



# Lions Tales

**DISTRICT 25-G**

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

From the Desk of District Governor Jackie Kurley

Theme: "Energize Your Soul Through Service"

Hello Lions,

Happy New Lions Year!

As we kick off the 2025-2026 Lions year, I'm filled with excitement and anticipation for the journey ahead. Although, due to scheduling, I will be officially your District Governor when you receive this newsletter, my ceremonial installation won't happen until July 17th during the International Convention in (You guessed it!) hot and humid Orlando, Florida. Yes, the very place I once swore I'd never return to in July—but as Lions, we adapt!

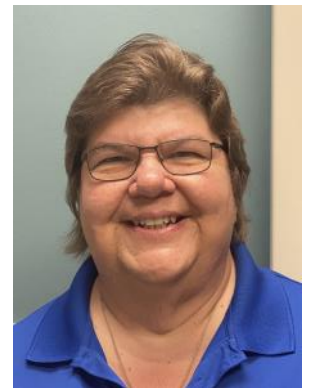
With the convention a bit later this year, it gives our clubs some extra time to rack up brag-worthy service before our first District Meeting on August 2nd. And I hope you'll come prepared to share!

### **New Format for District Meetings**

This year, we're going to change things up a bit. Instead of reading committee reports aloud at the meeting, all committee chairs will submit their reports to Cabinet Secretary Lion Kim Polk two weeks in advance. These reports will then be emailed to club presidents and secretaries. At the meeting, we'll open the floor only for questions and discussion.

This way, reports can be reviewed in advance, and questions can be thoughtfully addressed. And if a question pops up before the meeting, feel free to email the committee chair so they have time to prepare an answer. Let's make these meetings more efficient and more engaging!

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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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Also, please spread the word: all Lions members are welcome and encouraged to attend district meetings. There's usually breakfast or snacks provided (we'll send out flyers so host clubs can plan accordingly). There's a small fee to help cover the food cost-Cabinet Treasurer Lion Ron Guth loves it when those payments come in early!

### **Let's "Serve" Like Never Before**

This year, our focus is simple: more service, more visibility, and more Lions. Because service is how we energize our souls.

Think about moments that lit you up inside-like getting your first car and proudly washing and waxing it. Or hitting your first home run after hours of practice. Or placing a pair of glasses on a grandma's face so she could sew again. That moment of joy, of making a difference-that's the energy I want us to tap into this year.

Let's seek out opportunities that not only serve others, but renew our own sense of purpose.

### **More Service = More Visibility = More Members**

The more we're seen in our communities, the more interest we generate. Whether it's cleaning up roads, delivering food, or organizing drives-show who we are. Dunlap Lions recently added a feather flag to display at service events. It's a simple and effective way to start conversations with potential members

A yard sign, a banner, a t-shirt-anything that shares "Lions at Work" helps lift the veil on what we do. We've all heard it: Lions are the best-kept secret. It's time to change that!

And don't forget to report your service. Sharing your impact through MyLion helps tell the full story of Lions around the world-and right here in Indiana.

If you're having trouble with service reporting, our Global Service Team Leader, PDG Tom Polk, will be more than happy to show you how it's done. He's a fantastic resource and always ready to help.

Our incoming International President reminds us that Mission 1.5 isn't about a number-it's about impact. The more hands we have, the more service we can do. That's the goal.

### **Your First District Project: Back-to-School Supply Drive**

Here's your first District-wide Service Assignment: Collect school supplies during August.

Every community has published lists of what local students need. Share that list with your club, encourage members to donate, and even ask local businesses to help.

Even a few boxes of crayons or notebooks can make a difference. When you deliver supplies, take a photo and send it-along with a short description-to our newsletter editor, PDG Paul Russell. Let's fill the next issue with smiling faces and acts of service!

### **Save the Date!**

Banner Night: August 23, 2025

Details coming soon, so stay tuned and mark your calendars now!

Thank you, Lions, for your dedication, heart, and service. You are appreciated more than you know. Let's make this a meaningful year-filled with energy, community, and service that truly touches lives.

In Service and Gratitude, Jackie Kurley, District Governor, District 25-G

"Energize Your Soul Through Service"

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



As one Lions year draws to a close and a new one begins, we can pause, say thank you, and look ahead. We can be grateful for the dedication and leadership of our outgoing officers, who helped guide us through a year of service. Now, with fresh energy and new ideas, we welcome our incoming leaders and look forward to a year full of opportunity, impact, and inspiration.

For the Lions who have served our clubs, communities, and district this past year -- thank you.

Thanks to the Club Secretaries who stay up late entering reports; the Treasurers who balance the books, make the calls, and remind us when dues are due; the Presidents who plan out meetings and keep us

engaged and moving forward as Clubs.

Thanks, also, to all the Lions who coordinate meals, invite speakers, post events on Facebook, set up meeting rooms, and clean up after everyone else is gone.

Thanks to all the Lions who check in on an ailing member, invite your neighbors to events and meetings, and encourage your fellow Lions.

