



# Lions Tales

**DISTRICT 25-G**

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## **A Message from District Governor Jackie Kurley**

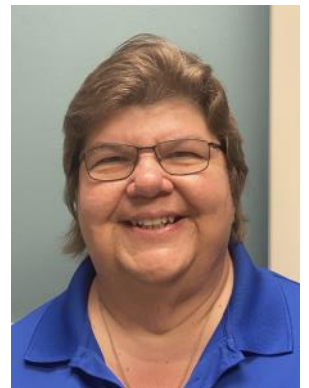
Hello members of 25-G and a warm welcome to everyone reading our newsletter. Thank you PDG Warren for the fantastic job you did in your year at the helm of District 25-G, but more importantly, all the things you taught me as we went through this past Lions year and all the things to expect this coming year. I just do not know why you waited so long to become a DG!

What a great day to be a Lion! We heard that a lot in Orlando and when you really think about it, everyday is a great day when you are a Lion.

As your new District Governor, I am excited and grateful to be on this journey with all of you. Never in my wildest dreams (Tina Turner was one of my favorites) did I imagine I would become president of my Dunlap Lions Club yet alone a District Governor of several clubs. In almost 10 years as a Lion, I have learned a lot about Lionism, and I hope this year I can share that knowledge and ignite a spark of passion and enthusiasm throughout the district. We are here to serve—to strengthen our communities, uplift our neighbors, and be a force for good. Our new International President, Lion A.P. Singh, reminds us that success means doing our best and leaving things better than we found them.

So, how are we going to do that? We are going to do more service. Our District ended the year with 1,779 service activities serving 239,855 people. We covered all the focus areas except Diabetes. Wait, didn't we have a Strides Walk at the State Convention in Shipshewana? See, team, we do the work, but we fail to give ourselves credit for that work. I can only imagine the bragging rights we could have about being "Quite Possibly the Greatest Lions District on Earth" if we just documented ALL the things we do. WOW! Look

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

District Governor Jackie Kurley would like to attend one of your club meetings, share her vision for our district, and hear your concerns. Check her calendar in this newsletter, then give her a call at 219-689-8424, or send an email message to kurmon@comcast.net.

## A Message from District Governor Jackie Kurley

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what a difference you made. So, we need one more project serving one more person to consider our goal met for service. I am sure our Global Service Team Chairperson, PDG Tom Polk will help all the clubs with service project ideas and reporting. Remember our motto: "We Serve"!

Mission 1.5, having 1.5 million members, is a huge topic but in the sense that for us to have helped one billion people by June of 2027, we are going to need more hands to help complete those service projects. International President AP Singh informed us that we have started 650 clubs since July 1, 2025. We, as 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors were to strive to get two clubs by our oath as governors. As you can see, some areas really flourished in this challenge. I am confident that we can grow our clubs, we just need to show we care for each and every member and reinforce how valuable they are to our clubs. We bring new members into our clubs very well. Our opportunity is to make sure we keep all members engaged. Engaged members will want to stay and continue to do what they became Lions for in the first place.

We will discuss leadership and LCIF in future newsletters and of course, when we visit your clubs. Please sign up and come to our First District Meeting in Akron on August 2 and participate in what I plan as a fun year for Lions in District 25G. Also, participate in the district-wide build-a-bed day for "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" on August 9.

Get ready for some fun, food, photos, and friendship at Banner Night 2025 at the Hidden Oak Manor in North Webster on August 23. Please get your registration in now.

Please start thinking what you will do to prepare for Lions International Week of Service "Mental Health & Well-Being" October 4-12, 2025.

Please let me know when you would like to share your club's success stories with me in person. My schedule is filling up and remember—I am still working.

Please share your ideas, feedback, or any stories you have for future newsletters. We want to hear from all of you.

Thank you,

District Governor Jackie Kurley

Energize Your Soul Through Service



## A Message From 1st Vice District Governor Steven Weld



### Club Excellence

Congratulations to all our new Club officers. Thank you for choosing to serve in roles leading your Clubs, and for your commitment to help meet the needs of your community and our world.

A tool Lions Club International offers to help leaders focus on what is really important at the Club level is the Club Excellence Award, a simple model for what a healthy and effective club can look like. Significantly updated for the 2025-2026 Lions year, the criteria for the award looks at four areas: Membership, Service, Leadership and Donations. While far from a perfect evaluation tool, any Club can use this very simple framework for a quick strategic review of where they are as a Club. Club members and leaders can

then use the discussions generated for planning where the Club could spend its time and attention, celebrating its successes, and creating ways to invest in the areas which may enhance future strength and growth.

Your Club can still apply for the 2024-2025 award until the end of August. If you qualify, this is a great way to gain recognition for your Club's success. This year's update eliminated the application process, as all criteria for earning the award is available when the Club updates their records in the Portal. Whether your Club is in a position to earn the award, now is a great time to start planning how your Club can grow and flourish this year. Information on the Club Excellence Award can be found in the Member Resource area of the Association website:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center/grants-and-awards/association-awards/excellence-awards>

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Steve Weld, 1st Vice District Governor

## Celebrating 9 Years of Service

This August, District 25-G proudly recognizes the Lions Club whose charter dates back to this special month. This club has delivered 9 years of dedicated service to its community. It has made a unique contribution—locally and beyond—supporting district, state, and international initiatives. It continues to embody District Governor Jackie Kurley's inspiring theme: *"Energize Your Soul Through Service."*

Let's applaud this club's lasting legacy and ongoing commitment to making their community and the world a better place.

| CLUB NAME  | CHARTER DATE    | YEARS OF SERVICE |
|------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Middlebury | August 31, 2016 | 9                |

## A Message From District Cabinet Secretary Lion Kim Polk



I am working with my granddaughter on learning how to trace letters, numbers and pictures, instead of coloring or drawing all over the page. It is part of her learning process, and she is getting better with each lesson. This past week we were working on the letter "A" and coloring apples which is one of her favorite fruits. As club secretaries we need to continue our learning as well. So, my article this month is to focus on Meeting Minutes. What do we include and what do we not include.

