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A Message from District Governor Warren Allender

BOOM!! 2024 done, gone and over with.

BANG!! 2025 here to stay. What do you say about that? New Years resolutions? Optimistic about the upcoming year? Feeling free to get fired up, moving on, trying something new and different? Oh yeah! It's all good.

All true as well, but not so fast there, Lions, we are only halfway through. You know that funfilled fiscal year thing, July to June. We've got more to do before we close our doors on another Lions year.



Yet, January is a great time to reflect on the past six months. I am so appreciative of all of the clubs we, Susi and I, have visited and the warm welcome we have been given. Truly, the most motivating factor for me to seek the district governor position was to travel to all the clubs and experience the community and the services you provide. I have not been disappointed; Hoosier Hospitality is for real. This past month, it was to Millersburg Lions Christmas celebration, with a fundraising event for a needy newborn in the community. Then it was a luncheon given by Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, with three scholarships awarded to students from District 25-G. After that, Grass Creek Lions had a wonderful Christmas meeting with light snacks 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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work to be done. Twenty-nine Christmas bags were filled with goodies for shut-in seniors. I was humbled by their unselfish service to others, not only in their community but internationally as well. They recognized the many Melvin Jones Fellowship recipients within their club as I was simply explaining "Change for Change". It was a true recognition of the power of the purse. We ended our month's travels at Lakeville Lions attending their Christmas celebration where Past Council Chair Vic Fisher inducted three new members. It's been a full six months.

Looking ahead this month, January, we will visit Silver Lake, Mishawaka, Leesburg, Etna Green, Akron, and Urbana, weather permitting.

January is the month of New Year's resolutions and goal setting. In a Lions year, it's a time to review our goals and reflect on how we are doing. So how are we doing? I'm going with ... "as good as we can"... I am, you are, we are all volunteers, who give unselfishly of our time, talent, and resources. Are we perfect? No. Can we do better? Yes. So, as we start the new calendar year, if your club is reporting new members, service projects, and LCIF contributions, I say "Thank You!" If your club isn't reporting new members, service projects, and LCIF contributions, this is the month to start, a new beginning and again I say "Thank You!" (footnote* I can't think of one club that didn't do something in December, be it a meeting or service project ... report it.)

Lastly, I'm going to take a minute to look back and say thank you to all of the committee members, cabinet members, and zone chairs that have made the past six months a success. You were asked to do a little more, in fact you did a lot more. Thank you. And to the host clubs, my home club, Baugo Township, and Argos Lions, thank you for allowing us to come and use your facilities and time.

Looking forward, our next cabinet meeting will be held in conjunction with our District Convention, March 8th, at Oakwood in Syracuse, and our last meeting will be where I started visitations, at Roann Covered Bridge, May 17th. So, there you have it, a new year underway. Enjoy.

Lion Warren Allender, District Governor

A Wish for the New Year

"I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're doing something." — Neil Gaiman

A Message From 1st Vice District Governor Jackie Kurley



Happy New Year! It may be the new calendar year, but it is the halfway point for our Lions' year. Do we have our goals halfway completed? I can tell you that I do not have mine halfway completed. It seemed like the holidays crept up on me, then lasted a long time. I hope you had enjoyable Christmas and New Year's celebrations and received everything you asked Santa for and then got a little more. My family celebrated a bit early and seeing the excitement in those kids' eyes brought sheer joy to my heart. Family, that is what is the most essential element in life. I did not always see that, to be honest with you, but as I matured, I realized family members are always the ones that have your best interest in mind.

Anyway, we are halfway through this year and as a District we are plugging right along. As of the November numbers, we are at 27% of our LCIF goal. We also brought in forty new members, yay, but we lost thirty-eight members, giving us a net positive two members. I certainly hope that we have clean numbers as we head into this second half of the year. In case you were not aware, District Govenor Warren's goals included having every club president in the district give a donation to LCIF along with 70% of all clubs donating as well. We are not doing so well in those categories. On a positive note, though, Donor Services is finally catching up with all donations prior to December.

As far as Mission 1.5, you know - the goal to reach 1.5 million members by 2027 - have you asked yourself if you have done everything you could to get members into your club to do service for your community? Remember the key is to get more members without losing the ones you already have in the club. Our population is not decreasing as rapidly as our membership, so we are trying to figure out ways to combat this declining membership. There is a huge push toward training and giving us the tools to increase our membership. There are Zoom meetings scheduled titled appropriately enough, "Growing Lion" workshops. They are scheduled for January 16, January 30, and February 13. All sessions will start at 8:00 PM EST. Let us "break the internet" with participation! I am sure there will be workshops at the Mid-Winter Conference on January 18th in Indianapolis to help answer these questions. There is still time to attend this wonderful day of training. To break in your 2025 calendar even more, please plan to attend the District Convention on March 8th and start making plans for your stay in Shipshewana for the State Convention, April 25- 27.

