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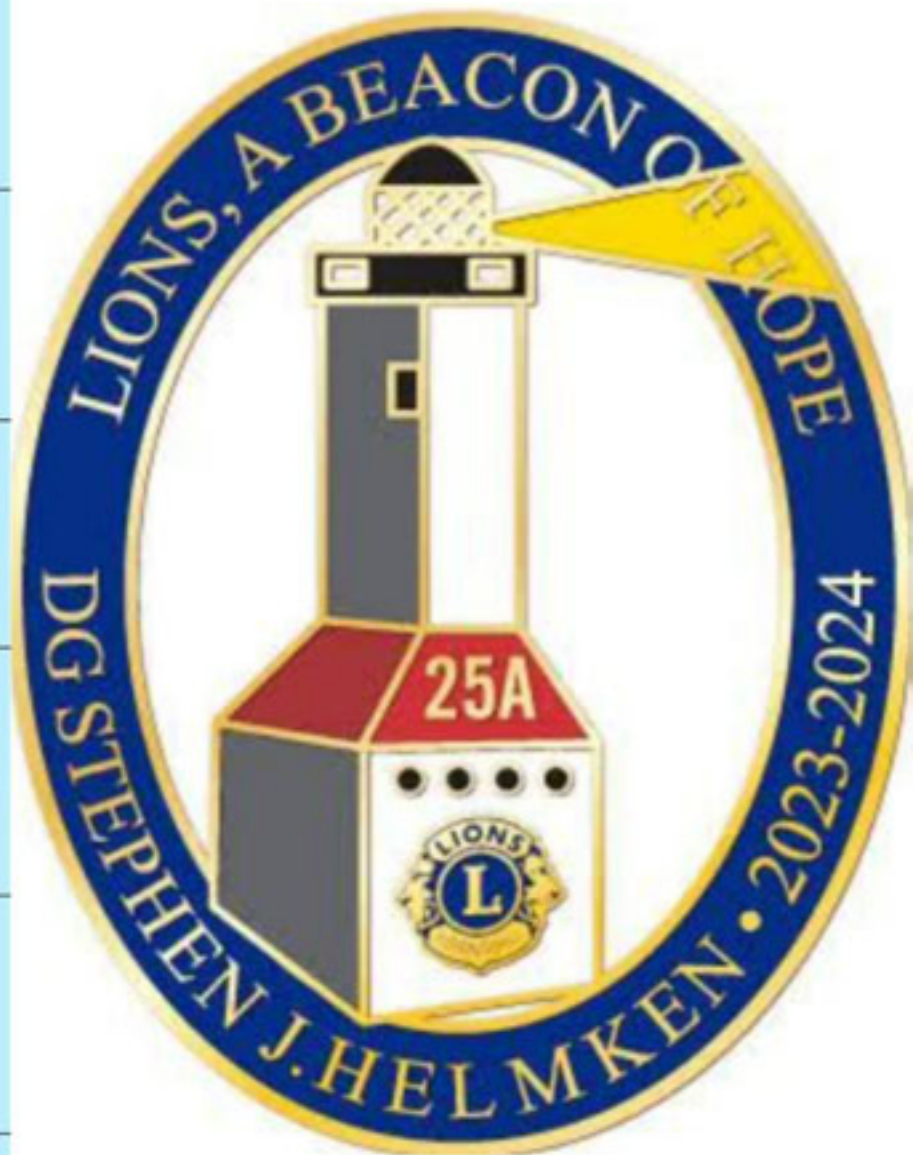
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District 25A Newsletter





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Lions of District 25-A,

November was a busy month for me. I made Official Visits to seven clubs, attended a 40th-anniversary party for the Winamac Lions Club, and went to the Bass Lake Lions Club Feather Party. I also participated in an All Saints Day service at the First United Methodist in Michigan City to light a candle in memory of my wife, Lion Alice Helmken. That same week, I had an appointment to finish signing up for Medicare, and the other programs I will need since January will mark me as "Officially OLD!"

