



# Lions Tales

**DISTRICT 25-G**

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## A Message from District Governor Jackie Kurley

### Happy New Year, Lions of 25-G!

Happy 2026! My goodness—it seems like just yesterday we were preparing for every computer in the world to malfunction as we welcomed the new millennium. Now, here we are, 26 years past that panic and stepping confidently into another new year of service.

January also marks the beginning of the **second half of my term as your District Governor**, and I couldn't be prouder of what I've seen across District 25-G. As I've traveled the district, I've been amazed by the many ways our Lions are caring for the people in their cities and towns. I must admit—I had no idea just how many fairs, festivals, and community events take place in our district each fall! Apparently, I focused a bit too much on work and not enough on the fun happening right in our own backyard.

What is clear is this: **Lions are alive and well in District 25-G**. We are gaining more hands to help carry people across the bridge—from desperation to hope—while also taking care of the members who already serve so faithfully.



### Membership Momentum – Mission 1.5

At the time of this writing, our district has welcomed **60 new members**, while **29 members have exited**. While we are well ahead of where we were last year, we cannot let our foot off the pedal. Membership remains everyone's responsibility, and every Lion plays a role.

If you have questions about membership, please reach out to our **District Global Membership Team Leader**, Distinguished Past District Governor **Marlyn Fast**.

If you have ideas for a new club, contact our **Global Extension Team Leader**, affectionately known as the "Portal Whisperer," **Lion Steve Weld**.

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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

They are here to support us as we continue forward on **Mission 1.5**—and yes, Lions, **we will succeed**.

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### Service Reporting – Take Pride in Your Work

Our service reporting has improved this year, and that's worth celebrating! Currently, **69% of our clubs have reported at least one service activity**. That's progress—but we can do even better.

Let's be honest: I know those other 14 clubs have held at least one meeting this year—and that alone is a reportable activity. I also know that social media shows many wonderful projects happening that haven't been entered yet.

Remember, we have a **Global Service Team Leader**—also known as our "*ChatGPT Wizard*"—who is more than happy to walk you through service reporting **step by step**. That handy tracking sheet he emailed? Use it to gather your information, then let him help you input it. Once you see how easy it is, you'll want to report **every action your club takes**.

Your work matters. **Your club deserves recognition. Take pride in it.**

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### Leadership News & Growth

We are excited to announce that **Lion Jim Steen of the Akron Lions Club** has accepted the position of **Second Vice District Governor**, officially assuming the role on **January 2, 2026**. Lion Jim brings vision, dedication, and enthusiasm to our leadership team, and we are grateful for his willingness to serve.

For anyone interested in learning more about district leadership roles, please contact our **Global Leadership Team Leader**, fondly known as the "*Gentle Giant*." He can guide you to resources and opportunities to grow.

We need more leaders—new ideas, new projects, and new ways of doing things—to keep District 25G strong and successful in the year ahead.

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### LCIF – Investing in Our Future

Our progress would not be complete without talking about **Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)**. Through LCIF, millions of dollars in grants support Lions' projects right here in the United States—and yes, we receive more than we contribute as a nation.

To continue accessing these incredible opportunities, we must continue to give. As I visit clubs, you'll see our familiar **Change for Change tubs**, reminding us that even small contributions add up to big impact.

Our **District LCIF Co-Coordinator, Lion Sopheap Long**, is available to visit clubs and share creative and **FUN** ideas for LCIF fundraising. Please continue to give what you can—your generosity fuels our service.

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### Mark Your Calendars!

- **January 4–10:** *Lions Second Week of Service* – Focus on combating **Hunger**
  - **January 16–17:** *Mid-Winter Conference* □ Embassy Suites, Indianapolis Workshops, learning, and fun
  - **January 31:** *Third District Meeting* □ Lakeville Community Center Hosted by the **Lakeville Lions Club**
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### In Closing

Please invite me to your club—I want to hear you **brag** about your successes!

I am proud to say we are having a successful year, and together we will continue to prove that **District 25-G is...“Quite Possibly the Greatest Lions District on Earth!”**

With Lion Pride and Gratitude,  
*Your District Governor*

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



Have you ever wondered if there is more to Lions and Lionism than just what your club does? Even if your club is fantastic (like so many of our clubs in District 25-G), have you ever thought that maybe there are other ways of serving, or organizing, or fundraising, or learning? In January, Lions from across Indiana will gather together for our annual Mid-Winter Conference, with that thought in mind, as a chance for Lions to share ideas.

The conference's main activities are the seminars -- about a dozen different presentations covering a wide variety of topics. Some are focused on Lions becoming club officers for the first time, such as PDG Mark Clark's session on "Serving your Club." Others may offer new ways of doing business, like Lions Dan Moynihan and Jennifer Niemeyer's introduction to Zeffy as a system for taking online payments. In all of the seminars, Lions from across Indiana who have collected knowledge and understanding of how things work share their experiences and perspectives with you, helping you strengthening your club and step up your Lion's game. This conference also offers time over meals and other moments to connect with other Lions for friendship, fellowship, and fun.

Returning this year, the Mid-Winter Conference will also offer "speed learning." In this special session, attendees gather around tables where a Lion offers a short presentation introducing a topic, with a brief time for discussion and questions. Then when the timer goes off, everyone can move to a different table to learn about a different topic. Topics are varied, and include the State Projects, the Indiana Lions Foundation, and the Lions Forum.

Speaking of the Forum ... if the Mid-Winter Conference sounds at all attractive as a place to learn more and to connect with other Lions, then the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum may also be of interest. It provides similar opportunities but at an international scale. Offering about 100 seminars, the Forum each September draws, as presenters and attendees, Lions from across the United States, Canada, and the Caribbean, a great venue to find learning, encouragement, and challenges, as well as fun and fellowship.

Ready to register? The registration link for the Mid-Winter Conference is available on the Lions of Indiana MD-25 website (<https://e-district.org/sites/md25/>). More information on the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is available on their website (<https://lionsforum.org/>). I hope to see you there.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Steven Weld, 1st Vice District Governor

## An Opportunity For Learning



Here's your chance to get information on newsletter design and editing. At the Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference, scheduled for January 17th, in Indianapolis, there will be a seminar on Newsletter Design. The course will include information on writing, photography, and layout ideas to help you make your newsletters more informative and interesting.