Lastly, as I have started to gather District officers for my Govenor's year, I would like anyone interested in learning about the various positions we need to fill for the year to contact me so I can get you more information. I promise you just as the Past District Governors have promised me ... "we will not let you fail!" Our district is rich in knowledge and experience, and we all want to see that our 25-G remain strong and expand for years to come.

Lion Jackie Kurley, First Vice District Govenor

A Message From 2nd Vice District Governor Steve Weld



Lions Club International recently implemented a major upgrade to the data and information systems which enable our Association to function and to support the efforts of our clubs and districts. Known as the Lions Portal, its rollout has not gone as smoothly as many had desired and hoped. The difficulties in the rollout are probably not surprising given the challenges of deploying a massive and complete overhaul to the management of every administrative data element for 1.4 million members belonging to over 46 thousand clubs in over 200 countries and geographic areas, serving together in the world's largest service organization.

So what is the Lion Portal? Using software built by SalesForce (the largest enterprise software firm in the world serving 90% of Fortune 500

companies), the new portal combines the functionality of our legacy data systems -- MyLCI, MyLion, and Insights, in particular -- along with additional tools and functionality, to make available a wide range of data, reports, and administrative tasks to any Lion from a unified and (reasonably) organized interface. Most Lions never interact with this information, and some may not even know that such systems exist. However, for Lion officers and leaders at the Club and District level, the Portal is where many transactions and queries essential to the effective operations of the organization take place.

Part of the criticism the new system has faced is the difficulty many people feel in learning how to enter into the complexity of all the tasks, reports, and information that the system presents. Where do I start? More importantly, how do I get to where I want to go, getting past or ignoring all the other stuff which is of no interest to me right now? Navigating a new system can be extremely challenging, and our Association continues to work towards improving the system and the user experience based on all the feedback they have received.

Would you like to know more? Check out the Lion Portal Updates page on the Lions website's Member Resource Center (https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/digital-products/portalupdates). The page offers links to training videos and quick guides for many tasks and actions commonly done by Club and District officers. It also provides contact information (both phone and email) for requesting assistance directly from the Member Service Center, who will provide expert assistance in accessing the information you need to make the Lion Portal work for you.

> Lion Portal Shop Home Membership ~ Service ~ Learn Reports/Insights ~ More Welcome Paul Russell! Welcome to the Lion Portal DONATE **Insights Summary** we taken the functionality of MyLion, MyLCI, Insights and other tools and comb QUICK LINKS nce - the Lion Portal irces and FAQs will help make sure that you and your fellow Lions and Leos keep nt on Lion Po Lions Quest -49 973 1= Contact Members Services

Lion Steve Weld, 2nd Vice District Governor

A Message From District Cabinet Secretary Lion Kim Polk



Does your Lions Club do anything that falls under Charity Gaming? Has your club considered doing events that involve charity gaming but don't know where to begin? Examples of activities that fall under the Charity Gaming Commission laws are: bingo, raffles, casino game nights, pull tabs, punchboards, tip boards, water race, guessing games, and sports themed tip boards. Gambling has three main elements: risk something of value, gain something of value and there is chance involved. The Indiana Gaming Commission will be offering a training session at the Mid-Winter Conference. Plan to attend their session at Mid-Winter to learn more about Charity Gaming and how it applies to Lions.

If you are unable to attend Mid-Winter, the Gaming Commission is also

offering virtual training sessions throughout this year. All training sessions will be conducted electronically via Microsoft Teams. This software is free to you and is an easy-to-use social media application. This software can be installed on Mac or Windows based devices and may be downloaded to computers and smart phones.

The dates of training are February 19, 2025, May 21, 2025, August 20, 2025, and November 19, 2025. There will be three separate training sessions on each day listed. All sessions will contain the same information. Training will start at 10:00 am, 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm (Indianapolis Time). The training will last between 60 and 90 minutes.

Indiana Laws regarding Charity Gaming can be found at <u>https://www.in.gov/igc/charity-gaming/</u>. The link for the Flyer for the training can be found at: <u>https://www.in.gov/igc/charity-gaming/</u>. The link for registering for the training can be found at: <u>https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ur-ZIQmkE0-</u>

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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 Allender or me.