### **Club Secretary Responsibilities: Best Practices for Keeping Meeting Minutes**

**Minutes:** Typically, information to record includes ...

1. Type of meeting (regular, special or board)
2. Date and place of meeting
3. List of members attending and name of any guests/visitors
4. Name of person presiding over meeting
5. Whether previous meeting minutes were approved
6. If a motion carries or is lost
7. All points of order and appeals and whether they were sustained or lost
8. Time the meeting was called to order and adjourned
9. Names of board members (for board meetings)

Minutes should focus on recording decisions, motions, and official actions taken, rather than opinions or dialogue. The secretary's task is to capture the essential facts, such as motions presented, their outcomes, and any important procedural steps, ensuring accuracy and impartiality. This approach maintains a clear record of club business while keeping the minutes concise and accessible.

Remember: It is Your Club, Your Way. Your minutes need to reflect what is happening in your club meetings, but don't be a stickler for the rules!

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

Remember to Energize Your Soul Through Service!

Lion Kim Polk, District Cabinet Secretary





## A Message From District Cabinet Treasurer PDG Ron Guth



Lions of District 25-G, welcome to summer and a new Lions year!

We are all busy with the many events that occur during the summer and early fall to promote Lionism and the fund-raising efforts to support those activities. This month I would like to offer a little information about the commonly known state projects. Most of us know them as the "five" projects, but in reality, we have six or more state/district level projects that could use support from our district clubs.

**Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana:** This program has helped countless Hoosiers over the years and is currently looking for donations to put toward matching funds to support the research and treatment of pediatric cancer.

**Vision First Indiana Lions Eye Bank:** The Eye Bank has processed over 50,000 corneas for Hoosiers and other patients in the USA and foreign countries. Our club donations help support the KidSight program and the Surgical Assistance program.

**Leader Dogs for the Blind:** I'm sure most of us know some of what this program does to help the visually impaired. This program supplies its patients with Guide Dogs and training at no cost to the patient. They also provide Orientation and Mobility training for first time and current white cane users. Did you know they also have a Summer Experience Camp for legally blind 16 and 17 years olds to teach them skills and provide them with personal GPS units? Your donations go to the program in Rochester Hills, Michigan, *unless you specify that the funds remain in Indiana.*

**Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing:** "Working for a sound quality of life" This project supports programs offered at Indiana School for the Deaf, colleges and universities for the speech and hearing impaired and also provides hearing aid assistance for Indiana Hoosiers.

**Indiana Lions for the ISBVI:** This project helps to support the "Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired" The school is undergoing massive renovations and construction over the next several years to allow the Indiana School for the Deaf to share the same campus. Donations are used to help the school cope with continuing the education of our visually challenged Hoosier students.

**Indiana Lions Foundation:** The foundation offers matching grants of up to \$1,500 for any club per year to support the community. **The State Fair fund raiser is an important source of money and needs your support by working a gate,** but they also welcome club donations.

**Diabetes:** Our District has a Diabetes fund that we use to support a diabetes camp and the state has a Diabetes committee that funds statewide projects. If your club wants to donate something for Diabetes I will keep the monies in our district fund, or if specified, I will forward the monies to the state level.

**Special Olympics:** The state has a Special Olympics committee that collects and donates funds to the Special Olympics summer and winter programs. If your club would like to donate funds for the Special Olympics I will collect it at district level, then forward it to the state comptroller for use by the committee.

**District 25-G Eyeglass Recycling Program:** Our district has an excellent eyeglass recycling program that collects, processes and distributes them in Mexico during annual mission trips. They need your support as well to continue the great work to help others in need.

**Now the easy part:** When your club decides to donate to any of the above projects just write one check made out to District 25-G and attach a short note saying how much should be given and to which projects. I will combine your amounts with other clubs sent in the same period and write checks  
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## A Message From District Cabinet Treasurer PDG Ron Guth

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for the respective projects along with a letter telling them where the monies came from, so your club gets credit.

What is not listed above and is not done at district level is donations to LCIF. Your club should send all LCIF donations directly to LCIF along with a completed Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) form indicating where the funds should be used. You can send in smaller amounts and just add to your credit and when the total reaches \$1,000 you can give them the information needed for the recipient.

All of you should have received notice of your dues invoice from LCI, unless your club didn't report officers to LCI before July 1<sup>st</sup>. If you don't have an invoice/statement, please contact me and I will help you access it or send a copy to you. District dues invoices were sent on 7/8/25 to all clubs with over half of the clubs already having paid them by 7/19/25. **Thank you!**

It feels great being a Lion and supporting projects that allow us to help others in need. I will be ready to distribute your donations per your direction.

We Serve,

PDG Ron Guth, District Cabinet Treasurer

## Random Thoughts From A Random Mind

### I Didn't Know Lions Did That!

When I talk to family members, friends, and acquaintances about Lions Clubs' service projects, I often hear "I didn't know Lions did that". We all recognize the importance of publicizing our fund-raisers, but how many of us recognize the importance of publicizing our service projects?

