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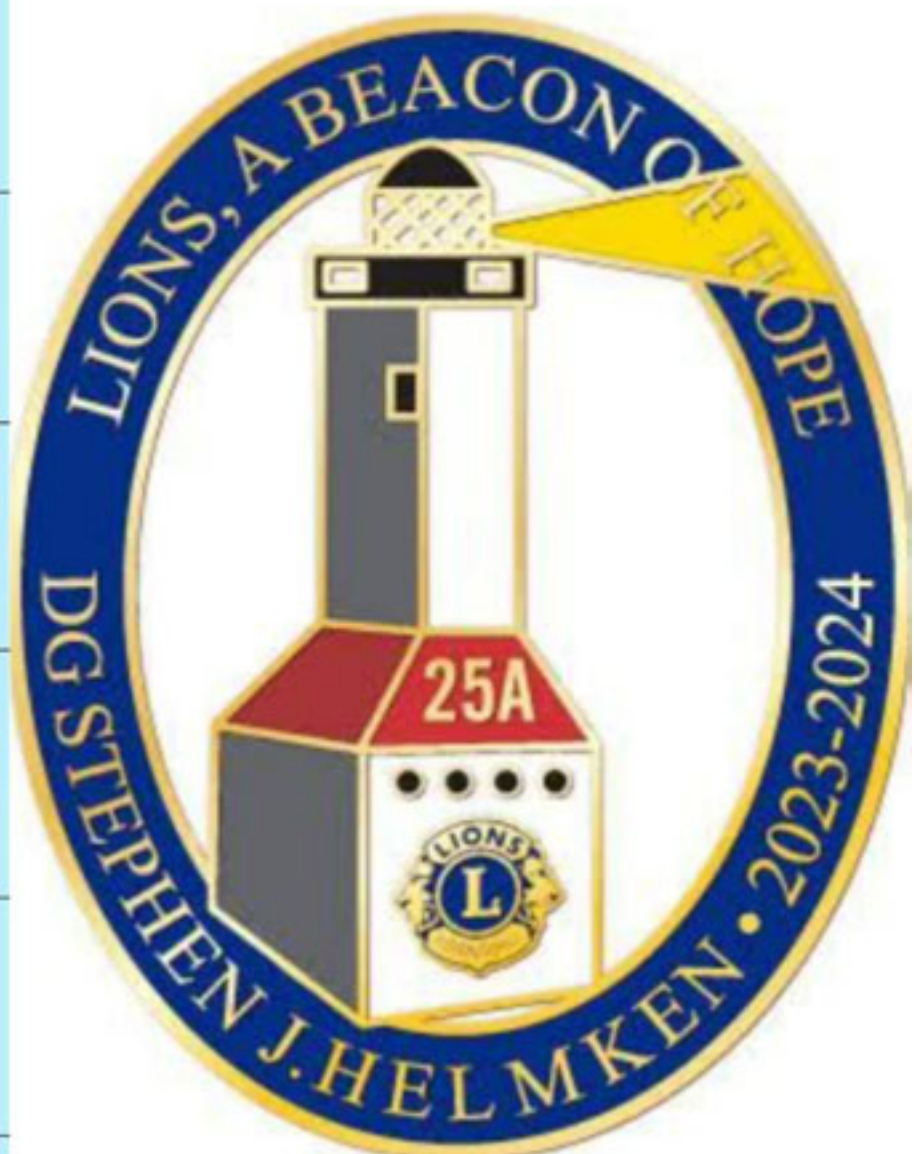
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# District 25A Newsletter





## Stephen J. Helmken

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Dear Lions of 25A,

We never know when something will happen to us or a loved one. This was the case for 2nd VDG Jim Furlong. Lion Jim took a tumble the other day. 1st VDG Patty Cooke-Furlong called to tell me they wouldn't attend the Mid-Winter Conference or the Council meeting on Sunday because they were in the Emergency Room. She informed me that Jim fell and broke his "good" ankle in three places. They were waiting to see if he would be going to surgery that evening or what the game plan was. Jim went to surgery, and the doctors told him not to put any weight on his ankle for six weeks. 2nd VDG Jim will be in a rehabilitation facility but will still be doing Lions work. 1st VDG Patty said he had his iPad and phone with him and was going about the business of Lions as if nothing happened. Let's keep Jim and Patty in our prayers, as they both have a long road ahead. Jim wants to hear from the Lions of 25A so we can send cards to their home, and 1st VDG Patty will ensure he gets them.

