

# LIONS DISTRICT 25 A NEWSLETTER

*Coming Together to Serve*

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### **DISTRICT 25A SPECIAL CONVENTION**

**January 25, 2025 at 11:30 am**  
**American Legion Post 502**  
**429 W 750 N, Valparaiso, IN 46385**

District Governor: Patty Cooke-Furlong

Hello 25A Lions:

I hope you are all doing well and enjoyed a wonderful holiday with your friends and family. Lion Jim enjoyed hanging the outside lights. I am an 'inside the warm house' decorator. I enjoy every year pulling out my favorite decorations and ornaments. They all bring back wonderful memories of Christmas' past.

We did visit the Lowell Lions again this year to choose our tree. We also participated in the LOFS Lions effort to 'make a Christmas' for families in need. Lion Jim and I did have a list for each child and Amazon made the shopping easy. It wasn't quite the same as going out in the cold to drive to a crowded mall to hunt for a gift only to wait in line at the checkout. . . I think I liked our 2024 experience better.



That is what we all do, especially this time of the year – We Serve. You are all making a difference in the lives of people in your communities! And to serve more people we need more Lions – we need to do the 'Ask'. **And many clubs are doing just that – we have added 60 new members since July! Thank you for growing District 25A! My Mission 1.5 stretch goal for the year was to add 117 new members, so we are more than halfway there!**

I know I have attended multiple Zoom meetings focused on achieving the Mission 1.5 goals. PIP Brian Sheehan sent out an email last week to all Lions about the **Growth Workshop** in January. This is open to all! **The information will be resent to you by your Newsletter Editor, Lion Jackie Katz. Please check it out and try to attend.** I always learn something new and full of enthusiasm at these meetings.

The Constitution Committee has been working on one of my other goals this year – to ensure that we have one constitutional document that encompasses both the LCI required language and that specific to 25A. To accomplish this, we have scheduled a **Special Convention** for January 25<sup>th</sup> - following the cabinet meeting. A notice was sent to all club Presidents. Please plan to attend.

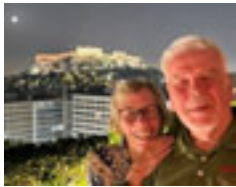
It may be the midpoint of the Lion's year, but it is the start of 2025, so I am working on my personal resolutions. Those include the normal (more exercise, less food) and a few new ones. I do need to get better at controlling my time (the older you get the less you have) and then letting go of the things I cannot control and trust in God more. That would help make 2025 a very good year.

And if my Official Visit to your club has not been scheduled, please contact me. There is still a lot of room in my schedule!

Take Care and Thank you for all you Do! Happy New Year!

Lion Patty Cooke-Furlong

District Governor



## 1st Vice District Governor Jim Furlong

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### **Hope you all enjoyed your Holidays**

By now, Christmas is in the rearview mirror and you are quickly passing the New Years events and looking forward to having a beautiful, healthy, safe and prosperous New Year in 2025. Anyone else sick of leftovers though?

But I'd like to take the rest of my time in this newsletter to what I see as a growing concern. With the push on Mission 1.5 to recruit new (and implied, younger) members, I see a growing "friction" as I travel around the district. Here's what I've observed FROM TIME TO TIME.

### **Bridging the Generational Divide in Lions Clubs International**

Lions Clubs International (LCI) has long been a beacon of community service, uniting people from diverse backgrounds to work towards common goals. However, as with any organization that spans multiple generations, LCI faces its own set of challenges when it comes to bridging the gap between younger and older members. Generational conflict, while not unique to LCI, can pose significant hurdles to our collective mission if not addressed with empathy and understanding.

#### **Understanding the Root Causes**

Generational conflict within LCI often stems from differences in values, communication styles, and expectations. Older members, who have dedicated decades to the club, might prioritize traditional methods and long-standing practices. Meanwhile, younger members bring fresh perspectives, tech-savviness, and a desire for modernization. These differing viewpoints can sometimes clash, leading to misunderstandings and friction.

#### **The Impact on Club Dynamics**

When generational conflict arises, it can affect the dynamics within a club in several ways:

- Communication Breakdown: Differences in communication preferences—such as email versus social media—can lead to misunderstandings and feelings of exclusion.