Seminar 10: Creating A Great Newsletter

Presenter: PDG Marty Juel

## **A Message From District Cabinet Secretary Lion Kim Polk**

### **A New Year, A Fresh Slate for District 25-G**

As we welcome a new calendar year in District 25-G, we also find ourselves standing at the halfway point of our Lions year, a unique moment where reflection and anticipation meet. It feels a bit like waking up to a world covered in freshly fallen snow. The landscape looks bright, clean, and full of possibility. Even though we've already traveled many miles together, the path ahead remains open, inviting us to choose our next steps with intention.

Reaching the midpoint of the Lions year doesn't erase the challenges we've faced or the accomplishments we've already achieved. Instead, it offers us a chance to pause, breathe, and reset our focus. Just as snow reflects the light, this season encourages us to reflect our own light—through compassion, collaboration, and the steady spirit of service that defines who we are as Lions.

District 25-G continues to shine brightly. Across our communities, Lions are showing up with generosity, creativity, and heart. We're supporting neighbors in need, strengthening local organizations, and bringing hope to those who might otherwise feel forgotten. Every club, every project, every volunteer hour contributes to a district that truly lives out "We Serve."

As your Cabinet Secretary, I'm grateful for the opportunity to support the work happening across 25-G. With half the Lions year behind us and half still ahead, this is the perfect moment to recommit ourselves to clear communication, strong teamwork, and purposeful service. Let's encourage new leaders, welcome new members, and continue building a district where every Lion feels valued and every community feels our presence.

The snow will eventually melt, as it always does. But the footprints we leave—acts of kindness, moments of connection, lives touched—those remain. Here's to a second half of the Lions year filled with unity, purpose, and service that leaves a lasting mark on District 25G.

Remember to Energize Your Soul Through Service,

Lion Kim Polk,

District 25-G Cabinet Secretary





## A Message From District Cabinet Treasurer PDG Ron Guth



**Hello Lions,**

As I sit down to write this near Christmas Eve, I can't help but smile knowing I'm sending this off just in time—hopefully earning a spot on Santa's "nice" list. Then again, every Lion I know already belongs there. Your generosity, your service, and your unwavering commitment to others shine all year long.

By the time you read this in January, the deadline for updating your club's membership count for LCI dues billing will have passed on 12/31/2025. In the coming days, I'll be sending invoices mostly by email, with a few by regular mail for those without an email address listed in LCI or shared with me directly. LCI needs a little time to finalize

their records, but you can expect your club's invoice notice during the first week of January. I'll follow shortly after with the district dues, based on those finalized numbers.

LCI and District dues are payable upon receipt and expected within 30 days of the invoice date. If you haven't received your LCI invoice notice or the district dues invoice from me by the third week of January, please reach out and I'll gladly help track them down or resend them.

Now that the treasurer's details are out of the way, let's talk about something that truly reflects the spirit of Lionism: growing our pride. What is your club doing to welcome new Lions in 2026? We all know people who would make wonderful additions to our mission of service—but it starts with one simple step: *Just Ask*. LCI continues to offer excellent resources on their website, and you can find them easily using the search box on the Member Resource Center page.

As winter settles in, I encourage you to keep doing what Lions do best, looking out for others. A cleared sidewalk, a quick knock on the door, or a friendly phone call can mean the world to someone. Your kindness has a way of reaching farther than you realize.

Thank you for everything you do, for every hour you give, and for the compassion you bring to our communities. You make a difference every single day.

Stay warm!

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## Global Membership Team

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



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

Yes, I know, I have said this before, but it is worth repeating.

Let me first of all congratulate 36 Lions who have sponsored 63 new Lions as of the end of December.

The Urbana Lions Club just added four more new members for a total of sixteen new members for this Lion's year.

District 25-G is at a positive +32 increase in membership.

**FANTASTIC WORK!!**

**How about a personal New Year's Resolution for all Lion Members.**

***Ask one person each month to join your Lions Club this year.***

Please note that the District 25-G goal is to have a net gain of 50 members.

**WE SERVE**

**THANK YOU FOR BEING A LION!**

PDG Marlyn Fast, Global Membership Coordinator

## Call for Nominations

### **District Officer & Trustee Positions Open for Nominations**

Letters of intent and club endorsement letters for the 2026 District 25-G elections are **NOW** being accepted for the following officer positions: **District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor, and 2nd Vice District Governor.** Also to be elected at the District Convention will be trustees for the **Indiana Lions Foundation** (3-year term) and the following state projects: **Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc.** (3-year term); **Vision First Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Inc.** (3-year term); **Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc.** (3-year term); **Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc.** (3-year term); and **Indiana Lions for Leader Dog, Inc.** (3-year term).

Each candidate must submit his/her own letter of intent to run. Additionally, the candidate's home club must submit a letter of recommendation. Both letters must be submitted to the Chairperson of the Nominations and Elections Committee prior to the March 7th, 2026 District Meeting. Letters can be submitted to Lion Sopheap Long, Nominations Chair, 13793 US Hwy 20, Middlebury, IN 46540. Email documents are to be sent to [sopheap.long@gmail.com](mailto:sopheap.long@gmail.com).

## Celebrating 323 Years of Service

District 25-G proudly honors the Lions Clubs that were chartered during the month of January. Collectively, these clubs have dedicated an impressive 323 years of service to their local communities. Each club has made a unique and lasting impact—supporting not only local initiatives but also district, state, and international projects.

Their enduring commitment to service exemplifies District Governor Jackie Kurley's theme: *"Energize Your Soul Through Service."* These clubs are living proof that when service is fueled by passion, it uplifts both the giver and the community.

CLUB NAME	CHARTER DATE	YEARS OF SERVICE
Wakarusa	January 30, 1931	95
Silver Lake	January 25, 1937	89
Rochester	January 27, 1943	83
Greene Township	January 29, 1970	56

## Welcome New Members

Since the start of the 2025-2026 Lions year, 18 district clubs have welcomed 64 new Lions to the largest and greatest volunteer service organization in the world. We welcome these new Lions and thank their sponsors for offering them the opportunity to make a difference in their communities and the world.

The following new Lions were not previously reported in the district newsletter.

