but what a way to show you care about our international causes. A \$10.00 donation will get you the pin. Go for it.



We just returned from the Mid-Winter Conference and a Council Meeting held at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport. I want to congratulate the Culver Lions for receiving the award for the club having the most members in attendance. Way to go, Culver! And what about District 25-G as a whole? We, too, shared the award for the district with the most members present. So thanks to all who attended. Let's see if I can just name the clubs. That would be, Baugo, Culver, Dunlap, Elkhart, LaFontaine, Lakeville, Lydick, Mishawaka, and Peru. If I missed a club, my bad, and your fault for not tracking me down.

It's enough to say the sessions were great and as always left my head spinning as to what needs to be done next. With that I would tell you that I did have conversations with Mark Mason from the Indiana

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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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Gaming Commission. He reviewed the proposed addition to District 25-G's constitution and by-laws on dissolution and affirmed it would work. Look for that resolution to be published in this newsletter. It will need to be voted on at the District Convention. You might want to use similar language in your club's by-laws, if you are thinking about getting a gaming license for any fundraising projects in the future.

Of course, you would expect that I attended the workshop on the portal. That was presented by Past International Director Linda Tincher. It was very informative, and here are a couple of pointers. Did you know that your club can have a Club Administrator? That person could be responsible for service reporting and other responsibilities that aren't currently being done. The District Administrator, Past District Governor Ann Haffner (ann_haffner@yahoo.com), can help sort out most of the problems being encountered with the portal. Success in the portal requires trying it out and using it.

Mission 1.5 was also a hot topic and Council Chair Julia Kozicki shared her "Secret Sauce" for recruiting new members. The best and simplest take away from that was this, new members are best at recruiting other new members. Think about yourself, did you not recruit a new member within the first year that you were a Lion. I'll bet you did, so bring a friend to a meeting.

Sunday was the Council Meeting, and we were encouraged to review our goals. We're in the second half of our Lions year. Unfortunately, the news for our goals in District 25-G are not going quite as I might have expected. Let's do a quick review, remembering our various teams and responsibilities, Global Leadership, Global Membership, Global Extension, and Global Service. New members: we were looking for (91) new members. Currently we have (40). New clubs: we would like to see (1) new club chartered. Currently that hasn't happened. We continue to look for prospective new locations. We didn't want any club to close. We have been notified of one in the process of closing and several others struggling. We needed leadership training, which was done back in June, yet a large number of club officers have not been trained. We wanted 80% (or at least 35) of our clubs to be reporting service. Currently we have just (10) clubs reporting or 22%. These are not good figures. Crazy. Lastly, we wanted 100% club participation in donations to LCIF. I tried to make it easy with "change for change", yet so far, we only have 12 clubs or 27% contributing. It's been an eye opening first half. Let's finish strong in this second half. Let's show a little love in February and live up to our motto, WE SERVE. My pin says, "Cooking up Service, Back to the Basics". The basics is service to your club (do your job, officers and members), service to your community (participate in your club projects), service to your district (support the goals of the district), and service to the world (support your International Foundation). All of these need to be reported. If you are not reporting, there is no record of it having taken place. Report it!

Lion Warren Allender, District Governor

A Message From 1st Vice District Governor Jackie Kurley



Welcome to February. This month we acknowledge Black History, canned food, grapefruit, hot breakfast, American Heart, and Valentine's Day!

For me, the most important event will be spending a week in St. Charles, IL learning how to be a District Governor. In speaking to Past District Governors, I have learned that this is a week of intense training in preparation for the coming year, but at the same time, an opportunity to meet incoming Governors from around the world. How fun that will be! My predecessors advised me to make sure I know how to use my translate app. If there is one thing I can attest to, it is that Lions International will give you as much training as you can manage.

They really want you to succeed and the networking you do is a valuable resource that enables you to receive help whenever there is a need.

