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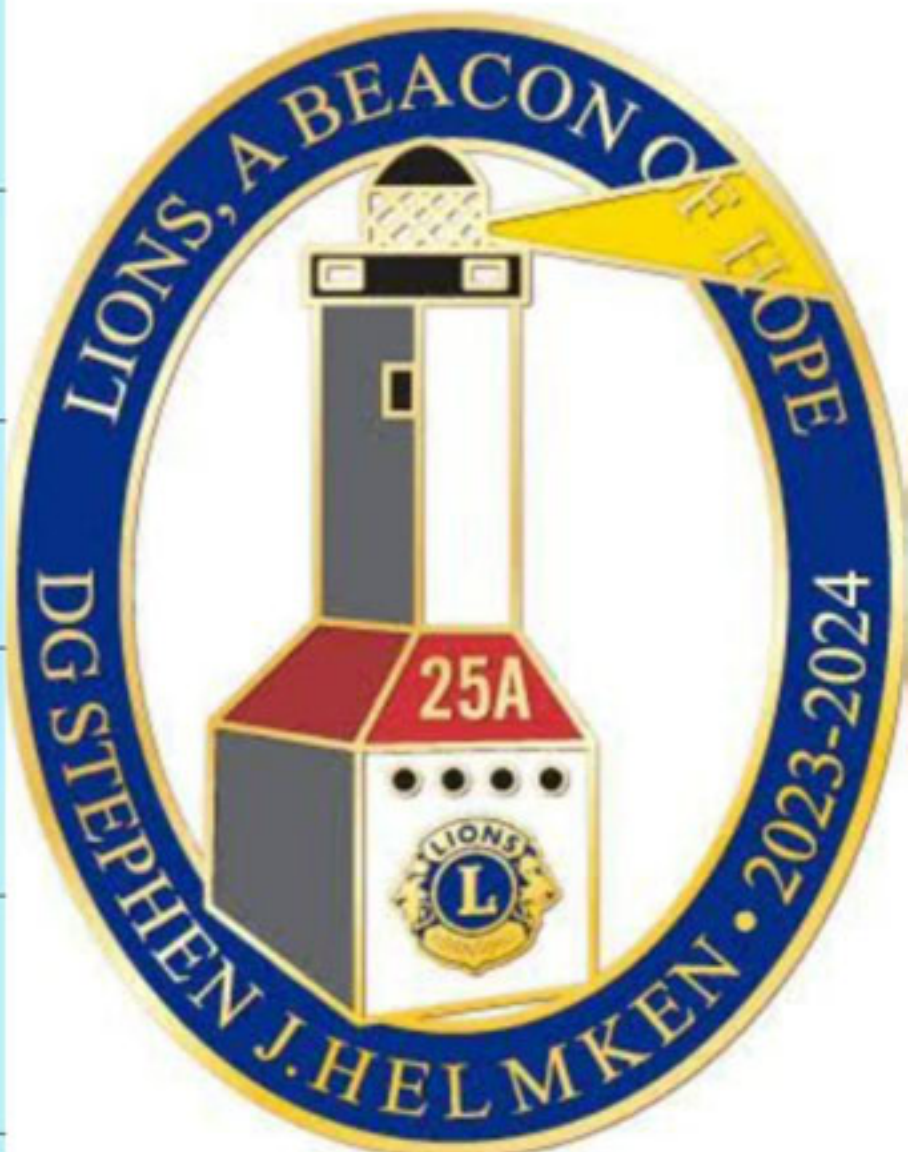
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District 25A Newsletter





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I want to start with a rousing Lions ROAR to welcome 2nd VDG Jim Furlong home after six weeks in rehab for his broken ankle. Lion Jim is thankful to be back home with 1st VDG Patty Cooke-Furlong. Take it easy, Lion Jim, as you get stronger and able to get around more. We've missed you and will be glad to see you back.

Lions, I have good news! Preparation is underway to begin rolling out the new Lion Portal. LCI will be doing a phased rollout for Lion account users. The target launch window is April 15 – May 13. Please be on the lookout for an email inviting you to access the new Lion Portal. LCI is doing this phased rollout to ensure staff can provide the best support possible. As we move forward, please know that starting on April 12, My Lion, MyLCI, and Insights will no longer be available. From April 15 to May 13, Lions will receive invitations to access the new Lion Portal. Please note user permissions will not change. Those who could report service, access member data, and perform other vital functions will remain the same. Of course, all dates listed above are subject to change. LCI aims to create a positive experience for all Lions and Leos.

Our District Convention on March 9 at the Blue Chip Casino Hotel and Spa was a fantastic time for everyone who attended. I was overwhelmed by the number of Lions we had at this year's gathering. Everything went as planned, and I know of no significant hiccups happening. Our International Director, Robert K Y Lee, and his wife, Lion Pam, from Hawaii, were so grateful to be with the Lions of 25A. The Convention Committee, led by the co-convention chairs PCC Mitchell Semans and wife, ZC Wendy, organized a convention that this District Governor was proud of. Those on the Convention Committee along with the Semans were 1st VDG Patty Cooke-Furlong, 2nd VDG Jim Furlong, CS Pat Greer, PDG Randy Greer, Tail Twister Jody Greer, CT Dennis Fischer, Lion Cindy Fischer, Lion Tiffany Nagai, Lion Allan Wozniak (President of my home club, Michiana) and his wife, Kelly (who was in charge of the table decorations for the Saturday Night Banquet among many other duties), and ZC Laurie Haussman who was in charge of the Silent Auction. I want to thank each of you for everything you did to make this year's Convention the Convention it was. I've received emails and text messages from ID Bob and Lions, who attended outside our District. Everyone has spoken of how well-organized the whole Convention was and how excellent the Banquet was, and some said they couldn't imagine their District doing a Convention like District 25A does. WAY TO GO 25A! One of the highlights of the convention weekend was taking ID Bob and Pam to The Blind Social Center in Gary. They were so impressed by this place and what it will be able to offer the blind people not only in Gary but also in the surrounding areas. That evening, we had the ID Welcome dinner at Portofino's restaurant, and 44 Lions were in attendance. ID Bob and I inducted two new members into the NWI Gary Club who weren't going to be able to attend the Convention on Saturday. Later that evening, when we returned to the Blue Chip, some of the Convention Committee, the Lees, and the Oregon-Davis Leo Club met to fill the Goodie Bags. The Lees enjoyed their time with the Leo club, and the Leos had fun working alongside the Lees.