### **Akron Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Patrick Bishop  
 Sponsor: Lion James Steen  
 New Member: Lion Francie Lightfoot  
 Sponsor: Lion Pam Gagnon  
 New Member: Lion Mitchell Manns  
 Sponsor: Lion Joshua Manns  
 New Member: Lion Benton Nellans  
 Sponsor: Lion Steve Nelson  
 New Member: Lion Mandy Nellans  
 Sponsor: Lion Steve Nelson

### **Claypool Lions Club**

New Member: Lion John Helton  
 Sponsor: Lion Jack Warren

### **Greene Township Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Steven Johnson  
 Sponsor: Lion Stephen Eddy

### **Mexico Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Charles Stout  
 Sponsor: Lion Malan Culp

### **Millersburg Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Joel Holsopple  
 Sponsor: Lion Gary Kauffman

### **Urbana Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Michael Fuller  
 Sponsor: Lion Kyle Sparks  
 New Member: Lion Sarah Harrington  
 Sponsor: Lion Tonna Yoder  
 New Member: Lion Joslyn Belle Kuhn  
 Sponsor: Lion April Burruss  
 New Member: Lion Robert Sturgill III  
 Sponsor: Lion April Burruss



## Global Leadership Team

### How To Lose A Perfectly Good Lion Member



"Not another one!" a Board member complains when yet another resignation letter is received and presented for action. "This is the fourth one already this year!"

Sound familiar? Unfortunately, it is all too familiar in many Clubs, that sinking feeling that another good Lion has decided not to stay in the Club. Sure, there are perfectly good reasons why Lions leave: moving away, illnesses, job changes, even death, for instance. But sometimes we don't do much to help entice members to remain. We even encourage them to leave. Remember that in the 2011 Lions Clubs International Study done by the IU Center on Philanthropy, the main reason that people join a Lions Club is to make a difference in their local community (93% of men, 89% of women). Unfortunately, we don't

always help maintain their motivation, and members leave. How are we encouraging Lions to leave?

1. Conduct unproductive meetings. How often do we sit around and hash out obvious answers without coming to a conclusion, or appointing another committee? Lions leave the meeting feeling that nothing was accomplished, or that the two most powerful people in the Club were competing again.
2. Underutilize the skills and interests of Club members. A new Lion may join due to promises that the Club would follow up with his ideas, and nothing ever happens. Or worse, simply resisting the contributions or ideas of new members. Watch the YouTube video of a Lions pancake breakfast: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W6jJiaeuE-Q>. Recognize your own Club there?
3. Create an atmosphere of Club politics. Pressing the Lion to join one of the factions in the Club if they want to get anywhere with their ideas. If you aren't for me, you are against me. Sit on my side of the room. Don't talk to those people.
4. Don't provide any more information than necessary. Board members may need to know, but "ordinary" members don't need to know the details of what's happening in the Club or District. They aren't part of the privileged few.
5. Don't spend the money earned by sales efforts.
6. Create lots of rules for Club members to follow. This allows tradition to rule, even though younger Lions may not be interested in tradition yet. And it gives lots of opportunities for Tail Twisters to fine unsuspecting members.
7. Keep with "the way we always do it." New members can't be trusted to make good pancake batter or sell tickets, but they can wash tables and dishes. Don't allow new members to take over jobs from older or infirm members. Make them observers while they gain seniority.
8. Allow Tail Twisters to get too personal or vicious. Tail Twisting should be fun, not punitive, offensive, or allowed to fine for personal infirmities. Keep it light, informative, and good for laughs.
9. Provide criticism instead of constructive feedback. It's always easier to be critical than grateful or constructive. But if you continually undercut or criticize the efforts of Lions members, why would they want to stay?

I can think of even more reasons and examples, and I know you can as well. Instead of business as usual, let's concentrate on keeping Lions rather than allowing them to exit from the back door almost as fast as they enter the front door. Let me know what's working for you.

Have a great holiday season,

PCC David Eisen, Global Leadership Team Coordinator





### Let's Make Our Club Projects Even Better!

As we start 2026, it's a great time to look back at what our club has done so far. Did we do some service projects? How did they go? Remember, even if things didn't go perfectly, that's okay! Every project teaches us something new. There are no failed experiments—just chances to learn.

A smart person came up with a simple way to keep getting better. It's called the Deming PDCA Loop: **Plan, Do, Check, Act**. Let's use this to help our clubs do even more good!

#### 1) Plan

First, let's think about what our community needs. What do we want to do? What does success look like?

Example:

- *Our club will help the local food pantry by having a **'Pancakes for the Pantry'** event.*
- *We'll have a pancake breakfast to raise money and collect food for people who need it.*
- *Volunteers: 5 people for breakfast (set up, serve, clean up), 2 people for sorting and delivering food.*
- *Goals: Raise \$500 for food, collect 150 items, serve guests quickly, and deliver food to the pantry within a day.*

#### 2) Do

Now, let's do the project! Keep track of what happens.

- *Host the breakfast from 8 to 10:30 AM.*
- *We ask for donations and share a list of the most-needed food items.*
- *There's a special spot for people to drop off food.*
- *Everyone has a job, like cooking, greeting, or cleaning up.*
- *After the event, we sort the food and take it to the pantry.*

#### 3) Check

After the project, let's see how we did. Did we reach our goals? What did people think?

- *We raised \$460 (almost our goal!) and collected 180 items (more than our goal!).*
- *The pantry said they still need more canned protein and hygiene items.*
- *We noticed the breakfast line was slow at first, so maybe we need more cooks next time.*

#### 4) Act

Let's use what we learned to make our next project even better.

- *Next time, we'll tell people the top 5 things the pantry needs.*
- *We'll add a sign that says **'\$10 buys 4 cans of protein'** so people can give money if they forget food.*
- *We'll try pre-cooking some food and use tickets to help the line move faster.*
- *We'll make a simple checklist so anyone can help run the event.*
- *Then, we'll decide if we want to do this every few months or make it bigger with a sponsor.*

## Global Service Team



### **Remember, things don't have to be perfect for us to make a difference.**

Every project we take on is an opportunity to learn new things, improve our skills, and grow as a club and as individuals. Mistakes and unexpected challenges are part of the process, and each one teaches us something valuable for the future. Let's continue supporting our community, working together, and striving to do even better with each new event we organize. By encouraging each other and staying committed, we can keep making a positive impact and grow stronger as a member, club, district and organization.