One of the most important things I am learning is to plan whenever you can. My suggestion to you is to start planning now for your election of officers for the upcoming year. February and March are the ideal times to start soliciting members for the various officers in your club. April is for the actual election. By May 1st, we would like to see all Officers, including the LCIF Club Coordinator, listed in Lions Club International. When you talk about positions for your members, why not have copies of the position descriptions available for them to see what the position entails? Wouldn't it be nice for a member to feel confident they can do the job on July 1? With a little help from the present officer, some reading material, the ability to reach out to what we called in the retail world the SME (Subject Matter Expert) our District Global Leadership Trainer, and me, we can prepare your new officers to be the best they can be for your club. Also, consider rotating your officers to a different position so they can become well rounded in all the positions in your club.

As we head into the last half of the year, we need to ask ourselves "Have we entered all the service hours our club has worked hard at this year?" I am confident that your club has had a few meetings as they planned those service projects. Give yourself credit for those hours. Did your club give a donation to LCIF? Remember, to be eligible for the Club Excellence Award your club must have a donation equal to or greater than \$10.00 per member in your club. What about your Club President? Lead by example. Every donation matters. Finally, are you ready for a fun, exciting, and memorable District Convention? Make your plans to attend the convention on March 8th at the Oakwood Resort in Syracuse.

Stay warm and safe.

Lion Jackie Kurley, 1st Vice District Governor

A Message From 2nd Vice District Governor Steve Weld

Just as Lions Clubs International organizes and focuses the effort and energy of our service around the world by defining our Global Causes (Diabetes, Environment, Hunger relief, Pediatric cancer, Vision, Disaster relief, Humanitarian, and Youth), the Lions of Indiana, Multiple District 25, has created several organizations to focus on, serve, and advocate for particular areas of need within our state. In addition to the Indiana Lions Foundation, there are five State Projects:



- Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc.
- Indiana Lions for Leader Dog, Inc.
- Lions Cancer Control fund for Indiana, Inc.
- Indiana Lions Eye Bank/Vision First
- Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc.

The Foundation and each of the State Projects are chartered as 501(c)3 charitable organizations, operating in partnership with, but as separate and distinct identities from the Indiana Lions. Each has its own board of trustees, made up of Lions representing each of the districts within Multiple District 25, and each is charged with fulfilling all the duties and responsibilities of a not-for-profit organization working to meet a defined set of needs.

Each of the State Projects is focused on and dedicated to serving the needs defined by their name, anywhere within the state of Indiana. With a broader charter and focus, the mission of the Indiana Lions Foundation is "...to assist Indiana Lions Clubs, Sub-districts of Indiana Lions and the State Projects of Multiple District 25 to carry out their charitable purposes".

Does your Club know of a need in your community which may be better served with the advice or assistance of one of the State Projects or of the Foundation? Reach out to a district trustee for that organization today, and they would be glad to both provide more information on how they serve, and how they may be able to partner with your Club to meet those needs.

Lion Steve Weld, 2nd Vice District Governor

Celebrating 163 Years of Service

District 25-G recognizes Lions Clubs chartered during the month of February. These clubs have been serving their local communities for a total of 163 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
Argos	February 1, 1937	88
Clay-Granger	February 3, 1950	75

A Message From District Cabinet Secretary Lion Kim Polk

It has been cold and blustery this week. My office area where I work part time has been lucky to get to 66 degrees. So layering of clothes and fingerless gloves have come in handy. My granddaughter, Mattie, insisted her babydoll needed to get dressed in layers before we could leave the house. Even though it has been cold and blustery this week, we have had robins in our yard. I'm not sure if they are expecting worms, but they are definitely not going to find them. So they are foraging for any berries and seeds that are left on the bushes. The robins are definitely looking forward to spring. I am looking forward to some warm weather as well.



As we are all looking forward to spring, we also need to start planning for our new Lions year as well. Has your club started thinking about who will be serving in key officer and leadership roles. As some of my articles have alluded to in the past, we need to think about who we can bring alongside us or into a leadership role so that our club has sustainability in the future. If the same person does the same job year after year, there is no long term sustainability. Every one of us has the potential of having health issues or potentially needing to move. As my spouse, PDG Tom, says, what happens to this job/position/business if I get hit by a bus today? Who is going to take over? Will they know what to do? Will the transition go smoothly or will they struggle? If we, as Lions, consider these things and work on bringing others into leadership roles, our clubs will be sustained.