Thanks to all the Lions who never miss a service project, suggest a new idea for service, worry about how to better serve your community, and dedicate your time, energy, and attention to serve.

Our Association is built on your efforts and dedication. You served, you showed up, and it made a difference in the lives of others - you made this year better. Thank you.

With the beginning of a new Lions year, we have the opportunity to explore new ways to serve. Thank you to all our new or continuing officers for stepping up to lead, and thank you, in advance, to all of the Lions in our district for all the ways you will serve your clubs, communities, our district, and each other in the coming year.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Steven Weld, 1st Vice District Governor

## Celebrating 336 Years of Service

District 25-G recognizes Lions Clubs chartered during the month of July. Together, these clubs have delivered a combined 336 years of dedicated service to their communities. Each one has made a unique contribution—locally and beyond—supporting district, state, and international initiatives. They continue to embody District Governor Jackie Kurley's inspiring theme: *"Energize Your Soul Through Service"*.

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

CLUB NAME	CHARTER DATE	YEARS OF SERVICE
Mishawaka	July 12, 1923	102
Millersburg	July 20, 1945	80
Etna Green	July 5, 1946	79
Plymouth	July 12, 1950	75

## A Message From District Cabinet Secretary Lion Kim Polk



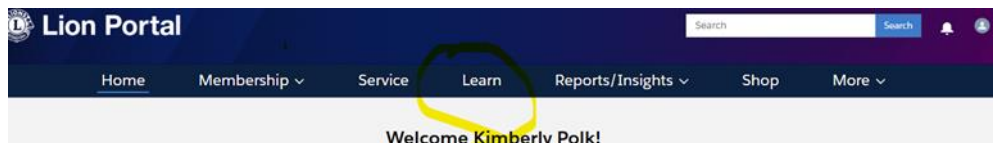
I look forward to continuing to serve District 25-G as your Cabinet Secretary.

Clubs qualifying for the Club Excellence Award for the 2024-2025 Year should have their application completed and submitted to PDG Warren Allender. He must submit them to LCI no later than August 31, 2025. This application can be found on the LCI website at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center/grants-and-awards/association-awards/club-excellence-awards>

In the past, my articles have sometimes featured my gardening with my granddaughter, Mattie. Mattie is just beginning her years of learning. She has learned how to dress herself – sometimes the clothes are on backwards, she is learning her ABC's, she is learning her numbers. She has learned how to ride her tricycle. She has learned how to buckle herself into her car seat – it may take Grammy counting to 5 to get her focused on her task, but she accomplishes it. Mattie is just at the beginning of her life, but she has learned so many things and will continue to do so.

As I have completed the District Officer training with the Club Secretaries, I thought about how we never stop learning. This year in my articles, I plan to focus on areas of duties of a club secretary and how club secretaries can continue to learn to enhance the functioning of the club.

I would encourage club secretaries to complete the Club Secretary Learning Path which can be found in the Learning Center. Log into the Lions Portal and visit the "LEARN" Tab on the Lions Portal. This provides a great overview of the responsibilities of a Club Secretary.



We need to be like my granddaughter: eager to learn, and eager to help!

If I can answer questions or be of assistance to you, please contact me.

Yours in service,

Lion Kim Polk, Cabinet Secretary

## Random Thoughts from a Random Mind

### What Would Melvin Jones Say?

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

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

## A Message From District Cabinet Treasurer PDG Ron Guth



Greetings to Lions of District 25-G,

LCI will be sending out dues invoices in July based on your club's member count as of 6/30/2025.

Please note that LCI will no longer mail statements by USPS after 7/15/2025. Notice will be sent to the email address listed for the club treasurer. The club treasurer must use the portal for electronic payments or to download and print statements, if paying by check.

The member count is determined by LCI based on their records from the club's last membership changes on the Lions "Member Portal" before the end of June. Any changes received on 7/1/2025 or later will not change the billed count. The State and District dues are based off the same LCI member count.

Semi-annual dues for LCI are \$25.00 per member (\$12.50 for a family member).

Semi-annual dues paid to District 25-G are \$9.00 for all members (\$7.00 state, \$2.00 district).

The dues schedule for the 2025-2026 period was included in the last two newsletters. If you need a schedule, please email me directly and I will send you a copy.

You can expect a district dues invoice from me via e-mail no later than mid-July.

Please send district/state dues and project donations made out to District 25-G to:

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Feel free to contact me with any questions and I will do my best to answer.

We Serve,

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## More Random Thoughts from a Random Mind

### Pay It Forward

In some parts of the world, membership in a Lions Club is a privilege reserved for the rich and powerful. In the USA, it is an opportunity that we should offer to all men and women, regardless of race, creed, color, education, occupation, or social standing. Individual differences which might, in other contexts, define the boundaries of our social circle, disappear in Lionism, where we find bankers and bus drivers, plumbers and poets, lawyers and laborers working side-by-side to help our neighbors around the corner and around the globe meet the challenges which life throws at them. Someone offered you the opportunity to make a difference in your community. Pay it forward, pass it on, offer the same opportunity to someone in your community.