Yours in service,

Lion Kim Polk,

District 25-G Cabinet Secretary



A Message From District Cabinet Treasurer PDG Ron Guth



Hello Lions!

I am drafting this article on Christmas Eve, so hopefully Santa will put me on the "nice" list for getting it sent in on time. Of course, if you are a Lion, we are all on the nice list anyway.

As you are getting this message in January, it is too late to make any changes to the club membership count used for dues billing by LCI effective the end of day 12/31/2024. I will be sending out invoices via email to most of you and a few by mail for those without email address listed in LCI or sending to me if updated. LCI takes a bit to get the records sorted but you should expect that they will have your club invoice ready in the first week of January and I will be sending out the

district dues based on their numbers soon after. The district dues invoice is payable on receipt and expected within 30 days of the invoice date. If you did not get an LCI invoice notice from them or district dues invoice from me by the third week of January "Let Me Know" and I will help you find them or resend if needed.

With the treasurer stuff out of the way, what are you and your club doing to bring in new Lions during 2025? We know there are folks out there that would make a terrific addition to your club, but we must "Just Ask". LCI continues to post helpful information on the website to help us and you can "just ask" for it by using the search text box located on the Member Resource Center page.

Remember to check in on your neighbors during the wintry weather months to see if they need any help. Is the sidewalk or driveway shoveled? Do you see smoke or vapor coming out of the chimney or furnace pipes? A knock on the door or a phone call just to check in would be great.

Stay Warm!

IPDG Ron Guth guthron@comcast.net 765-460-7177 mobile

Celebrating 319 Years of Service

District 25-G recognizes Lions Clubs chartered during the month of January. These clubs have been serving their local communities for a total of 319 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 SERV	
Wakarusa January 30, 1931		94
Silver Lake	January 25, 1937 88	
Rochester	January 27, 1943	82
Greene Township	January 29, 1970	55

Global Membership & Extension Team

MISSION 1.5 * We are on a Mission to Grow



Lions of District 25-G: How do we get new Lions off to a good start?

First, come up with a "quick start packet". This could be a list of members – such as a Club Roster, a calendar of events, meetings and dates, who to contact with questions, and how to get into the Lions Portal with the Lions membership number. And the list goes on.

Second, have an orientation event. This can be with the new member, but on occasion it could also be as a club. There are many long-term members that probably do not know all the ins and outs. This could include demonstrating how to get in to the portal as well.

Third, introduce them to the Learning Center in the Portal. That has awesome videos and various trainings that each member can do on their own pace.

Fourth, review various conventions and conferences that occur in the state of Indiana: District Convention, State Convention, Mid-Winter Conference, just to name a few.

- 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.

Above all, have fun doing it!

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 36 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 Rodney Whitaker Sponsor: Lion Darrel Manns New Member: Lion Vickie Whitaker Sponsor: Lion Darrel Manns Lakeville Lions Club New Member: Lion Karmen Eash Sponsor: Lion Larry Ort New Member: Lion Daniel King Sponsor: Lion Max Feitz New Member: Lion Khristian McCutchan Sponsor: Lion Larry Ort New Member: Lion Carole Scheibelhut Sponsor: Lion James Tibbs



Global Service Team



Happy New Year 2025

I hope everyone had a great Christmas with family and friends and a very Happy New Year to all the Lions and their families. As everyone knows, we have had very little snow to report this past year. But wait, we are due for cold weather and snow is coming our way in a week. Are you waiting for some snow to use your Christmas for skiing, or maybe a snowmobile or ice skating? I know a few Lions and their families who are waiting for some snow. To make their holiday memorable this year, as we welcome in 2025, I wish them great fun out there on the slopes and ice rink and many more.

We are still down with our numbers; 16 clubs have not posted in a very long time. If you are having trouble with your Service Hours or don't have someone

who can add them, please let me know as soon as possible. I can assist you with this request and show someone how to add your hours. Our numbers are very low, and we need to help our District Governor to have each Club report on their service hours.

How many of you will be attending the Mid-Winter Conference on January 18, 2025, and the Big Bash for the State Convention on the dates of April 25-27 in Shipshewana, this is one you don't want to miss. For Mission 1.5 you know we are looking to reach 1.5 Million Members by 2027. All you need to do is ASK a family member, a co-worker, someone from church, or a friend that you may like to join our organization. Hope to see you at any of our Conferences or Club meetings.

My information is listed below. I will be reaching out to all clubs that have not added any service hours, I am here to help. Let's start with a new year and add your service hours.

PDG Mary Klempay District 25-G GST Coordinator (574) 286-4499 maryrsb@comcast.net

The Lions Motto is "WE SERVE" and we are alive and well in District 25-G!