Charity Gaming – If you were unable to attend the session at Mid-Winter, you still have the opportunity to learn about Charity Gaming by signing up for the Gaming Commission free virtual training sessions. The next one is February 19, 2025. You can sign up at <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ur-ZIQmkE0-wxBi0WTPYjZDn5dzQCK9FkDTz5ZYiGJ1UMUdHVTU0WDU1UUFOTURNuk9JVEcxOTZSViQIQCN0PWcu>

The District will be addressing Charity Gaming on the District Level in a proposed amendment to our Constitution at our District Convention in March. I would encourage Clubs to become familiar with the Indiana Laws regarding Charity Gaming to see if their Club needs to address it. If you have questions, please contact DG Allendar or me.

To vote at the District Convention, clubs must be in good standing, having paid all District and International dues and International invoices by February 21. Each club is entitled to one delegate and one alternate for every 10 members, or a major fraction thereof (five or more members). These members must have been enrolled in the club for at least one year and one day by February 1. Additionally, the District Governor and all Past District Governors in good standing with a club in District 25-G get one additional vote each. Clubs should ensure dues are paid on time, especially if sent by mail, to allow processing before the deadline. Realize that the processing by Lions Club International may take 10 business days.

Yours in service,

Lion Kim Polk,

District 25-G Cabinet Secretary

A Message From District Cabinet Treasurer PDG Ron Guth



Hello Lions of District 25-G,

It has been slightly over two weeks since I sent out the district dues invoices, and I appreciate that 27 clubs have promptly made their payments. I am confident that the remaining clubs will follow suit shortly. All clubs should have received notice of your LCI dues invoice addressed to the club treasurer, unless your club did not report officers to LCI. If you have not received an invoice or statement, please contact me, so that I can assist you in accessing it or provide a copy. Thank you all for your attention to this necessary administrative task, which is essential for maintaining the strength of our association.

A significant portion of the district dues is allocated to the state office to cover various expenses, including the Mid-Winter Conference held on Saturday, January 18th. Lion Beth and I strive to attend this event whenever possible. It is a unique opportunity within the state to gain insight into the diverse array of activities Lions undertake to serve the community. The seminars are interesting, lasting only 45 minutes each, and you are usually surprised when it's time to move on. Deciding which sessions to attend can be challenging due to the extensive selection of topics offered.

One of the highlights of the state conferences and conventions are the information tables and displays from various state projects. These exhibits effectively inform Lions about their initiatives to serve the community. Each project has three trustees in each district who are willing to give a presentation at your club meeting upon request. Simply ask, and we will arrange a visit. The projects rely heavily on donations from clubs and individual members, so we ask for your support in contributing as much as you can to assist them. The state projects, foundation, and committees are **Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Vision First Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Indiana Lions for the ISBVI, and Indiana Lions Foundation.**

Donations are also accepted for the **Diabetes** and **Special Olympics Committees** at both district and state levels. When your club decides to donate to any of the projects, please write a single check payable to District 25-G. Mail the check to me along with a brief note specifying the allocation amount and the specific projects to which the funds should be directed. I will consolidate your contributions with those from other clubs received at the same time, and issue checks to the designated projects, accompanied by a letter indicating the sources of the donations, thereby ensuring that your club receives appropriate credit.

Donations to LCIF are not managed at the district level and should be sent directly to LCIF with a completed donation form or Melvin Jones Fellowship application. If you require any forms, please inform me, and I will provide them.

We Serve,

PDG Ron Guth, Cabinet Treasurer

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Global Leadership Team

Seems Like We Just Did This



Pity the person, Lion Jackie Kurley, getting ready to become our next District Governor, or our incoming First Vice District Governor, Lion Steve Weld. They are busy hustling already to fill all those blanks in District Governor Elect Jackie's directory, about 40-some positions. Asking and being turned down by their first choices (hopefully) is frustrating, so if asked to assume a District position, please say "Yes". Lions International has piled such a load on these candidates that the directory should be a minor effort, not the time-consuming effort it has become.