- Resistance to Change: Older members may resist new ideas and technologies introduced by younger members, fearing that these changes might undermine established traditions.
- Engagement and Retention: If younger members feel their ideas are not valued, they may become disengaged and less likely to remain active in the club.

### **Strategies for Bridging the Gap**

To ensure that generational differences do not hinder our mission, LCI clubs can adopt several strategies to foster intergenerational harmony:

1. Open Dialogue: Encourage open and respectful conversations where members of all ages can share their perspectives. Creating a safe space for dialogue can help bridge understanding and reduce conflicts.
2. Mentorship Programs: Pairing older members with younger ones in mentorship relationships can facilitate knowledge transfer and mutual respect. This not only helps younger members learn from the experience of their elders but also allows older members to gain fresh insights.
3. Inclusive Decision-Making: Ensure that members of all ages are included in decision-making processes. This inclusivity demonstrates that every member's voice is valued and important.
4. Embrace Technology: While older members might be hesitant to adopt new technologies, providing training and support can ease the transition. Embracing technology can improve communication and streamline club activities.
5. Celebrate Diversity: Recognize and celebrate the diverse strengths that each generation brings to the table. Hosting events that highlight different contributions can foster a sense of unity and shared purpose.

### **Conclusion**

Generational conflict is a natural part of any organization that spans multiple age groups. However, by embracing open communication, fostering mutual respect, and leveraging the strengths of each generation, Lions Clubs International can turn potential conflicts into opportunities for growth. By working together, we can ensure that LCI remains a vibrant and inclusive community, united in its mission to serve and make a positive impact on the world.

In summary, new members know there are club members with lots of experience that have run lots of Pancake Breakfast because well, the older members often tell them. On the other

hand, younger members should want the help of members who often have 20 or more years' experience running events. Perhaps one way to do it would be that the Chairperson of any event to provide a written 1–2-page summary at the conclusion of any event.

I used to put what was necessary for Service Activity Reports at the top: like Tickets sold, revenue generated less expenses which equaled Funds Raised. I then listed all the sources of the things that were used in the activity like the company/store, etc. Also, any sponsors by company and contact at the company. Then I listed the volunteers by name and hours worked and whether they were Lions or family members/friends. Finally, I had a Lessons Learned Section where I mentioned things that didn't go exactly the way we would have liked.

So, when some new took over my event, I simply mailed that person 3-4 years' worth of summaries. It's a non-threatening way to give advice. Did the new Chairperson do it exactly the way I did it? Not really, but I can honestly say what they changed was for the better. By doing it this way I was essentially saying that my advice is free, and they're free to ignore it.

**Yours in Lionism,**

**Jim**

## Make Your Mark In Indiana!

### Mark Your Calendar

Make plans now to attend the Indiana Lions 2025 Mid-Winter Conference, Saturday, January 18, 2025, at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport Hotel.



### Holding the Line on Costs

It seems like the price of everything has been going up lately. That’s why we’ve decided to hold the line on the prices for the 2025 Mid-Winter Conference. The prices for the Friday night dinner and the conference on Saturday will be the same as they were in 2024.

### Best Place for Learning

Some Indiana Lions say the Mid-Winter Conference is “the best place for learning” about leadership, service, and all aspects of Lionism. The following seminars will be offered:

The Lions Portal	Eyeglass Recycling (and Mission Trips)
Membership Orientation	The Secret Sauce
How To Take Care of Your Heart (Which allows us to serve better)	Building Fellowship in Your Club Through Icebreakers and Recognition
LCI Insurance and Retention: Not Just For Membership Anymore	Emergency Preparation / VOAD
Gaming Rules	Understanding Diabetes (without the big scary!)
Cancer Control	Artificial Intelligence In Promoting Lions
All You Need Is Love: Understanding Lionism Through the Music of the Beatles	LCIF From Giving To Grants To Legacy

