



District 25A-Newsletter



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*"IN RUGBY, YOU SAY THE PHRASE
'WITH YOU' WHEN YOU WISH TO HELP
YOUR TEAMMATE.*

*LIONS, I AM 'WITH YOU' WHEN A FELLOW
LION NEEDS HELP WITH A SERVICE
PROJECT, FINDING NEW MEMBERS OR
NEW LEADERS."*

DG-NICK GONZALEZ



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December 2022

District Governor: Nick Gonzalez

DG visits
12/8-South
Haven
12/14-Hobart

Greetings fellow Lions of District 25A!

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I am quite thankful that being a Lion has helped me meet a ton of friendly, helpful people. Slowly but surely I will have the opportunity to meet each of you. Please contact me if I have not scheduled my official visit to your club. Though I have not visited every club, I know you. As a Lion I have attended numerous Cabinet and Zone meetings and visited many clubs. I know how active District 25A Lions are. Fundraisers, eye screenings, dictionary distributions, roadside cleanups. These are a few examples of myriad projects Lions in our district have performed. I can vouch for each of you that you are extremely active. Do you know who cannot vouch for you? Corporate donors.

Where are you going with this, District Governor? I will tell you. **SERVICE REPORTING!** I am like most of you – willing to help anyone but unwilling to brag about service. What happens when we do not report all the wonderful activities we do? Potential corporate donors assume we are not an active organization. Purina would be willing to assist Leader Dog. Major hospitals may donate unused medical equipment or helps us purchase new equipment. Kroger may want to help with our food pantries.

These companies are not going to attend our meetings or read our newsletters. They are going to read metrics. Number of people served. Funds raised to assist communities. It is definitely okay to market yourself!!

I appreciate everything you do! Each community in our district would not be the same without the benefit of Lions service. Thank you for freely giving your time, talent and treasure to help people. Please look after club members who are inactive due to various factors. A simple gesture could go a long way. I wish you a joyous holiday season. Stay safe and see you in 2023!

With you,

DG Nick Gonzalez

1st VDG-Stephen Helmken

December 2022



I hope and pray everyone had a good Thanksgiving. Lion Alice and I were blessed to have my cousins from Ohio spend the long holiday weekend with us. We always have a good time with them. Since my aunt (their mom) just passed away this past September, we had a time of sharing pictures they found while cleaning out her house. This was a good time of remembering, sharing stories, crying, and laughing.

On the weekends of November 12, 13, 19, & 20 I attended 1st VDG training at the Indiana Lions State Office. These two weekends were led by PID Doug Lozier along with PID Linda Tincher and others. The sessions were filled with lots of information on the year ahead. Spouses were encouraged to come as well since this next year involves them also. Along with the online training we are doing and our global training Zoom sessions with 1st VDGs from around the world, there's a lot to take in. But so far this has been an awesome experience and I thank District 25A Lions for your support.

I know clubs have been busy volunteering at local food pantries, soup kitchens and putting together baskets for needy families. My own club, Michiana, is finishing up their biggest fundraiser of the year which is their Terri Lynn nut and candy sales. I hope that every club in our District makes sure to go to MyLION and report on your recent activities. Let others know what you have been up to. As a District, we are still behind in our club reporting. I hope this improves over the next few months. As I and 2nd VDG Patty told everyone last month, it's not difficult to do. We are both willing to help along with PDG Barbara Toosley (who is the District Administrator) if you reach out to us.

The holidays are a time of sharing fellowship with family and friends. I am always happy to visit any of the clubs in our District. Lion Alice and I would like to spend an evening visiting Lions we already know while making new friendships with new Lions. I would like to have the opportunity to meet every Lion in District 25A. You can contact me by phone or email to schedule a visit. Of course, if your club hasn't had an official visit from DG Nick you need to contact him first. In planning for the next Lions year, there are many opportunities to get involved. Anyone who has already served as President of their Club can assume a leadership position as a Zone Chair.

The State Projects have some Trustee positions available and many other roles that you could help with. If you're thinking about becoming more involved in the workings of our District, give me a call. Or send me an email. Let's talk about what you would like to do. This is your District, so come join us and get involved. It's a great way to make new friends. As we move into December, I hope your Clubs can get together to celebrate this wonderful season. In closing, Lion Alice and I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year. Let us experience this holiday season with eyes, hearts, and minds open wide to ALL who are in need. In that way we can continue to SERVE as only Lions can.

1st VDG Stephen J. Helmken

December 2022

2 VDG- Patty Cooke



Hello Lions of District 25A

I am struggling with enjoying these very cold temperatures. But I did get out today to participate in a and going out into the cold. At the start, I was running into the wind and my fingers were freezing, but I did warm up and began to appreciate the day. Then I crossed the finish line!

The start of any journey is always the hardest – that first step. But then the first steps become easier as we realize that We Can Do It! This is part of what we do as Lions. A member proposes a new fundraiser that seems way too big for our Club, but we give the OK and We Do It! We raise funds to help the

causes in our communities! Then we come up with ideas to tweak our fundraiser and we do it successfully again and again.

One first step that many clubs need to make is to report their service activities. I know that there is a small learning curve, but we all must start. Any Lion member can create an activity, but only the

secretary, president or club administrator can report the keys facts: the number of Lions who participated, the number of people served, the amount of money raised.

You are all doing what Lions do best: We Serve! Make sure to report it to LCI, to get the credit and recognition of all that you do.

I hope you all enjoy the Holiday! I am looking forward to spending time with my family and friends and enjoying all the Christmas lights. They both make winter seem a little warmer.