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Saturday, at the beginning of the Convention, there were two seminars. The first seminar, presented by Lion Jeff Kozicki from District 25D, was entitled 'All You Need is Love.' The second seminar, presented by Lion Jody Greer, was entitled 'Bringing Fun into the Club.' Thank you to Lion Jeff Kozicki and his wife, who came to promote the upcoming State Convention, DG Julia. They are good friends and excellent Lions. I also went to give a huge thank you to our very own Lion, Jody Greer.

Both Jeff and Jody did unique seminars for the Lions attending the Convention.

The posting of colors by the ROTC from the Michigan City High School began the first business session. Rev. Jason Kegebein of the South Haven Club held our Necrology Service with help from 1st VDG Patty Cooke-Furlong. Lion Carolyn Laviolette presented our Peace Poster winners with their gift cards. Our first runner-up was Miss Melody Ravencroft. The LaCrosse Lions Club sponsored her entry. Our District and State winner was Miss Serenity Kegebein, sponsored by the South Haven Lions Club.

The second business session opened with the 'Parade of Banners.' The big event of the afternoon session was the Chant Contest. This year, two Lions Clubs (Crown Point and South Haven) and one Leo Club (Oregon-Davis) participated. Both Lion Clubs did stand-out chants, but everyone agreed that those Leos of the Oregon-Davis Club were the HUGE Winners again this year. Way to go, Leos!

The Saturday Night Banquet was 'the' event to attend. As District Governor, I couldn't have been any prouder and happier of our District and the many Lions I have met. As I stood at the main doors of the banquet room with my Co-Convention Chairs, PCC Mitchell Semans, and wife, ZC Wendy Semans, I had a few minutes to think about my year as DG up to that point. Suddenly, I was introduced along with my escorts, Mitch and Wendy. With the jazz band playing in the background, we started walking in. My head spun, and my legs felt like rubber, but we finally reached the head table. The room was complete, and the spirit of Lionism was undoubtedly in the atmosphere.

After a delicious meal and an inspirational talk by ID Robert K Y Lee, PDG Randy Greer came forward. As one of the District's LCIF coordinators, he presented two deserving Lions with their Melvin Jones Fellowships. The two recipients were ZC Wendy Semans and PCC Mitchell D. Semans. Congratulations to these two hard-working Lions. ID Bob and I presented Presidential Certificates of Appreciation, the fourth highest honor a Lion can receive. These were given to Lion Daniel Moynihan, Lion Jody Greer, CT Dennis Fischer, CS Patricia Greer, ZC Wendy Semans, and PCC Mitchell D. Semans. Thank you for everything you have done to make this year and District 25A Great again. Your service to the District has been beyond anything I imagined for this year.



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Congratulations to DGE Patty Cooke-Furlong and 1st VDGE Jim Furlong. Under your leadership, District 25A will continue to move forward in membership and service. I hope you both have a fantastic year.

In closing, I will use a saying from a picture that CS Patricia Greer put in the Convention ad book.

**"In a world of chaos, be a lighthouse of peace,
a beacon of kindness and a symbol of hope."**

Lions, keep your Beacons of Hope shining Brightly for ALL to see,
DG Stephen J. Helmken



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1st Vice District Governor

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Hello Lions of 25A

I hope you are all doing well and are enjoying spring! I will be much happier when the weather stays warm. Being teased by one sunny day and then going back to cold and rainy is not really doing it for me.

The big thing in my life is that Lion Jim is home from rehab! He is working hard to be walking on his own – and getting back into his Lion activities. Last week, we both attended the recent Zone 2 Meeting. It was great to just visit with other Lions and to learn about MAAC – a first responder training facility in Valparaiso. I am more energized to get ready for my year as District Governor – forming my team, setting my goals, and creating my calendar. I am looking forward to visiting with all of you and getting recharged and inspired every time.

Later this month we will be attending the State Convention in Noblesville. This is a great time to connect with Lions from all over Indiana – and get new ideas about service activities and fund raisers. Lion Jim and I are also very much looking forward to our June trip to the International Convention in Australia! Timewise, we will be completely upside down – there's a 24-hour time difference. But I will enjoy visiting with all the other DGE's, completing my training, and becoming your 2024-25 District Governor.

We have also registered for the USA Canada Forum in Louisville this September 5th thru 7th. I enjoy the International Convention, but it is a lot of pomp and circumstance. USA Canada is much more about every day Lions serving their communities. If you have never been, this is a great opportunity to go – it is only a 4-hour drive from here. Just Google "USA Canada Lions Forum" to find out more.