As December starts, I see on my calendar that I will visit more clubs and participate in some Christmas parties. The Council of Governors will have a Christmas party on the evening of December 2, 2023. On December 3, I will attend the Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing Project's holiday luncheon. The Speech and Hearing Project will be presenting grants to Indiana universities. We will also hear from the deaf students who attended the Leadership Youth Camp this past year. It is always a treat to hear from these students and learn what they enjoyed about the camp.

I want to include a poem I received from a member of the Michiana Lions Club. Lion Sandra Hixon has shared poems, prayers, and other sayings with our club during prayer time. I asked her to send me some of them for my newsletters. Sadly, there wasn't an author listed for the poem.

When someone does a kindness
it always seems to me....
That's the way God up in heaven
would like us all to be.
For when we bring some pleasure,
to another human heart,
We have followed in His footsteps,
and we've had a little part....
In serving Him who loves us,
for I am very sure it's true,
That in serving those around us,
we serve and please Him, too.

This holiday season, keep on serving those in your communities. Show and share love with someone in need. Show everyone that Lions are a service organization with heart. Please cherish the time you can spend with your family and friends. Remember those family members and friends who aren't with you this year. Lions, I ask for your continued support this holiday season by keeping me in your thoughts and prayers.

Coming up in the new year on January 27, 2024, is the 3rd Cabinet Meeting for District 25-A. The meeting will be at the Salvation Army Church, 1201 Franklin St., Michigan City, IN 46360. The Michiana Lions Club is our sponsoring club. It will be a morning meeting with some light refreshments, too. More information will be forthcoming.

Until next month, keep your Beacons of Hope shining brightly,

DG Stephen J. Helmken



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Hello Lions of 25A

I hope you all enjoyed your Thanksgiving holiday! We spent ours with Jim's family – his son Patrick, daughter-in-law Laura and their children Matthew, 8, and Maya, soon-to-be 5. We had a great time!. I will always enjoy the innocent happiness of young children. They see the world through a very different set of lenses than the adults around them.

But maybe that is one of the reasons why we are Lions – so that we can help more children keep that innocence longer. Our service to our local communities – buddy bags, toys and gifts, Thanksgiving and Christmas meals, warm clothes, mittens and gloves, holiday parties, just helping with other needs. Then some children won't have to grow up quite so fast.

I am sure there are many potential Lions out there who would like to join us in this endeavor and in all the other countless ways We Serve! Is your club Asking! Do you advertise all that you do? Are your Members ready with a sales pitch and contact information? Do you have a plan to mentor and retain new members? Adding new members not only makes your club stronger but increases the service impact you have on your community! Plus you bring more delight to children!

I hope you all enjoy your holidays – happiness in helping your communities and joyfulness in the warmth of your families and friends.
Take care and thank you for all you do.

Lion Patty Cooke-Furlong
1VDG, District 25A



2nd Vice District Governor *Jim Furlong*

I'd like to talk to you again about The Blind Social Center which is nearing completion in Gary, Indiana. Blind and Visually Impaired people in Northern Indiana do not have reasonable access to Rehabilitation Services. The only such facilities are in Indianapolis and even farther South in Evansville. But that's about to change. Last summer ground was broken on a permanent home for the Blind Social Center in Gary. The exterior is almost complete, but the Lions of Gary approached District 25-A about finishing out the interior and getting a van to help the visually impaired to and from the Center.



This photo was taken September 15 and the building is now totally enclosed and just waiting for furnishings.

We have submitted a proposal to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) for finishing to interior and purchasing a van for the Center. The budget for the interior finish out and the van is \$146,887. And we are applying for a community impact grant which means The Blind Social Center will get \$73,443 from LCIF and the Center will need to 100% match the \$73,443 and at least half of that amount (\$36,721) must be raised from individual Lions or Lions Clubs or Lions Districts.

To date, we have over \$12000 of Lions money committed, and we have a few individual donors we are working on. However, we still need some money from the District Clubs. I can assure you that none of the furnishings in the budget are extravagant but very functional for their purpose. The van is also somewhat bare bones and it will be decaled in the Lions Logo, so good advertising. You will probably be called by a Lion member of the Gary NWI Club and asked for a donation.

Please be generous in giving what you can.

Thanks, hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and I wish you a Merry Christmas and

Happy New Year.