Together We Can
Thank you all for that you do

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Lion Patty Cooke, 2nd Vice District Governor

Save the date

District 25-A 2023
District Convention

APRIL | 01 | 2023

Dean & Barbara White
Community Center
6600 Broadway
Merrillville, IN 46410

A block of hotel rooms is available for
\$123 +tax

Hilton Garden Inn in Merrillville
March 31-April 1

At this price until Feb. 28

Make reservations at 219-769-7100

Ask for Lions convention rate



SAVE THE DATE

Friday March 31st, 2023

*Dinner at Innsbrook
Country Club with guest
ID Ken Ibarra*

More Details to follow



A Note from the District Treasurer

Dear Lions Clubs,

As you are looking ahead to making donations to the Lions State and District projects.... All checks should be made to the intended project. They can be mailed to me. I will forward them to the appropriate address (saving you a stamp and aggravation to find the address). Each club will see evidence of their donation in the District Convention booklet.

Mail to:

**Lion Sally Davis CT
4767 E. 61st Avenue
Hobart, IN 46342**

MD-25 Lions

International Pin Design 2024



June 21–25, 2024: Melbourne, Australia: With Melbourne's combination of world-class dining, art galleries, homegrown fashion and a packed sports calendar, it's no surprise Victoria's capital is regarded the world's most livable city. The centre of Melbourne is threaded with cobbled laneways, which have become a mecca for coffee shops, cafés and unique shopping boutiques. Start at Flinders Street station, wander down Degraves Street and explore the city's beautiful arcades and street art around every corner.

Pins **MUST** include:

- a-MD 25 Indiana (as text)
- b-the Intl Convention year - 2023
- c-Lion Club Intl Logo
- d-Intl Convention Host City representation
- e-MD 25 graphic representation of MD-25 usually includes a race car and/or the outline of Indiana.

Each club can submit one design to its District Governor. One design will be selected by each District Governor. All District designs need to be submitted to me by January 18, 2023. You can scan and attach it to an email to me at angbelc@iue.edu. Each District's selected design will be presented to State Council in January. Remember: pin designers do not have to be (a) Lions.

Be creative and have fun!

CS Angela Locke, State Pin Chairperson



Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference
With the Power of You, Together We Can

Service Project: Sock It To Me!

We need your help to make this winter more bearable for those in need in our communities. Please bring new socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, knit hats, and blankets to the Mid-Winter Conference. Our District Governors will distribute them to those in need in their districts.



Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport
January 20-21, 2023



COMING SOON: INDIANA LIONS MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

Saturday, January 21, 2023
Crowne Plaza
Indianapolis Airport Hotel.



Coming Soon: Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference

The annual Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport Hotel.

Some Indiana Lions say the Mid-Winter Conference is "the best place for learning" about leadership, service, and all aspects of Lionism. We offer workshops and seminars on club administration, community service, fundraising, and membership recruitment and retention, as well as opportunities for service, fellowship with Lions from around the state, and plain old everyday Lions fun.

The conference registration fee is only \$55 and includes informative seminars and workshops, on-site service projects, coffee and pastries in the morning, lunch at noon with a motivational speaker, and fellowship with other Lions.

The keynote speaker at the Saturday luncheon will be Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter. Superintendent Carter has served 40 years in law enforcement, as an Indiana State Trooper, Hamilton County Sheriff, and Indiana State Police Superintendent. He has received many awards including the Indiana State Police Silver Star Award for Meritorious Service and Outstanding Heroism. Service has always been important to Superintendent Carter. He has said, "It's not about titles and career and that stuff, it's about service before self."

The conference will be preceded by a dinner on Friday evening. There is a separate fee for this event. The after-dinner speaker will be Charlie Adams, known as "Indiana's Speaker". Charlie has been delivering entertaining and informative talks for 35 years in the Hoosier State. A former TV news, sports, and features reporter, and news anchor, Charlie has interviewed thousands of folks in Indiana. He has also done extensive research on difference-makers past and present, and tells those stories in a compelling manner! He will present an entertaining and informative after-dinner talk on people and stories from throughout the Hoosier State.

Conference attendees will be offered the opportunity to participate in two on-site service projects. After dinner on Friday evening, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in the Care-ing Cases project, using clean recycled hard eyeglass cases to assemble first aid kits and toiletry kits. Conference attendees are also encouraged to donate new socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, knit hats, and blankets to the Sock It To Me project. Collection boxes for these items will be available on Friday and Saturday. Our District Governors will share all items created/collected by these projects with those in need in their districts. For more information about the conference and a registration form, visit the Indiana Lions website at indianalions.org and click on the link labelled "Printable Forms". The list of available forms includes seminar and workshop information, a conference registration form with hotel reservation information, and information for sponsors.

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE 2023 INDIANA
LIONS MID-WINTER CONFERENCE.**

Overview

Friday January 20th, 2023
FRIDAY NIGHT SPEAKER
CHARLIE ADAMS

SERVICE PROJECT #1
CARE-ING CASES-
ASSEMBLE FIRST AID
KITS/TOILETRY KITS

SERVICE PROJECT #2
"SOCK IT TO ME"

Saturday January 21st, 2023
A DAY OF LIONISM! A
VARIETY OF SEMINARS
AND WORKSHOPS





THE LIONS OF INDIANA
34TH MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023

CROWNE PLAZA INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT
INDIANAPOLIS, IN

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Registration & Continental Breakfast	8:00 am – 9:00 am	Lunch - Buffet	11:30 am – 12:15 pm
Displays And Silent Auction	Open until 3:00 pm	Program and Keynote Speaker	12:15 pm – 1:15 pm
Opening Session	9:00 am – 9:30 am	Third Session Seminar	1:30 pm – 2:15 pm
First Session Seminar	9:45 am – 10:30 am	Fourth Session Seminar	2:30 pm – 3:15 pm
Second Session Seminar	10:45 am – 11:30 am	Afternoon Workshop	1:30 pm – 3:15 pm
Morning Workshop	9:45 am – 11:30 am	Closing Session	3:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Official Conference Hotel – Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport Hotel

The location of the hotel is 2501 S. High School Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46241.

TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 317-244-6861.

LIONS ROOM RATE IS \$118 PLUS APPLICABLE TAXES.

Specify your choice of a king room or room with two double beds.

Hotel Reservations must be made by 6:00 pm EST Tuesday, December 27, 2022.

Directions to Crowne Plaza: From the north via I-465 – Take I-465 to Exit 11 (Sam Jones Expressway). Turn right (to the west) on Sam Jones and be in left lane. Turn left at High School Road and the hotel is on your left.

From the south or Northbound I-465 – Take I-465 to Exit 11(Sam Jones Expressway). Turn left (to the west) on Sam Jones but keep to the left to High School Road. Turn left at High School Road and hotel is on your left.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations requested ten (10) days before the conference will receive full refunds, but cancellations requested after that date will not receive any refund. **Refunds will not be granted because of the weather.**

***NOTE:** THE MID-WINTER CONFERENCE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE THOSE ATTENDING FOR THE FIRST TIME TO INDICATE WHO IS SPONSORING THEM TO ATTEND OR WHO HAS INFLUENCED THEM TO ATTEND THEIR FIRST MID-WINTER CONFERENCE. THERE IS A LINE ON THE REGISTRATION FORM FOR THIS INFORMATION.



34TH MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

JANUARY 20, 2023



Make your plans now to join us at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport Hotel
for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship.

Menu: A plated dinner which will include: Cider Brined Grilled Pork Chop paired with a
Seared Chicken Breast, Scalloped Potatoes, Garlic Green Beans
Fresh Garden Salad,
Dessert, House Bread and Butter, Coffee and Tea

Price: \$ 30.00

Social Time: 6:00 P.M. **Dinner:** 6:30 P.M.

Friday Night Speaker Charlie Adams

Charlie Adams will present an entertaining and informative talk on people and stories from throughout the
Hoosier State!

SATURDAY CONFERENCE LUNCHEON

JANUARY 21, 2023

Menu: BACKYARD COOKOUT

Grilled Black Angus Burgers, All Beef Hot Dogs, Bratwurst with Sauerkraut, Bourbon Brisket, Baked Beans,
Corn Cobettes, Leaf Lettuce, Sliced Tomatoes, Sliced Red Onions, Pickles, and Assorted Condiments, Breads,
Orange Cream Sheet Cake and Chocolate Texas Sheet Cake, Coffee and Tea

TWO SERVICE PROJECTS!!

"Sock It To Me" – Bring new socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, knit hats and blankets to be collected and divided
among the district governors to distribute to needy people in their districts.

"Care-ing Cases" – Friday night after the dinner program, we will assemble first aid kits and toiletry kits using
cleaned hard eyeglass cases that our district governors will share with the needy people in their districts.

SATURDAY KEYNOTE SPEAKER

To Be Determined

Seminar Selections

CHOOSE: Two (2) Seminars in the Morning and two (2) Seminars in the Afternoon. There are also one (1) morning workshop and one (1) afternoon workshop that are double seminar times.

Morning Workshop Session One: 9:45 am to 11:30 am

Workshop #1 LIONS LEGAL ISSUES AND INSURANCE

Presenter: PDG Mark Clark

Back by popular demand! Lions International's Legal Division is here to help you. Come find out how! Everything from insurance to general legal information.

Morning Seminar Session One: 9:45 am to 10:30 am

Seminar #1 TAIL TWISTING – WHY, HOW, AND POSSIBLE IDEAS

Presenter: PDG Peg Dawson and 2VDG Erica Thomas

Are your club meetings in need of more fun? Learn how to add more fun and enjoyment to your meetings.

Seminar #2 FLOATERS, BLOBS, AND WEBS: LIVING WITH DIABETIC RETINOPATHY

Presenter: Lion Jennifer Drapalik

Living my life with Diabetic Retinopathy for three and a half years. What is it? What is it like to live with it? What type of treatments are there? How to prevent it?

Seminar #3 FINDING AND APPLYING FOR GRANTS

Presenters: Lion Debbie Ellis and Past International Director Linda Tischer

This seminar will help you learn where to find grants, how to apply for grants, and learn how to avoid common pitfalls that may prevent you from getting the grant.

Morning Seminar Session Two: 10:45 am to 11:30 am

Seminar #4 DIABETES AWARENESS...LIVING A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Presenter: Tasha Lane

Join in to learn the importance of good nutrition and the importance of keeping your body moving.

Seminar #5 CREATING PARTNERSHIPS, TOGETHER WE CAN DO MORE!

Presenter: PCC Lee Flower

Together we can do more! Learn how to partner for better service and fundraising.

Seminar #6 MENTORING + SERVICE = RETENTION

Presenter: Lion Ruth Kelly

Learn how to increase your membership retention with the equation of Mentoring plus Service equals Retention.

Seminar Selections

Afternoon Workshop Session Two: 1:30 pm to 3:15 pm

Workshop #2 KNOW THE LAW BEFORE YOU PLAY.

Presenter: Mark Mason, Assistant Director, Indiana State Gaming Commission

Back by Popular Demand! Does your club host any games that fall under the Indiana Gaming laws? This session will help you stay on top of these laws and how they that affect your club.

Afternoon Seminar Session Three: 1:30 pm to 2:15 pm

Seminar #7 RECRUITING MEMBERSHIP

Presenter: PDG Charlie Short

"It's Worth Fighting For: 21st Century Lions." One of America's great gifts to humanity is Lions, and it continues to resonate around the world. Here at home, it's time for a review of our approach to new membership and club growth. How do we grow and prosper in today's highly competitive community service environment? How do we reach the Lions that will carry our Association's proud history forward? Debunk some popular myths, review current programs, and offer a new, proven model for successful growth.