Our Lions Clubs exist for one purpose: community service. We serve our communities in many ways, but in many communities, the local Lions Club and the service it provides are the best kept secret in town. As we serve those who need our help, we need to make sure that our neighbors know who we are and what we are doing to make a difference in our local community, across the state, and around the globe. We need support – and new members – from our local communities, in order to continue our long tradition of service, but we are not going to get that support or those new members, if people do not know that our Lions Club exists, or if they think that we're just another card club or bowling team.

Our Lions Clubs have a long tradition of service. If we want that tradition to continue far into the future, it is not enough to work to meet the needs of today; we must also build to meet the needs of tomorrow. We joined Lions because someone offered us the opportunity to make a difference in our community. Offer someone else that same opportunity.



## Global Leadership Team



### Now What Are You Going To Do?

You've been elected to your new office and you are facing your first meeting. Or you've been handed the packet of notes from last year's fundraiser in your new role as committee chair. Now what do you do? What do you want to do? Where do you want your Club or committee to be in 11 months? If you haven't already thought about it, now is the time. Frankly, you need to set some goals **RIGHT NOW**. Mere survival until June 30, 2026 is not a goal.

We have all heard of SMART goals (Specific, Measurable, Actionable, Realistic, Timebound). Keep that SMART acronym in your head as you begin planning for the next 11 months. Don't let those five little letters frighten you away. Each one is intended to help you create and manage the goals you want to set and achieve.

Let's try an example. I would like to increase Tail Twister income from \$12.00 to \$15.00 at each Club meeting by December 30, 2025. Is this specific? Is it measurable? Is it doable? Is it realistic? Does it include a timeline? I would say "yes" to all five questions. It also assumes I have done some homework on how much we are currently collecting and the average attendance. It also assumes I know how the Tail Twister is raising money now.

But with each goal, you need an action plan. How are we going to put the goal into practice? The plan might include choosing a more imaginative Tail Twister, or work with the current Tail Twister to try new techniques, jokes, raffles, or auctions. The plan might also include visiting other Clubs to watch their Tail Twisters at work, or attending Zone Meetings to get some advice.

Goals can be set for almost every Lions office or activity. Lions Clubs International is very insistent that District Governors have SMART goals which are publicized to the District. Your new goals and action plans shouldn't be a secret either. Communicate them to the Club at meetings. Print them in your Club newsletter. Keep them in the forefront so every member becomes familiar with them and figures out how best to help you achieve them. Report progress or the lack thereof. Emphasize the benefits of reaching the goal. Remember: We do things together. Together we make your goals succeed.

Think SMART. Act SMART. Reap SMART results.

PCC Dave Eisen, Global Leadership Team



## Global Membership Team

### **MISSION 1.5 \* A Mission to Grow!**



#### **Lions of District 25-G: We do not grow together by acting alone.**

The District 25-G 2024-2025 year is now history. We did OKAY in bringing in new members (92). It's keeping our present members active and excited about Lionism, is where the challenge remains. We lost (130) members, which includes the deceased members.

The job of membership is not a one-person job. It is the job of all members of 25-G.

#### **YOU ASK THEM.**

I ask all of you, my fellow Lion members of 25-G, to ask someone to join your club today.

Our goal for the 2025-2026 of District 25-G is to have a net gain of 50 members. Let's start now!

***Whatever you do in your club and community, have fun doing it.***

**WE SERVE**

\*THANK YOU FOR BEING A LION!

PDG Marlyn Fast, Global Membership Coordinator

## Here We Grow Again

Since the start of the 2025-2026 Lions year, 2 district clubs welcomed 3 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.

#### **Culver Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Jeffrey Mansfield  
Sponsor: Lion Connie Overmyer  
New Member: Stacy Smith  
Sponsor: Lion Brook Ash

#### **North Webster Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Jesse Rutan  
Sponsor: Lion Darrell Clark





## Global Service Team



Reporting service is a cornerstone of Lions and Leos' mission—it's how we **inform, inspire, and grow** our global legacy of humanitarian impact. In the 2023–24 Lion Year alone, our clubs served more than **422 million people** across key causes including childhood cancer, hunger, environment, vision, and more

### ✅ Why service reporting matters

- **Amplifies visibility:** Sharing your projects helps your club shine locally and contributes to a collective global narrative.
- **Inspires membership growth:** Showcasing impact helps attract new members and **Unlocks awards & recognition:** Accurate reporting enables clubs to qualify for distinctions like the *Kindness Matters Service Award* and *Club Excellence Award*
- **Informs leadership:** Reporting data helps leaders assess outcomes, make decisions, and align future projects with metrics.

### 🚀 Are you missing reporting? - Introducing the new “Report to LCI” button

When you are entering service activities – if your entry still says “Draft” – it has NOT been reported to LCI.

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|--------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|---|----------|------------|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
|              | Lions Club ... | SA-07303305 |              |   | Draft    | Lions Club | Meeting          | Administration             | Activities in Strengthening Club |
| Jul 16, 2025 | Community ...  | SA 07200273 | Jul 16, 2025 | ✓ | Reported | Lions Club | Service Prejo... | Other Humanitarian Service | Other                            |
|              |                |             |              |   |          |            |                  | Other                      |                                  |

A recent Portal update added a new feature to make this easier! Here's how it works:

1. **Create** your service event in the Lion Portal.
2. Fill in all required fields—cause, project type, dates, description, and metrics.
3. A new **“Report to LCI”** button appears once these are completed.
4. **One click** validates your inputs, checks the “Report Complete” box, and officially submits the activity to LCI and Insights dashboards.