District A wins Peace Poster Contest!!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO SERENITY KEGEBEIN AND THE SOUTH HAVEN LIONS CLUB! MISS SERENITY KEGEBEIN, DAUGHTER OF REV. & MRS. JASON KEGEBEIN OF THE SOUTH HAVEN LIONS CLUB WAS PICKED AS OUR DISTRICT WINNER FOR THE PEACE POSTER CONTEST. THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S CONTEST WAS "DARE TO DREAM." WE ALSO PICKED A 1ST RUNNER UP THIS YEAR BECAUSE THE 3 JUDGES THOUGHT IT DESERVED MORE THAN JUST "HONORABLE MENTION." OUR 1ST RUNNER-UP IS MISS MELODY RAVENSCROFT, DAUGHTER OF MS. MELISSA SMITH. HER ENTRY WAS SUBMITTED BY THE LA CROSSE LIONS CLUB.

DG STEPHEN HELMKEN TOOK THE WINNING POSTER DOWN STATE TO THE COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY WHERE THERE WERE 3 OTHER POSTERS HOPING TO WIN THE STATE CONTEST. AFTER ALL OF THE DISTRICT GOVERNORS LOOKED OVER THE POSTERS, IT WAS DECIDED THAT IT WAS BETWEEN 2 ENTRIES. BUT ON FURTHER REVIEW THE GOVERNORS DECIDED THAT DISTRICT A WAS THE WINNER. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT WE HAVE HAD AN ENTRY WIN THE STATE CONTEST FROM DISTRICT A, IF WE EVER HAVE. SERENITY'S DRAWING IS NOW ON ITS WAY TO THE NEXT LEVEL OF THE CONTEST SO LET'S ALL WISH HER LUCK.



Peace Poster winner & runnerup



To the left is the runner-up, submitted by the La Crosse Lions Club. The artist is Miss Melody Ravenscroft, daughter of Ms. Melissa Smith.



The first (on left) is the winner, submitted by the South Haven Lions Club. The artist is Miss Serenity Kegebein, daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Jason (Alexis) Kegebein.

Congratulations to both for a job well done!
Lion Carolyn Laviolette, Chair
Peace Poster/Essay Contest

MD-25 Lions

International Pin Design 2025



July 4-8, 2025: [Mexico City, Mexico](#): Mexico is currently the sixth most visited country in the world, welcoming more than 39 million international visitors each year. Mexico City is a busy modern city with a rich heritage dating back 30 centuries! The historic city center has a pyramid, an ancient castle and fort and many museums to celebrate and display the culture. Mexico is also an excellent touristic destination, with more than 6,000 miles of coastline, 35.

UNESCO World Heritage Sites, the world's most dazzling assortment of resorts, 28 World Cultural Heritage Sites and 187 archaeological sites, a vibrant, indigenous culture and a 300year Spanish/European Colonial legacy. Mexico is unparalleled in diversity, hospitality, and the quality of its visitor experience.

Pins MUST include:

a-MD 25 Indiana (as text) b-the Intl Convention year - 2025 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. If there are multiple designs submitted by one district, one design will be selected by that District Governor. All District designs need to be submitted to me by January 15, 2024. You can scan and attach it to an email to me at angbelc@iue.edu. Each District's selected design will be presented to the 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



Operation Cancer Hero—Indiana Lions Fighting Pediatric Cancer

Operation Cancer Hero



In August 2023, the Walther Cancer Foundation and Riley Children's Foundation announced that the Walther Cancer Foundation has pledged \$10 million to match donations of \$100,000 or more from other organizations and individuals to fund pediatric cancer research and treatment at Riley Hospital for Children.

The Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc. (CCF) has accepted this challenge and started our campaign: **Operation Cancer Hero!** We need your help to fight pediatric cancer. To donate using a credit or debit card, go to the following web page: <https://give.rileykids.org/25A>

Indianapolis Colts Will Match Donations Made by December 31, 2023

The Indianapolis Colts will match individual donations up to \$150,000 made to Riley Children's Foundation by December 31, 2023. This includes all donations made using credit or debit cards on the give.rileykids.org/25A web page.