The same day, 1st VDG Patty called to tell me about 2nd VDG Jim; she also told me to check my email. There was good news that I needed to see. I noticed an email from LCIF, and the news was that the grant that 2nd VDG Jim has worked so hard on for the Blind Social Center in Gary was approved, and we will be receiving the funds. Excellent work, 2nd VDG Jim!

This year, as I've visited clubs and written newsletter articles, I've talked about how Lions are Beacons of Hope for communities, their states, and the world. We are Beacons of Hope for our fellow Lions. This hope comes from having state projects we can bring to those in need. But we have so much more available to us to share. Now's the time to share this with our community members. As we do our fundraising and service projects, remember to promote other programs such as Liberty Day, Diabetes Awareness, and even the Peace Poster contest for next year. Lions get so involved in helping their communities with all physical needs that we forget one of our most potent resources: **knowledge**. Being able to provide your community with knowledge is enormous. Telling people that Lions can provide resources to improve their quality of life, provide educational information on how to manage diabetes, or information about the U. S. Constitution are the talks we should be having with the community members when we do a fundraiser or a pancake breakfast. This is the knowledge they need to know about. Of course, let's not forget about the reading programs. Reading is essential for learning, and the Lions are one of the connecting blocks that support many educational programs.





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I was a student who wasn't good at reading in elementary and Junior High. Somebody placed me into a remedial reading program. Now, as a retired librarian, I love reading various books in different genres, from Civil War history to suspense fiction and some

Christian theology. Books are KNOWLEDGE, and we need to make sure we share books with others. I'm asking each Lion attending the District Convention this year, at the Blue Chip Casino on March 9, 2024, to bring a new or slightly used book as an entrance fee. If you forget to pick up a book, we will have some for you to purchase for a small fee of \$2.00. All the books we collect during the convention will be divided among the District and put into the Little Free Libraries. We have five Little Free Libraries in the Michigan City area. I know other communities have them as well. I want every community with a Little Free Library sponsored by Lions to receive some books to add to their library. I hope every Lion in District 25A can attend YOUR convention this coming March.

We all know someone who needs help in some form or fashion, and we all know people who want to give a helping hand. The more we connect with people, the more opportunities we have to grow membership, which will lead to more service projects, generating more opportunities for educating the world on what Lions do. As long as we keep connecting with people, we will continue to do the exceptional things people know and love about Lions. Remember to be Beacons of Hope for the people you connect with when doing a service project or fundraiser, sharing your knowledge to help educate all members of your community.

Till next month, keep your Beacon of Hope shining brightly,

DG Stephen J. Helmken



## **PATTY COOKE-FURLONG**

### **1st Vice District Governor**

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### **Hello 25A Lions**

I hope you all survived the cold and ice! Lion Jim was not so lucky – he took a fall and broke his ankle in three places. He now does not have a good leg to stand on! But his spirits are high and he is getting physical therapy to keep him moving.

We did miss the Midwinter Conference – which is one of my favorite events. I always learn something new and enjoy visiting with Lions from around the state. However, the 25A Convention Committee is working hard to put on a fantastic event Michigan City on March 9th. I am looking forward to being with many of you there.

But in February, I will be headed to St. Charles, IL for my final DG training with all my fellow First Vice District Governors from around the world. We will be reviewing all that we have studied and setting our District Goals for year 24-25. The easy goals are related to service and club reporting – you are all doing great service projects! The hard ones will be the number of new members and clubs. I will be optimistic that we can work together to bring in other people that are like-minded in serving their communities.

You should all be working toward getting a Club Excellence award this year. Generally most clubs meet all the requirements but one – being positive on your membership. Work now on bringing in new members before June 30th.

Please make sure to advertise all that you do by sending articles to our Newsletter Editor, Lion Rachel. Also send in those flyers about upcoming events so that other Lions can either through Face Book or your own website.

See you on March 9th at the Convention!

