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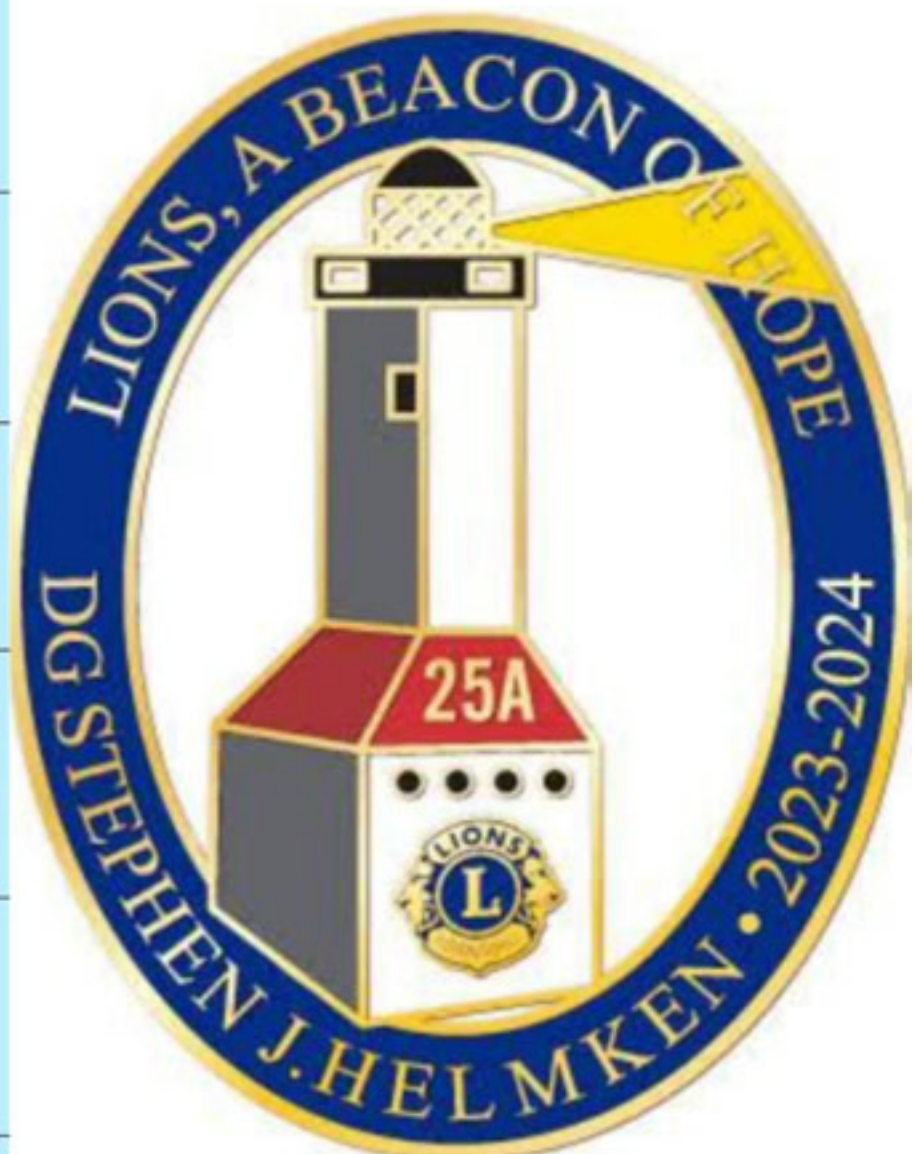
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District 25A Newsletter





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Dear Lions of District 25 A,

A new year is now upon us. It is a time to start over with a fresh slate that is clean, shiny, and ready for us. This new year is the time for all of us to decide what we will make of it. What goals will we try to achieve? What relationships will we work on to make better? What clutter can we clean up in our homes and inside of us? What will we do to make ourselves better Lions? And what will we do to help improve our clubs?