LCIF Coordinators Update



Welcome 2025! What a year it is going to be. Thank you, all club coordinators, for volunteering or in place by default for taking on this particularly important role as LCIF Club Coordinator. So, what does that mean? That means that you are your club's representative for our Lions Clubs International Foundation. Your primary role is to bring awareness to your club about LCIF. As with anything the Lions undertake, once there is awareness there is action and once there is action there are positive results. The question you might be asking is "What should I be doing as Club Coordinator?" An easy one to do is to relay any LCIF information you receive or become aware of on your own, at your meetings. Ask your President for two minutes at each meeting to talk

about LCIF. This month, you can talk about celebrating Melvin Jones' 146th birthday on January 13th.

You can also mention that our LCIF Chairperson, Dr. Patti Hill, stated we are making excellent strides towards our 2025 goals. Your next question might be "What are the goals for 2025?" It is to have a \$29 per member average donated this year. So how are we going to do this? Every meeting you should be passing the "Change for Change" tub that our District Govenor Warren talks about wherever he goes. Remind your members that 100% of the monies collected goes towards helping clubs through grants to help our communities. Please have your treasurer send in those funds every month or at least every quarter to LCIF. If you are unsure how to do that, please contact me or our other District LCIF Coordinator Sophie Long and we will give your club credit for the donation.

Another way to raise funds is to mention our "I LOVE LCIF" pins. For a \$10 donation you can receive this astonishingly colorful pin to wear proudly showing your support for the Foundation. The only thing you need to do is get the full name of the member along with the Club name so we can give them credit towards a Melvin Jones Fellowship. You, as coordinators, can fill out the forms and send them to LCIF, or we would be happy to assist you in filling out single or multiple donation forms.



We are still selling squares on our Melvin Jones Fellowship board. Each square costs \$10. When all the squares are sold, we will draw a number between 1 and 100 and donate \$1,000 to LCIF for a Melvin Jones Fellowship in the name of the person who bought the winning square. As of December 31st, there are only 12 squares left.

Thank you again for helping Lions help the world by donating to LCIF, the financial arm of our great Lions International.

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Public Relations & Marketing

We are Lions International

Our two historic brands, Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), are uniting under one "umbrella" brand—Lions International—so we can talk to the world about our collective service and impact. Because the world sees us as one. They see us as Lions. And the truth is, we are united in our mission of service.

Why are we moving to Lions International as our master brand? To strengthen our association and foundation, we needed greater integration of the two. One of the most visible ways to do this is to unify Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) under a single "umbrella" or master brand—Lions International—and align our causes to show the world that we are united in our mission of service.

If Lions International is our master brand, does that mean we will no longer be Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation? We are introducing "Lions International" as our unified "umbrella" or master brand to represent our association and foundation together, but the individual names of the association and the foundation will not change, and they will continue to be separate legal entities. We will still use "Lions Clubs International" when referring specifically to the association, and "Lions Clubs International Foundation" when referring to our foundation. Together, they will be referred to as "Lions International."

Is there a deadline to update our club, district and multiple district materials with the Lions International brand? There's no immediate action you need to take, and there's no deadline for updating publications, documents and items like name badges and business cards. In fact, many materials will not need to be updated at all, as our Lions International emblem is not changing and our Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation brands are not going away. Over the course of the new brand roll out, we will provide updates on the brand and guidance that will help Lions align with the new Lions International brand.

Is the Lions International emblem changing? No. We will not be changing the iconic Lion emblem that is recognizable around the world. We are introducing a logo with the words "Lions International" displayed with the emblem, which we'll use as part of our Lions International branding.

What is our mission statement? The international boards for the association and the foundation previously approved an aligned mission statement for Lions Clubs International, LCIF and Lions International: To empower Lions clubs, volunteers, and partners to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding.

Is our "We Serve" motto changing? No. Our motto has been "We Serve" since 1954, and it will remain our motto moving forward. As part of the Lions international brand, we are introducing a new tagline: "Serving a world in need". The tagline is an external or public-facing message that quickly tells the world what we do. The tagline will not be replacing "We Serve".

For more information about club marketing, search for "club marketing" on the LCI website <lionsclubs.org> or contact our District Public Relations / Marketing Chairperson, PDG Marty Juel, marty@martyjuel.com.

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 7th, 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.

In Memoriam—Lion James Earl Carter

In Memoriam

Lion James Earl Carter

Former U.S. President

1924 - 2024

On behalf of Lions International and Lions around the world, it is with great sadness that we mark the passing of a great leader, a great Lion, and a great man. Lions International extends its condolences to the family of former U.S. President Jimmy Carter. President Carter believed in building alliances, in the virtue and just pursuit of human dignity, and in the power that we have to transform not only our world, but ourselves.