Take care  
And thank you for all you do  
Lion Patty Cooke-Furlong, 1VDC



## 2nd Vice District Governor *Jim Furlong*

Lions of 25A, Lion Jim has asked me to write his article this month. During our snowy days last month, he slipped and fell – and broke his good ankle. After surgery to install some pins and plates, he has now progressed to a rehab facility.

There, he is healing and learning how to manage without one good leg -- at least for the next six weeks. They have now replaced his bandages with a boot – a definite move forward.

Lion Jim has his phone if you want to send him well wishes. He will be doing what he can from his new location. He is optimistic and in good spirits and looking forward to being back home – and busy with the Lions.

And being  
able to walk again.

Lion Patty, 1VDG







District 25A Convention  
District Governor Stephen J. Helmken  
March 8 & 9, 2024



Our Special Guests are ID Robert K Y Lee & Lion Pamela

Make reservations directly with the hotel: Blue Chip Casino Hotel

777 Blue Chip Drive, Michigan City, IN 46360 Call: 219-879-7711

to reserve a room in the **BLUE CHIP TOWER (District 25A Lions)**

Friday Night Rate is \$159.00 Saturday Night Rate is \$179.00 Before February 15th

All attending the Convention  
Need To Register  
To Enter the Convention you  
will need to bring a NEW or  
GENTLY used Book. If you  
forget Books will be available  
for \$2.00

**Friday Night ID Welcome Dinner**

Portofino Grill

3233 IN-39 LaPorte, IN 46350

6:00PM Social-6:30PM Dinner Buffet \$28.00

Cash Bar Available Business Casual

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY	Add Additional Names on back	Please note Title, Lion, or Guest
Name:		Title: Guest: <input type="checkbox"/>
Name:		Title: Guest: <input type="checkbox"/>
Lions Club:		District:
Address:		Email:
City, State, Zip:		Phone:

**Registration & Meal Reservations**

**DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 16, 2024**

Number attending convention only \_\_\_\_\_ Our club will need a display table \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Leos attending \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Friday ID Welcome Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$28.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Formal Attire - Please no Jeans)

Make Checks to District 25A Convention and send to:

CS Pat Greer 744 Acadia Rd Valparaiso, IN 46385 219-928-3618 [patricia.agreer6@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.agreer6@gmail.com)



## Indiana Lions, District 25A

Dear Friend of the Lions Clubs International,

The Lions of Indiana District 25A will be holding our annual convention on Saturday, March 9, 2024 at the Blue Chip Casino Hotel 777 Blue Chip Dr. Michigan City IN. The Lions of Indiana are 9,000+ strong and are represented by 360 Lions Clubs from throughout the State. District 25A represents the 7 northwest counties of Indiana and consists of 48 Lions Clubs. Over 200 Lions from Northwest Indiana and across the state will be attending, along with dignitaries from other parts of the United States.

The Lions of Indiana are a part of the world's largest service organization, Lions Clubs International. As Lions, we focus our service activities on local community needs as well as projects addressing Vision, Cancer Control, Hunger, and the Environment. **As a part of our convention, the Lions of District 25A are requesting your help in one of three ways.**

\_\_\_\_\_ There will be a silent auction. We are looking for baskets or items that could be incorporated into one. Contact Zone Chair Laurie Haussman at 219-973-1615 or [beannie1516@comcast.net](mailto:beannie1516@comcast.net).

\_\_\_\_\_ There will be an ad book given to all participants. This has the potential to reach over 1,100 Lions in District 25A. Prices and directions for placing an ad in the book are enclosed. Contact Lion Patricia (Pat) Greer for questions at 219-759-2865 (H), 219-928-3618 (C) or [patricia.agreer6@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.agreer6@gmail.com).

\_\_\_\_\_ There will be "gift bags" for attendees. This could include pens, cards, candy, etc. or any item with any business logo. To provide items contact Zone Chair Wendy Semans 219-851-2409 [wendysemans71@gmail.com](mailto:wendysemans71@gmail.com)

The Lions of Indiana District 25A appreciate your consideration. **Any support you can provide to help make our convention a success is appreciated.** If you have any questions regarding our convention, please contact me directly.