## Global Leadership Team

### Caring About Gifts



It being another hot and muggy day, I decided to skim through some Lions papers I had, hoping to make the big pile much smaller. One of the papers I picked up was a reprint of Helen Keller's speech at the 1925 International Lions Convention in Sandusky, Ohio. This is the speech still famous for its last line: "Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?" This one sentence has inspired Lion for 100 years now.

So I re-read her whole speech again, even moving my lips to give it more dramatic effect. Incidentally, in 1925, Helen Keller was 45 years old and quipped that she seemed to be the youngest person in the room. I wonder that that says about the image of Lions being an old men's club.

But as I read, I found another passage, two sentences long, which I liked even better than her "Knights of the Blind" sentence. This sentence, I think, strikes even closer to home today. Near the end of her speech, she said, "It is the care we want more than money. The gift without the sympathy and interest of the giver is empty."

It made me think about how true this is becoming for Lions today. We all seem to be too busy to meet the objects of our Club donations, so it is simply easier to write a check and mail it. Obviously, there are times when we need to respect the privacy of people and obviously we can't deliver checks directly to people LCIF may be helping on another continent. But I do think that meeting the receivers of our donations, as many as possible, just might bring a heightened sense of caring to all of us.

It's also important to match the donation with the receiver. The gift must be meaningful and useful. If we are thinking of money, that's not normally a problem, since most Lions Clubs treasuries don't allow for much excess. And maybe money isn't what's needed the most. We need to do our research.



Helen Keller

It has taken me a long time to get to my point, but here I am. I would like to see every Club have some project whereby we personally meet the recipients of our gifts. It doesn't have to be a huge project, but some project. I can think of examples already in District 25-G where this is done, and I hope there are lots more than are being done that I don't know about. Perhaps a list of such projects could be printed in this newsletter. Maybe it involves vision screening. Maybe it involves the kids who get the dictionaries we provide. Maybe it is someone who gets a new pair of eyeglasses through Lions. Maybe it is someone who gets a new rollator. Maybe it's an anxious family staying in a Ronald McDonald house.

It is entirely possible that the recipients may discover, unlike Helen Keller, that we are just a group of old men. Maybe they will discover that we are friendly and talkative. It just might result in a few new members here and there. Somehow, we need to show that Lions are real people.

No matter how we Lions look at it, Lions are one-half of the charitable transaction. As Helen Keller said, "the gift without the sympathy and interest of the giver is empty." At the start of this new Lions year, let's vow not to be empty givers.

PCC Dave Eisen, Global Leadership Team Coordinator

## Global Membership & Extension Team

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



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

Each Lion matters to the people who depend on you, and every club is changing their community by making it a stronger, healthier, and kinder place for all. Inviting new members to your club will increase your capacity to serve your community and the people who depend on you. You bring special talents and unique skills to your service. Thus, every new member you proudly sponsor and add to your local club, does the same.

We are beginning another new Lions Year. Let's begin with a Lion Spirit and a positive attitude.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A LION! Thank you for your service. It is greatly appreciated.

WE SERVE

PDG Marlyn Fast, Global Membership Team

## Here We Grow Again

During the 2024-2025 Lions year, 25 district clubs welcomed 92 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.

#### **Bourbon Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Ruth Nifont

Sponsor: Lion Floyd Nifong

New Member: Thomas Wilcox

Sponsor: Lion Vicky Wilcox

#### **Elkhart Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Ronn Foster

Sponsor: Lion Jamie Foster

#### **Madison Township Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Mitchell Hunsberger

Sponsor: Lion Greg Hunsberger

#### **Mexico Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Crystal Ribble

Sponsor: Lion Jeff Shrock

#### **Milford Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Arlan Ensz

Sponsor: Lion Lisa Ensz

New Member: Lion Danielle Miller

Sponsor: Lion Lisa Ensz

New Member: Lion Rennee Miller

Sponsor: Lion Lisa Ensz



## Global Service Team



Welcome to my first article as the district Global Service Team Coordinator. So, if you have questions or concerns – please reach out to me and I will respond as soon as possible. The Lions motto of “We Serve” is more than just words. It needs to be a cornerstone of everything we do as Lions. But here is a thought:

### **“If We Don’t Report It, It Didn’t Happen!”**

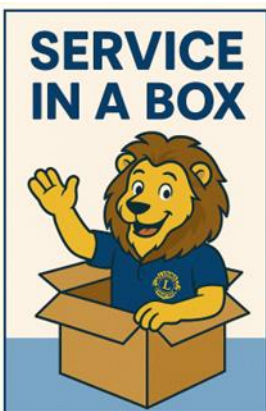
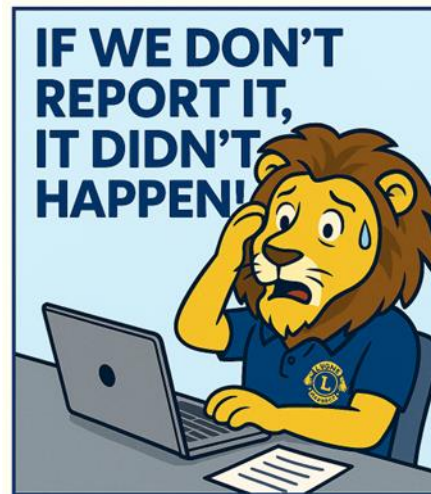
We do a *lot* of great things in our clubs. From giving out eyeglasses to picking up trash to handing out backpacks, Lions are always busy helping people. But guess what? If we don’t report our service activities, it’s like they never even happened! That’s why it’s so important to let Lions Clubs International (LCI) know what we’re doing.

When we report service, we help show the world how big and strong the Lions family really is. Every backpack given, every meal served, and every child screened helps build a picture of how Lions are changing lives. Without those reports, other people (even LCI!) won’t see how amazing your club is.

Reporting is easy and only takes a few minutes. Just go online to the Lion Portal, under service or ask your club secretary or contact me for help. You don’t need to write a long story—just tell what the project was, how many people helped, and how many were served. That’s it!

And here’s the fun part: reporting also helps your club earn awards and recognition. It can even help get more support and funding for future projects. So, let’s make sure the great work we do *counts*—because your service matters, and the world needs to see it!

Let’s keep serving—and don’t forget to report it!



### **Service in a Box**

Each month I want to provide you with some service project ideas. They will be various sized (Simple to Complex) – so that any size club can use them. Since August is back to school time – all of these are all focused on that theme.

#### **1. Simple Project: “Notes of Encouragement”**

**Volunteers Needed:** 1–2 people

**Description:** Create handwritten or printed notes of encouragement to be included in school supply kits or backpacks for students. These notes can offer motivation, kindness, and positivity to start the school year.

#### **Steps:**

- Write or print 50–100 short notes with messages like “You’ve got this!” or “Have a great year!”
- Partner with a local school or organization distributing supplies like “Blessings in a Backpack”.
- Drop off the notes to be included in student backpacks.

**Impact:** Boosts student morale and emotional support at the start of school.

#### **2. Moderate Project: “Lions Club School Supply Drive”**

**Volunteers Needed:** 3–5 people

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## Global Service Team

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**Description:** Organize a community collection of essential school supplies (backpacks, notebooks, pencils, etc.) to support local students in need.

**Steps:**

- Set up drop-off bins at local churches, businesses, or grocery stores.
- Promote the drive via social media, posters, and flyers.
- Sort and bundle collected items into supply kits.
- Deliver to a local school, guidance office, or shelter.

**Impact:** Directly helps students start the year equipped for success.

### **3. Complex Project: “Back-to-School Community Fair”**

**Volunteers Needed:** 5–10 people

**Description:** Host a mini fair with free vision screenings, school supply giveaways, and fun activities for families.

**Features might include:**

- Lions vision screening booth
- Free school supplies table
- Local vendors or health professionals (hearing, dental, etc.)
- Fun stations: face painting, games, snacks

**Steps:**

- Secure a venue (school, park, community center)
- Partner with local organizations for supplies and health services
- Promote the event across the community
- Set up, run, and clean up the event

**Impact:** Combines service, outreach, and community building—high visibility and long-lasting goodwill.

PDG Tom Polk

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## LCIF Coordinators Update



Hello Lion Friends!

I know I reminded everyone about designating LCIF Club Coordinators in last month's newsletter. So here I go again!

ALL clubs are asked to appoint a club LCIF coordinator, which is a one-year position. While serving in this role, you will be asked to educate fellow club members on the impact of LCIF grants and key initiatives of the foundation. As club LCIF coordinator, you will also be asked to encourage donations from both the club and individual members. DG Jackie and I are very excited with our plan to reach out to all clubs to meet and work alongside your LCIF Coordinators. So, keep your eyes open for an email from me and DG Jackie! I look forward to working with ALL of you!

### Thank You Donors!

Every gift you made to LCIF this year made a difference to someone in need, in your local community and around the world.

Yours in Service,

LCIF District Coordinators, Lion Sopheap Long and DG Jackie Kurley

P.S. I'm also sharing LCIF Chairperson Dr. Patti Hill's latest message below!