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*"The first step towards getting somewhere is to decide you're not going to stay where you are."* — J.P. Morgan

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January 3-11, 2026 is another of the "weeks of service" for Lions Club. Every service project that you perform makes a difference. It impacts your club and your community. The greatest service project is the one that you do!

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### **Project 1 - Neighbors' Table: Free Community Meal Night (PDCA)**

**Big idea:** Host a free, welcoming community meal (soup/chili/pasta night) where anyone can eat—no questions asked. Optionally send guests home with a small "to-go" container or loaf of bread.

#### **PLAN**

- **Define the need**
  - Talk with a church, school, or township trustee:
  - "Do you have families who struggle with food at the end of the month or after holidays?"
  - "Would a free hot meal night help?"
- **Pick the format**
  - Meal style: soup & bread, chili & cornbread, pasta & salad—whatever's simple.
  - Decide: eat-in only or eat-in + take-home container.
- **Set a realistic attendance goal**
  - **1–3 Lions:** 20–30 guests (one simple main dish + bread).
  - **4–9 Lions:** 40–60 guests (two main dishes, plus dessert).
  - **10+ Lions:** 75–100+ guests (multi-dish buffet, kids' corner, maybe live music).
- **Secure basics**

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- o Venue (church hall, community building, school cafeteria).
- o Date/time in Hunger Week (Jan 3–11).
- o Food sourcing: donations from restaurants/grocers, church partners, or club funds.
- **Assign key roles**
  - o Meal coordinator (menu, food purchasing/donations).
  - o Hospitality lead (greeting people, seating, dessert/drinks).
  - o Clean-up and dishwashing lead.
  - o “Lions storyteller” (shares who Lions are—2 minutes, max).

### **DO**

- Promote the event:
  - o Flyers at churches, schools, pantry, social service offices.
  - o Facebook event and posts: “Free Community Meal – All Welcome.”
- Prepare the meal:
  - o Cook in church/community kitchen or bring crockpots/roasters from home.
- Set up the room:
  - o Simple table decorations, welcome sign, Lions banner.
  - o A small “Learn About Lions” table (brochures, contact info).
- Host the meal:
  - o Greet everyone like honored guests.
  - o Offer seconds as able, keep drinks and bread available.
  - o Have one Lion briefly thank partners and quietly mention Lions service.

### **CHECK**

- Count:
  - o Number of guests served (best estimate).
  - o Number of meals/plates used; number of to-go meals if offered.
- Ask partners:
  - o “Did the guests we hoped to reach actually come?”
  - o “Would a different day/time work better next time?”
- Ask guests (informally):
  - o “Would you like to see this again?”
- Ask Lions:
  - o “Did we have enough food? Enough volunteers? Too much of something?”

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### ACT

- Adjust the model:
    - Shift date/time if turnout was low but need is high.
    - Simplify or change the menu based on what was popular.
  - Standardize:
    - Write a simple one-page “Neighbors’ Table Checklist” (shopping list, timeline, roles).
  - Decide next step:
    - Repeat as an **annual** Hunger event, or
    - Turn it into a **quarterly community meal**, possibly co-hosted with a church or civic group.
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### **Project 2 – Pantry Starter Kits for Families in Transition (PDCA)**

**Big idea:** Provide “Pantry Starter Kits” for families moving out of shelters, into new housing, or recovering from crisis—so their kitchen isn’t empty the first week.

### PLAN

- **Define the need**
  - Contact a shelter, school social worker, housing agency, or township trustee:
    - ◆ “Do you know families who are newly housed or restarting after crisis?”
    - ◆ “Would a basic pantry kit for 3–5 days of meals be helpful?”
- **Design a basic starter kit**
  - Focus on flexible items like:
    - ◆ Rice/pasta, canned beans, canned vegetables, canned tomatoes, tuna/chicken, peanut butter, oatmeal, shelf-stable milk, basic seasonings.
  - Optionally add:
    - Simple one-page “Quick Meal Ideas” using those items.
- **Set scale based on club size**
  - **1–3 Lions:** 5–8 starter kits.
  - **4–9 Lions:** 10–20 starter kits.
  - **10+ Lions:** 25–40 starter kits or support multiple agencies.
- **Plan distribution**
  - Will kits be held at the shelter/agency and given out as families move?
  - Or will Lions deliver in person when invited (case-by-case, respecting privacy)?

### DO

## Global Service Team

- Source supplies:
  - Purchase items in bulk at discount stores or wholesalers.
  - Ask partners (churches, businesses) to sponsor a set number of kits (“Our company will sponsor 5 kits”).
- Assemble kits:
  - Use reusable grocery bags, sturdy totes, or boxes.
  - Pack each with the same standard list of staples.
  - Include:
    - ◆ A simple **Quick Meal Ideas** sheet.
    - ◆ A small Lions card: “From your local Lions Club—We’re glad you’re here.”
- Deliver:
  - Provide kits to your chosen partner agencies with a clear count.
  - Agree on how they’ll track distribution (so you can report people served).

### **CHECK**

- Count:
  - Number of kits created.
  - Estimated household members served (average family size × kits used).
- Ask partner agencies:
  - “Did the families actually use the items?”
  - “Were there missing basics (like oil, spices, utensils) that would help next time?”
  - “Is the number of kits about right, too low, or too high?”
- Ask Lions:
  - “Was the kit contents list clear?”
  - “Did we choose the right partners?”
  - “Was this affordable and realistic for our club size?”

### **ACT**

- Improve kit contents:
  - Adjust amounts and specific items (more breakfast foods, more protein, low-sodium options).
- Improve the process:
  - Create a standard packing list with cost per kit so clubs can budget easily.
  - Note best stores/suppliers for bulk purchasing.




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- Expand or refine:
  - o Add an optional **“Kitchen Basics Add-On Kit”** (dish soap, sponge, basic utensils) if resources allow.
  - o Decide whether to:
    - ◆ Repeat as an **annual** Hunger project, or
    - ◆ Make this a **rolling project** where you keep 5–10 kits on hand year-round.

Yours in Lions Service,

PDG Tom Polk, Global Service Team Coordinator

## Opportunity for Service



### ULTRASOUND Eyeglass Washing

**Tuesday  
January 27**  
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Choose your desired time and help with District 25-G's eyeglass recycling project. Only 5 volunteers per session. Both sessions will be at the Grange. To be included, contact:  
PDG Marty Juel – [marty@martyjuel.com](mailto:marty@martyjuel.com)  
or 574-322-1660

### Tell Us About Your Club's Signature Service Project

Does your club have a signature service project ... an ongoing or recurring project in your community 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](mailto:pdgpaul25g@gmail.com)> for publication in the district newsletter.