I ask myself these questions every New Year's Eve as midnight fast approaches. Of course, I wasn't asking the Lion questions until I became a Lion. But I always think back through the year, looking at all the good that has happened and all the bad. And I wonder, what will I look back on in twelve months? You all know what 2023 was like for me. You know what I was looking back on. It's hard to believe it will be an entire year in three months.

And speaking of three months from now. Do you know what will be happening in our District? Have you guessed the District Convention, which will be at the Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City? You guessed correctly. The Convention Committee has been working hard to bring "our" Lions a top-notch convention this year. I am super excited about the convention venue for this year. We have a fantastic team of well-seasoned Lions working together to make this weekend memorable for all Lions who will attend. The International Director and his wife, ID Robert (Bob) & and Lion Pam Lee, are looking forward to being with us and participating in this great weekend. A Welcome ID Dinner will be on Friday, March 8, 2024, at Portofino's, off Highway 39 in LaPorte. We will be in the dining room downstairs.

I know much more about the Convention weekend will be in this newsletter. I genuinely hope all Lions of District 25A will participate in YOUR District Convention. Maybe you will learn something new about the Lions organization. I hope you will all plan to participate in a weekend when we can truly celebrate all things LIONS. See you there on March 9, 2024, at the Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City.

Another event before the District Convention is the third Cabinet Meeting on January 27, 2024, at the Salvation Army in Michigan City. My home club, the Michiana Lions Club, will host this Cabinet Meeting. The meeting will occur on Saturday morning, beginning at 9:00 AM. Please see the registration form somewhere in this issue of the newsletter.



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I also want to say that I have been making official visits to many of our clubs in the District.

November and December kept me going constantly. I want to thank my CT Dennis Fischer, for being my ride-along friend and sometimes partner in crime as we visit the clubs. CS Pat Greer steps in when Lion Dennis isn't available, so I always have someone to accompany me. Thank you both for your help this first half of my DG year.

But we still have many more clubs to visit in the second half of the year. And many clubs haven't contacted me or CS Pat to set up your Official Visit. We need to hear from you, or we will call your club officers to schedule my visit. If your club officers haven't arranged a date for my visit, I will attend anyway. I WANT to know what's happening and what your club is doing for your communities.

Let's keep up the excellent work of the Lions of District 25A. As we enter this new year with high hopes and expectations, what will you do differently this year? What will you do with your clean slate as the new year starts? Will your slate look different twelve months from now, or will it look like the past few have? But most importantly, what will you as a Lion accomplish in the next twelve months? Will your club have grown in membership as we all commit to Mission 1.5? Have you decided to become an officer for your club or the District? Will we finally use the new Lions Portal instead of MyLCI and MyLION? I can't wait to see what changes will come this new year. What will we all be talking about come July? And then December?

One thing I know for sure is that the Lions of District 25A will still be serving their communities and thinking about some incredible fundraisers to do.

This I know because 25 A = 25 AWESOME!

Keep up the excellent work, Lions.
Till next month, keep your Beacons of Hope shining Brightly,

DG Stephen J. Helmken



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Happy New Year Lions of 25A

I hope your Christmas holidays were peaceful and happy!

After attending the Furlong Family Christmas on Christmas eve, we hosted the Cooke Family Christmas at our house. Both events were full of laughter and love. I still have leftovers and have eaten way too many sweets.

Even though the Holidays are happy times for me, I am very aware of how many people are not as lucky. Christmas is just another day of worry due to lack of permanent shelter, food insecurity, etc. It makes me very proud, though, to know how much all of you and your Clubs do during the Holidays to make them a little brighter. You are providing food, mittens, warm jackets, money through local charities, gifts and many other types of support to help those in need through the Holidays. Thank you!