On the Club level, however, creating a slate of new officers can be much tougher. Some Lions have held the same positions for so long that they have no desire to move on to something else. Some just don't want to serve any longer, period. And in a few cases, the Club might be better served if another Lion took over that position. But the saddest response of all comes from those Lions who simply don't want any part of any leadership position.

I am now 7/12 done with my 4th non-consecutive term as Club President. We know what we have to do the remaining 5/12 of my term, but it is hard to keep the Club motivated for a full year. And that makes it all the harder for next year's President. But again, filling the slate of incoming officers seems to get harder every year and takes more and more time.

So how do we get new officers for the next Club year? It all starts with a Nominating Committee which should be already meeting and talking already, early as it seems. I would recommend the Committee be formed of former officers, present officers, and non-officers. So just what should this Committee be looking for?

1. Lions who can be trusted to do the job.
2. Lions who appreciate the service the Lions do in the community.
3. Lions who are willing to learn their jobs if elected, perhaps even pledging to attend officers training.
4. Lions who will willingly do their jobs and are alert to community service efforts.
5. Lions who are aware of the larger context of Lions in the state, nation, and world.

How do we find these paragons of Lionism? First, by observing Club members to see who matches any of the criteria you desire. Second, by suggesting to them, and others, that the Club could really use their talents. Be aware that excess pressure can be counterproductive. Third, make a formal request that they consider the job, or another vacancy.

Remember, this is not an open-ended process. Your new officers should be chosen, inducted, and reported to Lion Jackie and Lions International no later than the first of May. Lion Jackie has strict deadlines to meet as well, so let's not keep her in suspense until the day before. Check with her to get her timeline. Remind yourself of the pressure she is under. Help her to be successful.

I consider that I really only have two months to get new officers lined up for our Club, so I need to hustle as well. I would be embarrassed if my Club were the last in the District to report to Lion Jackie. Don't let yours be, either.

PCC Dave Eisen, Global Leadership Team Coordinator

Global Membership & Extension Team

MISSION 1.5 * We are on a Mission to Grow



Lions of District 25-G: You can have an impact in your community!

Lions Club is an ideal place to make an impact in your community. This certainly would be a place to encourage friends, co-workers, and peers to participate in Lions activities and experience the joy of serving your community, first hand. In this process you will develop lasting friendships and at the same time create leadership skills, thus making a difference right where you live. How could your friends not want to join Lions in this amazing service; an impact that will last for years to come. So **"Just Ask"**.

Thank you for all of 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.

PDG Marlyn Fast, Global Membership & Global Extension Coordinator

Here We Grow Again

Since the start of the current Lions year, 17 district clubs have welcomed 42 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 Juno Page
Sponsor: Lion Duane Klein

Elkhart Lions Club

New Member: Lion Paula Bauters
Sponsor: Lion Linda Choler
New Member: Lion Leigh Poepelman
Sponsor: Lion Linda Choler

New Paris Lions Club

New Member: Lion Andrea Kelsey
Sponsor: Lion Keri Silcox
New Member: Lion Brandon Kelsey
Sponsor: Lion Kevin Silcox
New Member: Lion Brandi Prater
Sponsor: Lion Andrea Kelsey



MISSION 1.5

Global Service Team



Brrrrrr! It has been cold outside with temperatures below 0 and wind chill of 5 below or less. It has been a frigid month. I hope everyone has been staying inside and staying warm. After everyone braved the cold weather, we are now dealing with high winds for the past 3 days.

My article is short this month. I have been sick with acute bronchitis for over a week, so it has been a heck of a ride.

My article is short, but I need to mention that we still have some clubs that have not entered their Service Hours. I would like to see how we can help you or your club members to enter your club's Service Hours. We need your hours to help our District Governor achieve his service reporting goal. I would like to come and visit your Club to see how I can help with your Service Hours. I will

walk you through the procedure to enter your Service Hours.

PDG Mary Klempay, Global Service Team Coordinator
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The Lions Motto is "WE SERVE" and we are alive and well in District 25-G!



LCIF Coordinators Update



Want to be a member of the cool club?