Donate by December 31st and Get A Double Double



When you use a credit or debit card to make a donation on the give.rileykids.org/25A web page by December 31, 2023, the Indianapolis Colts will match that donation. When the CCF Cancer Hero campaign reaches its initial goal of \$100,000, the Walther Cancer Foundation will match that donation to Riley Children's Foundation. Your initial donation will be matched by the Indianapolis Colts, and the total donation will be matched by the Walther Cancer Foundation. If you donate \$25, Riley Children's Foundation will ultimately receive \$100.

Follow the CCF page on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IndianaLionsCancerControl>

Join the CCF group on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1470990497011888>

If you have questions or need more information, please contact one of our district CCF trustees:

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**While Billions of government dollars
are spent annually on Cancer Research,
ONLY ABOUT 4% IS FOCUSED ON CHILDHOOD CANCER**

**Walther Cancer Foundation Announces \$10 Million
matching Grant Pledge for Organizations and Individuals**
The WCF Matching Gift Program will support Children's cancer
researchers. Physicians and scientists from Riley and IU will
use money through this program to pursue the most
promising ideas and test next generation therapies. Along with
research aimed at curing more cancers and making existing
treatments less toxic, Survivorship research to give warriors
the best long term quality of life will be studied.

**Cancer Control Trustees Vote to Accept
WCF Matching Grant Challenge**

On September 4, 2023 the Trustees voted to accept the
challenge to raise at least \$100,000 to result in a donation of at
least \$200,000 for Childhood Cancer Research. We also voted
to set aside \$20,000 for "Seed Money" for this Challenge.

We Need Your Help!

Operation Cancer Hero

**Be a Cancer Hero and Partner
with CCF to Raise Matching
Funds for Research,
More Cures, less toxicity,
and Survivorship!**

**Contact a Trustee @
www.lionscancercontrol.org
FB: Indiana Lions Cancer Control**



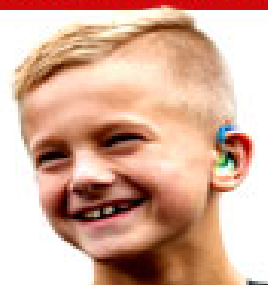


**Each year, approximately
400,000 Children
Worldwide develop Cancer.
That's 1 Child Every
90 Seconds!**



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.



Crown Point Lions Club "80 Years of Service" Celebration



It was an evening of celebration with 25 Lions and 31 guests alike. We were honored to have **District Governor Stephen Helmken, 1st Vice DG Patti Cooke-Furlong, 2nd Vice Jim Furlong, Past Council Chair Mitch Semans and Crown Point Mayor Pete Land** among the guests. PCC Mitch Semans was the guest speaker and shared words of wisdom about Lions Club International and the importance of service to our communities and membership growth in our clubs to be able to do service projects. Our club shared some of our service projects including Vision Screening, Dictionary Project, Backpack Project, Environment Project, Crown Point Library Children's Play Area and Buddy Bags. There was an impressive display of our past and current projects to show the importance of our service in the community put together by Lion Carla Smolek. Special awards were presented for Lion of the Year, Lion Phylis Porio; Melvin Jones Fellows, Lions Vicky Klein and Carla Smolek; Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired Fellow, Lion Vicky Klein and Lifetime Memberships were presented to Lions Paul Bremer and Chuck Westerhout.



The Sportsmen Club provided an amazing dinner which was enjoyed by all. Our own Lion Phylis made an amazing charcuterie. There were many positive comments about the event and so far three of our guests are going to become Lions.





OH WHAT A NIGHT!



50/50 is always a hit!!!



You can see by the pictures, there were a lot of Happy Winners. 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 **\$12,677.62**. 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.

Happy Winner of the "Booze Buggy"



"Heads and Tails" is a great game and this gentleman was pretty happy!



Lions Julie Wendorf and Amanda Sprehe (pictured left to right and above with Lion Dan Klein) had a competition of who could sell the most tips for bacon. It was neck and neck till the end. For the official record, they tied with each selling 18 bacon tip boards each, but Amanda ultimately pulled ahead when they had one lonely unclaimed bacon pop up that Amanda sold, bringing her total to 19 tip boards. As a result, she is the reigning "Bacon Queen".