With the new year around the corner, it is time for me to focus on becoming your next District Governor. I am looking forward to taking on that title again, but still have much to do to prepare. For now, I am working on building an effective team for next year. I need a team that will work together to eliminate the divisiveness in the District. We must share our knowledge and work together to resolve issues. We must follow the last line in the Lions Code of Ethics: **"To Be Careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy"**. This would strengthen District 25A and encourage more Lions to move forward into Leadership positions.

I am also attempting to set goals that are tied to Mission 1.5 – to increase Lions membership worldwide to 1.5 million. By achieving the goals of this mission, we become stronger together at every level.

Stronger together at every level.

Global change comes from local efforts.

When we invite new members to our clubs and build new vibrant clubs, it does more than make our communities stronger. It makes the world a kinder, healthier and better place to live.



Membership focused

MISSION 1.5 is a dedicated effort. We have committed the next four years to reaching this historic Lions Clubs membership goal.



Teamwork ready

Every Lion has an important part to play. Together, we can grow Lions Clubs to extraordinary new heights, serving an untold number of people in need.



Proven process

Our Global Membership Approach is designed to revitalize existing clubs, charter new ones and inspire all Lions through fellowship and exciting service.



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Midwinter Conference

I am looking forward to attending the Midwinter Conference on January 20th and seeing many other Lion friends from around the state, plus the group of 1VDG's that will be part of my Council. And I still learn so much from all the seminars! I hope that many of you plan to attend. Even if you have not registered, you can still drive down for the day.

Lions Portal

The new Lions Portal will be further delayed. After the hype last spring about a July 2023 release, they sent the application out to be tested. The testers found some enough issues that Lions International has just released this statement:

"We are continuing to make progress toward the new Lion Portal and are grateful to the Lion testers playing such a critical role in this project. At the October board meeting, several additional factors were identified that necessitated additional development and testing time. As such, we have determined that out January 2024 launch is no longer a realistic target. We will update our digital products page to reflect this update."

So please keep using myLCI to maintain club and member information and myLion to enter service activities. I will be optimistic that the Lions Portal will be released by the Fall of 2024. If not at MidWinter, I hope to see many of you at the upcoming Cabinet Meeting on January 27th.

Have a Safe and Happy New Year
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 start this article off with a big THANK YOU to the Crown Point Lions Club for their very generous donation \$5,000 (that's not a type that's a 5 followed by three zeros) to the Blind Social Center in Gary. Last month I wrote about the Blind Social Center. This is a very necessary and much needed Rehabilitation Center that would be unique in this part of our state. The Lions have been asked to furnish out the interior and District 25-A has applied to Lions Clubs International Foundation for a matching grant to meet the \$150,000 estimated budget. The District needs to raise \$75,000 to match LCIF, of which Lions and Lions Clubs must raise at least half that amount or \$37,500. So I ask Clubs and individual Lions to reach into your heart (and wallet) and make our a check to Lions District 25-A (with the memo to Blind Social Center) and send the check to me at 1792 Forest Ln. in Crown Point, IN 46307 or send it to Cabinet Treasurer Dennis Fischer at 2677 Nowak Rd., LaPorte, IN 46350.

Any amount is appreciated as all amounts will get us that much closer to our goal. Well by now I hope everyone has had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope Santa was good to you and you all were on the "Nice List" and not the Naughty List.

Just a reminder that I am also the Zone Chair for Zone 3 which includes Crown Point, Dyer, Hebron, Lakes of the Four Seasons, Merrillville, Schererville and St. John Lions Clubs. We will be having our Zone Meeting on the 5th (last) Wednesday of January which is January 31. We will meet at 6:30 to socialize and eat and the meeting will start approximately 7:00pm. This will be at the Schererville Lions Club Meeting place which is American Legion Post 485, 7485 Burr St., Schererville which is about 1/3 to half a mile north of US30.



2nd Vice District Governor *Jim Furlong*

OTHER UPCOMING MEETINGS.

You know all District and Club meetings are always open to all Lions and I encourage everyone to attend one sometime to see what it's like in our District. Those meetings are:

January 27, 2024—Cabinet Meeting from 9:00am to 11:00am at the Salvation Army, 1201 Franklin St., Michigan City.