Yours respectfully,

District 25A Convention Co-Chairs  
PCC Mitch Semans  
219-508-1224  
[bogey2308@gmail.com](mailto:bogey2308@gmail.com)

Zone Chair Wendy Semans  
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[wendysemans71@gmail.com](mailto:wendysemans71@gmail.com)

## District 25A – 2024 Convention Ad Book

### District 25A District Convention March 9, 2024

#### ADVERTISE YOUR.....

- **Upcoming Club Fundraisers**
  - **Honor your Melvin Jones Members**
    - **Foundations: Thank the Lions for their Donations**
- Give a Welcome to our ID Robert K Y Lee & Lion Pamela
  - Congratulate the DG & VDG's

**Do you own a BUSINESS?**  
**Place an AD – Support Lions**

Full Size Page - 8 ½ by 11	Actual Ad Size Width x Height	✓
Color Front Inside Cover \$ 150.00	(Sold) 7 X 9	NA
Color Back Page \$ 200.00	(Sold) 7 X 9	NA
Color Back Inside Cover \$ 150.00	(Sold) 7 X 9	NA
Regular Page \$ 100.00	7 X 9	
1/2 Page \$ 75.00	7 X 4 ½	
1/4 Page \$ 50.00	3 ½ X 4 ½	

Check Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **District 25A District Convention**

- ☐ I have attached an Ad or emailed an Ad  
☐ Please design an Ad with the attached information DUE BY FEBRUARY 9TH

Return with Ad or Send check and email your AD to: **patricia.agreer6@gmail.com**

**ALL ADS ARE DUE FEBRUARY 16<sup>th</sup>** Ads will not be accepted after that date!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club or Business \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: **Patricia Greer, 744 Acadia Rd, Valparaiso, IN 46385**  
**patricia.agreer6@gmail.com 219-759-2865**





**Lions District 25a Convention**  
**Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City**  
**March 9, 2024**



Exhibit tables **from 8:00 am – 1:30 pm**  
Vendor—\$30 State/Club/District Project—Free

Includes 6 ft Table with 2 chairs

Please return this form and any payment by February **23, 2024** to:

Lion Patty Cooke  
1792 Forest Lane  
Crown Point, IN 46307

Make Checks Payable to: Lions 25A

Questions, please contact Lion Patty

[Patty.Cooke@gmail.com](mailto:Patty.Cooke@gmail.com) or (219) 671-4668

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

Product/Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

### International Director Welcome Dinner

Friday, March 8, Portofino Grill

Social Hour 6:00 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m.

### District Convention

Saturday, March 9, 2024

Blue Chip Casino, Michigan City, IN

Registration: 8:00 - 10:45 a.m.

Seminars: 9:00 - 10:45 a.m.

1st Business Session: 11:00 a.m.

Lunch: 12:00 - 1:45 p.m.

Banner Line Up : 1:45 p.m.

2nd Business Session: 2:00 p.m.

Reception & Banquet: 6:00 p.m.

Open Bar will open: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner will be served: 6:30 p.m.

Dress is Business Casual for the business sessions

Formal Attire for Reception & Banquet

**2024 DISTRICT 25A - DISTRICT ELECTIONS**  
**Lion Barbara Toosley, PDG – Nomination & Election Chair**  
**Members: Allan Wozniak – Gloria Ballard – Edward Piontek**

**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 February 8, 2024.**

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:lionbarb@comcast.net) prior to the ELECTION, before or on FEBRUARY 8, 2024.**

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:

- ☐ 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.

*\*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:**

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- ☐ 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 Toosley, 13700 Lantern Drive, St John, IN 46373 or Email 30 days to lionbarb@comcast.net prior to the ELECTION, before or on February 8, 2024, 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 \**

**2024 – 2027 Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind & Visually Impaired, Inc.**

**2024 – 2027 Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Inc.**

**2024 – 2027 Indiana Lions for Leader Dog, Inc.**

**2024 – 2027 Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc.**

**2024 – 2027 Indiana Lions Foundation**

**2024 – 2027 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.**

**2024 – 2027 – At Large**

**Candidate can be from any club.**

**2024 – 2027 – At Large**

**Candidate can be from any club.**

*\*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 2024 District 25A Election, closing is February 23, 2024.**