## LCIF Coordinators Update



### Let's Make 2026 Our Best Year Yet, District 25-G!

Hey Lions family! As we wrap up 2025 and look ahead to an amazing 2026, we've got some exciting updates and opportunities to share. Here's what's happening in our district:

### We're at 37% to Goal—Let's Push Forward!

We're making great progress, but there's still work to do! Now's the perfect time to think about year-end giving. And here's a bonus: **donations to LCIF are tax-deductible**, so you can support our mission AND get those tax benefits before the year ends. Win-win!

### Celebrate Melvin Jones with a Special Gift

Speaking of giving, we're excited to announce a **Melvin Jones Birthday Celebration!** Donate **\$147** and receive a special commemorative pin to honor the founder of Lions Clubs International. It's a meaningful way to celebrate his legacy while supporting our foundation.

Note: For exact details on this promotion, reach out to the Member Service Center at [MemberServiceCenter@lionsclubs.org](mailto:MemberServiceCenter@lionsclubs.org)

### Change for Change—We Need Every Club!

It's mid-year check-in time! We're calling on **every club** to turn in your **Change for Change donations**. This is one of our most impactful giving programs, and we need your participation to hit our goals. Every cent counts!

### Here's the Amazing Part: We Get MORE Than We Give!

Did you know? Our district receives **more in grants than we donate to LCIF**. That's the power of strategic giving and partnership. Your contributions unlock funding that comes back to support our communities in even bigger ways.

### \$11K in DCG Grants—Help Us Spend It Wisely!

We've earned **\$11,000 in District and Club Community Impact Grants (DCG)**—and we want YOUR input on how to use it! These funds can support local community projects that align with our focus areas:

- Mental health & well-being
- Hunger relief
- Environmental protection
- Vision services
- Diabetes awareness
- Childhood cancer support

Have a project in mind? Let's talk! This is our chance to make a real difference in 2026.

### 2026: Our Best Year Yet

As we head into the new year, let's commit to **growing our membership, expanding our service**, and making Lions Clubs International stronger than ever. Together, we can do amazing things.

### Let's make 2026 count, District 25-G!

Yours Truly,

Lion Sopheap Long & District Governor Jackie Kurley

## News From Around the District

### Akron Lions Adopt A Family for Christmas

The Akron Lions Club adopted a family off of our local Christmas Miracle Tree to buy and wrap gifts for children less fortunate in our community. We wrapped gifts together during our December 9th meeting at the Akron Community Center where all Lions members participated.

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



### Akron Lions Hold Bedding Drive for Sleep In Heavenly Peace Project

The Akron Lions Club hosted a bedding drive to support our Sleep in Heavenly Peace efforts during our December 13th fish fry at the Akron Community Center. Community members and Lions members were encouraged to bring a brand-new set of bedding, sheets, and pillows to be collected and donated to children in the area that are without a bed. This was a very successful fundraiser as we had many community members, Lions members, and youth participate that helped fill the warehouse.

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



The Beaver Dam Church youth group participated in the bedding drive.



Bedding in the club trailer.



Lion Woodney Francois and the club trailer.



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



## News From Around the District

### Dunlap Lions Club Celebrates 70 Years of Service



This year marks a remarkable milestone for the Dunlap Lions Club — seventy years of service, friendship, and community pride. Chartered on December 8, 1955, and sponsored by the Elkhart Lions Club, the Dunlap Lions began with 36 dedicated charter members who met twice a month at the Fire Department Hall. The enthusiasm spread quickly — by January 1956, 20 new members and one transfer joined, bringing the total to 57. By June, the Club had grown to 74 members, a testament to the community's strong spirit of service.

Since those early days, the Dunlap Lions have lived up to the Lions' motto, "We Serve." The Club has become well known for its annual **Chicken BBQ**, **Candy Days**, and **Lions mints** found throughout local businesses — all helping raise funds to support vision care, local families, and community needs.

One of the Club's proudest ongoing efforts is its **eyeglass recycling program**. Each year, donated glasses are collected, sorted, and taken on a **mission trip to Mexico**, where they are given to people in need of improved vision — a beautiful example of Dunlap's local generosity making a global impact.

For seventy years, the Dunlap Lions Club has strengthened the fabric of our community — lending a hand where it's needed most, supporting schools, and fostering fellowship among neighbors. As we celebrate this 70th anniversary, we honor those who came before us and look forward to continuing their legacy of service.

From humble beginnings in the Fire Department Hall to decades of dedication, the Dunlap Lions Club stands proud — seventy years strong, and still roaring with heart.

*(Submitted by Lion Kori Fortunato, Dunlap Lions Club)*

### Lakeville Lions Sponsor Peace Poster Contest at LaVille Elementary School



The Lakeville Lions Club sponsored a Peace Poster Contest at LaVille Elementary School this fall. There were 16 entries in the contest. The winning entry was created by 6th-grader Liberty Mitchell.

Liberty and her parents were guests at the club's Christmas Party on December 16th. They are pictured here with Club President Lion Tony Cordes.

*(Submitted by Lion Anne Weber, Lakeville Lions Club)*

## News From Around the District

### Lakeville & LaPaz Lions Clubs Provide Christmas Cheer for Local Families

On December 20th, the Lakeville and LaPaz Lions Clubs completed a nearly year-long effort to provide food and toys for needy families. This all began with the amazing food drive conducted by LaVille Elementary School. The school collected more than 3,000 food items in the month of November. This was enhanced by the Scouting for Food drive later that same month conducted by the Lakeville Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. A total of 23 individuals donated a total of 217 hours in just the final week leading up to the event. The clubs were able to provide food boxes for 68 families. Each box contained at least 60 food items that were donated by area communities. In addition to non-perishable food, each box also contained fresh ground chicken. Approximately 200 children were helped. Parents were able to pick out 3 toys, 2 stocking stuffers, a hat, gloves, and two clothing items for each child.

*(Submitted by Lion Anne Weber, Lakeville Lions Club)*



### Lakeville Lions Provide Free Pictures with Santa at Lakeville Branch Library



Santa and a few of his helpers from the Lakeville Lions Club provided approximately 60 free Pictures with Santa at the Lakeville Branch Library's Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 13th.