Service Activity SA-07303305

Report to LCI Create Service Activity

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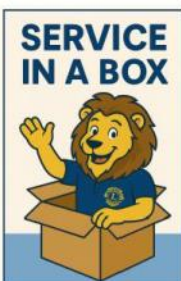
Title: Lions Club Meeting Sponsor: LA FONTAINE Status: Draft Report Complete: ☐

This new button ensures that your service is **fully and officially recognized**—no more missed steps.

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## Global Service Team

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September is the month of National Childhood Cancer Awareness. So, what can you do to support this Lions Global cause? Here are some ideas for you:

### Small Project (1–3 People)

**Project Name:** *Hope in a Bag*

**Description:** Assemble care packages for local cancer patients undergoing treatment. Include items such as lip balm, unscented lotion, puzzle books, snacks, and encouraging handwritten notes. Drop them off at a cancer center, infusion clinic or local hospital. Contact area cancer society for other ideas/locations.

#### Why It Matters:

A small act of kindness provides comfort and emotional support during a tough time.

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### ● Medium Project (3–5 People)

**Project Name:** *Ribbon Reminders*

**Description:** Make and distribute handmade cancer awareness ribbons with educational flyers at local businesses, libraries, schools, farmers markets or any club events. Include tips on early detection and where to get screenings. Gold is the color for childhood cancer – a complete list of ribbon colors can be found here: <https://www.wheelsforwishes.org/cancer-awareness-ribbons/>

**Resources:** <https://indianacancer.org/resources/childhood-cancer/>

#### Why It Matters:

Promotes awareness and reminds the community to act for their health.

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### ● Large Project (6+ People)

**Project Name:** *Light Up for Hope Walk*

#### Description:

Host an evening awareness walk in a park or around a community center. Use glow sticks or luminaries to represent different cancer types. Include an opening ceremony with a survivor speaker or a trustee from Lions Cancer Control state project and provide information booths from local health organizations and the state project.

#### Why It Matters:

Raises public awareness, fosters community support, and honors those affected by cancer.

## LCIF Coordinators Update

*Editor's Note: Due to a recent death in her family, District LCIF Coordinator Lion Sophie Long was unable to submit a column for this issue of the newsletter. Consequently, we are publishing a recent plea from LCIF for donations to assist victims of flooding in Texas.*

### Historic Flooding Devastates Central Texas

Heavy rainfall and catastrophic flash flooding devastated areas of Texas in the United States. More than 100 people were killed or remain missing, including dozens of children. The flooding displaced many people, destroying homes and severely damaging critical infrastructure, including roads and river crossings.

When a humanitarian crisis of this magnitude strikes, we, as Lions, are ready to help. Right beside us is Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), our global foundation. LCIF is mobilizing funds, including Emergency Grants and a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe Grant, to empower Lions in the impacted areas to help their communities recover.

Your donation can make a difference.

### [Help Now](#)

Your generous donation to LCIF's Disaster Relief Fund, specifically reserved for all disaster relief, helps Lions continue to serve!

To learn more about LCIF Disaster Relief grants, visit [lionsclubs.org/disastergrants](https://lionsclubs.org/disastergrants) or email [LCIFGlobalGrants@lionsclubs.org](mailto:LCIFGlobalGrants@lionsclubs.org).

*100% of donations benefit grants and programs and qualify for Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) or Progressive MJF credit.*



## Reading Action Program News

Lions Club has been active in promoting literacy in our schools. Today, I come to each of you in 25-G to make sure that your club is actively promoting literacy in your area schools. I strongly encourage your club to ask your local schools if they would like each of their 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students to receive a dictionary, including Spanish/English or whatever language your community may need. Educators see third grade as the dividing line between learning to read and reading to learn. Despite the availability of online dictionaries, paperback dictionaries continue to offer unique benefits for literacy development, especially for young learners:

1. Fosters dictionary skills: Using a paperback dictionary teaches essential skills like alphabetical order, using guide words, understanding pronunciation keys, and identifying different parts of speech.
2. Encourages exploration and serendipitous learning: Flipping through the pages exposes students to other unfamiliar words, expanding their vocabulary and fostering incidental learning.
3. Promotes focus and engagement: Unlike digital dictionaries that can be distracting, a paperback dictionary provides a focused learning environment free from pop-up ads, notifications, and the temptation of surfing the internet.
4. Strengthens memory and spelling: Manually looking up words and the physical act of turning pages can enhance memory retention and improve spelling abilities.
5. Develops problem-solving skills: Finding a word in a dictionary requires students to analyze order, sequencing, alphabetization, spelling, and context, providing a valuable mental workout.
6. Accessible and reliable: Paperback dictionaries are accessible without the need for electricity or internet connection, [according to The Dictionary Project](#). They are also compiled and peer-reviewed by experts, providing accurate and reliable information.
7. Inspires curiosity: The tactile nature of a paperback dictionary and the sense of discovery as students browse through it can spark curiosity and a love of learning.

While online dictionaries offer quick lookup and convenience, paperback dictionaries provide a unique learning experience that contributes to deeper understanding, improved memory, and a more focused approach to literacy development.