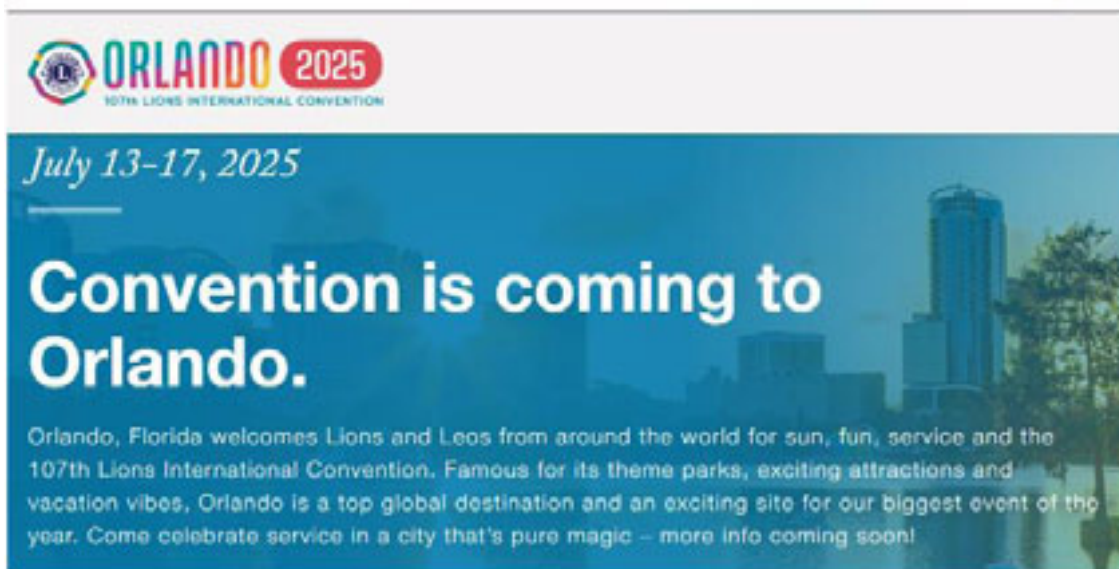
### New This Year: Speed Learning

During the last two seminar sessions, we will offer several “speed learning” sessions—short sessions that will give you an overview of a specific topic. Speed learning gives you the opportunity to learn about a number of topics in a very short time. When you arrive at this session, you will select a topic that interests you. After approximately 12 minutes, everyone will switch to a new topic. At the end, you will have received an overview of four topics that interest you.

Conferences 2024 and 2025

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum	Indiana Lions for Leader Dog
International Convention 2025 Orlando Florida	Indiana Lions for ISBVI
Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Inc.	Vision First Indiana Lions Eye Bank
Indiana Lions Foundation	Having Fun In Your Club

**Next Up, Orlando July 2025 (moved from Mexico City)**



**DON'T FORGET TO SCHEDULE YOUR OFFICIAL VISIT WITH GOVERNOR PATTY FURLONG-COOKE. GOVERNOR PATTY'S CALENDAR IS ON PAGE 20**

## District Growth Workshop

### Your District Needs Your Skills, Expertise & Enthusiasm to Grow!

As a **Multiple District Leader** or **District Leader**, your clubs look to you for guidance on how to grow and enhance their ability to serve their communities. The challenge? Many of us may not feel fully equipped with the tools or knowledge to answer this call.

That's where the upcoming **Growth Workshops** come in!

This **3-part workshop series** is designed to empower **District Leadership** with the skills to:

- Start new clubs
- Grow membership in existing clubs
- Foster a *culture of growth* focused on service, fun, and inclusivity

Imagine clubs where every Lion is motivated to invite new members and expand our collective impact. By growing our membership and adding new clubs, we can amplify our ability to serve and transform even more communities.

**These workshops are not exclusive to the District GAT Teams.** It is open to anyone in your district who wants to make a difference and contribute to its growth. Spread the word, encourage and ask district members who are proud of the Lions' mission to get involved. Let's ensure that the great work Lions do continues to grow in every corner of your district.

I have seen firsthand the powerful difference thriving Lions Clubs make—not only through the service they provide but also through the opportunities they create for individuals to make a meaningful impact. **Now, it's your turn** to learn how to help your clubs realize their growth potential and strengthen their communities.