Do you think those hats had anything to do with it??? LOL

GREAT JOB TO ALL LIONS!!!

A message from Crown Point lions...

Crown Point Lions Club is overwhelmed with pill bottles thanks to many other Lions Clubs that have donated them.

Currently, we need to stop collection until the current supply can be shipped to "Doctors Without Borders"

Therefore Crown Point Lions Club is suspending collection until April 2024.

Thank you for your support.
Lion Phylis Porio



LIGHT UP LEADER DOG

Join us this holiday season as we once again Light Up Leader Dog! For a \$10 donation, a luminary will be placed in your honor on the campus of Leader Dogs for the Blind. Our goal is to light up the campus with over 2,000 luminaries honoring our supporters and lighting up the beautiful campus of Leader Dogs for the Blind.

This December, please join us on campus to enjoy the display! Guests will have the opportunity to browse through the marketplace, partake in some warm, winter beverages and tasty food, enjoy the sounds of a holiday choir, walk the paths of luminaries, and view the Leader Dog campus all lit up!

More Information:

Light Up Leader Dog Walk-Thru Event
Date December 9, 2023
5:30 – 8 p.m.
1039 S. Rochester Rd.
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Mill Creek Lions



Sunday, December 3rd the Mill Creek Lions Club and Township Trustee worked together to create a community Santa Social event. Santa, Mrs. Claus, and a stunt riding Grinch came. Free photos with Santa, snacks, games, drinks, and activities were provided. Lions Ashley, Jeremy, and Tom were present for the big day.

Silent Auction

2024 Mid-Winter Conference – January 20, 2024

"Catch the Magic of Lionism!"

We are in need of items for the silent auction at the 2024 Mid-Winter Conference. If you would like to donate something, please contact either Co-Chair Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos at liongretchen@att.net or PDG Linda Scott at lindamscott@comcast.net with a description of item or items by January 18, 2024. Funds raised from this silent auction will go toward support of the MidWinter Conference, to better help defray the costs. Thank you for your willingness to make this event a success.



Coming Soon: Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference



The 35th annual Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2024, 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 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 Early Bird registration fee – until November 30th – is only \$40 – \$5 less than last year – and includes informative seminars, 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 had not yet been announced when this article was written.

The conference will be preceded by a dinner on Friday evening. There is a separate fee of \$30 for this event. The after-dinner entertainment will be provided by magician Daniel Lusk. He has performed across the United States, overseas, for celebrities, national sports teams, and on national T.V. His magic has not only been seen by millions, but Daniel also lectures at conventions for other magicians teaching his trade.

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 a registration form with seminar descriptions and hotel information.

We hope to see you at the 2024 Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference.