Your club may purchase dictionaries through this website: [www.dictionaryproject.org](http://www.dictionaryproject.org). Please serve our future generation by getting involved in providing dictionaries and other literacy initiatives to your community.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Beth Guth, Reading Action Program





## News from Around the District

### International Convention Memories

*Photos provided by DG Jackie Kurley*





## News from Around the District

### Akron Lions Promote Build-A-Bed Day in 4th of July Parade

The Akron Lions Club promoted our partnership with Sleep in Heavenly Peace in the Akron Fourth of July Parade this year. Lions and their family members passed out candy and information on our bed build day and how one can apply for a bed. We have helped deliver 8 beds in the last 3 weeks to kids in our Tippecanoe Valley School District. Our bed build day will be held on August 9th from 8AM-Noon at the Akron Community Center. Any one of any age is welcome to join us for build day.



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

### Dunlap Lions Promote Eyeglass Recycling on Green Day at Elkhart County 4-H Fair

Seven members of the Dunlap Lions Club, including project chair Lion Jeanine Juel, participated in Green Day at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair on Friday, July 18, promoting District 25-G's eyeglass recycling program and collecting used eyeglasses from fairgoers.



The club's educational display featured a photo board that illustrated the complete process of eyeglass recycling, including cleaning, prescription reading, and preparation for distribution. The board also highlighted scenes from the club's Mexico mission trips, showing location setup, use of an autorefractor, and how donated glasses are selected and adjusted for individuals in need.

During the event, 24 pairs of glasses were collected. For each donation, individuals were entered into a drawing for prizes awarded at the end of the day, which included four fair admission passes, \$20 in Clover Cash, and \$10 in Clover Cash, all to be used at the fair. Volunteers engaged with numerous visitors, educating them on how and where to donate eyeglasses throughout the year, while also sharing the impact of these donations. The visual display served as a powerful storytelling tool in communicating the club's mission.

Special recognition was given to Lion Jan Robinson, who coordinated all Green Day events at the fair. Her husband, Wayne Robinson, provided invaluable assistance throughout the day, including setting up the tent, transporting tables and chairs, and helping carry supplies at the conclusion of the event.

Additional thanks went to Lion Mike Dines and his guest Trent Miller for installing the Dunlap Lions Club banner and feather flag and Dunlap Lions Club members who assisted in staffing the booth and engaging with the public, including Lions Kathy Livings, Terri Gaff, Amanda Fast, and Jo Ann Preheim.

*(Submitted by Lion Jeanine Juel, Dunlap Lions Club)*

## News from Around the District

### Leesburg Lions Club Presents Melvin Jones Fellowship



Congratulations to our newest Melvin Jones Fellow: Lion Greg Ummell. Greg has served as our club treasurer for many years and has always done a superb job. Greg (R) is pictured with Lion President Bart Kammerer.

*(Submitted by Lion Michael Webb, Leesburg Lions Club)*

### Lydick Lions July Guest Speakers: PAL – Parents of Addicted Loved Ones

We welcomed Teresa Price and Jennie Gorski, representing PAL (Parents of Addicted Loved Ones) of South Bend, as guest speakers at our July meeting. Teresa and Jennie shared their valuable knowledge and heartfelt experiences, helping us better understand how PAL supports families as they navigate the challenges of loving someone struggling with addiction.

Their compassion and insight are making a real difference in our community, and we are deeply grateful for the vital work they do—and for sharing their time and wisdom with our club.

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

**OUR MISSION:**  
PAL provides hope, through education and support, to parents of addicted loved ones.

**OUR VISION:**  
Make PAL meetings available to all parents of addicted loved ones.

**TO FIND A MEETING**  
or to learn how to start a meeting, please visit:  
[palgroup.org](http://palgroup.org)

South Bend PAL  
Oak Tree Community Church  
Thursdays 6:30 - 8 PM  
Contact: Teresa (574) 204 - 6737  
Jennie (574) 204 - 3139

**PAL** PARENTS OF ADDICTED LOVED ONES  
YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Parents of Addicted Loved Ones - PAL  
 [palgiveshope](https://twitter.com/palgiveshope)  
 [palgiveshope](https://www.instagram.com/palgiveshope) [palgroup.org](http://palgroup.org)  
 Parents of Addicted Loved Ones



**Your club news could be here. Send articles and photos to PDG Paul Russell <[pdgpaul25g@gmail.com](mailto:pdgpaul25g@gmail.com)> by the 25th of the month.**



## News from Around the District

### Lydick Lions Collect Supplies for Walking With Moms Closet at Holy Cross Parish

The Lydick Lions offer a huge heartfelt THANK YOU to our amazing members and the wonderful community for your overwhelming support of our June Service Project!

Because of YOU, we were able to collect: Diapers, Wipes, Laundry Soap, Toys, Clothing and Onesies!

Your generosity filled our hearts and will make a meaningful difference for families in need. We are so grateful to serve alongside such a caring and compassionate community.

Together, we make a difference!

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



### Lydick Lions Collect Supplies for South Bend Animal Resource Center

The Lydick Lions offer a huge THANK YOU to our AMAZING members and supportive community for the overwhelming outpouring of love for our July Service Project! Also, thank you to Lydick Lion members Cindy Finney and Howard Morse for dropping off our donation!

Because of YOU, we were able to collect dog food, cat food, treats, toys, and pet beds—all to benefit the South Bend Animal Resource Center - SBARC and their many four-legged friends.

Our hearts are full knowing that, together, we are making a difference—one wag and purr at a time!

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



L to R Lydick Lions Howard Morse & Cindy Finney, Brittnei Gendron, Director at South Bend Animal Resource Center

## News from Around the District

### Peru Lions Club Helps Sponsor Peru Public Library's Summer Reading Program

Peru Lions Club helped sponsor the Peru Public library's summer's reading program. This year the theme was Color Our World. PDG Ron Guth and Lion Beth Guth's granddaughter, Kara, enjoyed the magician and other activities. Kara is also the granddaughter of Lions Kim and Chrystal Burton of the Peru Club.