Pictured here (l. to r.): President Lion Tony Cordes, Immediate Past President Lion Jim "Santa" Tibbs, Past District Governor Paul Russell, and former member Terry Rensberger.



## News From Around the District

### Lydick Lions Sponsor Peace Poster Contest at Holy Cross School



Congratulations to our Peace Poster winner, Charlotte Fremeau from Holy Cross School! On Monday, December 15th Charlotte was announced as our 1st place winner during an assembly at school. Congratulations to Charlotte on this wonderful achievement! Thank you Karen Trzaskowski for organizing this event.

Note: She drew the word "PEACE" with sign language.

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

### Lydick Lions & Clay-Granger Lions Celebrate the Holidays Together

On Monday, December 8th, the Lydick Lions Club along with the Clay-Granger Lions Club joined together for some holiday fun! We kicked things off with a little "business," congratulating Steve Downey and Bernie Ferro for 20 years of service as Lions, and Bernie Pickett for 60 years! After that, it was all great food, fun and games, a gift exchange, and, best of all, celebrating a full year of service and Lions fellowship. A big thank-you to Monroe's Crossing Catering for catering a wonderful meal and to our planning committee, Lions Teckla Lane, Karen Trzaskowski, Cathy Day, Wendy Yuhasz, Karen Swisher, Elaine Gaulin and Cindy Finney, for putting together a fabulous evening of holiday festivities!

Below left: Our Planning Committee: Back row (l. to r.): Lion Karen Swisher, Lion Elaine Gaulin, Lion Cindy Finney; Front row (l. to r.): Lion Teckla Lane, Lion Karen Trzaskowski, Lion Cathy Day, Lion Wendy Yuhasz



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

### Urbana Lions Club Welcomes New Members



On Monday, December 15th, the Urbana Lions Club welcomed 9 new members. Immediate Past District Governor Warren Allender and Cabinet Treasurer Past District Governor Ron Guth inducted the new members. Since the start of this Lions year, the Urbana Lions Club has welcomed 16 new members.

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

## News From Around the District

### North Webster Lions Present Check for Teachers at North Webster Elementary School

On December 9th, the North Webster Lions Club presented \$100 to each teacher at North Webster Elementary School, totaling \$3,000. This is the 3rd year that the North Webster Lions Club has presented money to the teachers. The money is to be used for supplies for their classrooms.

Lions pictured here (l. to r.) President Lion Mark Lawson, Lion Dan Thystrup, Lion Greg Stump, and Lion Dean Glancy. Not pictured: Lion Scott Fox.



*(Submitted by Lion Scott Fox, North Webster Lions Club)*

### Peru Lions Donate to Peru Police Department Christmas for Kids



The Peru Police Department annually conducts a Christmas for Kids program and solicits donations from local organizations and individuals. This year the program was titled "Bears and Blankets". The Peru Lions Club stepped up and donated several large bags of goodies, pictured are just a small portion of those things. Also, because some of the kids are a bit older, Bears and Blankets don't work, so the club made a cash donation.



Pictured are Lion David Frushour and Peru Police Department Detective Lee Mitchell.

*(Submitted by Lion David Frushour, Peru Lions Club)*

### Roann Lions Sell Concessions at Local RC Racetrack; Donate Funds for Park Bench

The Roann Covered Bridge Lions Club sold concessions at the Remote Control car race on November 29th. at the Brickhouse Raceway. This will be our last activity for 2025. The Lions Club and the Roann Covered Bridge Festival Committee made a donation to buy a park bench for the new Jimmy Turner Jr. Park in Roann at the site of the former Roann School. The construction has already started for the new park and the crew made a lot of progress before the winter weather set-in. Prayers for our Lions Club President Phil Dale who had to have a kidney removed a few days before Christmas.

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







## Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference



### Have You Made Your Hotel Reservation?

The Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport is the official hotel for the conference. The conference room rate is \$126 (plus taxes) per night for a room with a king bed or two double beds. When you make your reservation, be sure to ask for the Lions of Indiana room rate. The deadline to make your hotel reservation at the conference rate is Monday, January 5, 2026.



**Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport  
January 16-17, 2026**



# Silent Auction

2026 Mid-Winter Conference – January 17, 2026

We are in need of items for the silent auction at the 2026 Mid-Winter Conference. If you would like to donate something, please contact either Co-Chair Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos at [liongretchen@att.net](mailto:liongretchen@att.net) or PDG Linda Scott at [lindamscott@comcast.net](mailto:lindamscott@comcast.net). Funds raised from this silent auction will go toward support of the MidWinter Conference, to better help defray the costs. Thank you for your willingness to make this event a success.





# Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference

ALL **IN** FOR



**Saturday, January 17, 2026**

**Crowne Plaza Airport Indianapolis**

**2501 S. High School Rd.,**

**Indianapolis, IN 46241**

**(317) 244-6861**



## KICK OFF DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT

**FRIDAY NIGHT - JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**Price: \$50**

**Social Time: 6:00 PM**

**Dinner: 6:30 PM**

Menu: A plated dinner that will include CHOICE OF Beef Tips or Chicken Marsala with House Salad, Roasted Potatoes, Garlic Green Beans, Dessert, House Bread and Butter, Coffee and Tea.

## FOLLOWED BY GAME SHOW BATTLE ROOMS!

Get your teams ready for Wheel of Fortune, Family Feud and more!

## PLUS - ANNUAL SERVICE PROJECT

We will again assemble our Care-ing Cases, which consists of first aid kits using new eyeglass cases and toiletry kits made up of personal hygiene items. These cases will be given to the District Governors who will share them with the needy people in their district.