March 8—International Director Welcome Dinner, 6:00 Portofino Grill at 3233 Indiana State Highway 39, in LaPorte. It's actually a golf course bar and grill on a golf course. Come meet International Director Robert Lee who will be the keynote speaker at the District Convention.

March 9—District Convention. 8:00am Registration, 9:00am Convention, 6:00pm Banquet at the Blue Chip Casino Hotel Spa, 777 Blue Chip Drive, Michigan City

April 26-27—State Convention, Embassy Suites Hotel, 13700 Conference Center Drive, Noblesville, IN.

June 9—Cabinet Meeting 1:00pm – 4:00pm, Lakes of the Four Seasons Clubhouse, 1048 N. Lakeshore Dr., Crown Point, IN.

Your District Team would love to see more Lions at these events. Be sure to hit the Hospitality Suites at the Conventions.

Feliz Navidad and Feliz Ano Nuevo.
2VDG Jim



District 25A 3rd Cabinet Meeting

Governor Stephen J. Helmken



Saturday, January 27, 2024

Salvation Army Michigan City

1201 Franklin Street

Michigan City, IN 46360

9:00AM CST

(2nd Floor - An elevator is available at the side door)

Assorted breakfast foods will be served:

Reports should be submitted via email to CS Pat Greer prior to the Cabinet Meeting patricia.agreer6@gmail.com

Please RSVP to CS Pat Greer by January 22, 2024

Number attending___ X \$8.00 =_____

Name: _____ Title:_____

Name: _____ Title:_____

Make checks payable to the Michiana Lions Club

Mail to: CS Pat Greer

744 Acadia Rd Valparaiso, IN 46385

Cell: 219-928-3618

Home: 219-759-2865



Indiana Lions, District 25A EIN # 35-1792616

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.

_____ 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.

_____ 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 wendyseman71@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

Zone Chair Wendy Semans
219-851-2409
wendyseman71@gmail.com



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

**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 March 1, 2024

Number attending convention only _____ Our club will need a display table _____

Number of Leos attending _____ Club _____

Friday ID Welcome Dinner _____ @ \$28.00 = _____

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

(Formal Attire - 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

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**

<input type="checkbox"/>	I have attached an Ad or emailed an Ad
<input type="checkbox"/>	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 16th 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

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

APRIL 26 - APRIL 28, 2024

103rd Indiana Lions State Convention

EMBASSY SUITES CONFERENCE CENTER
NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA



MILL CREEK LIONS

The Mill Community
Lions Club and
Township Trustee
held our very first
Community Kids Xmas
Party. Santa, Crafts,
Games, Refreshments
were enjoyed by all".
Merry Christmas to
all!



**35TH MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER
JANUARY 19, 2024**



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 that will include Grilled Pork Chop or Chicken Marsala with 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. **Registration table will be open for packet and meal ticket pick-up on Friday evening until 6:30 PM**

Friday Night Entertainment:

Magician Daniel Lusk



**SATURDAY CONFERENCE LUNCHEON JANUARY
20, 2024**

Menu: BACKYARD COOKOUT

Grilled Black Angus Burgers, Bratwurst with Sauerkraut, Bourbon Brisket, Cole Slaw, Macaroni Salad, Baked Beans, Corn, Vegetable toppings for burgers and assorted condiments, Breads, Sheet Cake, Coffee and Tea

Price: Included in Full Conference Registration

TWO SERVICE PROJECTS!!

"Sock It To Me" – Please 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 again assemble our Care-ing Cases, which consist of first aid kits using cleaned hard eyeglass cases and toiletry kits made up of personal hygiene items. These cases will be given to the district governors who will share them with the needy people in their districts.