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



### Peru Lions Have Been Serving Tenderloins at Circus City Festival for 40+ Years

Peru Lions Club just completed 6 days of Peru's Circus City Festival. It was a great week with lots of Lions, family, and friend volunteers, and groups we donate to for helping us out so much. The groups included Duke's Hospital Auxiliary, Peru HS Football, Peru HS Girls Volleyball, Peru HS Soccer—both girls and boys teams, Tri Kappa, United Methodist Youth, St. John's Lutheran church, Calvary Church, Knights of Columbus, and St. Vincent De Paul. We donated \$5,650.00 total.



Left: Peru Lions Club Original Tenderloin Trailer, 1982.

Right: Peru Lions Club President Lion Kim Burton is in the booth prepared to sell tenderloin tickets. Next, the current Tenderloin Trailer, then the replica circus wagon built by the late PDG Jim Reeve and donated to the club by Lion Sheri Reeve, and finally, the condiments table under a canopy.



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

### Baugo Township Lions & Community Volunteers Build 26 Beds



Baugo Township Lions hosted a Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed build, July 12th. 26 beds were constructed. Lions and volunteers from the school and community helped build the beds.

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



## News from Around the District

### Where Does She Find the Time?

Lion Kori Fortunato is the new President of the Dunlap Lions Club. A few days ago, she sent me the following message with a couple of photos attached:

*When I decided I wanted to do something special for my presidency, I looked into a craft to do. These are pictures of Diamond Dot art of a lion. Diamond Dot is kind of like paint by numbers, but instead of using paint, you use small resin beads, called "drills," to an adhesive canvas. It combines elements of cross-stitching and paint-by-numbers, using a color-coded legend to guide the placement of the resin beads.*

*This picture took about two weeks to complete and required 70,000 drills to place. I enjoyed working on this, and the finished product is gorgeous. Haven't quite figured out how I am going to frame it as yet,*

*The first picture is a work in progress, and the second is the finished project.*

*Lion Kori Fortunato, President, Dunlap Lions Club*



Left: Work in progress

Right: Finished art work



## Mid-Winter Conference 2026

### MWC Planning Committee Needs Your Input

As we continue the preparation for this year's Mid-Winter Conference, we have put together a short survey to gain insights on what Seminars the Lions of Indiana want covered. We want to be focused on the topics that Lions want to hear, so that, hopefully, more of you will attend.

Our goal is to have the list of seminars and speakers for them, if possible, done by August 31, so we can start promoting the conference. To that end, we ask that you complete the survey by August 15th.

The link to the survey is: <https://tinyurl.com/MWC2026Survey>

Lion Jeff Kozicki, MWC Seminars Chairman





## Previews of Coming Attractions

### Fulton-Liberty Lions Prepare for 24th Annual Fun Day Festival

The Fulton-Liberty Lions Club will hold their 24th annual Fun Day Festival in Fulton, Indiana on Saturday, August 2nd.

### 2025 FULTON FUN DAY FESTIVAL (24<sup>th</sup> annual)

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| 8:00        | Mushball Tournament  |
| 8:30        | <b>5K Race</b>   |
| 9:00 – Noon | Library Book Sale & Art Show   |
| 11:00       | <b>Craft Vendors &amp; Food Vendors open</b>                         |
| 12:00       | Parade (drinks sold by library 11:30-1:00)                           |
|             | <i>Honoring Rosey the Clown – assisted by Circus City performers</i> |
| 1:00 – 3:00 | Music on Stage – Adam Gundrum  |
| 1:00        | <b>Paintball Trailer</b> – all day                                   |
| 1:00        | Pedal Tractor Pull   |
| 1:00        | Chalk Art Contest  |
| 1:30        | <b>Horseshoe Tournament</b>  |
| 1:30 - 3:00 | Princess Makeover  |
| 1:30 – 2:30 | Magician Norm Basille  |
| 2:00 – 4:00 | <b>Baseball/Softball Throw</b>                                       |
| 2:15 – 2:45 | Line Dancers – on BB court <b>NEW!!!</b>                             |
| 2:30        | <b>Kids Bingo-14 &amp; under (raffle for prize)</b>                  |
| 3:00 – 5:00 | Bounce Houses  |
| 3:30 – 4:30 | <b>Foamzilla Party</b> <b>NEW!!!</b>                                 |
| 4:00        | Bingo (raffle for prize)   |
| 4:00        | Free Throw/3 Point Contests (EL,JH,Open)                             |
| 4:30        | <b>Middle School 3 on 3 Basketball</b>                               |
| 4:30-5:30   | Mark's Ark Animals   |
| 5:00        | Euchre Tournament  |
| 5:00        | Volleyball Tournament  |
| 6:00        | <b>Open 3 on 3 Basketball</b>  |

***Sponsored by the Fulton Liberty Lions Club***

|                         |                                    |                 |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Food Vendors Confirmed: | Tate's Dogs                        | Dick's Tacos    |
|                         | Rusty's Chicken                    | Igloo Ice Cream |
|                         | Homestyle Cooking & Grill          | Lemon Shakeups  |
|                         | Withers Concessions: Elephant Ears |                 |

# Pancakes & Pencils Breakfast

Saturday, August 9, 2025

7:30—10:00 am

LaFontaine Community Building—103 West Branson Street

- ♦ Serving Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits & Gravy, Pancakes & Sausage.
- ♦ Freewill Donation
- ♦ Proceeds will benefit the community through the LaFontaine Lions.