Well, it is pretty simple. Give a minimum \$10 donation, and your District LCIF Coordinator will give you the Cool Club "I LOVE LCIF" pin

Yes, this donation will count towards your Melvin Jones Fellowship or your Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship. If possible, have your membership number handy or we can look it up for you.

Club Presidents: Have your Club Treasurer make a club donation and you give an individual donation, and get two cool pins!

Now is the time to become a member of the coolest club, while supporting Lions Club International Foundation.

Contact your LCIF Coordinators:

Lion Sopheap Long (Sopheap.long@gmail.com) or 1VDG Lion Jackie Kurley (Kurmon@comcast.net)

From: "Snow, Lora" <Lora.Snow@lionsclubs.org>
Date: January 20, 2025 at 11:11:57 EST
Subject: Updates on California Wildfire Relief Efforts

Good morning, Areas A/B/C/D Lions, (all Area A/B/C/D Area Leaders, Multiple District and District Coordinators included in this communication)

I hope this message finds you well. I know many of us are eager for updates regarding relief efforts and support for those impacted by the California wildfires. While progress is being made, we want to acknowledge the challenges we're facing with limited to no access to burned areas, as they remain unsafe.

Rest assured, everyone at LCIF, along with our dedicated Lions on the ground in California, is working diligently to provide relief and support to affected communities. Here is what we know so far:

- LCIF has awarded US\$130,000 in grant funding to support Lions in their relief efforts.
- Lions in impacted areas are working hard to assess needs, identify opportunities to assist their communities, and mobilize grant funds.
- The Lions of California have quickly established a disaster relief committee and are actively coordinating efforts.
- Multiple district and district leadership teams are collaborating to evaluate the situation, determine needs, and support fundraising efforts.

As you can imagine, the situation remains challenging, with ongoing hazards, curfews, and restricted areas. Responding to a disaster of this magnitude takes time, but Lions of California are actively in communication with shelters and first responders to assess needs and provide support where possible.

We will continue to share updates as they become available from our Grants Team and LCIF leadership in California.

Thank you for your continued support, patience, and dedication during this difficult time. Your efforts to share information and assist Lions in California are making a difference.

With gratitude,

Lora

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Call for Nominations for District Officers & Trustees

Letters of intent and club endorsement letters for the 2025 District 25-G elections are **NOW** being accepted for the following officer positions:

- District Governor,
- 1st Vice District Governor, and
- 2nd Vice District Governor.

Also to be elected at the District Convention will be trustees for the Indiana Lions Foundation (3-year term) and the following state projects:

- Indiana Lions Cancer Control Fund, Inc. (3-year term);
- Vision First Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Inc. (3-year term);
- Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc. (3-year term);
- Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc. (3-year term); and
- Indiana Lions for Leader Dog, Inc. (3-year term).

Each candidate must submit his/her own letter of intent to run. Additionally, the candidate's home club must submit a letter of recommendation.

Both letters must be submitted to the Chairperson of the Nominations and Elections Committee prior to the March 8th, 2025 District Meeting.

Letters can be submitted to Lion Sopheap Long, Nominations Chair, 13793 US Hwy 20, Middlebury, IN 46540. Email documents are to be sent to sopheap.long@gmail.com.

Proposed Amendment to District Constitution & By-Laws

In that District 25-G desires to engage in gaming activities as defined by Indiana statute and that the current District Constitution and By-Laws do not have a dissolution clause as stipulated in said statute, an amendment is required.

In that the District Governor directed the Constitution and By-Laws chair to draft such a document and present it to the district cabinet at their November 9th, 2024, cabinet meeting. This was done as requested. The cabinet asked for a review of the document. Such action has now been completed. The original draft as prepared by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee is now being put forward as a proposed amendment to be voted on at the District Convention, on March 8th, 2025. If adopted, this amendment will be added to the By-Laws.

Proposed Amendment:

Article VIII Dissolution

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

News from Around the District

Culver Lions Celebrate Students of the Month at Culver Elementary School

Earlier this month, we had the honor of hosting a pancake breakfast for the amazing Students of the Month from Culver Elementary School!

These outstanding young leaders are shining examples of hard work, kindness, and dedication in our community.