SATURDAY KEYNOTE SPEAKER

To be determined

BRANDON JOHNSON

REGISTRATION FORM

35th Annual Lions of Indiana Mid-Winter Conference

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024

(Each Attendee Is Asked to Complete a Separate Form)



THE LIONS OF INDIANA 35TH MID-WINTER CONFERENCE SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024

**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	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.

LION'S ROOM RATE IS \$122 PLUS APPLICABLE TAXES.

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

[Hotel Reservations must be made by 6:00 pm EST Thursday, December 28, 2023](#)

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.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: \$40.00 (\$5.00 less than last year)

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR EMAILED BY NOVEMBER 30, 2023

Registrations received or postmarked after DECEMBER 1ST and ON-SITE \$50.00

Conference Registration with no meals included: \$25.

Registration includes morning coffee and pastries, buffet luncheon, use of hotel meeting rooms, audiovisual equipment, keynote speaker expenses, printing, and supplies.

To guarantee meal availability, Registration must be received by Monday, January 15, 2024

CANCELLATION POLICY: CANCELLATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO JANUARY 10, 2024, TO RECEIVE A REFUND. THE 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 ensure 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: _____

Note: If using a Visa or Master Card credit card. You will be charged a 3% fee added to your charge by the processing company. All other cards along with debit cards will have NO fee added.

Name: Club: _____

Address: Title or Position: _____ City: State:

Telephone: _____ Zip Code: _____ District: _____

E-mail: _____

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

Registration: ☒ \$40.00 early-bird; (☐) \$50.00 after Dec.1; (☐) \$25.00 Conference Only – No Lunch (☐) \$30.00

Friday Dinner – Circle Pork Chop or Chicken Marsala;

= 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	4
10:45 - 11:30	Seminar Session 2	5	6	7	8
1:30 – 2:15	Seminar Session 3	9	10	11	12
2:30 – 3:15	Seminar Session 4	13	14	15	16

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.

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.



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-N-G.**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.

Door Village Lions Christmas Project Filled Two Worthy Needs

At the December Membership meeting members voted to fill two worthy needs introduced for consideration. The first one was to help a family who lost everything in a house fire and additionally were facing various medical problems, and most significantly where in financial need to the point that the four children were not going to be getting any Christmas presents. The mother contacted Door Village Lions and asked if the club could help with presents for the kids, and members responded with a generous number of presents for each of the kids and reached out a little farther with an extra nice larger present for each of the parents. So on the next scheduled meeting night of December 11th, members spent over an hour wrapping presents that Lions Sue Kaiser, Cindy Pollito, Carol Pahs, Bonnie Olson and Cindy Fischer had purchased a few days earlier. In addition to the purchased items members donated a large number of requested items the family needed like pots and pans and kitchen items, and winter coats, hats and gloves for most of the family.

In the meantime, Lion Pastor Sam Polito contacted the Salvation Army and starting there, followed through and helped the family get signed up to start receiving Food Stamps. At the same time he helped the parents sign up for the Salvation Army Christmas Presents for Kids Project so the kids will be receiving a few more presents to add to the ones Lion members bought and wrapped for them.

Talking about the Salvation Army Christmas Presents For Kids Project, Lion Bonnie Olson volunteers regularly at the Salvation Army and suggested the club donate to support the project. Members then voted to donate \$400 to the 14 to 16 year old boys category, and Lion Bonnie then visited several stores and purchased a large number of "boys" presents, added 88 Plush Toys she had acquired and wanted to donate, and with the assistance of Lion Cindy Fischer delivered them to the Salvation

Army on December 14th. On Saturday December 16th Lions Joe Pahs, Carol Pahs and Pastor Sam Polito delivered the four large bags of toys and the two Mom and Pop presents, along with \$100 worth of Pantry Filler items to the over whelmed and appreciative and very needy family.

I just received an email from our club Treasurer Lion Dennis Fischer who applied for and received a matching grant from the Ed Paine Care & Helping Hands Committee of Indiana Lions District 25A.