Lions Clubs International Foundation has been proud to partner with The Carter Center for nearly 30 years. Our partnership is among the most important and long-lasting relationships enjoyed by the SightFirst program and LCIF. Together, we've worked to combat avoidable blindness around the world through our joint efforts in onchocerciasis and trachoma control programs. The Lions family is grateful to President Carter for his lifelong humanitarian spirit and dedicated service to the people of the world.

Source: https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/the-carter-center

News from Around the District

Dunlap Lions Club Earns Club Excellence Award



1st Vice District Governor Jackie Kurley presents 2023-2024 Dunlap Lions Club President Lion Duane Klein with the Club Excellence patch and pin for his leadership as Club President.

(Submitted by 1st VDG Jackie Kurley, Dunlap Lions Club)

Lakeville Lions Use Progressive Auction to Raise Funds for Childhood Cancer

At the beginning of this Lions' year, District Governor Warren Allender announced two areas of focus for this year: Leader Dogs and Childhood Cancer. To make it easier for clubs to raise funds for his Childhood Cancer initiative, DG Warren provided each club with a candle from the Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc. These candles usually sell for \$20 each.

The Lakeville Lions Club has been selling—and reselling—its candle in Progressive Auctions at club meetings. In a Progressive Auction, each bidder pays when they bid. DG Warren's candle has been sold three times with the winning bidder in each auction returning the candle to the club to be sold again. So far, the club has raised more than \$400 for the Childhood Cancer initiative by selling—and reselling—a single candle.



Rochester Lions Recognize Kids First Preschool Eye Testing Team

The Lions recently met for our holiday celebration at the Streamliner Sweetshop for dinner. The Lions' Kids First Preschool Eye Testing Team were recognized for their continued hard work and extraordinary efforts with young children to identify eye disorders. Luken Good enjoyed dinner and thanked the members and team for their help. Over 300 children were tested in Fulton County preschools this last fall with about 26 kids being identified for further testing with an optometrist.



Pictured here (I. to r.): Charlotte Miller, Alexa Good, Luken Good, and testing team director Lion Dale Landis.

(Submitted by Lion Jeri Good, Rochester Lions Club)

News from Around the District

Lakeville Lions Partner with Lakeville Library to Provide Free Pictures With Santa

On Saturday, December 14th, the Lakeville Lions Club provided free pictures with Santa at the Holiday Open House at the Lakeville Branch of the St. Joseph County Public Library.

Santa and his helpers provided free photos for 32 children and 12 adults.

Santa's helpers included Lion Tony Cordes, Lion Jean Duford, Lion Lloyd Mehaney, PDG Paul Russell, Lion Jim Tibbs, Lion Anne Weber, and former Lion Terry Rensberger.



Left: Beckett Warner seems unsure about his first meeting with Santa.

Right: Lion Jean DuFord was one of Santa's helpers.



Lydick Lions Volunteer at Cultivate Food Rescue

On December 9th, several of our club members were busy at <u>Cultivate Food Rescue</u> packaging 1,120 meals! We put together meals for breakfast and dinner that will feed 186 kids! Thank you to our packaging crew of Lydick Lions Club members, Bernie & Lori Ferro, Jim & Cathy Day, Grace Downey, Christine Bella, Stephanie Sczepankiewicz, Wendy Yuhasz, Cindy Finney, Howard Morse, Leroy Wise, Steven Downey, Lakeville Lions Club member Lloyd Mehaney, and our friends, Marcia Labelle, Ann Shopmeyer, Sue Morgan and Heather Downey. FANTASTIC job everyone!!



Front row (l. to r.): Christine Bella, Marcia Labelle, Leroy Wise, Grace Downey, Heather Downey, Stephanie Sczepankiewicz, Steve Downey

Back row (l. to r.): Ann Shopmeyer, Lori Ferro, Bernie Ferro, Cindy Finney, Lloyd Mehaney, Howard Morse, Wendy Yuhasz, Jim Day, Cathy Day, Sue Morgan

(Submitted by Lion Lori Ferro, Lydick Lions Club)

Tell Us About Your Club's Signature Service Project

Does your club have a signature service project ... an ongoing or recurring project that wouldn't be done if it weren't for your Lions Club ... a service project that everyone in your community associates with your Lions Club? Write a short article about your club's signature service project and send it, with photos, to PDG Paul Russell <pdgpaul25g@gmail.com> for publication in the district newsletter.