Now to the important news – the Portal will be here very soon! I know we talked a great deal about this last year, but it is finally here. This is the news from LCI:

- **Now – April 11:** MyLion, MyLCI and Insights will continue to function as normal.
- **April 12 and beyond:** MyLion, MyLCI and Insights are no longer available.
- **April 15 – May 13:** Invitations to access the new Lion Portal sent via email on a rolling basis to existing Lion Account users.

Please note: User permissions will not change. In other words, those who can report service, access member data and other key functions remain the same.



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Basically, keep using myLion and myLCI until April 11th. Make sure the data for your club is up-to-date. Between April 12th and May 12th, LCI will be migrating all the data and users to the Portal. During that time, just note any new member and/or activity information to be entered into the Portal. Make sure to keep on the lookout for your Portal Invitation emails. On May 13th the Portal will be available – and the only tool to report your club membership and activities.

For more information, just go to www.lionsclubs.org, click on the  and type in **Portal**. You will be taken to links for Portal training videos and other information. Since it has been nine months since I first checked out the Portal, I will be reviewing the training videos. I recommend that all Club Officers do the same.

If you have any questions about the Portal, please feel free to contact either Lion Jim or myself. We will work with you and LCI to make sure all issues are resolved.

Even after all the training I have attended, I know that I will continue to learn as your District Governor. One skill I need to improve is conflict resolution. There are always going to be different points of view in a large group. However, we cannot allow those differences to separate or divide us. I know that dealing with conflict is not one of my strong points. As your DG I must be able to help resolve issues – not avoid them. Only then, will we all have a successful year!

And I am working on my time management skills. I tend to use the words 'I meant to do that' way too often. I always think I have more time than I really do – that wasting time doing some random searches of the web is ok; I always have tomorrow. I know that to do a good job as your DG I must stay focused and healthy. I must find time to go running on a regular basis – to keep moving. The same with Lions – we need to keep moving, but in a different way. We have to keep planning and executing successful fundraisers. We must respond to the needs of our towns in our service projects. We must be looking for new members. If we always 'mean to do something' without actually creating a plan and setting a schedule, we will never accomplish our goals.

My personal goal is to always be learning, keep moving, stay focused, eliminate the words 'I meant to do that' from my vocabulary – and be the best Governor I can be for District 25A.

Take care
And thank you for all you do,

Lion Patty Cooke-Furlong
District Governor Elect, District 25A



2nd Vice District Governor *Jim Furlong*

NEW CLUB OFFICER TRAINING. Well its that time of year again where most if not all Clubs have had their elections for New Officers. There will be training for all new Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 9:00 am at a location as yet to be determined. So mark your calendars and we will notify you shortly on where the training will be held.

We will also have a short question and answer and demo of the new Lions Portal which will debut on April 15, 2024. Yes, it will. You will login with the same account tools, and you have used for MyLion and MyLCI.

THE NEW LIONS PORTAL DEBUTS APRIL 15. Yes, it finally appears it will happen. MyLion, MyLCI and Insights, along with some additional tools and functionality will be accessible through an updated portal for members. The portal will have all the same features and functionality currently available with separate tools, but with a more consistent and efficient experience — whether you're on your computer, your tablet or mobile device.

We're aiming to launch in April 2024. And a preview of the portal will be available at lionsclubs.org/portal-updates before that. Stay tuned. I urge you to use the link I included to preview the portal.

THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART. I really want to thank everyone for well wishes while I was laid up and not able to put any weight on my legs. As you know I am an amputee with a left below knee amputation. Well, on January 18 with some snow on the ground I slipped and fell and caught my right ankle and immobilized it during the fall. As a result, I twisted the ankle so severely I ended up breaking the ankle of my right foot in three places! Yikes! Now the question became—What's my good leg? I was told no weight bearing on the leg for 6-8 weeks. I worked really hard in rehabilitation and after six weeks I went to my orthopedic doctor who took an X-Ray that revealed the bones had mended and I could again weight bear on the broken angle. So back to rehab to learn to walk again and in one week I was discharged from rehab and sent home. Today I am walking without any assistance from crutches, canes, walkers, etc. The



2nd Vice District Governor *Jim Furlong*

only downside so far is that probably I'll be a great weather forecaster for rain. The ankle definitely tells me when the humidity increases.

PANCAKES. I love pancakes so when a club is having a Pancake Breakfast I'm all in. This Saturday the Schererville Lions will be having their Breakfast at the Brunswick American Legion at 7485 Burr St. in Schererville. And on Sunday, the Hebron Lions are having their Pancake Breakfast at the Hebron High School at 501 S. Main Street in Hebron. Hope to see you there. Chesterton and South Haven are having their Pancake Breakfasts in the near future. Check this bulletin for more information.

That's it for now. Have a great April. Hope everyone survived April Fool's Day.

1stVDGE Jim

District 25A 4th Cabinet Meeting



Governor Stephen J. Helmken

Sunday, June 9, 2024



Lakes of the Four Seasons

Lakehouse

1048 Lakeshore Drive Crown Point, IN

46307

1:00PM CST

Cost: \$20.00 (Cook your own Steak)

(Strip steak, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Salad, Roll & Dessert)

**Let's Celebrate with Friends, Fun &
Fellowship**

Reports should be submitted via email to CS Pat

Greer prior to the Cabinet Meeting

paticia.agreer6@gmail.com

**Please RSVP to CS Pat Greer by May 24,
2024**



Photos from around the convention and the first and second seminar session!
It was a fun time, seen at the top is ID Robert Lee and his wife Lion Pam having a great time!