**All International, State & District DUES must be paid by February 23, 2024, 11:59PM**



## South Haven Lions Chili Dinner



Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
4:00PM – 7:00PM  
South Haven American Legion Post 502  
429 West 750 North, South Haven (Valparaiso)

Cost: Adults \$10.00 Children under 10 \$5.00

hot dogs w/trimmings; macaroni upon request; dessert  
coffee and/or lemonade



**NUMBER OF  
VOTES FOR  
YOUR CLUB**

**ANY CLUB  
MEMBER CAN  
VOTE**

**NUMBER IS  
CALCULATED ON  
FULL OR HEAD OF  
HOUSEHOLD  
JOINED BEFORE  
2/7/2024**

**FAMILY UNIT  
MEMBERS ARE  
NOT INCLUDED IN  
THE**

**PLEASE  
REMEMBER THAT  
YOUR  
INTERNATIONAL  
DUES MUST BE  
PAID 3/22/24**

**ANY QUESTIONS  
CALL  
219-798-5950**

**Lion Barb Toosley, PDG  
25A Nominations and  
Elections Chair**

CLUB	REGULAR MEMBERS	Voter
BASS LAKE	18	2
CEDAR LAKE	16	2
CHESTERTON	21	2
CROWN POINT	32	3
DOOR VILLAGE	22	2
DYER	5	1
EAST CHICAGO EVENING	18	2
FRANCISVILLE		0
Gary NWI	3	1
GOODLAND	16	2
GRIFFITH	15	2
HAMLET	23	2
HANNA	15	2
HEBRON	12	1
HIGHLAND	17	2
HOBART	13	1
INDIANA HARBOR EAST CHICAGO	20	2
KOONTZ LAKE LC	14	1
KOUTS	13	1
LA CROSSE	19	2
LA PORTE	19	2
LAKE STATION	14	1
LAKES OF THE FOUR SEASONS	39	4
LOWELL	23	2
MERRILLVILLE	12	1
MICHIANA	20	2
MILL CREEK COMMUNITY	14	1
MONTEREY	10	1
MOROCCO	13	1
MUNSTER	57	6
OGDEN DUNES	38	4
PORTAGE	8	1
REMINGTON	11	1
RENSSELAER	17	2
ROLLING PRAIRIE	10	1
SCHERERVILLE	17	2
SCHERERVILLE CENTRAL	20	2
SOUTH HAVEN LC	28	3
ST JOHN	10	1
STAR CITY	32	3
UNION MILLS	27	3
VALPARAISO	14	1
WANATAH	32	3
WESTVILLE	41	4
WHEATFIELD	19	2
WHITING	15	2
WINAMAC	14	1
<b>NON FAMILY UNIT MEMBERS</b>	<b>116</b>	
<b>TOTAL VOTES</b>		<b>119</b>

**Referring Vision Care Patients from Your Lions Club to National Vision Providers**

If a person over six years of age is found to need referral for vision care assistance, and is eligible under financial or other criteria:

The responsible Lion from the local club discusses generally with the patient, parent, or guardian when they would be available to attend an appointment.

The club member contacts the district vision chair for an approved appointment voucher. This voucher is held by the store and is not released to the club or district. *Clubs must contact their vision chair, not the store.*

The district chair coordinates the week of service and location most convenient to the patient and calls the patient, parent, or guardian for their agreement.

The patient, parent, or guardian then calls the store to make their appointment, attends it, and receives treatment.

District Chairs report the number and location of appointments to the State Vision Services Chair monthly. The State Chair then makes an assembled statewide report to National Vision to ensure compliance with the agreement and advise Council of activity.

*America's Best* stores are wholly company owned and referrals will have no co-pay to the club. *Eyeglass World* stores will have a small (\$40) co-pay for the examination, as their optometrists are independent providers, and not employees of National Vision.

Both *America's Best* and *Eyeglass World* stores make their glasses in house. Same or next-day service is possible, but glasses can take up to three days.

There is no written application for service, as Lions cannot retain a patient's personal identifiable information under Federal law. We can only retain the number of referrals to a given location and the name of the referring club.

For more information, Contact Lion Henry Rodriguez, 25D Vision Services and State Vision Services Chair at [henryrodriguez970@yahoo.com](mailto:henryrodriguez970@yahoo.com) or (765) 210-6787.