Seminar #8 SECURING SPONSORSHIPS

Presenter: PDG Tom Robbins

What you need to know to secure ongoing sponsorships.

Seminar #9 LEGACY GIFTING

Presenter: IVDG Julia Kozicki

Leaving a Lion Legacy—giving the gift of future service by planning today.

Afternoon Seminar Session Four: 2:30 pm to 3:15 pm

Seminar #10 LCICon BOSTON

Presenter: PDG Peg Dawson

The 2023 Lions Clubs International Convention will be in Boston! If you've never been to an International Convention, come and hear what you are missing. If you've been to an International Convention, come and share why you attend. This year the convention is in Boston, a city full of history.

Seminar #11 KIDSIGHT SCREENING

Presenter: Lion Sheila Christoff

Have you or your club wanted to get involved in KidSight Screening but did not know where to begin? Attend this seminar where Lion Sheila can show you how to get involved, show you how to use the Plus-Optix screener and the Blinq screener.

Seminar #12 RAISING A LEADER DOG PUPPY

Presenters: Lions Don and Jan Allen with District Governor Bob Hrdy

Learn how to get involved in and how to raise a Leader Dog Puppy, followed by a discussion how a Leader Dog has changed their life.

REGISTRATION FORM
34th Annual Lions of Indiana Mid-Winter Conference
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023
(Each Attendee Is Asked to Complete a Separate Form)

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: \$45.00

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR EMAILED BY NOVEMBER 30, 2022

Registrations made after DECEMBER 1ST and ON-SITE REGISTRATION: \$55.00

Conference Registration with no meals included: \$25

Registration includes: morning coffee and pastries, Buffet Luncheon, use of hotel meeting rooms, Keynote Speaker fee and accommodations, printing and supplies.

To guarantee meal availability, Registration must be received by January 15, 2023

CANCELLATION POLICY: CANCELLATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO JANUARY 10, 2023. TO RECEIVE A REFUND. CANCELLATIONS REQUESTED AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY REFUND. REFUNDS WILL NOT BE GRANTED BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER

Seminars and Workshops will be filled on a first come, first served basis.
 Send registrations early to assure getting the seminars of your choice.

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND CORRECT REMITTANCE TO:

Lion Angie Crouch, 9051 Greystone Court, Indianapolis, IN 46234
mwam2893@gmail.com 317-518-4070

Make Checks Payable to: Lions of Indiana, Inc. OR

Card Type: [] VISA [] MC [] Discover Card# _____

Exp. Date: _____ Security Code _____ Signature: _____

Name: _____ Club Name: _____

Address: _____ Lion Title: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ District: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

☐ This is my first Mid-Winter Conference. I was encouraged to attend by: _____

Registration: () \$45.00 early-bird; () \$55.00- Dec. 1 - Onsite () \$30.00 Friday Dinner () \$25.00 Conference Only
 = Total Amount Due per Registration _____

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 for each seminar.

9:45 – 10:30 Seminar Session 1 1 2 3

10:45 - 11:30 Seminar Session 2 4 5 6

1:30 – 2:15 Seminar Session 3 7 8 9

2:30 – 3:15 Seminar Session 4 10 11 12

9:45-11:30 Morning Workshop Session 1

1:30 – 3:15 Afternoon Workshop Session 2



Silent Auction



We are in need of items for the silent auction at the 2023 Mid-Winter Conference. If you would like to donate something, please contact either Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos at liongretchen@att.net or Lion Christine Woodward at woodward1999@sbcglobal.net. Funds raised from the silent auction will be used to offset the cost of the conference. Thank you for your willingness to help make this event a success.

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Lions are needed!

The Salvation Army of Lake County is in need of Lions to volunteer as Bell Ringers to serve at locations and times most convenient for them. Red Kettle Season has begun and lasts until December 24. The "Virtual Red Kettle" allows you to create your own online Red Kettle and invite your friends and colleagues to join you in raising money to help neighbors in need. The money raised using Virtual Red Kettle or by Bell Ringers remains in the communities where the funds are raised, and is used to aid families and individuals in your community who struggle to remain in their homes, feed their children and pay rent and utilities bills. The Salvation Army of Lake County also provides assistance to the homeless, after-school and music education programs for children and youth, programs for seniors, disaster relief services, alcohol and drug addiction rehabilitation as well as Pathway to Hope, which is a program that helps to move families with children from poverty to economic independence. Visit www.RegisterToRing.com to sign up as an individual or group to be a Bell Ringer or to host your own Virtual Red Kettle.



Crown Point Lions Club Holiday Bingo

What an amazing night. There were approximately 500 people in attendance to play Bingo and win fabulous door prizes, cash and a variety of meats. Bacon, Turkeys, Hams and Sausage were raffled at a record pace. Twenty-nine Crown Point Lions worked together to make this event possible. You can see by our smiles that it was a great time. The Lions set a record profit of \$12,423.00.



Crown Point Lions are known for this fundraiser and we appreciate the support of the local communities. The funds enable us to help many people and support organizations in our community.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Indiana Lions Vision Services adds National Vision as ProviderAugust 1st, 2022

The Lions Clubs of Indiana and National Vision Corporation, owner of the America's Best and Eyeglass World brands, are partnering to help increase the supply of eye exams and glasses to Lions-referred patients. This will help increase treatment available to low-income children and adults screened by Lions vision screening programs.

Under this agreement, all twenty-seven America's Best and Eyeglass World stores located in Indiana will provide three to five appointments per week per store. Patients are referred from area Lions Clubs through their district vision services chairs to the closest available National Vision location.

Qualifying patients will meet Lions qualification of 200% of household federal poverty line, be at risk for loss of work, are enrolled as a student, or have significant personal safety risk due to uncorrected vision.