## LUNCH SATURDAY FOLLOWED BY KEYNOTE SESSION PRESENTED BY

**AMBER COX, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**

**AND GENERAL MANAGER FOR THE INDIANA FEVER.**

Menu: Siesta Buffet - Mexican Salad with Cilantro Lime Dressing, Latin Seasoned Ground Beef and Corona Marinated Grilled Chicken Fajitas with Peppers and Onions, Assorted Tortilla and Taco Shells,



## SATURDAY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Registration & Continental Breakfast	8:00 am – 9:00 am
Displays & Silent Auction	Open until 3:00 pm
Opening Session	9:00 am - 9:30 am
First Session Seminars	9:45 am – 10:30 am
Second Session Seminars	10:45 am – 11:30 am
Lunch – Siesta Buffet	11:30 am – 12:15 pm
Program & Keynote Speaker	12:15 pm – 1:15 pm
Third Session Seminars	1:30 pm – 2:15 pm
Speed Learning	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Closing Session	3:45 pm – 4:15 pm

## SPEED LEARNING TOPICS

Indiana Lions for Leader Dog,  
Vision First/Indiana Lions Eye Bank,  
Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Inc  
Indiana Lions for ISVBI  
Cancer Control, Indiana Lions Foundation,  
USA / Canada Forum and Lions University,  
International Conventions- Hong Kong &  
DC, Having Fun in your Club,  
LCIF—How Our Foundation Helps the  
World, Special Olympics, Lions Quest

**COMPLETE NEXT PAGE TO SELECT SEMINARS AND COMPLETE REGISTRATION**



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# REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ This is my first Mid-Winter Conference.

- ( ) \$65.00 Early-bird (Before 11/30)    ( ) \$75.00 (After 12/1 or Onsite)
- ( ) \$35.00 Conference Only - No Lunch
- ( ) \$50.00 Friday Dinner (Circle) Beef Tips or Chicken Marsala
- ( ) \$20.00 Friday Entertainment Only (No Friday Dinner)
- ( ) LESS \$10 for First Time Attendees!

**Total Amount Due  
Per Registration:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Any food allergies or special requests? ☐ Gluten Free ☐ Vegetarian Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTER ONLINE ([www.indianalions.org](http://www.indianalions.org)) or send completed registration form with payment to:**  
**Registrar Lion Cheri Faulkner, 1021 Woodpointe Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46234**  
**E-mail: [clermontlionlady58@yahoo.com](mailto:clermontlionlady58@yahoo.com) or questions call: 317-271-3314**

Make Checks Payable to: **Lions of Indiana, Inc.** OR Card Type: ☐ VISA ☐ MC ☐ Discover  
 Card#: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Review the Seminars offered and note the session time each seminar will be offered. Please circle your selections for each session to help us plan sufficient seating and handouts.

9:45 – 10:30	Seminar Session 1	1	2	3	4
10:45 – 11:30	Seminar Session 2	5	6	7	8
1:30 – 2:15	Seminar Session 3	9	10	11	12
2:30 – 3:30		SESSION 4: SPEED LEARNING			

## Seminar Session 1 9:45 - 10:30

**Seminar 1**  
 Lion Membership Orientation  
 Presenter: PDG Tom Robbins  
 Description: Whether you are new or "seasoned" Lion come and more about Lionism and how to help new Lions.

**Seminar 2**  
 Using the Lions Portal  
 Presenter: Lion Anita Hines  
 Description: As the Portal continues to expand and improve, learn the ins and outs of putting it to work for you.

**Seminar 3**  
 Inviting Made Easy  
 Presenter: PDGs Jim Bush & Charlie Short  
 Description: We all want to expand our membership and be able to do more service. Learn how to get past the fear of the ask.

**Seminar 4**  
 Serving your Club  
 Presenter: PDG Mark Clark  
 Description: Does the thought of being a club officer scare you? This informative session will go over the various positions and give you the tips and skills to do a great job and make your club even stronger.

## Seminar Session 2 10:45 - 11:30

**Seminar 5**  
 Zeffy and Your Club  
 Presenter: Lions Dan Moynihan & Jennifer Niemeyer  
 Description: Learn how Zeffy can be used by your club to take online payments with no fees and can do so much more. This session will show you how to start using it in minutes.

**Seminar 6**  
 Using AI to Promote your Club  
 Presenter: TBD  
 Description: Ever has issues writing an article or a follow-up letter? With finding corporate or work partners? Learn how AI can be used to help simplify these tasks.

**Seminar 7**  
 How to Build a Leo Club  
 Presenter: 2VDG Wendy Semans  
 Description: Leo Clubs are an exciting way to get younger people involved in service. Come learn how to start and grow a club with Leos from across the state.

**Seminar 8**  
 The GMA Approach to Revitalizing Your Club.  
 Presenter: IPCC Julia Kozicki  
 Description: The Global Membership Approach (GMA) can be used to revitalize a club. Come and learn what PIP Brian Sheehan calls "the secret sauce" of Lionism.

## Seminar Session 3 1:30 - 2:15

**Seminar 9**  
 Gaming Rules  
 Presenter: Mark Mason  
 Description: Does your club host games? Learn what you need to stay legal from the Assistant Director of the Indiana Gaming Commission.

**Seminar 10**  
 Creating a Great Newsletter  
 Presenter: PDG Marty Juel  
 Description: A well-crafted newsletter is a critical communication tool for all Lions. Learn how to create engaging articles for your own newsletter and for all media to tell the story of your club to your community.

**Seminar 11**  
 Creating a Club Google Profile  
 Presenter: Peter Brown of Ash Interactive  
 Description: Learn why your club needs a Google business profile and how to set it up.

**Seminar 12**  
 Pediatric Cancer Update  
 Presenter: Dr. Jennifer Belsky  
 Description: Last year, Dr. Belsky of Riley Hospitals gave an inspired talk on her work in pediatric cancer research. Join us for an update of this critical work.



# "CALLING ALL LEOS!"

YOU'RE INVITED TO  
MID-WINTER  
CONFERENCE!

FUN

CHANT COMPETITION!

TEAM BUILDING EXERCISES!



STATEWIDE SERVICE PROJECT  
LEOS ARE WELCOME TO FRIDAY NIGHT, THE ROOM  
RATE IS \$126.00+ TAX AND BREAKFAST/LUNCH ON  
SATURDAY IS \$65.00. LEOS CAN SHARE ROOMS. IF  
YOU NEED HELP WITH PAYING FOR YOUR ROOM/  
FOOD, SPONSORSHIP/FUNDS AVAILABLE TO HELP  
YOU ATTEND

**January, 16th-17<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**Crown Plaza, Indianapolis, IN**

COME SEE WHAT YOUR FELLOW LEOS ARE

DOING IN THEIR DISTRICT!  
FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL:

WENDYSEMANS71@GMAIL.COM



# Certified Guiding Lion Training:

Be the Leader Your Community Needs!