2024 Mid-Winter Conference Seminars**Seminar Session 1 (9:45 am – 10:30 am)****Seminar #: 1****Title:** Mission 1.5**Presenter:** PID Thomas Matney, GAT Area Leader**Description:** Everything you ever wanted to know about our campaign to achieve the goal of 1.5 million members globally.**Seminar #: 2****Title:** All You Need Is Love**Presenter:** Lion Jeff Kozicki, District 25-D GMT/GET Coordinator**Description:** Have you ever needed help? Do you feel like you are working eight days a week? Can you only get by with a little help from your friends? Is it true that all you need is love? If you have wondered about any of these questions, then this is the seminar for you! We will come together to explore Lionism through the music of the Beatles.**Seminar #: 3****Title:** You've Got A Friend In Me - Becoming A Mentor To A New Lion**Presenter:** Lion Ruth Kelly, Zionsville Lions Club**Description:** This seminar is for members who want to be of service to new members of their club. Being "the new person" is difficult for many people. The goal of this seminar is to help you learn why mentoring is important to your club, provide an example of a mentoring program, and provide information that will assist you in establishing a mentoring program that works for your club. It is hard work to find new members. You need to have an action plan to keep those new members engaged and enjoying being a Lion. We can never have too many friends.**Seminar #: 4****Title:** Serving Beyond the Club**Presenters:** PDG Tom Robbins & PDG Jeff Locke**Description:** This session will discuss leadership opportunities beyond the club level from zone chairs and cabinet positions, to project trustees, committee chairs, and District leadership.**Seminar Session 2 (10:45 am – 11:30 am)****Seminar #: 5****Title:** Indiana Lions Fighting Pediatric Cancer**Presenter:** Representative from Riley Children's Foundation**Description:** Learn about the Cancer Control Fund's new partnership with Riley Children's Foundation & the Walther Cancer Foundation.**Seminar #: 6****Title:** Putting Fun In Your Club Meetings**Presenter:** Luanne Julian, Middletown Lions Club**Description:** Discover new ways to dispel the persistent myth that Lions Clubs meetings are B-O-R-I-NG.**Seminar #: 7****Title:** Why are Leos Important for our Future?**Presenter:** ZC Wendy Semans, Hamlet Lions Club**Description:** Learn how Leos can benefit your Club. What do the Leos need from you? What's involved in having a Leo club? Ideas and projects for your Leos.**Seminar #: 8****Title:** Building A Cabin for Children with Type 1 Diabetes**Presenter:** PCC Ross Drapalik & Jenna White, Camp Director**Description:** The Martinsville Noon Lions Club has partnered with Diabetes Youth Foundation of Indiana (DYFI) to construct a new cabin and laundry facility at "Camp Until-a-Cure" in Noblesville, Indiana. PCC Ross Drapalik will discuss process of turning a \$10,000 memorial contribution into a \$204,000 turn-key project, and Jenna White, the Executive Director of DYFI, will talk about the camp, its needs, and how your Lions Club can help.

2024 Mid-Winter Conference Seminars**Seminar Session 3 (1:30 pm – 2:15 pm)****Seminar #: 9****Title:** Finding & Applying for Grants**Presenters:** PID Linda Tincher**Description:** Where to find grants, how to write LCIF grant requests, and how to avoid common pitfalls that may prevent you from getting grants.**Seminar #: 10****Title:** Securing Sponsorships**Presenter:** PDG Tom Robbins, Zionsville Lions Club**Description:** What you need to know to secure ongoing sponsorships.**Seminar #: 11****Title:** Lions International Convention in Melbourne, Australia**Presenter:** PDG Alan Arnold, Indiana Lions International Convention Committee Chairman**Description:** Everything you need to know about the 2024 International Convention in Melbourne, Australia**Seminar #: 12****Title:** Eyeglass Recycling: An Eye-Opening Experience**Presenter:** PDG Marty Juel, District 25-G**Description:** Does your club collect used eyeglasses for Lions eyeglass missions? Find out what it takes to get used eyeglasses from your club's donation box to new owners in Mexico.**Seminar Session 4 (2:30 pm – 3:15 pm)****Seminar #: 13****Title:** Lion Cubs, Our Future Lions**Presenters:** ZC Wendy Semans and Lion Gloria Ballard**Description:** What is a Cubs Club and what are the benefits of starting a Cubs Club? Who can join? What's involved in starting a Cubs club?**Seminar #: 14****Title:** New Member Orientation**Presenter:** Lion Jeff Kozicki, District 25-D GMT/GET Coordinator**Description:** Congratulations! You have added a new member to your club! Now what? This seminar will discuss how to start your new member right and get them the information they need to get a solid start. This seminar will also be great for Lions that have been around for a while as there may be a few things they can learn about their Club, their District, and Lionism.**Seminar #: 15****Title:** Who's Who with Lions Acronyms and Badges**Presenter:** PDG Kathy Lozier, Indiana Lions Foundation Vice President**Description:** How to decode the "alphabet soup" of Lions acronyms and abbreviations, and recognize Lions officers by the shape of their name badges.**Seminar #: 16****Title:** USA/Canada Lions Forum, Louisville KY**Presenter:** PCC Chuck Carlson & Lion Karen Nitschke**Description:** What happens at a Forum, the seminars, speakers, meals, and other details to encourage you to attend the Forum in Louisville in September of 2024 and become educated, motivated, and inspired.