Patients will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Club referral to the eye care stores will be coordinated by the Lions district vision chairs. There will be no charge to patients for provided exams or glasses provided under the agreement.

Indian Lions Clubs provide pre-school and school-age vision screening programs in cooperation with local school health professionals, pre-school administration, and Head Start programs statewide. Since the inception of these programs in 2008, Indiana Lions have screened over 1.3 million children.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest public service organization with over 1.4 million members in 210 countries. 8500 Indiana Lions serve Hoosiers from over 350 local clubs.

For more information, contact Lion Charles Roth at lioncroth@comcast.net or (765) 563-3204 or your district vision services chair.



Lions and Tigers Save Lives.... OH MY!!

LaCrosse + Wanatah Lions Club at

Tri-Township School

12/22/2022 1pm-6pm

309 School Drive

Wanatah Indiana 46390

School Gym



Shake up your traditions!
Come give Dec 22nd for a NEW long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, ltd qty!

People can bring eyeglasses, hearing aids, and keys that are no longer in use, to be donated to Lions and we also will be collecting nonperishable food items for a local food pantry

For an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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Wanantah Lions Club

Wanatah Lions participated in Kids Sight and eye screening for students in pre-k, kindergarten, and grades 1,3,5,7.

Special thanks to LionsPDG Kevin and Karlene Roe for their help with this project



Cedar Lake Lions Club



THE CEDAR LAKE LIONS CLUB MADE MONETARY DONATIONS TO THE 4 FOOD PANTRIES IN CEDAR LAKE. THE ATTACHED PHOTO DEPICTS THE \$1000.00 CHECK PRESENTED TO BEVERLY BILL, DIRECTOR OF THE PROJECT LOVE FOOD PANTRY IN CEDAR LAKE. PICTURED FROM LEFT ARE LION FRANK "JAY" SHEEHY, BEVERLY BILL AND LION RICHARD KUTCHEK.

District 25-A, Zone 1B Report

November 2022

Zone 1B has had a net growth of 15 new members YTD. In November I visited the Crown Point Lions Club and enjoyed their hospitality at their meeting location, The Gary Sportsmen's Club. Houlihan's Restaurant, the Schererville Central Lions Club meeting location closed unexpectedly and Schererville Central will be meeting at the Tri Town Safety Village until further notice. Tri Town Safety Village is located at 1350 Eagle Ridge Road in Schererville, just west of US41 and north of US30. Please update your directories.

Upcoming Service Activities(S)/Fundraisers(F)

Cedar Lake (F) Steak Sale (Date TBD)

Crown Point. (S) Eyeglass collection--ongoing

Lakes of the Four Seasons (S) Santa Christmas Party at Lakehouse on December 4, 2022 (S) LOFS Lions Holiday Party 12/14/2022.

Lowell (F) Christmas Tree Sale (November 19th until sold out)

Schererville Central

St. John (S) Town of St. John Christmas in the Park Tree Decorations.

Zone-wide Service Activity—Pack Away Hunger, Crown Point High School

We had a zone-wide Service Activity. Pack Away Hunger at Crown Point High School hosted the event. Hobart Lions Club Joe Larson coordinated the event which included many young people and church groups. The group packed meals for distribution to mostly NW Indiana Food Banks. A total of 100,250 meals were packed in less than 5 hours. Each meal has all the nutrients a family of 6 needs every day. Think of that. About 100,000 meals could feed each and every resident of Crown Point for 3 days. Almost all of the Zone Clubs participated and the Lowell Club was excused this event because their Christmas trees were delivered today and needed to be off-loaded from the truck. (more on the Lowell Christmas tree sale next). Here are some photos.



Lowell Lions Club Christmas Tree Sale



Get Your Christmas Tree Now. Lowell Lions Club Christmas tree lot in Lowell on Commercial Avenue (Indiana Route 2) on the corner at Mill St. downtown. Get them quick. They go fast.



JOIN MERRILLVILLE LIONS CLUB FOR **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

DECEMBER 10, 2022
AMERICAN LEGION POST 430
7430 BROADWAY, MERRILLVILLE
STARTS AT 9 AM
4 & UNDER FREE
5-12 \$5 EACH

13 AND OLDER (AND ADULTS) \$10 EACH

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 INCLUDED WITH
 PRICE OF
 BREAKFAST!**

**BREAKFAST INCLUDES: PANCAKES,
 SAUSAGE, JUICE(S), COFFEE, AND/OR WATER**



DOOR VILLAGE LIONS CLUB

Door Village Lions Present Dictionaries



Several members of Door Village Lions visited Kingsbury, Kingsford Heights and Riley Elementary school last week and presented the much acclaimed Lions Dictionaries to third grade students and First Grade Reading Books to all first graders in all three schools. During the presentation to third grade students, Lion Gene Flickinger explained many of the unique features of the Special Lions Dictionaries and challenged student to find the longest word in the English dictionary. As they found out, the word has over 1000 letters and students were not surprised that they had never heard it in a sentence, it's the name of a seldom mentioned chemical compound. It took two days to make the rounds to all three schools, but perseverance and good communication got the scheduling accomplished. Students were surprised to learn that the special Lions Dictionaries contained so many features. Not only definitions and parts of speech, but Roman Numerals, Capitols of all the states and nations, sign language, Braille just to mention some of the myriad features. Students said they were pleased to have a book for their very own, and were quick to write their name in it when invited to do so by Lion Gene.

First Grade Reading Books were presented to all first grade students in all three schools

Students were able to choose from six different titles, Dogs, Cats, Giraffes, Sloths, Living In Space and Under The Sea. Teachers Ms. Glenn, Ms. Menke and Ms. Sass helped organize the distribution of the books and made the project flow nicely. Lion Bonnie Olson spoke to students and suggested they write their names in the books and then trade them around with their classmates so they could over time have the opportunity to read all the books. Teachers liked the idea and commented they would be arranging for students to carry through with idea. Other Lions assisting Lion Gene were Lions Sue Kaiser, Dennis Fischer, Bonnie Olson and Cindy Fischer.