### Crown Point Lions Club

District Governor and Presidents Night was celebrated the first meeting of the new year. Crown Point Lions were honored to have DG Stephen Helmken speak to the membership. He surprised the club when he presented the 2022/2023 Club Excellence Award to Past President Donna Worst. DG Steve went on to present Membership Awards to Lions Ed Schlessner (40 years) and Bob Vanek (40 years).



Welcome new Lions, Al and Sharon Thom and Paul and Becky Sills, who were installed by District Governor Stephen Helmken. Pictured left to right: DG Stephen Helmken, Lions, Louise Moore (sponsor), Becky and Paul Sills, Al and Sharon Thom, Carla Smolek (sponsor) and President Mary Jane DiMichele.



Rosie Penrod is the recipient of the Crown Point Lions Club Scholarship Fund for University of St. Francis. She spoke about her reason for going into nursing and her appreciation for the scholarship which will help her to continue her education.



Lion Carla Smolek with New Lions Sharon and Al Thom helping to pack medical supplies for upcoming 1st United Methodist Church Roatan Mission Trip. These Lions love to serve.



**Indiana Lions Vision Services adds National Vision Corporation as Provider**

January 21, 2024

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 will provide three to five appointments a 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 exams or glasses provided under the agreement.

Indiana 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.

If any *America's Best* or *Eyeglass World* stores do not know of this program, show them this letter and ask them to contact their corporate office for details.

For more information, contact Lion Henry Rodriguez, 25D Vision Services and State Vision Services Chair at [henryrodriguez970@yahoo.com](mailto:henryrodriguez970@yahoo.com) or (765) 210-6787 or contact your district vision services chair.

# 2024 CHANT CONTEST

**4th Annual Chant Contest,  
to be held during the 2024 District 25A Convention**

**Winning club gets to add their club members' names to  
the traveling trophy, the giant blue megaphone.**

**Please contact IPDG Nick Gonzalez by phone at  
219-588-4893 or email at [nsg1917@yahoo.com](mailto:nsg1917@yahoo.com) by  
March 2nd if you wish to enter.**

**2021: Crown Point LC  
2022: South Haven LC  
2023: Oregon-Davis Leos  
2024: YOU!!**





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FOR THE BLIND

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Registration  
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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 CENTER TOUR



#### BLINDFOLD WALKS with a white cane



with a Leader Dog



#### PRESENTATION BY A LDB CLIENT



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

## 3rd Cabinet Meeting



The 3rd District Cabinet meeting was hosted by the Michiana Lions Club at the Michigan City Salvation Army. We had a great turn out of Lions and Leo's who shared about the many service projects and activities happening in their clubs. The Oregon Davis Leo's raised money to sponsor a puppy and presented a check to Leader Dog. Awards were given out for Club excellence and years of service

## Lions Club International Foundation

Great news! District 25A has received a matching grant from LCIF for US\$73,443 to support renovations to The Blind Social Center. The BSC building is almost complete; this grant will help with the necessary furnishings and equipment. The Blind Social Center will provide training and support to the visually impaired in Northwest Indiana.

Thank you for all your individual and club donations so far this Lion's year. Currently, District 25A is the leader in Indiana with \$18,000!

LCIF is now recognizing **Individual Generosity** through its Presidential Supporter Program. To honor your commitment and support, they are introducing pins to recognize and celebrate individuals who have contributed with heart and soul, making a significant impact on the LCIF mission.

By participating in the annual program, you become an integral part of their honored supporters. Melvin Jones Credits (MJF) credits will be earned based on the one-time donation amount you provide. Your generosity not only earns you well-deserved recognition but also helps us make a lasting difference in the lives of those in need.



There are multiple levels of recognition to honor donors based on their one-time donation amount that meets the eligibility criteria as noted in the levels of recognition. The levels are as follows:

Bronze Pin      \$50 to \$99.99

Silver Pin      \$100 to \$199.99

Bronze Pin      \$200 and above

Leo Presidential LCIF Support: Minimum donation of US\$20. For Leo Members only.

LCIF values the incredible combined generosity of club members. As a token of their appreciation, they are thrilled to introduce the Presidential Club Giving Award for LCIF program. This initiative aims to recognize clubs that have demonstrated outstanding commitment and support by contributing to LCIF on a per-member average basis throughout the fiscal year.