News from Around the District

District Students Receive Speech & Hearing Scholarships

Three students from District 25-G received Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing Project scholarships at the annual Speech & Hearing project luncheon in Indianapolis on Sunday, December 15th. The recipients are pictured below with District Governor Warren Allender.

Left: Ms. Grace Rosswurm of Granger, a student at IU, is studying to be a Speech/Language Pathologist. She received a \$1,500 scholarship.

Center: Ms. Celia Robinson of Plymouth, a student at IU, is studying Audiology. She received a \$1,500 scholarship.

Right: Ms. Emily Schrock of Goshen, a student at Ball State, is studying to be a Speech/Language Pathologist. She received a \$500 scholarship.







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

Turning back the clock—a Good Time from the Past...



On the way to the International Lions Convention in New Orleans.

The bus was gotten by the Lions of Indiana for the Eye Glass Mission to Mexico.

We first took it to New Orleans to transport Lions around during the International Convention.

The group that took that on was PID Jim Cameron, PCC Bob Booher, PDG Dick Powers and their wives: Fran Cameron, Patty Booher, and Virginia Powers.

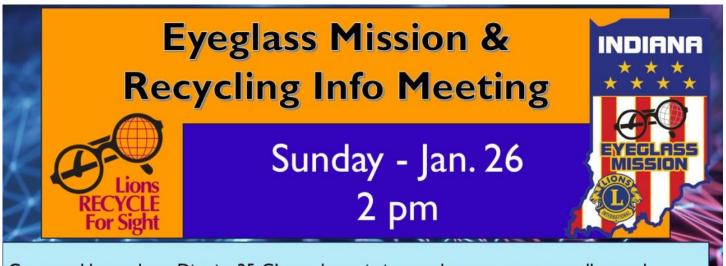
They drove a car to lead the way and had the bus follow (Drivers Bob and Jim).

The date was July 4, 1986.

PS - The bus itself was also given to Lions in Mexico.

(This story & photo was originally posted to Facebook by PCC Robert Booher, Speedway Lions Club)

Opportunities for Service



Come and learn about District 25-G's eyeglass missions and our program to collect and process used eyeglasses. We will discuss our 2025 eyeglass mission, scheduled for September 27 – October 4 in Teziutlán, Puebla, Mexico. We will also detail the requirements for interested Lions to be considered for future missions. This program will 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 info@ElkhartLions.org



Lions across Indiana were busy this fall screening in locations from day cares with just a few kids, to schools with over a hundred preschool/kindergarten aged. Celebrate this achievement as Lions, and then get right back out and find the next place you can make a difference. Early screening is the easiest tool we

August to December 2024		great to help out the nurses in schools with screening large amounts of kids. But it				
		is in the day cares and ministries where we can really go after the younger ones				
Dist	rict Count	and help shine light on problems before they get worse.				
Α	1651	I will be at the Mid-Winter Conference on January 18th to replenish any supplies related to the cameras and KidSight. On Friday, January 17th, Tammy				
В	517	Johnson of PlusOptix (the smiley face cameras) will be in Indianapolis for a				
С	1777	meeting to discuss new cameras and how PlusOptix can continue to help our Kid-				
D	614	Sight program here in Indiana. For any club interested in possibly purchasing a camera for use in your area, it would be a great time to meet her and get all your				
Ε	1059	questions answered. Contact KidSight if you're interested in this meeting.				
F	2736	The current consent forms and cover sheet are available for download at:				
G	1456	https://www.visionfirst.org/operationkidsight				
Total: 9810		For additional documentation related to KidSight email or call! Peace be with you all!				
		Karlene Roe - IN Lions Operation KidSight Program Coordinator				
		kidsight@att.net 317-213-3902				

Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference

Make Your Mark In Indiana!

Mark Your Calendar

Make plans now to attend the Indiana Lions 2025 Mid-Winter Conference, Saturday, January 18, 2025, at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport Hotel.

Holding the Line on Costs

It seems like the price of everything has been going up lately. That's why we've decided to hold the line on the prices for the 2025 Mid-Winter Conference. The prices for the Friday night dinner and the conference on Saturday will be the same as they were in 2024.