First and third grade teachers were Mrs. Donna Council, Mrs. Carla

Marhanka, and they were so good at helping Lions in distributing the books and interact with the students and keeping everything on track.

Members have conducted this project for several years now and are so pleased with the whole project, and are looking forward to doing it again next year.



DOOR VILLAGE LIONS CLUB



Lion Nick Gonzalez, Governor District 25A pinning Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow recipient Lion Joe Pahs.



Melvin Jones Fellow and Progressive Melvin Jones awards: left to right Lion George Morley, Pres. Door Village Lions, Lion Sue Kaiser, Melvin Jones Fellow recipient, Lion Joe Pahs, Progressive Melvin Jones recipient, Lion Nick Gonzalez, Distr. 25A Governor.



Lions in Training with mothers Lion Carrie Perre and Lion Catherine Veach: Left to right Sammy Veach, Emma Perre and Maxwell Unger, not pictured Nick Perre taking picture.



Officers presenting Progressive Melvin Jones Left to right: Lion George Morley, Pres. DV Lions Club, Stephen Helmken, 1st VDG Dist.25A, Lion Joe Pahs, Progressive Melvin Jones recipient, Lion Nick Gonzalez, Dist.25A governor and Lion Randy Greer, PDG Distr. 25A

Door Village Lions Celebrate 46th Anniversary of Charter Presentation

Last Monday members of the Door Village Lions club celebrated 46 years of serving the community. Charter member Lion Joe Pahs said he can't believe the years have flown by so quickly. He also said the projects and the fund raisers we do currently are so very different than they were in the beginning. In early years it was Fish Frys, Money Raffles and Citrus Fruit Sales for fundraising. And projects were Scholarships and Specialized computers for the visually impaired and a large number of eyeglasses for those who could not afford the cost. Currently fund raisers are working the Food Wagon at various festivals, Conducting BBQ Chicken Sales and participating in the bi-annual Candy Day Sales in May and October. Projects in recent years are donating food items to the Salvation Army Food Bank, donating school supplies to 3 Elementary schools, and prior to the pandemic, conducting a Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner for 60 to 90 community seniors for well over 20 years.

The Charter celebration began with a dinner at Portofino's Grille and near record attendance for the District 25A Governor's Official Visit and the Awards Presentations that followed. Shortly after members and guests finished their dinners, District 25A Governor Lion Nick Gonzalez addressed the group and shared some of the history leading up to his selection of his theme for his year as governor. His theme is "With You", a term Rugby teammates use when they wish to help a teammate, Governor Nick explained, and went on to say he felt this was a very good parallel to when Lions want to cooperate and pull together to accomplish a project, find new members or new leaders. Governor Nick concluded with a compliment to Door Village Lion members for their many successful projects in recent months.

The awards part of the evening began with a brief summary of the several categories of awards being presented. Club President Lion George Morley explained there would be 15 Certificates of Achievement, 10 Service Excellence & 100% Attendance awards, One Outstanding Service Award, 2 Melvin Jones Recipients, One Progressive Melvin Jones award, three (3) Years of Service Chevrons and a Letter from the Lions Clubs Intl. Foundation Chairman congratulating Door Village Lions members for giving \$50 per member average in 2021-2022. He also shared with the group that Governor Nick and Past District Governor Lion Randy Greer and 1st Vice District Governor Lion Stephen Helmken would be assisting with the presentations of the Melvin Jones Recipient awards and the Progressive Melvin Jones Recipient award, the Melvin Jones and the Progressive Melvin Jones awards being two of the highest awards a member can receive from Lions International.

Workers receiving Certificates of Achievements were Lions in Training Sammy Veach, Maxwell Unger, Emma Perre and Nick Perre. Club members Lion Carrie Perre, Lion Chuck Glen, Lion Dave Renner, Lion Eric Veach and Lion Catherine Veach. Lions receiving Service Excellence & 100% Attendance Awards were: Lion Cindy Polito, Lion Sam Polito, Lion Bonnie Olson, Lion Sue Kaiser and Lion George Morley

The Outstanding Service Award Was awarded to Lion Dennis Fischer for his service above and beyond the norm. Lion of the Year was awarded to Lion Carol Pahs. Lion George with the assistance of Governor Nick presented all the above. The Melvin Jones Awards were presented to Lion Cindy Fischer and Lion Sue Kaiser by Governor Nick Gonzalez assisted by Past District Governor Randy Greer and 1st Vice District Governor Stephen Helmken. They then went on to present the Progressive Melvin Jones Award to Lion Joseph Pahs, with Governor Nick pinning Joe with diamond encrusted Progressive Melvin Jones lapel pin. Governor Nick also presented 45, 25 and 20 Years of Service Chevrons to Lion Joe Pahs, Lion Carol Pahs and Lion Carol La Gard respectively. PDG Lion Randy Greer brought the Awards Ceremony to a close by reading a letter from Lions Intl. Foundation congratulating the club for being a club giving \$50 per member average in the Lion Year 2021-2022.

The Meeting ended with a drawing for the Table Decorations prepared by Lions Sue Kaiser, Bonnie Olson and Nancy Weaver, and Lion in Training Sammy Veach leading the singing of Happy Birthday to Governor Nick Gonzalez.



Distr. Governor's Official Visit and invited guests District Officers and Chairpersons: left to right Lion George Morley, Pres. Door village Lions club, Lion Stephen Helmken, 1st. VDG Distr. 25A, Lion Alice Helmken, Distr. Resolution Committee Chair, Lion Nick Gonzalez, Governor Distr.25A, Lion Patricia Greer, Reading Action Program Committee Chair, Lion Randy Greer, Past District Governor.