#### Growth Workshop Details:

**Group/Contacts:** GAT Area E (SD1, MD 11, 1, 25 & 43) Area Leader PID Bob

**Block:** [lionbobbblock@gmail.com](mailto:lionbobbblock@gmail.com) Vice Area Leader PDG Ron Riebschleger [ronrieb@gmail.com](mailto:ronrieb@gmail.com)

*Dates/Time:*

#### Thursdays 7:00 PM Central:

Session 1 - 1/16

Session 2 - 1/30

Session 3 - 2/13




JANUARY 2025

## District Growth Workshop

*Registration:*

*Link:* <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqdeGggzliGt38e8LseSE-gDRlhP1I7GKa>

- REGISTER NOW!!

 **Join us and bring fellow Lions who share the passion for growing our Association! Together, we can reach new heights of service.**

Make a great day!!

*Lion Brian Sheehan*

*22-23 LionsInternational President Lion Brian*

*Membership Committee LionsUSA*



**District 25A Convention**  
**District Governor Patty Cooke-Furlong**  
**At**  
**Fair Oaks Farms**  
**856 N 600 E**  
**Fair Oaks, Indiana 47943**  
**March 7 & 8, 2025**



**Our Special Guests – International Director Steven Middlemiss and Lion LeeAnn**

**Make room reservation directly with the hotel:** Fairfield by Marriott at Fair Oaks Farms

**PLEASE RESERVE YOUR OWN LODGING BY February 5, 2025**

Call: (219) 394-2100 for Reservations\*\*Mention "Lions"

Room Rate: \$145/night plus tax – Double or King

**Hot Breakfast Buffet included**

Rooms and rates cannot be guaranteed after February 5, 2025

**Please complete this form**  
**(NO MORE THAN 2 PEOPLE AT THE SAME ADDRESS PER FORM)**

**Please Print or Type All Information**



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lion/Leo Title      First Name      Last Name      Name on Badge

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lion/Leo Title      First Name      Last Name      Name on Badge

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address      City      State      Zip Code

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club:** \_\_\_\_\_ **District:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Dietary Needs:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name      Daytime Telephone      Evening Telephone

**This is my FIRST District Convention** (circle one)      Yes      No

**Meal Prices Increase by \$5.00 / meal after February 7, 2025. – No Meal Reservations Accepted after February 24, 2025**

		QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
Saturday Lunch	Box sandwich lunch (choose one) -Ham, Turkey or Roast Beef w/ chips, cookie and bottle water		\$20.00	\$
Saturday Night Banquet	<b>\$5 of each banquet meal will be donated to State Projects</b>			
	Chicken Marsala w/red potatoes, green beans, and salad		\$30.00	\$
	GLUTEN FREE – Grilled Chicken w/sauteed vegetables		\$30.00	\$
	VEGETARIAN – Pasta Primavera		\$30.00	\$
Banquet Child meal (under 12)	Chicken Fingers and Fries		\$20.00	\$
Convention Souvenir Pin			\$ 5.00	\$
	Total Amount Enclosed			\$

Make your check payable to: **District 25A Lions Convention** and mail to:

CS Robin Smith, PDG, 745-1 Capitol Road, Valparaiso, IN 46385  
 (Contact information: mswolfen@aol.com, (219) 916-4549)



**Lions District 25A Convention**

Fair Oaks Farms  
856 N 600 E  
Fair Oaks, Indiana 47943  
March 8, 2025



**Exhibit and Vendor Application**

Exhibit tables from 8:00 am – 1:30 pm

Vendor -- \$30 per space                      State/Club/ District Project -- \$0

Each Booth includes:

- 10 x 10 area
- 1- 6ft. skirted table with 2 chairs

Please indicate if electricity is needed (limited space)  
First come, first served

Please return this completed form and payment by **February 24, 2025** to:

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG David Dickinson  
821 Olive Court  
Walkerton, IN 46574

Make checks payable to: District 25A Lions Convention

*Questions, please contact*

Daviddickinson20@yahoo.com or (574) 780-0713

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Club \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ State/Club/District Project - \$0    \_\_\_\_\_ Vendor - \$30    \_\_\_\_\_ Electricity - \$0

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## Lions District 25A Convention

Fair Oaks Farms  
856 N 600 E  
Fair Oaks, Indiana 47943  
March 8, 2025



### Convention Program Book Advertising Application

**So...what might an ad include?:**

- Upcoming Club Fundraisers
  - Honor your Melvin Jones or WP Woods Fellows
    - Welcome our Guest Speaker – International Director
      - Congratulate the District Governor and Vice District Governors