Convention fun and Seminars



Chant contest winners OD leos lions club!
Thanks to South haven lions and Crown point lions for their participation!

Business Session Number 2

Special thanks to Judy Green for all photo submission



Convention Banquet

Dinner

Special thanks to Jody Greer for all photo submissions

Awards

Awards presented at the Banquet.

Melvin Jones-Mitch & Wendy

International President Appreciation Award-Daniel Moynihan, Jody Greer, Pat Greer,

Dennis Fischer, Mitch & Wendy Semans

WP Woods Jeanne DeLasCasas



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INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

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**ACTION TODAY -
VISION FOR THE FUTURE**

Vote Charlie at State Convention!

Lions Club International Experience:

- Club Extension Awards (2)
- Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships (14)
- Attended 8 International Conventions
- Attended 4 USA/Canada Forums
- Int. Pres. Leadership Medal
- Int. Pres. Certificate of Appreciation (3)
- Graduate of Faculty Development Institute LCI

MD 25 Lions Experience

- Council Chairperson 2014-2015
- MidWinter Chairperson
- State Convention Chairperson
- Int. Convention Chairperson
- Eyeglass Missions to Mexico (5)
- Progressive WP Woods Fellowships
- Richard Miyamoto Fellowship
- Trustee for Leaderdogs for the Blind
- Trustee for Vision 1st IN Lions Eye Bank
- Nominated for Distinguished Lion (2)



Vote PCC Reed Fish for International Director

Working together to achieve more TLCS:

**Teamwork
Leadership
Commitment
Service**



Working at a Lions/Anthem partnership program.



Lion Reed working with others at the Indiana State Fair



Part of the 100th State Lions Convention Planning Team (2021)



Lion Janet & Reed at a Lions Celebration



Lion Janet & Reed at a state convention



PCC Bob Booher and Reed Fish co-chaired the 100th State Lions Convention

District 25 F Experience:

- District Governor
- Vice-District Governor
- Zone Chair
- Cabinet Treasurer 7 years
- Global Leadership Chair 9 years
- Carter Everage Fellowship
- Jewel Pin DG recognition
- Camp Woodsmoke Trustee

Speedway Lions Club Experience:

- Club President
- Chair of Multiple Committees
- Member since 1989



Speedway Lions Club
<http://www.clubhouse.org/club/speedway/>



Indiana Lions 2024 Convention Committee



Dear Friend of the Indiana Lions,

The Lions of Indiana have a mission to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities and support those in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally and locally. For more than one hundred years, Lions have embodied our motto of 'We Serve' by supporting life-changing research at the IU Med Center in vision and hearing and by a multitude of projects in 331 cities and towns across the state of Indiana. Our 8500 members are the glue holding communities together by providing leadership and service supporting those in need.

In April 2024, the Lions of Indiana will be gathering for the 103rd state convention in Noblesville to celebrate the many great works accomplished by Lions and Lions Clubs across the state. We anticipate 400 members will join us at the Embassy Suites over the three days of the convention to learn and have fun while serving.

As a friend of the Indiana Lions, we hope that you would consider sponsoring or advertising at our event. The details for sponsorship and advertising are shown on the next page. All sponsorship and ad information must be submitted by March 15, 2024 to meet our publication deadline. Please know that your support will allow our members and clubs to pour more into their communities, supporting the Hoosiers we know and love.

In appreciation,
The 2024 Indiana State Lions Committee

For questions regarding sponsorships, call Lion Jeff Kozicki (765) 481-0822
For questions regarding program ads, call PID Nick Xinopoulos (317) 797-8730



Indiana Lions 2024 Convention Committee
Convention Sponsorship Levels



- **\$10,000 Premier Level:** This sponsorship includes your logo on all printed materials, including a full page ad in the program book, logo in all ads in the *Hoosier Lion* newspaper (sent to all members in December, February and April), logo in the convention information on the state website, public acknowledgement at all meals and 10 minutes to speak to the attendees during the Saturday lunch.
- **\$5,000 Platinum Level:** This sponsorship includes your logo on all printed materials, including a full page ad in the program book, logo in all ads in the *Hoosier Lion* newspaper (sent to all members in February and April), logo in the convention information on the state website, and public acknowledgement during all meals.
- **\$2,500 Gold Level:** This sponsorship includes a half page ad in the program book, logo in the April *Hoosier Lion*, logo in the convention information on the state website and a public acknowledgement during the Saturday lunch
- **\$1,000 Silver Level:** This sponsorship includes a half page ad in the program book and a public acknowledgement during the Saturday lunch.

Program Book Ads

- **\$250 – Full page ad**
- **\$150 - Half page ad**
- **\$75 - Quarter page ad**
- **\$50 - Business Card size ad**

Please contact and provide the following information:

Company Name: _____

Sponsorship Level _____

Contact Information: _____

Invoice needed? Yes ___ No ___



2024 Indiana Lions 103rd State Convention

Hosted by 25 D

April 26, 27, & 28, 2024

Embassy Suites Hotel, Noblesville, IN

with special guest: Past International President Frank Moore



EXHIBIT AND VENDOR APPLICATION

EACH 8' X 10' Booth Includes

8' skirted table

2 chairs

Lions Exhibitor - \$25

Non-Lions Exhibitor - \$50

w/electrical per booth - \$25

Additional Booths - \$50 each

Please return the completed form and payment by March 16, 2024 to:

PDG Mike Imbler

7609 E. 50 N.

Greentown, IN 46936

Make checks payable to: Lions of Indiana, Inc State Convention

Questions, please contact PDG Mike Imbler

mikeimbler@sbcglobal.net or (765) 776-0424

(if no answer, please leave message)

Name: _____

Organization/Club _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

_____ Lions Exhibitor - \$25

_____ Non Lions Exhibitor - \$50

_____ Electricity - \$25

_____ Additional Booth - \$50 each

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Thank you for supporting the Lions of Indiana!!!