WESTVILLE LIONS CLUB

Senior Dinner



On Saturday November 12th the Westville Lions hosted a senior dinner for senior citizens from the Westville Community and surrounding areas. This dinner was held at the Westville United Methodist Church. The senior dinner was started several years ago by Lion Dave Dickinson, and the first dinner had just over 60 senior citizens. On Saturday there were 93 seniors in attendance and several carry outs. The Westville Lions were able to serve over 100 meals. It is wonderful to see how much this dinner has grown and how excited the guests are to return.

This dinner was started several years ago as a way for the Lions to give back to the older members in the community. Lion Dave Dickinson started the dinner and his family has seen this dinner through each year. Ham, Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Sweet Potatoes, Corn, Green Beans, Noodles, Rolls and Butter, Coffee, bottled water, punch and all kinds of desserts were on the menu! A lot of the seniors in attendance support the Lions fundraisers and events. Some of these seniors are even members of the Westville Lions and surrounding clubs. They enjoy getting together to catch up with friends they have not seen in a while. Everyone in attendance had a great time!

The Senior dinner is a very rewarding service project because everyone is appreciative and it is wonderful to see everyone catching up. Sometimes as we get older it is hard to see someone you might have seen everyday. The Lions get to mingle with the guests and serve them their meal. As previously mentioned a lot of these seniors support the Westville Lions at their various events and fundraisers. The Lions look forward to serving the seniors that attend and thanking them for their support throughout the years. The seniors enjoy a great night of food and fellowship.

Each year there are door prizes given at the dinner in addition to the meal. Not only do guests get to leave full but they also get to take a small gift. The Westville Lions would like to thank all of the seniors that attended the dinner. Your support for the club and community is valued tremendously! The Westville Lions are already looking forward to next years dinner. To the seniors in our community thank you! Thank you for always supporting the Westville Lions Club and thank you for attending our Senior Dinner.



2023 DISTRICT 25A - DISTRICT ELECTIONS

District 25A Officers & MD25 Foundation Officers

Nominating Committee Checklist

For District Governor Candidate *

This checklist must be completed for each candidate and submitted to the Elections Committee (DATED) via US Mail to Barb Toosley, 13700 Lantern Drive, St John, IN 46373 or Email 30 days to lionbarb@comcast.net prior to the ELECTION, before or on MARCH 1, 2023.

Name of Candidate: _____

Name of Candidate's Lions Club: _____

Date of Nominating Committee Meeting: _____

Date of Election: _____

Candidate has submitted sufficient evidence showing that he/she has met the following Requirements:

- ☐ Candidate is an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in Good Standing* in his/her single or sub-district.
- ☐ Candidate endorsed by his/her Lions Club or a majority of the Lions Clubs in the District. (Attach minutes of club meeting or signed form by majority clubs to Nomination Chair)
- ☐ Candidate is currently serving as the first vice district governor within this district.
 - ☐ Club President: _____ Year Served _____
 - ☐ Club Board of Directors _____ Two (2) Years Served _____
 - ☐ District Cabinet (check one)
 - ☐ Zone or Region Chairperson _____ Year Served _____
 - ☐ Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer _____ Year Served _____
 - ☐ One (1) additional year as a member of district cabinet
 - Position held: _____ Year Served _____
 - ☐ With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

I have reviewed this checklist and certify that the candidate listed above has met the requirements for District Governor in accordance with the International By-Laws, Article IX, Section 4.

Nominating Committee Chairperson

Date

Nominating Committee Member

Date

Any questions contact Chair Barb Toosley, 219-798-5950

For office of 1st Vice District Governor**Nominating Committee Checklist****First Vice District Governor Candidate ***

This checklist must be completed for each candidate and submitted to the Elections Committee (DATED) via US Mail to Barb Toosley, 13700 Lantern Drive, St John, IN 46373 or Email 30 days to lionbarb@comcast.net prior to the ELECTION, before or on MARCH 1, 2023.

Name of Candidate: _____

Name of Candidate's Lions Club: _____

Date of Nominating Committee Meeting: _____

Date of Election: _____

Candidate has submitted sufficient evidence showing that he/she has met the following Requirements:

- ☐ Candidate is an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in Good Standing* in his/her single or sub-district.
 - ☐ Candidate endorsed by his/her Lions Club or a majority of the Lions Clubs in the District. (Attach minutes of club meeting or signed form by majority clubs to Nomination Chair)
 - ☐ Candidate is currently serving as the second vice district governor within this district,
 - ☐ Has **not** completed a full term, or majority portion thereof, as district governor
- *This amendment shall take effect on July 1, 2022

In the event the current second vice district governor does not stand for election as first vice district governor, or if a vacancy in the position of second vice district governor exists at the time of the district convention, the candidate fulfills the qualifications for the office of second vice district governor:

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|--|----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club President: | Year Served _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club Board of Directors | Two (2) Years Served _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District Cabinet (check one) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zone or Region Chairperson | Year Served _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer) | Year Served _____ |

With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

**Please note that if the club has any outstanding dues, the candidate should be notified and provided up until fifteen (15) days prior to the close of credential certification to ensure that his/her club pay outstanding dues.*

Any questions contact Chair Barb Toosley, 219-798-5950

2023 DISTRICT 25A - DISTRICT ELECTIONS

Nominating Committee Checklist

For Second Vice District Governor Candidate *

This checklist must be completed for each candidate and submitted to the Elections Committee.

Name of Candidate: _____

Name of Candidate's Lions Club: _____

Date of Nominating Committee Meeting: _____

Date of Election: _____

Candidate has submitted sufficient evidence showing that he/she has met the following Requirements:

This checklist must be completed for each candidate and submitted to the Elections Committee (DATED) via US Mail to Barb Toosley, 13700 Lantern Drive, St. John, IN 46373 or Email 30 days to lionbarb@comcast.net prior to the ELECTION, before or on MARCH 1, 2023.