By participating in this recognition program, your club can join a prestigious circle of dedicated supporters. Your contributions make a significant impact on our mission, enabling us to serve our community and beyond.





**There are multiple levels of recognition:**

Bronze Level - US\$50 per member (within a fiscal year)  
Silver Level - US\$100 per member (within a fiscal year)  
Gold Level - US\$250 per member (within a fiscal year)  
Platinum Level - US\$500 per member (within a fiscal year)  
Diamond Level - US\$1,000 per member (within a fiscal year)

Please contact either Lion Randy Greer or Lion Patty Cooke-Furlong if you are interested in making an individual or Club donation and we will make sure you receive the correct recognition. Also let us know if you would like an LCIF presentation done at your club. We are more than happy to talk about LCIF and all the great things your Lion's Foundation does.

Take care and thank you for all you do,

Lion Patty Cooke-Furlong, 1VDG

Email [patty.cooke@gmail.com](mailto:patty.cooke@gmail.com)

Phone: 219-671-4668

Lion Randy Greer, PDG

Email [lionrandy@yahoo.com](mailto:lionrandy@yahoo.com)

Phone: 219-728-8432





## The Blind Social Center

*The Blind Social Center in Gary, IN. The matching grant that 2nd VDG Jim Furlong worked on is for funds to help furnish the interior of the building. Pictures submitted by Lion Connie Blair.*





## 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 103<sup>rd</sup> 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 103<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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 103<sup>rd</sup> 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 116<sup>th</sup> 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	_____
<b>Total Registration Paid</b>		_____

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

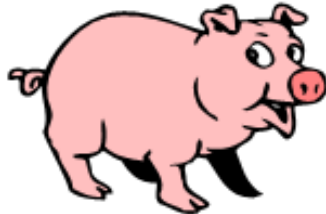
[Woodward1999@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Woodward1999@sbcglobal.net) or 317-716-0622



## **Hobart Lions Club**

### **PORK CHOP DINNER**

**CARRY OUT ONLY!!!!**



**DATE: February 25th**

**TIME: 3:30-5:30 PM**

**LOCATION: DRIVE THRU - TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

**891 LINDA ST. HOBART**

**COST: \$12 one chop; \$15 two chops**

**For tickets call**

**Joe at (219) 781-9604**

**Profit supports:**

**Pack Away Hunger and Hobart Food Pantry**

## 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:**

- Be majoring in a program in the field of Audiology, Speech-Language Pathology, or American Sign Language/English Interpreting;
- 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;
- Make application to a ILS&H Trustee or Indiana Lions Club and be sponsored by a Lions Club in Indiana;
- Demonstrate an accumulative GPA of a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or higher;
- Verification of meeting eligibility requirements by University advisor or department faculty member;
- Submit an essay of at least 200 words explaining how the scholarship will be used.

**FOR A LIONS CLUB TO PARTICIPATE, THEY MUST:**

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

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[www.indylionsspeechhearing.org](http://www.indylionsspeechhearing.org)



**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

## 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 27<sup>th</sup>.

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



# *Members that have completed their service*

CHESTERTON LIONS CLUB

MICHAEL L. BARANKO  
CHESTERTON, IN



## *Remembering a life of service*

# Welcome New Members

FEBRUARY 2024

## BASS LAKE

JEAN M AHLENIUS

Sponsor: PEGGY ARQUETTE

KRYSTAL K MCGRATH

Sponsor: GLORIA BALLARD

## CROWN POINT

BECKY SILLS

Sponsor: CARLA SMOLEK

PAUL D SILLS

Sponsor: LOUISE MOORE

## LA PORTE

KEVIN L CHADDERDON

Sponsor: SANDRA PROVAN

## SOUTH HAVEN

LAURA BENDER

Sponsor: JASON KEGEBEIN

ANDREA BRADFORD

Sponsor: JASON KEGEBEIN

RHONDA DIMOS

Sponsor: DIANE WSZOLEK

## WESTVILLE

FRANCES L WATSON

Sponsor: RICHARD FAGG

ROBERT W WATSON

Sponsor: RICHARD FAGG