***Deadline for submission is Friday, February 14, 2025***

Full Size Page – 8 ½ by 11		Actual Ad Size width x height	✓
Color Front Inside Cover	\$150	(Sold) 7 x 9	NA
Color Back Cover	\$200	(Sold) 7 x 9	NA
Color Back Inside Cover	\$150	(Sold) 7 x 9	NA
Full Page	\$100	7 x 9	
½ Page	\$ 75	7 x 4 ½	
¼ Page	\$ 50	3 ½ x 4 ½	

**Check Amount**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	I have attached an Ad or emailed an Ad
<input type="checkbox"/>	Please design an Ad with the attached information <b>DUE BY FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup></b>

**Return with Ad or Send check and email your Ad to:**

PDG Barbara Toosley, 13700 Lantern Drive, St. John, IN 46373  
lionbarb@comcast.net (219) 798-5950

**ALL ADS ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup> AD WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THAT DATE!**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Club, Organization, Business Name & Address

Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

News Around the District—Door Village Lions & Salvation Army

On Thursday December 12th at 9”30 AM, in preparation for the annual Salvation Army Gifts for Qualifying Families program, Door Village Lions club members delivered \$500 worth of special age specific Christmas gifts for teen aged family members of families receiving assistance at Christmas. Lion Bonnie Olson, a regular volunteer at La Porte Salvation Army, when helping pack items for this project, noticed that gift being donated by various entities in the community somehow did not include gifts appropriate for early teen aged children, she brought the concern to a club meeting and in the process, club members voted to purchase gifts for the program. Being a mother and a grandmother, and with some quizzing of her teen aged grandchildren, she quickly zeroed in on some of the kinds of things teens were putting on their wish list and she went out and purchased all she could for the set dollars appropriated by the club. Lion Bonnie and Lion Sue Kaiser also donated several age-appropriate gifts to add to the \$500 worth the club donated, so the total donation was close to \$600 to help a few more children enjoy Christmas.

This all led up to the previously mentioned 9”30AM visit to deliver boxes of gifts to be included in the packets being prepared for client families. Lions Dennis and Cindy Fischer, Carrie Pera, Gene Flickinger and George Morley arrived and began carrying boxes in and putting them in the sanctuary as a stopping off place before being moved to the packing area. Food Pantry Coordinator Linda Neese explained how the packets are assembled and made ready for families to pick them up at the appointed time. She also introduced Lions to Major Katie who with her husband Charles are the assigned Pastors at the La Porte Salvation Army. They direct the several ongoing programs that are currently actively being pursued. A few of which Linda explained to Lion members include the afore mentioned Family Christmas Gifts, helping 390 families; Weekend Nutrition Backpacks for elementary school students, helping 758 students; Christmas Kits for Foster Families, helping 185 families. And of course, the ongoing Food Bank they are so famous for, helping all those struggling to supplement thinly strained budgets.

Door Village Lions have been conducting a Candy Day Sale twice a year at the La Porte Post Office and for more than 10 years running have been donating all the October collections to the Salvation Army Food Bank because of the obvious need, and members are more than pleased to be contributing to the Special Teen Targeted Christmas Gifts projects as well. Club members, when referring to the Salvation Army always agree it is among the topmost deserving organization they have the pleasure of working with.

For more information, please call George Morley at 219-575-3575.

News Around the District—Door Village Lions & Salvation Army



Photos submitted by George Morley

Linda Neese, second from left, SA Food Bank Coordinator explaining details about a few of the various projects they are currently working on.



Door Village Lions Club members delivering Special Age-specific Christmas Gifts to the Salvation Army, Left to right: Lion Gene Flickinger, Lion Carrie Pera, Lion Bonnie Olson, Lion Dennis Fischer, Lion Cindy Fischer and Lion George Morley

News Around the District—St. John Lions

The St. John Lions mixed work and fun during the holidays!

The Club did some vision screening at Breakfast with Santa and played Plinko and handed out little prizes to all the kids and were lucky enough to have a few of our members take a picture with Jolly Ole' St. Nick himself!

The St. John Lions collected gifts for "Stuff the Squad" at our December meeting to give to the St. John Police Dept. for their donation boxes for Toys for Toys.