This \$1000 matching grant equaled the \$1000 the club provided and resulted in the family receiving some relief and an opportunity to replace at least some of the large losses they suffered in the fire. Lion members were so pleased that they could help this family, and the kids who will be getting some nice presents from the Salvation Army, and were happy they could support two significant projects more or less in the combined effort. Small wonder the Lions proudly say " We Serve".

Interested in joining our busy little team?
Call Lion George Morley at
219-575-3575.



The poster features a dark blue background with white snowflakes and stylized white trees. At the top right is the Lions International logo, which is a yellow circle with a blue 'L' and the words 'LIONS' and 'INTERNATIONAL'. Below the logo are three white dice. The text is centered and reads: 'ST. JOHN LIONS CLUB HOSTS: Winter Wonderland BUNCO! February 3rd, 2024 St. John VFW Post 717 10400 W 93rd Ave, St John, IN Bunco-Food-Cash Bar- 50/50 Door Prizes-Raffle Baskets Doors open at 5 pm Bunco starts at 6 pm. Tickets are \$35 per person and must be purchased in advance on our website: stjohnlionsclub.org (Cash, Zelle, Venmo, CC w/3% surcharge) or by texting Lion Nancy at 219-644-7217'.

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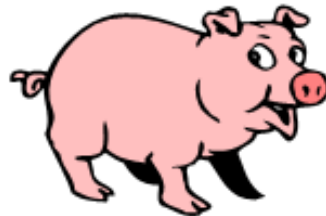
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Hobart Lions Club

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

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



Helping to fill Shoeboxes with gifts for children in need.



Installing new members to help Serve!



South Haven
Lions have lived
the motto "We
Serve" during
the Holiday
Season.



Serving hot chocolate at the Portage Park Department Christmas Fest.



Proving a monthly snack to the Bonner Senior Center super bingo.



Sorting gifts for Salvation Army's santa shop.



Ring the Bell for Salvation Army



Helping to Serve a free community dinner.



Members from the St. John Lions Club held a dinner meeting on Friday, December 8 and collected toys for needy children for Christmas. Members were very generous and each purchased multiple toys for the collection. On Monday, December 11 two members from the club delivered the toys to a collection location at the Edward Jones office of Tim Swallers. The box had been emptied on Friday when Toys 4 Tots picked them up. The St. John Lions were able to donate enough toys to more than fill the box again. Thanks to the donation, there will be a lot of smiling children this Christmas morning!



Lion Nancy Moneta was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship award for her outstanding work as a member of the St. John Lions Club. Lion Nancy has coordinated many projects and fundraisers during her time as a Lion and also served as Club Secretary for many years. Lion Nancy was presented the MJF Award at the club's May meeting by Immediate Past District Governor Nick Gonzalez. Lion Nancy was completely surprised by the award and thanked club members for the honor of being considered for the MJF Award. Pictured: (L to R) Club President Lion Al Konieczka, Lion Nancy Moneta, Immediate Past District Governor Nick Gonzalez.

St. John Lions Club

Star City Lions



The Star City Lions had a Holiday meeting at Poblanos. In attendance were 20 Lions, including District Governor Stephen J. Helmken from the Michiana Club and Cabinet Treasurer Dennis Fischer from the Door Village Club.

Pictured Above:

DENNIS FISCHER: Dennis Fischer, Cabinet Treasurer, from the Door Village Lions Club, issued some challenges. **LIONS 20:** 20 Lions, hear us roar! (not all are visible)

SCLIONS FLAG: President Tom Roth presents the District Governor with a Star City Lions banner.

HELMKEN PRESENTS PIN: District Governor Stephen Helmken from the Michiana Lions Club presents his pin to Star City Lions Club President, Tom Roth.

MELVIN 45: District Governor Stephen Helmken presents a 45-year member pin to Melvin Good, Star City Lion.