2024 Indiana Lions 103rd State Convention

Hosted by District 25D

April 26 – 28, 2024



Embassy Suites Noblesville Indianapolis Convention Center
With Special Guest Past International President Frank Moore

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR OWN LODGING BY APRIL 1, 2024

Embassy Suites Noblesville Indianapolis Conference Center

13700 Conference Center Drive South, Noblesville, IN 46060

(317) 674-1900 (Group Code LIO) or click [here](#)

Room Rate: \$175/night. Includes cooked-to-order hot breakfast and manager's reception

For those not staying at the hotel who wish to enjoy the breakfast or reception,
the cost is \$20 per – please register below.

Friday Golf Outing at Top Golf, 9200 E 116th St. Fishers

\$20 per person / limited to 48 golfers

Registration Form (one form per person)

Deadline: All Registration Forms must be Postmarked by April 12, 2024

Please print name/Lions title as desire on Name Badge:

Name and Lion Title: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

District: _____ Club: _____

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

Special Dietary Needs, list here: _____

Friday Top Golf	\$20	_____
Friday Evening Hors D'oeuvres	\$10	_____
Saturday Lunch: Beef Tips with Buttered Noodles	\$25	_____
Or Chicken Parmesan (circle one)		
Saturday Strides Walk T-Shirt Size (S to 3XL)	\$20	_____
Saturday Dinner: Grilled Ribeye or Filet of Salmon (circle one)	\$35	_____
Non-Hotel Guest: Breakfast ticket(s)	\$20	_____
Non-Hotel Guest: Manager's Reception ticket(s)	\$20	_____
Total Registration Paid		_____

Mail this form (**postmarked by 4.12.24**) and your check,
payable to: **Indiana Lions State Convention** to:
Lion Christine Woodward, 13862 Kickapoo Trail, Carmel, IN 46033
Woodward1999@sbcglobal.net or 317-716-0622



Lions of Indiana 2024 State Convention

April 26-28, 2024

Keynote Speakers

Saturday, April 27, 2024 Luncheon

Katie Stam-Irk, Miss America 2009

Katie Stam was born in Seymour and raised on a dairy farm there showing dairy cattle in 4-H at the Jackson County Fair. She received a bachelor's degree from the University of Indianapolis in communication studies and interned at WTHR – TV in Indianapolis. She began competing in pageants at age 15 and later won Indiana's Junior Miss in 2005, Miss Indiana in 2008, and Miss America in 2009. Her pageant social platform was "Passion for Service: Promoting Community Service and Involvement". She traveled extensively during her year promoting community service and was named the National Goodwill Ambassador for the Children's Miracle Network. Miss Stam is married to Brian Irk and has three children.



Saturday, April 27, 2024 Dinner

Past International President Frank Moore III



J. Frank Moore III, of Daleville, Alabama, was elected as international president at the 2001 convention in Indianapolis. Past President Moore is an educator by profession and a former superintendent of education for the Daleville City Schools in Daleville, Alabama. Past President Moore has held key leadership positions in Lions International including the office of Executive Administrator and Secretary of the association from 2017-2021. He served as chairperson of the Centennial Action Committee, as LCIF vice chairperson of Campaign SightFirst II, and as vice chairperson of Campaign 100—the most successful fundraising initiative in the history of the Lions Clubs International Foundation. Past President Moore has received

numerous awards in recognition of his service to the association, including the Friends of Humanity Award presented by LCIF and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. Past President Moore is an LCIF Humanitarian Partner. In addition to his Lions activities, he is a member of the Army Aviation Museum Foundation Board of Directors, the Friends of Fort Novosel, a lay speaker in the Methodist Church, and a former chief executive officer of the Association of the United States Army. Past President Moore and wife, Rita, also a Lion and progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters and a son—who also are Lions—and seven grandchildren.

2024 State Convention Tentative Schedule of Events

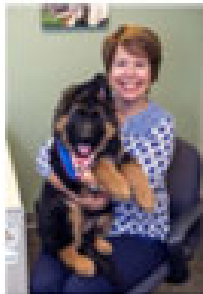
Time Begin	Time End	Event
Friday, April 26, 2024		
9:00am	11:30am	Council of Governors
2:00pm	4:00pm	Top Golf
2:30pm	3:00pm	Credentials Committee Meeting
3:00pm	5:30pm	Registration and Packet Pick-Up
3:00pm	5:30pm	Exhibits and Silent Auction Open
3:00pm	5:00pm	Credentials Certification
5:30pm	7:30pm	Manager's Reception/ Lions Reception with Hors d'oeuvres
7:30pm	9:00pm	General Business Session 1
9:00pm	11:00pm	DJ with cash bar
Saturday, April 27, 2024		
8:00am	4:00pm	Exhibits and Silent Auction Open
		Service Project
8:00am	4:00pm	Registration and Packet Pick-Up
8:30am	9:30am	District Meetings
9:00am	4:00pm	Credentials Certification
10:00am	11:30am	General Business Session 2
11:45am	1:45pm	Luncheon
		Katie Stam Irk, 2009 Miss America
		Presentations (MJF, WPW, etc).....
		State Awards
2:00pm	2:45pm	Seminars
3:00pm	3:45pm	Strides Walk for Diabetes
4:15pm	5:00pm	Past District Governors Meeting
5:30pm	7:30pm	Hotel Manager's Reception
6:00pm	6:50pm	Receiving Line
7:00pm	9:30pm	All-State Banquet
		Past International President Frank Moore
Sunday, April 28, 2024		
6:30am	7:00am	Credentials, Nominations, Elections Breakfast
7:00am	10:00am	Voting
7:00am	10:30am	Full Service Breakfast – For Embassy Suites Guests
10:00am	10:45am	Worship and Memorial Service
11:00am	11:30am	Morning Session
		Jeweled PDG Pin Presentations
		Membership Award Presentations
11:30am	1:00pm	General Business Session 3
1:15pm	4:00pm	Council Meeting (starts 15 minutes after General Business Session 3 concludes)