The St. John Lions Club hopes you have a blessed holiday season!



News Around the District—Star City Lions

Star City Lions celebrated the holidays on Tuesday, December 17, with a great meal at the Winamac VFW. Club members were joined by the District Governor & Vice Governor, a couple of Winamac Lions, and several persons who indicated an interest in joining the club.

Photos: Patty Cooke Furlong, District Governor, and Bill Peppers, President, Star City Lions. Kevin & Connie Roe, Winamac Lions, and Bill Peppers, President, Star City Lions.

Happy holidays to everyone from the Star City Lions!



Bill Peppers with Kevin & Connie Roe



Bill Peppers with Patty Cooke-Furlong



News Around the District—LOFS Lions

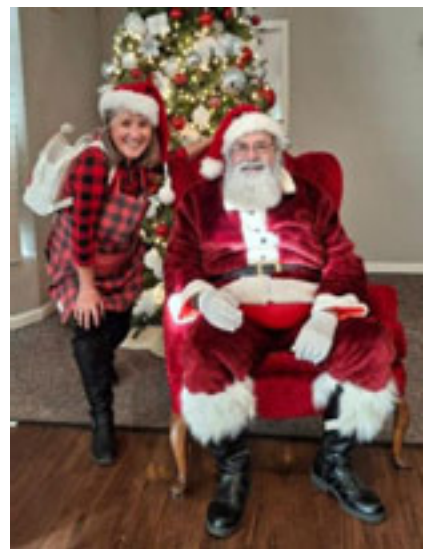
The LOFS Lions held their annual Santa Meet and Greet on December 8th. Santa was there to meet with the kids, hear their Christmas wishes, take pictures and give each child a small treat bag with a coloring book. This year was bigger than in past years, with 146 kids attending.

Children were treated to gifts, food, drink, live music and some crafts, including coloring a 4 foot x 5 foot cardboard Elf Clubhouse! And...LOFS mascot Roarie was there to meet and take pictures with the children as he encouraged their coloring creativity!

Thanks to the club members who volunteered their time, making this a fun event!



Coloring the Elf Clubhouse



Chairperson Jackie K with Santa (Tom S)

Lions Steve R, Charmaine G, Janet S, Linda K and Genny G at the food and gift tables

Not in pictures:  
Lions Sherry G, Mike V, Debbie V, Dan M, Jim F, Patty F, Sally R, Joe D



District 25A 3<sup>rd</sup> Cabinet Meeting

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**Governor Patty Cooke-Furlong**



Saturday, January 25, 2025

American Legion Post 502  
429 W 750 N, Valparaiso, IN 46385

9:00 – 11:00 AM CST

**Cost: Free Will Offering**

Continental Breakfast

Club, Zone, and Committee reports should be submitted via email to CS Robin Smith by 1/20/25 - [mswolfen@aol.com](mailto:mswolfen@aol.com)

**Please RSVP to CS Robin Smith by January 20, 2025**

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

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

Number attending \_\_\_ X \$0.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

FREE WILL OFFERING

**Mail OR E-mail ([mswolfen@aol.com](mailto:mswolfen@aol.com)) to:** CS Robin Smith  
745-1 Capitol Rd, Valparaiso, IN 46385  
Cell: 219-916-4549 Home: 219-364-9432

JANUARY 2025

Workshop by Lions USA—Mission 1.5

Lions,

You all are invited to a three-session workshop on Growing Lions. This workshop is presented by Lions USA as an aid for the support to help us achieve the goals of Mission 1.5.

Please distribute among the Lions in your clubs. All are invited to attend. As of this date, 75 Lions have registered for it. This email is being sent to more than 350 Lions in our areas that included UP, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois.

Hope to see you there! Happy Holidays....  
PID Bob Block

**Robert "Bob" Block**  
International Director (2019-22)  
(219) 671-0287  
**GAT CA-1 Area E Leader**  
***"Make Your Mark"***



Operation Kidsight



Lions across Indiana were busy this fall screening in locations from day cares with just a few kids, to schools with over a hundred preschool/kindergarten aged. Celebrate this achievement as Lions, and then get right back out and find the next place you can make a difference. Early screening is the easiest tool we

have to making sure no kids suffer from treatable eye conditions, like lazy eye. It's great to help out the nurses in schools with screening large amounts of kids. But it is in the day cares and ministries where we can really go after the younger ones and help shine light on problems before they get worse.