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: _____

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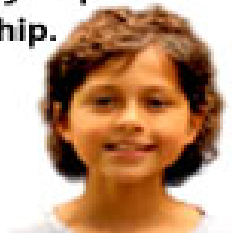


**Each year, approximately
400,000 Children
Worldwide develop Cancer.
That's 1 Child Every
90 Seconds!**

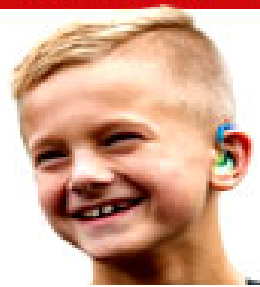


More Than 80% of Children Diagnosed with Cancer are cured, but that number does not begin to make clear the damage cancer wreaks on kids and their families. Approximately 1,800 kids still die each year from this disease in the U.S. alone. For those who do survive, toxic treatments take an irreversible 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.



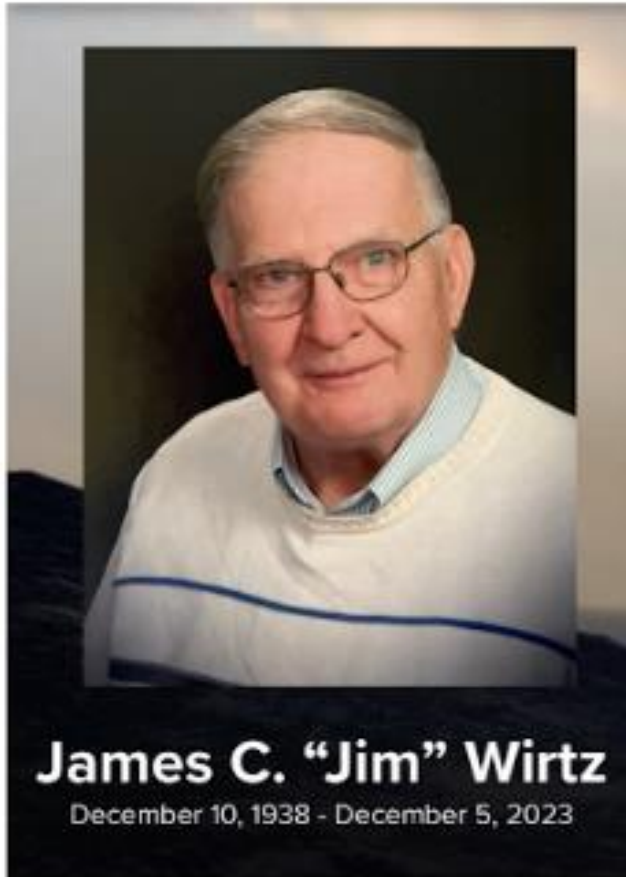
Tate overcame stage 3 Liver Cancer as a Baby. From his chemotherapy, he must now wear hearing aids and weak bones have led to multiple breaks



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.



The Crown Point Lions Club has lost a fellow Lion and friend. Lion Jim Wirtz joined the Lions Club on March 8, 1996 and served for 27 years. He was a lifetime member and held many positions which include President, Vice President, Director, Tail Twister and Greeter. But he is most remembered for working our Lions Bingos handling our 50/50 drawings which he loved.

Jim was very active in the Crown Point community helping others; as a councilman/councilman at large, President of the Planning Commission and various other boards.

He owned and operated Wirtz Plumbing and enjoyed working in the community. I would imagine many of us have had Jim in our homes.

An upbeat story shared with the Wirtz family and friends describing an incident where Jim was doing a plumbing job in one of our Lions members home. The story describes how Jim was a **great** plumber, but didn't clean up after himself very well.

Everyone loved Jim and how he interacted with anyone he came in contact with, he was just that type of rare individual.

He will be missed.



Members that have completed their service

CROWN POINT LIONS
JAMES C WIRTZ
CROWN POINT, IN



Remembering a life of service

Welcome New Members

JANUARY 2024

*No new members
reported at this time*