The Dr. Richard T. Miyamoto Fellowship



Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing has established the Miyamoto Fellowship to honor Lions and others for their dedication to their Lions Clubs, to Lions Clubs International, and to those in need in their communities around the world. Dr. Richard T. Miyamoto retired as Chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the Indiana University School of Medicine. At Riley Hospital, he served as Medical Director of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology.

In the 1980's, a grant from Speech and Hearing was provided to Riley Hospital and Dr. Miyamoto to expand the use of cochlear implants for children. Dr. Miyamoto's pioneering work has been recognized around the world, and he continues his close relationship with the Lions of Indiana.

A handsome plaque has been designed to honor the recipients of the Miyamoto Fellowship. For a \$500 donation to Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc. within a two-year period, one plaque may be ordered in the recipient's name to be presented by the donor Lion or Lions Club. There is no charge for the plaque. Please contact any Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing trustee in your district for information or to order a plaque.



**ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
INDIANA LIONS SPEECH AND HEARING, INC.**



The disciplines of Audiology, Speech-Language Pathology, and American Sign Language/English Interpreting include trained specialists providing services in a variety of educational and healthcare settings. Each year brings new knowledge and advancements that will help individuals overcome difficulties associated with speech, hearing, and language deficits. Advances in medicine and an increasingly aging population necessitate numerous additional professionals in these fields.

Colleges and universities throughout the United States offer degrees in these fields. A degree in one of these areas requires a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree. Encouragement by Lions throughout Indiana may be a decisive factor in a career choice for an Indiana youth to select one of these professions. **Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc. (ILSH)** may provide scholarships of \$750.00 per student for up to four students per academic year. Students who are entering their *junior* year or above are eligible to apply for this scholarship. If more than four applicants per year, the scholarships will be awarded based on academic achievement. Please refer to the eligibility requirements listed on the application for further information.

Students are eligible to receive the scholarship for a maximum of two years. *Renewals are not to be considered automatic. The student must repeat the application process to be considered for a scholarship for the second year.*

Once approved for the scholarship, the student will be notified by one of the Trustees of Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Inc. A check will be issued and sent to the appropriate department at the university in which the student is enrolled.

FOR A STUDENT TO BE ELIGIBLE, S/HE MUST:

- ④ Be majoring in a program in the field of Audiology, Speech-Language Pathology, or American Sign Language/English Interpreting;
- ④ Be entering their 3rd or 4th year in said program, or into graduate school at an accredited college or university offering a minimum four year degree in one of the above mention fields;
- ④ Make application to a ILS&H Trustee or Indiana Lions Club and be sponsored by a Lions Club in Indiana;
- ④ Demonstrate an accumulative GPA of a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or higher;
- ④ Verification of meeting eligibility requirements by University advisor or department faculty member;
- ④ Submit an essay of at least 200 words explaining how the scholarship will be used.

FOR A LIONS CLUB TO PARTICIPATE, THEY MUST:

- ④ Promote career paths consistent with ILSH scholarship program and seek out deserving students who may require financial support;
- ④ Consider providing financial support in addition to the \$750 from Indiana Speech & Hearing, Inc.;
- ④ Furnish eligibility date and the recommended support to a District Trustee of Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Inc. 120 days prior to the enrollment date;
- ④ Recommend the student for scholarship renewal for the second year with satisfactory progress and the club's continued support; and
- ④ Complete the application form.

**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – APPLICATION PROCEDURES
INDIANA LIONS SPEECH AND HEARING, INC.**

The application and all supporting documentation should be forwarded to an ILSH Trustee. Supporting documentation should include a recommendation for the applicant.

STUDENT APPLICATION

Full name of applicant: _____

Permanent address: _____

Current mailing address: _____

Telephone number: _____ Email: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

P/G address: _____

P/G phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of College or University that student is attending: _____

Title of Degree Program: _____ most recent year completed: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ / _____ Is applicant on the Dean's List? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Other academic accomplishments (use additional pages as needed):

Signature of Applicant's Advisor: _____ Phone: _____

Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____

Lions Club Name: _____ President: _____

Mailing address: _____

Club phone: _____ Email: _____

Amount of Club Support: \$ _____

President Signature: _____ Date: _____

www.indylionsspeechhearing.org

Members that have completed their service

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