With germs on the rise, we swapped the classic heartfelt handshake for a fun and friendly elbow bump because nothing stops us from celebrating these incredible kids!

A big "Thank you" to the families, teachers, and staff who joined us to make this event so special. Let's keep supporting and inspiring our future leaders!

(Submitted by Lion Laura Anderson, Culver Lions Club)



Culver Lions Recognize Lion of the Month



Lion Gary Schaffer was recognized as the Culver Lions Club Lion of the Month for January 2025.

(Submitted by Lion Laura Anderson, Culver Lions Club)

Culver Lions Earn Attendance Award at Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference

The Culver Lions Club received the Highest Club Attendance award at the 2025 Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference in Indianapolis on January 18th.



Back Row: Lions Jill Neidlinger, Annette Osborn, Joy McCarthy, Eddi Langenberg, Laura Anderson

Front Row: Lions Jennah Fairchild, Kellie Harris

(Submitted by Lion Laura Anderson, Culver Lions Club)

News from Around the District

Lapaz Lions Club Support LaVille Elementary School Citizenship Awards



For several years, the LaPaz Lions Club has made a \$1,000 donation to use for awards to LaVille Elementary School students for their excellent citizenship. Students receiving the awards are selected by their teachers at the end of each grading period. Pictured here, Lapaz Lions Club President Steve Cox (left) presents a \$1,000 check to LaVille Elementary School Principal Dr. Ernesto Martinez.

(Submitted by Lion Don Balka, Lapaz Lions Club)

Lakeville Lions Club Welcomes New Members

At their dinner meeting on January 28th, the Lakeville Lions Club inducted two new members. Lion Larry Ort sponsored both of these new members. Pictured here (l. to r.) Lion Larry Ort, new Lion Karman Eash, new Lion Khristian McCutchan, PDG Paul Russell, President Lion Jim Tibbs.

(Photo by Lion Anne Weber, Lakeville Lions Club)



District 25-G Lions at Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference



Growing Lions Workshop

Join Lion leaders from across **Global Action Team Area 1E** to learn tips & tools you can use to **start new clubs & grow membership in existing clubs.**

This Workshop is designed for your **District Growth Team** to work through the process of starting new clubs together & use these same tools to rejuvenate membership in current clubs — and, if all goes well, have a new club chartered, or well on its way to being chartered, by the end of the 6 week session or soon thereafter.

All sessions are virtual & begin @ 7 PM CST (Central)



Thursday, January 16
Thursday, January 30
Thursday, February 13

Advance Registration Required

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

<https://bit.ly/AreaEGrow>

Workshop Overview

- Session 1 - Mission To Grow, Resources, Clubs Types & Formats, Develop Your Team, Identify Areas of Opportunity & Site Research
- Session 2 - Promoting the New Club, Inviting A New Generation, Recruitment Models, Recruiting Tips
- Session 3 - Formation Meetings, Club Process & Approval & Launching the Club
- Each session involves a 120 minute virtual learning component, success stories, and an assignment to complete before the next session
- District Teams will work together during each session to plan & strategize
- Live participation in all sessions is strongly encouraged
- Session recordings will be available



District 25-G CONVENTION

Oakwood Resort
702 East Lake View Road
Syracuse, IN 46567

Saturday
March 8, 2025
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Special Guest ID Maria T. Cunning



Maria T. Cunning from Phoenix, Arizona, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of LCI in July 2023. She has more than 35 years of experience in real estate development and currently manages and operates three companies. She speaks 3 languages—English, Filipino and Spanish. She is a third generation Lion with a passion for service and going on medical missions. She joined the Phoenix Barangay Lions Club as a charter member in 1996 and has served with them ever since. Additionally, she has served as guiding Lion for two clubs in the Phoenix area. In recognition of her service to the association, she has received numerous awards including an International President's Award and an International President's Leadership Award. She is also a LCIF Progressive Lead Donor and a LCIF Legacy Society member. Director Cunning has two wonderful adult sons and hopes that grandchildren are in her future. Her hobbies are service, recruiting new Lions and travel.