## We're collecting supplies for Southwood Elementary School!

Help kids have a successful start to their year —bring your donations and make a difference in a child's life! The items that are especially needed for the school's classroom pantries are:

- |                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| ♦ Glue Sticks       | ♦ Wipes            |
| ♦ #2 Pencils        | ♦ Rubber Cement    |
| ♦ Washable Markers  | ♦ Classroom Snacks |
| ♦ Dry Erase Markers | ♦ Paper Plates     |

LaFontaine Lions -supporting the  
community for 85 years.



**We Serve**

## 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.**

|                                  |                            |              |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| IPDG Warren Allender (Baugo Twp) | warrenallender@comcast.net | 574-361-7942 |
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### **Vision First Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Inc.**

|                               |                      |              |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
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### **Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc.**

|                                   |                     |              |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
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|                                |                      |              |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
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### **Indiana Lions for Leader Dog, Inc.**

|                                |                            |              |
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|                                 |                        |              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
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## Indiana Lions Foundation

### It's Time for Summer Fun with Indiana Lions at the Great Indiana State Fair



It's not too late 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.

The Fair will be held in Indianapolis, August 1-17, 2025, and we will need many volunteers to work at six gates during the Fair.

Sign up today at [IndianaLionsFoundationMD25.org](https://IndianaLionsFoundationMD25.org). If you have questions or need help, contact Lion Rose Russell at 574-250-0125 or [RoseWRussell@gmail.com](mailto:RoseWRussell@gmail.com).

There have been several changes at the State Fair this year. The biggest change is the renumbering of several gates and the addition of a new gate. See the map attached to this newsletter for additional information.

## Eyeglass Recycling

### Protecting Volunteers and Preserving Donations

The Lions Eyeglass Recycling Program values every contribution of used eyeglasses and cases. However, we urge all donors to *avoid recycling items that have been stored in barns, sheds, garages, or other areas where they may have been exposed to birds, rodents, or other wildlife.*

When eyeglasses arrive showing signs of contamination—such as droppings or nesting materials—the entire container and its contents must be discarded to protect the health of our volunteers. While we are committed to salvaging every usable pair, safety must remain our top priority. Please ensure donations are clean, dry, and stored in safe indoor environments

PDG Marty Juel  
3204 Village Ct.  
Goshen, IN 46528  
Cell (574) 322-1660





# District Governor's Calendar

## August 2025

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed                          | Thu | Fri | Sat                             |
|-----|-----|-----|------------------------------|-----|-----|---------------------------------|
|     |     |     |                              |     | 1   | <b>2 District Meeting Akron</b> |
| 3   | 4   | 5   | 6                            | 7   | 8   | 9                               |
| 10  | 11  | 12  | 13                           | 14  | 15  | <b>16 25-E Banner Night</b>     |
| 17  | 18  | 19  | 20                           | 21  | 22  | <b>23 25-G Banner Night</b>     |
| 24  | 25  | 26  | <b>27 DG Visit Culver LC</b> | 28  | 29  | <b>30 25-F Banner Night</b>     |
| 31  |     |     |                              |     |     |                                 |



# District Governor's Calendar

## September 2025

| Sun                      | Mon                              | Tue                            | Wed | Thu                              | Fri                              | Sat                              |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                          | 1                                | <b>2 DG Visit Rochester LC</b> | 3   | 4                                | <b>5 LCIF Atlanta GA</b>         | <b>6 LCIF Atlanta GA</b>         |
| <b>7 LCIF Atlanta GA</b> | <b>8 LCIF Atlanta GA</b>         | 9                              | 10  | 11                               | 12                               | <b>13 25-D Banner Night</b>      |
| 14                       | 15                               | 16                             | 17  | <b>18 USA/Canada Lions Forum</b> | <b>19 USA/Canada Lions Forum</b> | <b>20 USA/Canada Lions Forum</b> |
| 21                       | <b>22 DG Visit Middlebury LC</b> | 23                             | 24  | 25                               | 26                               | 27                               |
| 28                       | 29                               | 30                             |     |                                  |                                  |                                  |



### **District Global Action Team**

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### **Mark Your Calendar**

Fri-Sun, Aug 1-17, 2025 Indiana State Fair  
Indianapolis, IN

Sat, Aug 2, 2025 District Meeting #1  
Akron Community Center, Akron, IN

Sat, Aug 23, 2025 District 25-G Banner Night  
Hidden Oak Manor, North Webster, IN

Thu-Sat, Sep 18-20, 2025 USA/Canada Forum  
Atlantic City, NJ

Sat, Nov 1, 2025 District Meeting #2  
1st Baptist Church, Peru, IN

Fri-Sat, Jan 16-17, 2026, Mid-Winter Conference  
Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport, Indianapolis

Sat, Jan 31, 2026, District Meeting #3  
Lakeville Community Center, Lakeville, IN