*Dear Lions and Leos,*

*It has been my honor to serve as chairperson of our foundation this year, and I want to thank you for your unwavering dedication, service and generosity. Together, we have made a meaningful difference in the lives of so many. I look forward to celebrating all we have accomplished during the 107th Lions International Convention in just a few weeks.*

*If you have not yet had the opportunity to contribute to our global foundation, there is still time. Every gift helps us carry our mission forward and create a lasting impact in the world. As we enter a new Lion year, let us continue to stand together in support of our association, foundation and the vital work that lies ahead. I look forward to serving alongside you in the years to come.*

*Yours in service,*

*Dr. Patti Hill, LCIF Chairperson*



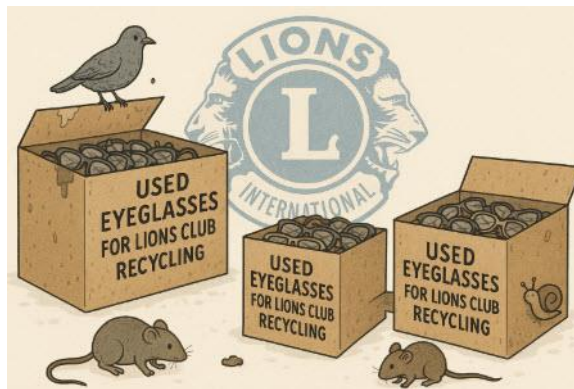
## Eyeglass Recycling

### 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

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An illustration of several anthropomorphic lion and mouse characters wearing blue Lions Club uniforms. They are gathered around a wooden table, sorting through a large metal bin filled with used eyeglasses. Some characters are holding individual pairs of glasses. In the background, there are signs on the wall. One sign says "100 INSPECT NA CLEAN A GLASSESS" and another says "TO INSPECT REPTCED SELLIRE D INSPEOOLED DEAN ETHAUX CEES BODER INKARATISS ANKREKEM".

## CONGRATULATIONS !

13 Lions from 6 District 25-G clubs processed OVER 4000 pairs of glasses at the ultrasound washing project on Tuesday, June 24.

Clubs represented were: Mishawaka, Dunlap, Lakeville, Elkhart, Lake City and Clay-Granger



## News from Around the District

### Greene Township Lions Serve Up Strawberry Shortcake & Train Rides

The Greene Township Lions spent two days serving strawberry shortcake in their new concession trailer at the Potato Creek and Lions Strawberry Festival in North Liberty on June 13th & 14th. They have been serving at this event for over 50 years. In addition, the Lions train provided rides for families. The train ran continually over the two days, and 1,648 servings of shortcake were provided to anxious customers. The new trailer worked well, and profits should exceed \$12,000 including train donations and soda sales. We want to thank all Lions and friends for their support and hard work. We took the train to the Middlebury Summer Festival parade on June 28th, and will be taking the train to Camp Millhouse every Tuesday for summer camp.

*(Submitted by Lion Stephen Eddy, Greene Township Lions Club)*



Left: Greene Township Lions Club train at the Potato Creek & Lions Strawberry Festival in North Liberty.

Right: Greene Township Lions Club train at the Middlebury Summer Festival Parade in Middlebury (photo from Middlebury Lions Club Facebook page).



Left: Greene Township Lions Club food trailer interior.

Right: Greene Township Lions Club food trailer at the Potato Creek & Lions Strawberry Festival in North Liberty.



### Milford Lions Install New Officers

Greetings from Milford Lions Club. We have had a great year. Milford has reached the 10 new members Challenge from District Governor Warren Allender of which two were transfers from the Syracuse club. We are hoping to be a club that recruits 10 more this coming year to keep reaching for our 1.5 million international goal. Also, as seen in the photo, District Governor Elect Jackie Kurley did our wonderful installation of officers. We are definitely excited for our upcoming year and will continue to set goals and try our best to reach them and we walk out our Lions motto of "We Serve".

*(Submitted by Lion Lisa Ensz, Milford Lions Club)*



(l. to r.) Treasurer Steve Weissner, Secretary Lisa Ensz, Tail Twisters & Lion Tamers Judy & Ron Marquart, 1st VP Dr. Gerv Schafer, President Dr. Bruce Lamb, & District Governor (then DGE) Jackie Kurley

## News from Around the District

### A Distinguished Honor for a Distinguished Lion

It is with great pride and heartfelt enthusiasm that the Lydick Lions Club shares a milestone moment. One of its most devoted members, Lion Leroy Wise, has been recognized extraordinarily: he has been nominated for the Indiana Distinguished Lion Award. This nomination places him among only a dozen Lions across the entire state of Indiana to receive such a distinction this year.

The award, presented by the Indiana Lions Foundation, honors Lions who exemplify a lifetime of service. To be eligible, a nominee must have at least 25 years of membership in good standing and a track record of meaningful contributions to both their club and the wider community.



While Leroy has officially been with the Lydick Lions for 22 years, his connection to Lionism spans an impressive 52 years—a testament to a life lived in service. His impact resonates throughout our community. Whether he's organizing projects, mentoring new members, or lending a steady hand wherever needed, his leadership and compassion elevate everything Lions do.

During a recent club gathering, Lion Rose Russell, Trustee of the Indiana Lions Foundation, presented Leroy with a plaque commemorating this remarkable nomination. The recognition not only reflects his service but also uplifts the spirit of our entire club.

Lion Leroy inspires us all—not just through what he does, but through the generous, selfless way he does it. His nomination is a reminder of what's possible when service is rooted in passion and purpose.