- ☐ Candidate is an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in Good Standing* in his/her single or sub-district.
 - ☐ Candidate endorsed by his/her Lions Club or a majority of the Lions Clubs in the District. **(Attach minutes of club meeting or signed form by majority clubs to Nomination Chair)**
 - ☐ Club President: _____ Year Served _____
 - ☐ Club Board of Directors _____ Two (2) Years Served _____
 - ☐ District Cabinet (check one)
 - ☐ Zone or Region Chairperson _____ Year Served _____
 - ☐ Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer _____ Year Served _____
 - ☐ With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.
 - ☐ Has not completed a full term, or majority portion thereof, as district governor
- *This amendment shall take effect on July 1, 2022

**Please note that if the club has any outstanding dues, the candidate should be notified and provided up until fifteen (15) days prior to the close of credential certification to ensure that his/her club pay outstanding dues.*

I have reviewed this checklist and certify that the candidate listed above has met the requirements for Second Vice District Governor in accordance with the International By-Laws, Article IX, Section 6(c).

Nominating Committee Chairperson

Date

Nominating Committee Member

Date

Any questions contact Chair Barb Toosley, 219-798-5950

District and Multi-District Offices

Each candidate must submitted in writing to the Elections Committee (DATED) via US Mail to [Barb Tensley, 13700 Eastern Drive, St John, IN 46373](mailto:BarbTensley@comcast.net) or Email 30 days to ljmbarb@comcast.net prior to the ELECTION, before or on MARCH 1, 2023, 11:59PM, your intent to run for any office listed below to be placed on the ballot. Election by your club is not a requirement.

Nominations will also be taken from the floor and be entered on the ballot as a "Write-in Candidate".

State Projects & Foundation

*One Candidate from each Project or Foundation **

2023 – 2026 Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind & Visually Impaired, Inc.

2023 – 2026 Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Inc.

2023 – 2026 Indiana Lions for Leader Dog, Inc.

2023 – 2026 Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc.

2023 – 2026 Indiana Lions Foundation

2023 – 2026 Indiana Lions Eye Bank/Vision First

District 25A – Ed Paine Care & Helping Hands

One candidate from each Region

Candidate must be a member in good standing from one of the Clubs listed below.

Region 1 – (Clubs) East Chicago Evening-Hammond-Indiana Harbor East Chicago-Whiting-Cedar Lake-Crown Point-Lake of the Four Seasons-Lowell-Schererville Central-St. John- Dyer-Griffith-Highland-Munster-Schererville

Region 3 – (Clubs) LaPorte -Michiana -Michigan City-Mill Creek Community-Rolling Prairie- Door Village-Hamlet-Hanna-Koonitz Lake L C-Union Mills-Wanatah-Westville-

**Please note that if the club has any outstanding dues, the candidate should be notified and provided up until fifteen (15) days prior to the close of credential certification to ensure that his/her club pay outstanding dues.*

* All CANDIDATES must be a member in good standing of a club in good standing in this district. Delinquent dues may be paid and good standing acquired up to fifteen (15) days prior to the close of credential certification, as such closing time shall be established by the rules of the respective convention. For the 2023 District 25A Election, closing is April 1, 2023.

All International, State & District DUES must be paid by MARCH 17, 2023, 11:59PM,

Merrillville Lions Club welcomed Santa to Merrillville and handed out hot chocolate to those in attendance to watch the Tree Lighting on Broadway!



Pictured are Lion Ellen, Lion Mike, Lion Rachel, Lion Jay, Kate, Lion Romaine, and Santa! Lions not pictured are Lion Bryon & Lion Megan
Special Thanks to Lion Bryon for taking pictures!



WISHING OUR LIONS FRIENDS A
VERY

MERRY
CHRISTMAS!



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

The District Coordinators for LCIF did four presentations at clubs and collected \$770 Dollars for the Hurricane Ian victims in the last two months. We also had the honor of presenting four Melvin Jones Awards and helping another club obtain the goal of qualifying for a Melvin Jones Award.

Clubs and Individuals that want to send donations to LCIF for Hurricane Ian should send it to LCIF marked Disaster Relief with a side note for Hurricane and Flood Relief Fund. If you want to send much needed supplies to the affected area, please contact one of the local clubs down there.

We ask that each club set aside a donation to LCIF in your club's budget. Over 25 million people are displaced by disasters each year and the demand for LCIF grants is greater than ever.

It would be great to present a Melvin Jones Award at one of your club's special occasions. To do this, we can help you find out your current balance at LCIF and then, if needed, you can make a Club donation to make up the difference. You can also transfer money from the accounts of individual Lions to your Club account. You must get the approval of active members. If your club already has a \$1,000.00 in their LCIF account, you can apply online. It's much faster and you will get the award in 2 to 3 weeks. Mailing the form may increase the time to 6 to 8 weeks.

If your club would like an LCIF program or would like a presentation for a Melvin Jones Award, please contact one of us.

We would like to wish everyone a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year!**

PDG Patty Cooke
patty.cooke@gmail.com
219-671-4668

PDG Randy Greer
lionrandy@yahoo.com
219-728-8432

Welcome New Members

DECEMBER 2022

Munster

GEOFFREY GRANT

Sponsor: TOM ALLEN

EDWARD PILAWSK

Sponsor CHRIS YLO

OGDEN DUNES

NEAL E THURBER

Sponsor: DANIEL BARNUM

WHEATFIELD

NOAH WAY

Sponsor: ROBERT TILLEMA

Members that have completed their service

Patrick Walter
Valparaiso, IN

JOHN TRENT
Munster, IN

RUSSELL H DERDERIAN
Schererville, IN



Remembering a life of service