**Preliminary line-up of seminars at the
2024 Lions of Indiana State Convention.**

All seminars will be on Saturday, April 27, 2024, 2:00 pm – 2:45 pm

Harness the Power of Leadership

Lion Beth Slade, Director of Philanthropy for Lions Engagement, Michigan

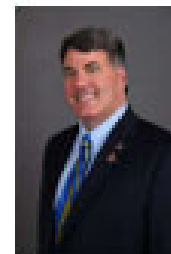


Get ready to dive into the world of leadership in a fun and interactive way. You will learn how leadership is a bit like training guide dogs, and how it is all about building trust, giving recognition, and empowering others to provide service. Don't miss out on this chance to learn and have fun as we Harness the Power of Leadership together!

Global Membership Approach (GMA) for Clubs

Jeff Kozicki, Noblesville Lions, 25-D Global Membership Coordinator

The Global Membership Approach is a proven method to lead your club into greater recruiting, more new members, and membership retention. After using SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) of your club, club members select strategies to accomplish the membership goals. This session will go through this analysis of a club.



2024 NEW Charity Gaming Rules

Mark Mason, Assistant Director, Indiana State Gaming Commission



Will your Lions Club be conducting raffles, bingo, or other gaming activities as fundraisers to support your charitable contributions to humanitarian needs? If so, you need to attend this session on the updated and newly enacted laws and regulations in 2024 governing charity gaming in Indiana. This session will help you stay on top of these laws and how they affect your club, what forms and fees that you need to complete, and other requirements that may even involve modifying your club's constitution and by-laws.

Educational Seminars, continued

LCIF: A Celebration of Impact in MD-25 and Legacy Gifting

Robert Kanonik, Lions Clubs International Foundation

The dedicated service and humanitarian spirit of the Lions of MD-25 (Indiana) continues to help change lives for the better. Throughout this presentation you will hear about the impact LCIF-funded Lions' service has made throughout MD-25 and worldwide. A special focus on the recently introduced Lions Legacy Society where you can make a difference by leaving a tax-free gift to Lions Clubs International Foundation upon your passing. As there are many options available, IRS regulations, and legal requirements to do this, Mr. Kanonik, an attorney and estate planner, will discuss the options and how you can leave your gift of all or a portion of your estate to LCIF. Giving to LCIF will demonstrate what we can accomplish when we unite for good and ensure that whenever there is a need, there will always be a Lion.



Parliamentary Procedure for Lions Clubs

PDG Patrick Rodriguez, Sr., District 25-A Parliamentarian

Keeping order in club meetings helps maintain harmony in membership and in getting the business of a club accomplished. Using Roberts Rules of Order and other club governing documents will assist in maintaining order.

Indiana Lions Special Olympics Committee Random Raffle



Benefits the Indiana Special Olympics Winter Games and Corn Hole Tournaments

Tickets are 3 for \$5.00.

Drawing to be held at the Indiana lions State convention April 27th.

Large Polar Plunge dry bag, Polar Plunge insulated tumblers, Winter Games Scarfs, S.O. blankets,

S.O. snack basket, Wayne Convention Bureau blanket.

Additional Items will be added up to the day of drawing.

Donations accepted.

See any S.O. Committee member or contact Bill McDonald 812-689-6699 lionmcdonald52@gmail.com

Special Report:

Children's Eye Foundation of AAPOS Selects Indiana Lions as Partner

The Children's Eye Foundation of the American Association of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus (CEF/AAPOS) and Indiana Lions Vision Services have agreed to partner and provide expanded vision care opportunities for Hoosier children.

This is the first statewide Lions partnership for CEF/AAPOS.

Under the terms of the agreement, CEF/AAPOS *All Children See* program will start accepting qualified referrals for pediatric ophthalmic care from the Indiana Lions' vision screening programs.

Children under eighteen years of age and either uninsured or underinsured would qualify for no cost or reduced cost care. This includes ocular surgery and other treatments for pediatric eye conditions.

Megan Pfefferle, Executive Director of CEF/AAPOS said, "The Lions of Indiana are simply amazing. They provide tens of thousands of free vision screenings per year to schools and preschools already. This screening makes early detection possible, so our two programs are a natural fit. They find kids that may need help, our doctors can diagnose them, CEF/AAPOS helps eliminate the cost barriers to care, and the kids get into treatment."

Charlie Short and Henry Rodriguez of the Indiana Lions both expressed how important the new partnership is. "Indiana Lions have worked to help the blind and visually impaired for over a hundred years. Now we have a national professional association's foundation as a partner. It's just terrific." said Rodriguez.

"Indiana is the first statewide Lions partnership for CEF/AAPOS and we couldn't be more pleased." said Short. "Bringing two large-scale organizations together to accomplish more is always a good thing, but when it's such a natural alliance, it's just like meeting a great new friend. We're all excited to get going."