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

### Lydick Lions Welcome New Member, Recognize Outstanding Recruiter

During our monthly meeting on June 9th, PDG Paul Russell inducted new member Marcia Labelle into our club. Thank you to Marcia's sponsor Elaine Gaulin for bringing her on board! We are so happy you joined our club!

The second order of business for PDG Paul, was presenting our President, Lion Wendy Yuhasz with the Builder Key pin. This pin is presented to a Lions Club member who has sponsored 10 new members. Well done, Wendy, and congratulations!



Above left (l. to r.) Lion President Wendy Yuhasz, PDG Paul Russell, new Lion Marcia Labelle, sponsor Lion Elaine Gaulin

Above center: Lion Elaine Gaulin pins a Lions Club membership pin on new Lion Marcia Labelle.

Above right: PDG Paul Russell presents a Builder Key to Lion Wendy Yuhasz.

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



## News from Around the District

### Lydick Lions Support Reins of Life

During the weekend of June 7th and 8th, Reins of Life, therapeutic horseback riding facility located in Lydick, held their Benefit Dressage Show and the Lydick Lions Club was there to support them. Once again our members ran the concession stand serving lunch, snacks and drinks to the contestants and spectators. There was so much talent in the arena and we were all so impressed! Thank you to members Teckla Lane, Wendy Yuhasz, Jim and Cathy Day, Karen Swisher, Karen Trzaskowski, Vicki Jones, Michael Hardman, Grace Downey, Cindy Finney, Howard Morse, and Connie Price for volunteering their time and helping support Reins of Life.



Left: Karen Trzaskowski with a contestant

Right (L to R): Vicki Jones, Grace Downey, Michael Hardman



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

### Mexico Lions Construct New Playground Equipment at Local Park



*(Submitted by Lion Dolores Greer, Mexico Lions Club)*

## News from Around the District

### Madison Township Lions Award Scholarships, Induct New Member, Hear from Guest Speaker

The Madison Township Lions had an enjoyable dinner meeting on June 10 awarding scholarships, inducting a new member, and listening to an interesting speaker.

Five local graduates from three different high schools were given scholarships. The recipients were Owen Bickel, Bella Wisler, and Silas Laidig from Bremen High School, Mia Lechlitrner from Penn High School, and Kaley Gallagher from Marion High School. All five students live in Madison Township. Each student thanked the club for selecting them and gave a short synopsis of their future plans.

Past District Governor Lion Marlyn Fast inducted Mitchell Hunsberger as a new member of our club. Lion Mitchell was sponsored by his father, Lion Greg Hunsberger. We look forward to Mitchell's continued support and involvement in the club activities.

Ms. Vicki Brown representing Dustin's Place in Plymouth, Indiana was the guest speaker. Dustin's Place provides grief support at no cost for children ages 4 to 18 and their families, who have lost a parent or sibling. One out of 10 children will lose a sibling or parent by the time they are 18. Go to [dustinsplace.org](http://dustinsplace.org) for more information. The Madison Township Lions club presented a donation to this organization.

*(Submitted by Lion Alan Beehler, Madison Township Lions Club)*



Left (l. to r.) MTLC President Lion Greg Hunsberger, scholarship recipients Bella Wisler, Kaley Gallagher, Silas Laidig, Mia Lechlitrner, Owen Bickel, and Lion Mike Hunsberger.

Below: PDG Marlyn Fast (right) conducts the new member induction ceremony for new Lion Mitchell Hunsberger (right), as sponsor and father Lion Greg Hunsberger looks on.



Left: MTLC President Lion Greg Hunsberger (right) presented a donation check for Dustin's Place to Ms. Vicki Brown.



## News from Around the District

### Peru Lions Present Scholarships to Graduates of Peru HS & Maconaquah HS

The Peru Lions Club Memorial Scholarship fund was started in December of 1999 after the passing of two of our members, Lions Jim Busta and Frank Drake. Their families had requested that money be donated to the Peru Lions Club in their memory to be used in the community. It was decided that we would start a scholarship fund that, hopefully, would be on-going for years to come. From small beginnings (initially \$580) good things have happened. Including this year's recipients, we have given \$75,500 to 152 students in the past 25 years. This year's students received \$600 each.



Above: Maconaquah HS pictured (L-R): Peru Lions president Kim Burton, Emma Zeiser, Rebekah Walsh, Kevin Nord, Corey Nord, John Garrett McManus, Lucy Loshnowsky, Samantha Jones and Bennett Isenburg.

Right: Peru HS pictured (L-R): Maci Grund, Lion David Frushour, Zoe Wylam and Kevin Maxwell.



*(Submitted by Lion Ken Magers, Peru Lions Club)*



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

### 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

### Lakeville Lions Present Awards & Fellowships, Install New Officers

At their June dinner meeting on Tuesday, June 24th, the Lakeville Lions Club presents several awards and fellowship to club and community members.