Best Place for Learning

Some Indiana Lions say the Mid-Winter Conference is "the best place for learning" about leadership, service, and all aspects of Lionism. The following seminars will be offered:



The Lions Portal	Eyeglass Recycling (and Mission Trips)
Membership Orientation	The Secret Sauce
How To Take Care of Your Heart (Which allows us to serve better)	Building Fellowship in Your Club Through Icebreakers and Recognition
LCI Insurance and Retention: Not Just For Membership Anymore	Lions Prepared for Emergencies & Active in Disaster
Gaming Rules	Understanding Diabetes (without the big scary!)
Indiana Lions Fighting Pediatric Cancer	Artificial Intelligence In Promoting Lions
All You Need Is Love: Understanding Lionism Through the Music of the Beatles	LCIF From Giving To Grants To Legacy

New This Year: Speed Learning

During the last two seminar sessions, we will offer several "speed learning" sessions—short sessions that will give you an overview of a specific topic. Speed learning gives you the opportunity to learn about a number of topics in a very short time. When you arrive at this session, you will select a topic that interests you. After approximately 12 minutes, everyone will switch to a new topic. At the end, you will have received an overview of four topics that interest you.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum	Indiana Lions for Leader Dog
International Convention 2025 Orlando Florida	Indiana Lions for ISBVI
Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Inc.	Vision First Indiana Lions Eye Bank
Indiana Lions Foundation	Having Fun In Your Club

Rewarding Service Projects

"Sock It To Me" – Please bring new socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, knit hats and blankets to be collected and divided among the district governors who will share them with individuals in need in their districts.

"Care-ing Cases" – After the dinner program on Friday evening, we will assemble our Care-ing Cases, which consist of first aid kits using cleaned hard eyeglass cases and toiletry kits made up of personal hygiene items. These cases will be given to the district governors who will share them with individuals in need in their districts.

Registration Form Available Now

Download the registration form and information packet from the Indiana Lions website at indianalions.org.







Plan Your LionsUSA Vision Week Screening Event

Our goal is to have Lions vision screenings performed in the same week by Lions all over the US. Jan. 12, 2025 - Jan. 19, 2025

- 1. Identify a location for the screening.
 - a. School
 - b. Daycare Center
 - c. Religious School
 - d. Children's Camps, Scouting Groups, etc.
 - e. Public Health Fair Event
- 2. Work with location administrators/leaders to select a date between January 12 and 19, 2025. Obtain permission to publicize event prior to and after the screening in traditional and social media.
- 3. Ensure location has proper area with:
 - a. Room large enough for the screening (subject and 2-3 Lions/helpers)
 - b. Adjustable lighting
 - c. Area for "staging" children prior to actually receiving the screening.
 - d. Area for paperwork table
- 4. Explain LionsUSA and the entire project to your club and recruit 4-6 members to be part of the screening team. If necessary, train the Lions on screening process and device operation.
- 5. Ensure you have access to a screening device for your selected date.
 - a. Suggestion is to coordinate dates with several clubs in your area so each club is screening on a different day. One or two devices can then be shared among the clubs so a greater impact can be achieved.
- 6. If required, send the agency for which you are screening permission forms for families to sign. They should be available on screening day. Ensure the child being screened has their own form in hand.
- 7. A week or so prior to the event notify traditional media, inviting them to attend and record. Use social media to promote the event and then post success stories afterwards. **PLEASE FOLLOW ALL HIPAA AND FERPA REGULATIONS.**
- 8. Create Lions, Lions KidSight and LionsUSA branded signage to be displayed at the event.
- 9. If you are going to take pictures, please follow the following:
 - a. Only photograph children from behind so they cannot be identified unless you have model releases. Model release forms are included in the "Event Packet" provided.
 - b. If at all possible, photos should include the branded signage referenced above.
- 10. Wearing Lions, Lions KidSight, or LionsUSA vests or other branded clothing will be effective.
- 11. Conduct screening following Lions KidSight best practices. Keep proper records of # screened and referred within each age group. Report this data to the LionsUSA team as well as on the Lions KidSight USA database.
- 12. Celebrate your success by publicizing what you accomplished in traditional and social media.

LIONS OF THE UNITED STATES & Its Affiliates

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



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.



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
Enclosed is my check for \$ for	reservations at \$30 each.
	d your check payable to District 25-G ter March 1 wil be \$35 per person) to:
And the second sec	N. Broadway ♦ Bunker, Hill, IN 46914 ♦ guthron@comcast.net

Indiana Lions State Convention



Volunteers Are Needed for the State Convention

We know three things are inevitable: Death, Taxes, and that State Convention in Shipshewana is 3-1/2 months away. Chairman PDG Marlyn and I see this in two ways—"Thank God the planning is almost over" or "Oh My God! we don't have enough time to get everything done". At this point, the reality is somewhere in the middle of those emotions.

Now is the crunch time for volunteers and refining the details to insure a successful three days in late April in Shipshewana.