\$30*
Per Person

Enjoy morning coffee, juice & rolls and a noon lunch buffet.

For room reservations, call the Oakwood Resort (574) 457-7100. Courtyard view (\$129) and lake view (\$149).

DISTRICT CONVENTION RESERVATIONS

Name _____ Club _____

Name _____ Club _____

Name _____ Club _____

Name _____ Club _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ for _____ reservations at \$30 each.

Mail this reservation and your check payable to District 25-G
by Feb. 26 (Payments after March 1 will be \$35 per person) to:

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

Indiana Lions State Convention



Following a productive 2025 Mid-Winter conference in Indianapolis, our thoughts turn to the upcoming 2025 Indiana Lions State Convention in Shippshewana, April 25-27, 2025.

All the basic planning is in place with lodging, food, seminars and exciting guest speakers. Elsewhere in this newsletter is the registration form to use. Note that the lodging deadline is March 26, not April 1 as found on earlier forms.

This convention will be the closest to many of you in District 25-G for several years. If you are close enough to drive back and forth from home, you probably don't need to arrange for lodging at the Farmstead Inn. We do encourage you to attend and register for Friday dinner hosted by the Dunlap Lions Club. Then attend Saturday for the luncheon with guest speaker Gary Sieber, local weatherman and

published poet, and the All-State Banquet with special guest Past International President Jimmy Ross from Texas.

Saturday will feature a state business meeting, informative seminars, exhibit and vendor hall, and a Silent Auction. Sunday will feature another state business meeting, memorial service, and awards presentation.

We are still looking for items to place in the Silent Auction. Both Lions-related and general items that will be bid on. Please contact PDG Marlyn Fast or PDG Brian Thomas if you have something to contribute.

There is still a need for volunteers for the registration table and various other functions throughout the convention.

To all District 25-G clubs: We are placing a full-page ad in the program book listing as many clubs as are willing to participate with a line listing the club name and your favorite project or what you're best known for. Cost of the ad will be shared by the number of clubs participating. If you wish to purchase a stand-alone ad in the book for your club, the prices are \$200 for a half page or \$75 for a quarter page. Questions and interest can be directed to 1st DG Jackie Kurley (kurmon@comcast.net) or Lion Sopheap Long (sopheap.long@gmail.com).

We will be at the District Meeting in Syracuse on March 8 to answer any questions and collect Silent Auction items.

We hope to see many of you there.

PDG Marlyn Fast & PDG Brian Thomas



Indiana Lions State Convention

JIMMY M. ROSS **PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT**



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 89th 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.





2025 Indiana Lions 104th State Convention

Hosted by District 25-G
April 25-27, 2025



**Farmstead Inn and Conference Center, Shipshewana, Indiana
With Special Guest PIP Jimmy Ross**

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR LODGING BY MARCH 26, 2025
Farmstead Inn and Conference Center, 370 S Van Buren St, Shipshewana, Indiana 46565
Call (260) 768-4595 and reference LIONS
Room Rate: \$159 + taxes per night (includes hot breakfast)

Please use one form per person

Deadline: All registration forms must be postmarked by March 26, 2025
Please clearly print name and Lion title as desired to appear on Name Badge:

Name and Lion Title: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

District: _____ Club: _____

Is this your FIRST Indiana Lions State Convention? (please circle one) YES NO

Please list any Special dietary needs here: _____

Friday Evening Dinner \$15 _____

Authentic Amish Haystack Dinner, hosted by Dunlap Lions Club

Saturday Lunch \$25 _____

Buffet: baked pineapple ham, meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad, pie

Saturday Strides Walk T-Shirt: \$20 _____

Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL (please circle one)

Saturday Dinner: \$35 _____

Plated: roast beef & poppy seed chicken, mashed potatoes, noodles, green beans, salad, pie

Total Registration Due: _____

Mail this form with payment to:

Lion Jeanine Juel, 3204 Village Ct, Goshen, IN 46528

Jeanine@martyjuel.com or (574) 370-2475

Registration must be postmarked by March 26, 2025

Make checks payable to: **Indiana Lions State Convention**

2025 Indiana Lions 104th State Convention

Hosted by 25 - G

April 25, 26, 27, 2025

Farmstead Inn Shpshewana, Ind.