Below left: Lions Marsha Omans, Vicky Terpening, and Jean Duford received Everyday Hero Awards. They are pictured here with Awards Committee members Lions Don and Dee Milzarek.

Below right: Lion Larry Ort received the Howard Heines Memorial Lion of the Year Award. He is pictured here with Awards Committee members Lion Anne Weber and Lion Lloyd Mehaney.



Below left: Lion Darlene Shock was the recipient of a W.P. Woods Fellowship. She is pictured here with outgoing President Lion Jim Tibbs.

Below right: Outgoing President Lion Jim Tibbs was the recipient of a Melvin Jones Fellowship. He is pictured here with Awards Committee members Lion Anne Weber and Lion Marsha Omans.



Left: Officers and directors for the 2025-2026 Lions year were installed by PCC Dave Eisen of the Mishawaka Lions Club.

## News from Around the District

### 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	



## Opportunities for Service

### Lydick Lions Club Service Project for July

During July, we will be helping our four legged friends! We will be collecting items for South Bend Animal Care and Control. We will be collecting the following items: dog & cat food (dry and canned), pet toys, kitty litter, new or gently used clean blankets, towels, pet beds, and anything else dog and cat related.

If you have any items you would like to donate, please email Lion Wendy Yuhasz at [mt\\_wendy7402@att.net](mailto:mt_wendy7402@att.net) and we can coordinate a drop off.

Thank you for any help! The four legged pets say "YOU'RE AWESOME!"

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

# Lydick Lions July Service Project



During July we are collecting items for  
South Bend Animal Care and Control  
for our four legged friends.

#### COLLECTING

- ✓ Dog & Cat food
- ✓ Pet toys
- ✓ Kitty Litter
- ✓ New or gently used clean blankets, towels and pet beds
- ✓ Anything cat or dog related



Thank you from all our  
four legged fur friends!

Email us at  
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if you would like to  
donate and help us.



# SAVE THE DATE



## NEW SERVICE INITIATIVES FOR 2025-2026

FROM INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT-ELECT A.P. SINGH

**MENTAL  
HEALTH &  
WELL-BEING**

OCTOBER 4-12, 2025



OCTOBER 4-12, 2026

**HUNGER**



January 3-11  
2026

**ENVIRONMENT**



APRIL 18-26, 2026

Please have clubs/districts plan accordingly.



## 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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PDG Paul Russell (Lakeville)	pdgpaul25g@gmail.com	574-250-2621

### **Vision First Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Inc.**

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### **Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc.**

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Lion Rose Russell (Lakeville)	RoseWRussell@gmail.com	574-250-0125

## Operation KidSight



Congratulations Lions all on a fantastic year!  
And a special shoutout to all who participated in any way with  
KidSight screenings in our state's schools and daycares.  
Indiana Lions screened 15230 kids from August 2024 to June 2025.  
I challenge all Lions in the month of July to integrate a screening into your schedule.  
We are less than 300 kids served from exceeding 2023-2024's total.  
Fairs, libraries, and other events are all ways to expose your community  
to the Operation KidSight program and your club!  
If you need a camera, please reach out to Karlene Roe with Operation KidSight.

In late July the VisionFirst (Eye Bank) board and Indiana Lions Operation KidSight  
is inviting all Lions to attend a celebratory lunch to thank those involved with KidSight  
for their dedication and heroic work. We will also be using this time  
to update and check on cameras owned by KidSight  
and get a better accounting of which clubs and districts have their own.  
Specific time and date TBD, location will be the VisionFirst offices in Carmel.  
Having finished a full year as coordinator, I couldn't be in more awe and happy  
to work with such amazing Lions and this program.

I appreciate your patience & guidance and look forward to serving with you all for years to come.

### 2024-2025 COUNT BY CLUB DISTRICT G

Name	Count
Baugo	16
Clay-Granger	301
Culver	37
Dunlap	29
Elkhart Metro	334
Lakeville	13
Lydick	463
Mishawaka	12
North Manchester	61
Peru	58
Plymouth	327
Rochester	336

Sum: 1987  
Avg: 165.58

### Indiana Lions Operation KidSight

**Total Screened All Time: 291141**  
**Total Screened 2023-2024: 15518**  
**Total Screened FY 2024-2025**  
**(August-June): 15230**  
**Total Referrals FY 2024-2025: 1618**  
**(includes 87 uncooperative)**  
**Referral rate: 10.6%**  
**556 screenings took place from**  
**August 2024 to June of 2025**  
**63 clubs reported screenings**

**District 25G**  
**Total Screened All Time: 45193**  
**Total Screened FY 2023-2024: 1916**  
**Total Screened FY 2024-2025**  
**(August-June): 1987**

### 2023-2024 COUNT BY CLUB DISTRICT G

Name	Count
Baugo	71
Clay-Granger	329
Culver	31
Elkhart Metro	278
LaFontaine	39
Lydick	437
Madison Township	18
North Manchester	57
Peru	84
Plymouth	356
Rochester	216