Sat, Mar 7, 2026 District 25-G Convention  
TBD

Fri-Sun, May 1-3, 2026, State Convention  
Embassy Suites, Plainfield, IN

Sat, Jun 6, 2026, District Meeting #4  
Fairview Grange, Goshen, IN



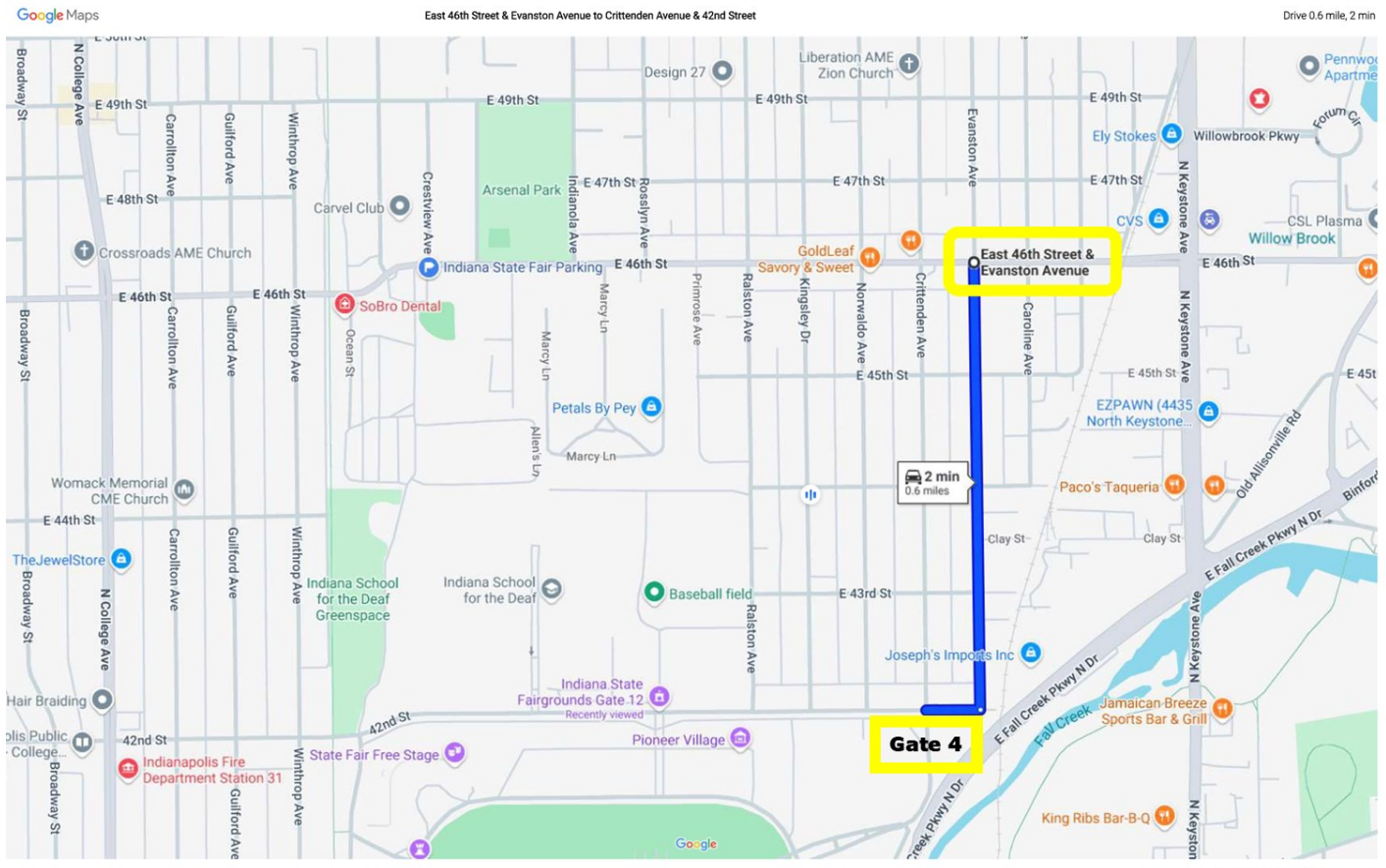
**Energize Your Soul Through Service**

# Indiana Lions Foundation—Indiana State Fair Project



Several gates at the Indiana State Fair have been renumbered and a gate has been added. Those which affect us are: Former Gate 10 is now Gate 4. Former Gate 12 is now Gate 3. Gate 1/1W has not changed.

The best way to reach Gate 4 (formerly Gate 10) may be to go to 46th Street, come south on Evanston Avenue to 42nd Street, then west on 42nd Street to Gate 4, as shown below.





Hidden Oak Manor  
140 EMS T52 Ln  
North Webster, IN 46555

# BANNER NIGHT



**August 23, 2025**

**5 pm Social Hour**

**6 pm Dinner**

**BRING YOUR BANNER &  
CELEBRATE YOUR LION PRIDE**

*Dinner Includes:*

Chicken Marsala, Brisket, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Roasted California Blend Vegetables, Salad, Rolls, Assorted Desserts, Ice Cream Bar with Toppings

**\$39 per person**

Reservations must be made with payment by August 11, 2025. Any reservations received after this date will have an additional \$5 fee.

## Banner Night Reservation

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this reservation and your check payable to District 25-G to:

**CT PDG Ron Guth**

**2386 W. Broadway**

**Bunker Hill, IN 46914**

**765-460-7177 \* guthron@comcast.net**



**SAT.  
Aug. 2  
2025**

**Akron  
Community  
Building  
815 Rural St.  
Akron, IN**

# 1<sup>st</sup> District 25-G Meeting

Breakfast at 9 am - Meeting starts at 9:30

**\$9** for breakfast includes Biscuits & gravy, fruit, cinnamon rolls & drinks



Bring your track shoes and get ready to 'jump-start' the new Lions year and learn of DG Jackie Kurley's plans for the coming year.



## 1<sup>st</sup> District Meeting Reservations

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

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