For more information, contact

CEF/AAPOS at <https://www.childreneyefoundation.org>

Indiana Lions at <https://e-district.org/sites/md25/>



Indiana Lions 2024 Convention Silent Auction Items Needed



The Indiana Lions 2024 Convention will once again be having a Silent Auction. It will only be successful with your help.

Have your Club donate something to the Silent Auction that will run during the Convention. This could be a basket representative of your community, or something Lion related, or anything that you think another Lion will enjoy. These donations can be brought to your District Convention, as members of the Convention Committee will be on hand at each to collect and transport to the State Convention or bring it when you come to the State Convention.

Please send questions to woodward1999@sbcglobal.net



Hello 25A Lions

Your LCIF Coordinators want to thank you for your donation of \$572 at the District Convention last month. This added to the donations the 25A Clubs have made throughout the year. Your generosity has brought us closer to our 23-24 Goal of \$30,000 for the district. We know that we will get there!

We also wanted to let you know that there will be more LCIF fundraising at the State Convention later this month. For a small donation, you will be entered into a contest to win the opportunity of throwing a pie in the face of a PID or one our ID Candidates! We hope to see you there.

Thank you for all you do. Your donations make a difference around the world.

DGE Patty Cooke-Furlong

PDG Randy Greer



Hamlet
Lions

Hamlet Lions pass
out dictionaries to
3rd graders at
Oregon Davis
schools.





**INDIANA HARBOR – EAST CHICAGO
LIONS AYCE PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**BEST DEAL IN TOWN/ \$8.00 IN ADVANCE OR
AT THE DOOR**

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST.

**ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH HALL,
3802 GRAND AVE, EAST CHICAGO**

8:00 AM - 12 NOON

**ENTRANCE IS ON THE BACKSIDE OF THE
BUILDING/CHURCH**

HANDICAP PARKING IS AVAILABLE

LOFS LIONS CLUB

WAYNE D. KRONER SR.
MEMORIAL PORK CHOP DINNER

MAY 19TH
4P-7P

SEASONS LAKEHOUSE



SCAN THIS CODE TO
PURCHASE TICKETS

DINNER
INCLUDES:

- PORK CHOP(S)
- PARSLEY POTATOES
- BAKED BEANS
- APPLE SAUCE
- SALAD
- DINNER ROLL
- DESSERT



TICKET
PRICES

- 1 CHOP DINNER - \$14
- 2 CHOP DINNER - \$17
- \$1 SURCHARGE FOR TAKEOUT

FREE
HOT DOGS
AND CHIPS
FOR THE KIDS

COME JOIN US AT THE SEASONS
LAKEHOUSE FOR OUR ANNUAL PORK CHOP
DINNER MAY 19TH FROM 4P TO 7P



DINE-IN
OR
TAKE-OUT



TICKET SALES WILL END AT MIDNIGHT ON MAY 14TH
LIMITED WALK IN SALES WILL BE AVAILABLE

ALL TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE VIA THE QR CODE OR YOU CAN REACH OUT TO ANY LOFS LIONS MEMBER OR CALL:

LION TOM SNOWDEN - 219-776-6324 / LION DAN MOYNIHAN - 219-713-8575



South Haven Lions Club Presents



PANCAKES *and More!*



**May 18, 2024
(Saturday)
8 am - 11 am
\$10 per adult
\$ 6 per child
(12 & under)**

**South Haven
American Legion
Post 502
429 W. 750 N.
South Haven, IN**

**Pancakes
(AYCE Only)
Eggs, Sausage,
Biscuits &
Gravy, Milk,
OJ, Coffee**

All proceeds support our local projects!

DO GOOD
WITH CHIPOTLE



**CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR
MILL CREEK COMMUNITY LIONS CLUB**

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3 | 5-9PM

202 W IRELAND RD, SOUTH BEND

BASKETBALL

ShootOut

Mill Creek Community Lions Club Basketball
ShootOut

MARCH

MADNESS

9 AM DOORS OPEN

6

APRIL

Indian Trail Elementary





PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

To support the St. John Township

Food Pantry

Saturday April 6, 2024 from 8 - 11 am



Hosted by:

The Schererville Lions Club

AND



St. John Township Trustee Cathy Lareau

St. John Township Community Center

1515 Lincoln Hwy.

Schererville, IN 46375

Pancakes, Sausage and

Scrambled Eggs

Juice, Milk, Coffee



Donations Requested

For More Information, please contact

Lion Robin Arvanitis at 219-718-9903

email: itsmissrobin@gmail.com

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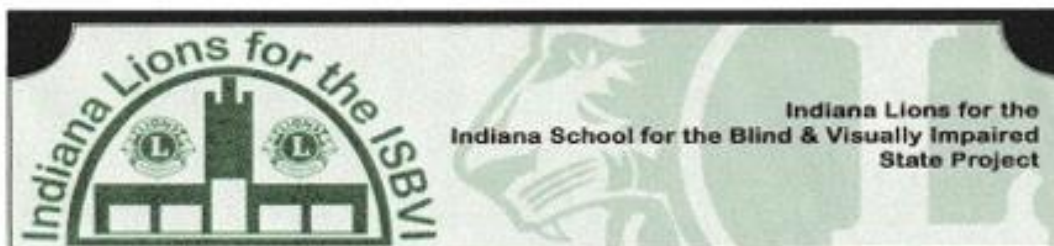
Your ISBVI Lion Trustees are sponsoring a **work day** at the school in Indianapolis on **Saturday, May 18th 2024**. This is a great opportunity for you/family/friends to walk the walk and put our "**We Serve**" motto into action. Our schedule for the day will be:

- 8:30 am Registration and donuts (of course!)
- 9 am – 1 pm Morning work Session
- 1 pm Lunch (provided by the school)
- After Lunch **Tour of the School** for those interested
- After lunch Afternoon work session until done

Come and help us beautify and improve this campus! Interested? Contact...