Sum: 1916  
Avg: 174.18

### OKS Contact Info

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🌐 [www.visionfirst.org/operationkidsight](http://www.visionfirst.org/operationkidsight)

## Indiana Lions Foundation



### The Indiana Lions Foundation's Matching Grants Benefit Many Lions Charitable Projects

The Indiana Lions Foundation completed its fiscal year with \$24,652 in matching grants awarded to twenty-five clubs and Camp Woodsmoke as well as a disaster assistance grant awarded to District 25-E. These grants resulted in many benefits to our fellow Hoosiers through the enabling of these clubs in pursuing many charitable projects through the use of their charitable funds supplemented by Foundation matching grants. As a results of these club/Foundation partnerships:

- 1.Children 1) learned to appreciate reading through listening to stories in their public parks, 2) received their own book and 3) accessed new books placed in their library.
  - 2.Children learned how to fish.
  - 3.Children were screened for vision abnormalities and dyslexia in their schools.
  - 4.Children received beds to sleep in when they had no bed and were given food on weekends when no food was available in their home.
  - 5.Children were able to attend Camp Woodsmoke with a working infirmary.
  - 6.Communities benefited by 1) receiving information through the erection of informational signs 2) being able to use ADA compliant restroom facilities and 3) being able to use modern plumbing systems and kitchen facilities in their community centers.
  - 7.The uninsured were able to receive medical care in a free clinic with updated exam lighting.
  - 8.Communities were enhanced with new tree plantings and entertained by Fourth of July fireworks displays.
  - 9.First responders benefited by being able to use a working beverage cooler in their firehouse and by being able to have 'blue bags' available to treat autistic victims and traumatized children.
- For more information about your Indiana Lions Foundation, contact one of our district's Foundation trustees, listed below.

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

It's not too early to start thinking about fun and fellowship with other Indiana Lions at the 2025 Indiana State Fair. This is the Foundation's single largest fundraiser. Proceeds support the operation of the Indiana Lions State Office Building and provide funds for the Foundation's new Community Service Grants.

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://www.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).







## District Governor's Calendar

July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>13 LCICON Orlando. FL</b>	<b>14 LCICON Orlando. FL</b>	<b>15 LCICON Orlando. FL</b>	<b>16 LCICON Orlando. FL</b>	<b>17 LCICON Orlando. FL</b>	18	19
20	<b>21 DG Visit Akron LC</b>	22	23	24	25	<b>26 Council Meeting</b>
27	28	29	30	31		



## 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	27	28	29	<b>30 25-F Banner Night</b>
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### **Mark Your Calendar**

Sun-Thu, Jul 13-17, 2025 International Convention  
Orlando, FL

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



## **Save the Date!**

### **August 23, 2025**

### **District 25-G Banner Night**

**Hidden Oak Manor**  
**140 EMS T52 Ln**  
**North Webster, Indiana**

**More info coming soon**



**SAT.  
Aug. 2  
2025**

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

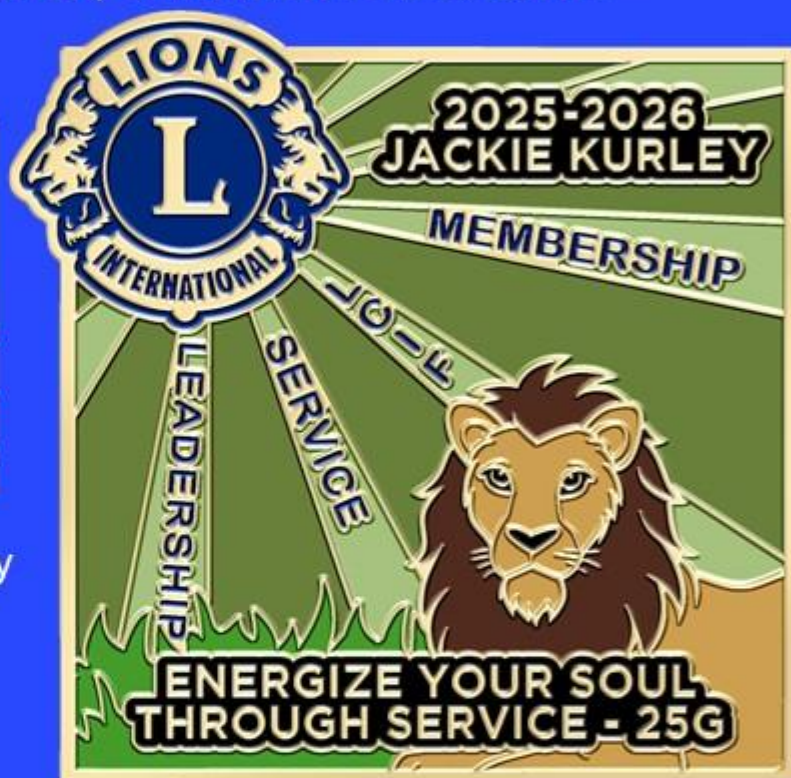
# 1<sup>st</sup> District 25-G Meeting

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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