With Special Guest - Past International President Jimmy Ross

Exhibit and Vendor Applications

Each 10'x12' Booth includes 8' table and two chairs

Lions Exhibitor \$25

Non-Lion Exhibitor \$50

Electrical hookup \$20

Additional Booth \$50

Vendor room will be available for set up starting at 9:00 A.M. on Friday April 25th

Vendor's hours: Friday 1:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. Saturday 9:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Please return the completed form and payment by March 15, 2025, to

Lion Marlin Culp

54239 Riverview Drive

Elkhart, Ind 46514

Make payment to Lions of Indiana Inc. - c/o 2025 State Convention

Questions, please contact

Lion Marlin Culp

mcgto@aol.com (574)596-7095

or PDG Brian Thomas

brian10kaol.com (574) 596-7411

Name of Exhibitor _____

Organization Lion Club _____

Phone _____ Email _____

____ Lions Exhibitor ____ Non-Lion Exhibitor ____ Electricity ____ Additional Booth

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Thank You for Supporting the Lions of Indiana – WE SERVE!



Sponsorship Levels



Premier Level - \$10,000

This sponsorship includes your logo on all printed materials, including a full page ad in the program book, logo in all ads in the Hoosier Lion newspaper (sent to all members in December, February and April), logo in the convention information on the state website, public acknowledgement at all meals and a speaking slot to showcase your business to the attendees during the Saturday lunch.

Platinum Level - \$5,000

This sponsorship includes your logo on all printed materials, including a full page ad in the program book, logo in all ads in the Hoosier Lion newspaper (sent to all members in February and April), logo in the convention information on the state website, and public acknowledgement during all meals.

Gold Level - \$2,500

This sponsorship includes a half page ad in the program book, logo in the April Hoosier Lion, logo in the convention information on the state website and a public acknowledgement during the Saturday lunch

Silver Level - \$1,000

This sponsorship includes a half page ad in the program book and a public acknowledgement during the Saturday lunch.

Lion Cub Banner - \$500

This sponsorship level is a one-time advertisement opportunity to display your physical banner at the entry hall during our events.



Sponsorship Levels



Program Advertisements

- \$300 full page ad 8 x 10
- \$200 half page ad 8 x 5
- \$75 quarter page ad 4 x 5

Silent Auction Donations

We are also accepting gift donations for the Silent Auction fundraiser. These may include things like gift cards, gift certificates, gift baskets, etc.

Please provide the following information:

Company Name: _____

Sponsorship Level: _____

Contact Information: _____

Invoice needed: Yes ___ No ___

We thank you for your generous support. If you have additional questions please feel free to reach out at any time to:

PDG Lion Brian Thomas (574) 596-7411
PDG Lion Marlyn Fast (574) 596-538-1090

Indiana Lions State Projects & Foundation



State Projects & Foundation Trustees

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

Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc.

Lion Beth Guth (Peru)	guthbeth@comcast.net	765-210-3318
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PDG Paul Russell (Lakeville)	pdgpaul25g@gmail.com	574-250-2621

Vision First Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Inc.

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PDG Ron Guth (Peru)	guthron@comcast.net	765-460-7177
PDG Tom Polk (LaFontaine)	pdgtompolk@gmail.com	260-571-5123

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Lion Jerry Wright (Syracuse)	(no email address)	574-457-6811

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Indiana Lions Foundation Indiana State Fair Project



We may be shoveling snow from the sidewalk and scraping ice from the car windows now, 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.





District Governor's Calendar

February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 DG Visit Lapaz LC	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 DG Visit Atwood LC	11 DG Visit Denver Comm LC	12	13 DG Visit Argos LC	14	15
16	17	18 DG Visit Somerset LC	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	



District Governor's Calendar

March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7 District Convention	8 District Convention
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Baugo Twp LC	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Greene Twp LC Anniversary	28	29
30	31					

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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

p. 30 Lydick Lions Club
Meeting location:
Lydick United Methodist Church
26510 Edison Rd.
South Bend, IN 46628



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