Lion Mike Okuly
260-519-3541
mokuly52@yahoo.com

It's a great day of fun, hard work and camaraderie and a chance to meet other Lions from around the state as well as visit this beautiful campus. This is one of **your** Lions State Projects.....take a few hours to help beautify and improve it. You'll get great satisfaction from doing so.....and of course, a **free lunch!** Hope to see you there. **Last chance to see the old campus before it totally revamped with the School for the Deaf and ISBVI new campus.**





The Chesterton Lions Club

*Invites you to join us as we Celebrate
90 Years of Dedicated Humanitarian Service to our Community*

Saturday, June 8, 2024

*The Spa Special Events Center
333 N Mineral Springs Rd
Chesterton, Indiana 46304*

*5:30 – Social Time – Hors' devours and Cash Bar
6:30 – Buffet Dinner (Ribeye and Chicken Parmesan)
7:30 – Program and Special Guest Speaker*

Cost is \$35.00 per person

*A silent auction and 50/50 raffle will be held
Business Attire Requested*

Any questions may be directed to Lion Mike Perkins at 219-895-3919 or e-mail skinnyman959@gmail.com

Please RSVP by May 29, 2024

Need a hotel? The Spring House Inn is right next door – (219) 929-4600



Name _____ Title _____ Lions Club _____

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Address _____

Phone number _____ Email _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please Make Check Payable to: Chesterton Lions Club and mail to:

Lion Bill Ellis – 1562 Colonial Dr, Chesterton, IN 46304 – 219-241-8139



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for the Blind



REGISTER ONLINE at link below
or scan the QR code on the left.

[LeaderDog.org/
lions-club/resources](https://LeaderDog.org/lions-club/resources)

BOOK NOW!
Registration
limited to 30!




Experience #31 on the Lions International magazine checklist... "How Lionisitic Are You?" by visiting to the Leader Dog campus via a FREE personalized trip!

2024 DATES - Mar 16 | Jul 20 | Oct 19

TIME - 1-4PM

For questions call
248.218.6421

FREE TOUR INCLUDES

**CANINE DEVELOPMENT
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**BLINDFOLD WALKS
with a white cane**



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**PRESENTATION BY
A LDB CLIENT**



Leader Dogs for the Blind | 1039 S Rochester Rd | Rochester Hills, MI 48307



**Each year, approximately
400,000 Children
Worldwide develop Cancer.
That's 1 Child Every
90 Seconds!**



More Than 80% of Children Diagnosed with Cancer are cured, but that number does not begin to make clear the damage cancer wreaks on kids and their families. Approximately 1,800 kids still die each year from this disease in the U.S. alone. For those who do survive, toxic treatments take an irreversible toll on their health. These therapies leave Children with lifelong chronic conditions that range from fragile bones to strained hearts to infertility.

Skylar survived 2 battles with Leukemia that robbed her of her elementary school experience. She is now Cancer free, but her bones were so ravaged by treatment that she has trouble walking and is in excruciating pain and will eventually require an artificial hip.



Tate overcame stage 3 Liver Cancer as a Baby. From his chemotherapy, he must now wear hearing aids and weak bones have led to multiple breaks

Layla was diagnosed with a brain tumor at the age of 4, kidney cancer at 10, and thyroid cancer at 15. Despite all she endured, she remained a bright light for all around her. She passed away in 2022 at the age of 19 when her brain cancer recurred.



There are at least 483,000 childhood cancer survivors in the U.S. Many suffer from lifelong conditions, including heart damage, stroke, and increased risk to develop other cancers.

A message from Crown Point Lions....

Crown Point Lions Club is discontinuing
the collection of pill bottles.

It has come to our attention that there is an issue
about shipping the bottles to Doctor Without
Borders.

The current pill bottles will be shipped to an
organization that will use the bottles in the same
manor.

Therefore, effective immediately Crown Point Lions
will NOT be collecting any more pill bottles.

We thank you for your support with this project.

Crown Point Lions Club

Welcome New Members

APRIL 2024

Chesterton

DANIEL E. LEIGHT

Sponsor: **DOUGLAS LEIGHT**

Hamlet

BRENDA L MILLER

Sponsor: **REX MILLER**

INDIANA HARBOR EAST CHICAGO

FRANK J MRVAN

Sponsor: **PATRICK RODRIGUEZ**

LAKES OF THE FOUR SEASONS

JOE DISANTO

Sponsor: **THOMAS SNOWDEN**

GARY H. NIEMEYER

Sponsor: **JENNIFER NIEMEYER**

MERRILLVILLE

BRENDA FORD

Sponsor: **JAMES FERRELL**

VALPARAISO

TOM CATH

Sponsor: **GREGORY MILLER**

Wheatfield

SONYA HAYES

Sponsor: **ROBERT TILLEMA**

JEFF LYNN HAYES

Sponsor: **ROBERT TILLEMA**

Members that have completed their service

LOWELL LIONS CLUB
RON WIETBROCK
LOWELL, IN

STAR CITY LIONS CLUB
PAUL MEYER
WINAMAC, IN



Remembering a life of service