What is a Guiding Lion?

A Guiding Lion is a trained leader who helps guide and mentor Lions Clubs (new and existing) to ensure their success and community impact.

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January 24, 2026

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Held on Zoom- register via QR



Who should attend?

- ☐ Experienced Lions who want to take on a leadership role
- ☐ Those who are passionate about helping others grow and make a difference
- ☐ Anyone looking to contribute to the success of new and existing Lions Clubs.

Questions? Contact PCC Julia Kozicki at 317-294-8064 or [julia@thekozickis.org](mailto:julia@thekozickis.org)



Sat  
Jan 31  
2026

# 3rd District 25-G Meeting

Breakfast at 9:00 am

Meeting starts at 9:30 am

Lakeville  
Community  
Center  
214 W. Patterson  
Lakeville, Indiana

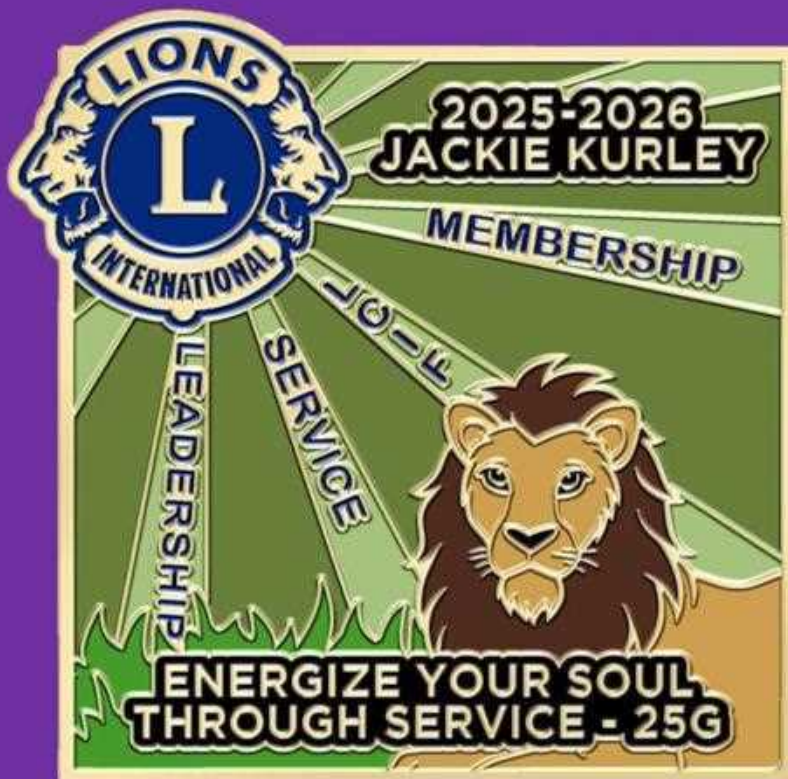
## Breakfast menu

- \* Pancakes & Sausage
- \* Biscuits & Gravy
- \* Coffee, Juice

\$10 if paid by 01/20/2026

\$12 if paid after 01/20/2026

or at the door.



## District Meeting Reservation

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

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

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

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

Mail this reservation form 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](mailto:guthron@comcast.net)

To pay by credit card, call CT PDG Ron Guth

## 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.**

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PDG Tom Polk (LaFontaine)	pdgtompolk@gmail.com	260-571-5123

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PDG Mary Klempay (Lakeville)	maryrsb@comcast.net	574-286-4499

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

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### **Indiana Lions Foundation**

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

## Indiana Lions Foundation—Distinguished Lion Award



The Indiana Lions Foundation is once again seeking nominations for the annual Indiana Distinguished Lion Award, a prestigious recognition honoring Lions who have demonstrated exceptional, long-standing service to Lionism.

Each Lions Club is invited to nominate one deserving Lion who has contributed significantly to their community, the multiple district, international service, or a combination of all three. Nominees must be in good standing and have completed a minimum of 25 years of service as a Lion.

All nominees will be recognized during the Indiana Lions State Convention in Plainfield at the Saturday luncheon on May 2nd. Each honoree will receive a personalized plaque - a meaningful way for clubs to celebrate the dedication and impact of their long-service members.

A committee of Indiana Lions Foundation trustees, chaired by PDG Don Cooper, will review all submissions and select one outstanding Lion to receive the title of Indiana Distinguished Lion. This special recognition will also be presented at the May 2nd luncheon.

Clubs are encouraged to act quickly. The deadline for submitting applications is January 31st. Application forms are available on the [Indiana Lions Foundation website](#) and should be submitted to PDG Don at the address listed on the form.

This is a wonderful opportunity to honor the Lions who have shaped our organization through decades of service and leadership.

Lion John R. Wilkins

Vice-President, Indiana Lions Foundation and Holding Corporation  
District 25-C Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Assistance Committee  
Past President, Zionsville Lions Club  
Phone 317-408-7515  
[jw6222@earthlink.net](mailto:jw6222@earthlink.net)





## District Governor's Calendar

### January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1 New Year's Day</b>	2	3
<b>4 Week of Service: Hunger</b>	5	<b>6 Mission 1.5 Zoom</b>	7	<b>8 DG Visit Leesburg LC</b>	9	<b>10 Dunlap LC Cultivate Food Rescue</b>
11	12	<b>13 DG Visit Akron LC</b>	14	15	<b>16 Mid-Winter Conference</b>	<b>17 Mid-Winter Conference</b>
<b>18 Council Meeting</b>	<b>19 MLK Jr. Day</b>	20	21	22	23	24
25	<b>26 GAT Zoom</b>	27	<b>28 LCIF Zoom</b>	29	30	<b>31 District Meeting, Lakeville</b>



## District Governor's Calendar

### February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	<b>2 State Legislators Day</b>	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	<b>10 DG Visit Madison Twp LC</b>	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	<b>20 District 25-B Convention</b>	<b>21 District 25-B Convention</b>
22	23	24	25	26	27	<b>28 District 25-C Convention</b>

### **District Global Action Team**

#### **Global Leadership Team (GLT)**

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### **Mark Your Calendar**

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

Jan 3-11, 2026, Week of Service: Hunger  
(Click [here](#) for more information)

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

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

Apr 18-26, 2026, Week of Service: Environment  
(Click [here](#) for more information)

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

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