1. Help will be needed for the registration process for participants as they arrive on Friday the 25th and Saturday the 26th. If you're willing to help, please contact Lion

Jeanine Juel at jeanine@martyjuel.com

- 2. An important facet of any Lions convention is the silent auction. If you have any Lions-related items that could be included in the auction, or if you have a craft item you think would garner some interest, please contact Lion Sandy Iavagnillio at ivagnillio5@gmail.com, Lion Karin Frey at thefreys68@gmail.com, or Lion Denise Polachek at dpolachek10@gmail.com. They will need a description of the item, value, and availability.
- 3. We need several Lions to prepare name badges as registrations come in to include in the registration packets. We will provide the template for the badge and lanyards.
- 4. We could use a head honcho to oversee runners who would deliver messages, help set up rooms, change signage and be overall ambassadors for District 25-G.
- 5. We are still gathering ideas for seminar topics-we have a good solid three but need some out of the box ideas for a couple more. Let PDG Marlyn or PDG Brian know.
- 6. Space is available in the program book for companies wanting to reach out to Lions or any District G club wanting to tout your club and activities. Ad information is available from PDG Brian.

Yours in Lions, and we hope to see you in SHIPSHEWANA!

PDG Marlyn Fast mafast1107@gmail.com

PDG Brian Thomas brian10k@aol.com





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 APRIL 1, 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 April 7, 2025 Please clearly print name and Lion title as desired to appear on Name Badge:

Name and Lion Title:	and street and a street street and a street stre
Address:	
City / State / Zip:	
Phone: Email:	
District: Club:	
Is this your FIRST Indiana Lions State Convention? (please circle one	e) YES NO
Please list any Special dietary needs here:	
Friday Evening Dinner	\$15
Authentic Amish Haystack Dinner, hosted by Dunlap Lions	s Club
Saturday Lunch	\$25
Buffet: baked pineapple ham, meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, m	ixed 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, Goshe	
<u>Jeanine@martyjuel.com</u> or (574) 370 Registration must be postmarked by Apr	
Make checks payable to: Indiana Lions State	

2025 Indiana Lions 104th State Convention

Hosted by 25 - G

April 25, 26, 27, 2025

Farmstead Inn Shipshewana, 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

Electrical hookup \$20

Non-Lion Exhibitor \$50

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 Enclo	osed \$	-

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



State	Projects	& Foundati	ion Trustees
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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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Vision First Indiana Lions Eye Bank, I	nc.				
Lion Duane Griner (Lake City)	ldgriner@comcast.net	574-551-0105			
PDG Ron Guth (Peru)	guthron@comcast.net	765-460-7177			
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Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, In	IC.				
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Lion Jerry Wright (Syracuse)	(no email address)	574-457-6811			
Indiana Lions for the Indiana School	for the Blind and Visually Impai	red, Inc.			
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MD-25 LIONS
2026International Pin Design Contest!International Pin Design Contest!

YOU COULD BE THE NEXT DESIGNER CHOSEN!

The International Convention is heading to HONG KONG, CHINA JULY 3-7, 2026.

Pins MUST include: Design must be NO large than 1 ¼ inch to 1 ½ inch in diameter when made!

- MD 25 Indiana (as text)
- The Intl Convention year 2026
- Lion Club Intl Logo
- Intl Convention Host City representation

*MD 25 graphic representation of MD-25 usually includes a race car and/or the outline of Indiana.

Each Club can submit one design. If there are multiple designs submitted by one district, one design will be selected by the District Governor. All District designs need to be submitted to your District Committee chair by January 3, 2025. You can scan and attach it to an email and send it to_warrenallender@comcast.net __. Each District's selected design will be presented to the State Council on January 19, 2025. You will be notified if your design was chosen. Remember: pin designers do not have to be (a) Lions, you do NOT need to be professional designer and jewelers can clean it up your drawings.

Be creative and have fun!

District _G_

State Pin Committee Contact: __DG Warren Allender_____



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
5	6 DG Visit Silver Lake LC	7	8	9 DG Visit Mishawaka LC DG Visit Leesburg LC	10	11
12	13 DG Visit Etna Green LC	14 DG Visit Akron LC	15	16 Zoom Meet- ings: Growing Lions	17 Mid- Winter Conference	18 Mid- Winter Conference
19 Council Meeting	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 DG Visit Urbana LC	28	29	30	31	



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	I I 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 Global Action Team

Global Leadership Team (GLT)

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Mark Your Calendar

Fri-Sat, Jan 17-18, 2025 Mid-Winter Conference Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport, Indianapolis

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:
Lydick United Methodist Church
26510 Edison Rd.
South Bend, IN 46628