I will be at the Mid-Winter Conference on January 18th to replenish any supplies related to the cameras and KidSight. On Friday, January 17th, Tammy Johnson of PlusOptix (the smiley face cameras) will be in Indianapolis for a meeting to discuss new cameras and how PlusOptix can continue to help our Kid-Sight program here in Indiana. For any club interested in possibly purchasing a camera for use in your area, it would be a great time to meet her and get all your questions answered. Contact KidSight if you're interested in this meeting.

The current consent forms and cover sheet are available for download at: <https://www.visionfirst.org/operationkidsight>  
For additional documentation related to KidSight email or call!

**Peace be with you all!**

**Karlene Roe - IN Lions Operation KidSight Program Coordinator  
kidsight@att.net 317-213-3902**

**August to  
December 2024  
District Count**

- A 1651**
- B 517**
- C 1777**
- D 614**
- E 1059**
- F 2736**
- G 1456**
- Total: 9810**

**MD-25 LIONS**  
**2026**  
**International Pin Design Contest!**

 2024       2025       **What will be 2026?**

**Let your Creative side shine and you could be the next designer chosen!**

**The International Convention is heading to HONG KONG, CHINA JULY 3-7, 2026.**

Pins MUST include: - MD 25 Indiana (as text)  
- The Intl Convention year – 2026  
- Lion Club Intl Logo  
- Intl Convention Host City representation

\*MD 25 graphic representation of MD-25 usually includes a race car and/or the outline of Indiana.

***Please note that the completed design will be NO larger than 1 ¼ inch to 1 ½ inch in diameter when it is finished, so make your design includes all of the above while maintaining clarity.***

Each Club can submit one design. If there are multiple designs submitted by one district, one design will be selected by the District Governor. All District designs need to be submitted to your district chair by January 3, 2025. You can scan and attach it to an email and send it to [pccmsg@comcast.net](mailto:pccmsg@comcast.net). Each District's selected design will be presented to the State Council on January 19, 2025. You will be notified if your design was chosen. Remember: pin designers do not have to be (a) Lions, you do NOT need to be a professional designer, and jewelers can clean up your drawings.

**State Pin Committee Contact:** PCC Michael Gutyan

Membership

**District Membership—Welcome New Members!**

<u>Club</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Hanna	Keith Garner	William Garner
Hebron	Brett Galvin	John Spinks
	Jennifer Watts	John Spinks
Koontz Lake	Mia Pioch	Sara Geraghty
	John Darnell	Sara Geraghty
	Candice Gomez	Sara Geraghty
	Frank Gomez	Jim Yorko
La Crosse	Cathy Hensell	Sara Gerahty
	Patti Wright	Robert Younggreen
LOFS	Renee Clayton	Dan Moynihan
Ogden Dunes	Edward Maxwell	Tom Kinola
Westville	Timothy Hansford	Myrle Weston
	Brian Pagels	Dave Dickinson

Great Job 25A Lions on adding new Lions to help serve your communities!

**In Memoriam**

Koontz Lake                      CHUCK E ROBBINS                      12/15/2024

# JANUARY 2025

## Governor Patty Cooke-Furlong's Calendar

New Year's Eve	Wednesday	12/31/2024	
Crown Point OV	Thursday	1/2/2025	
Portage OV	Saturday	1/11/2025	
Midwinter	Saturday	1/17/2025	1/18/2025
3rd Council	Sunday	1/19/2025	
3rd Cabinet - 9 am	Saturday	1/25/2025	
Special Convention - 11:30 am	Saturday	1/25/2025	
Lowell OV	Tuesday	1/28/2025	
Westville OV	Thursday	2/6/2025	
Zone 2 Meeting	Thursday	2/13/2025	
Family visit to San Diego	Thursday	2/14/2025	2/17/2025
Schererville Central OV	Tuesday	2/18/2025	
Michiana OV	Tuesday	2/25/2025	
25A Convention		3/7/2025	3/8/2025
Wheatfield OV	Thursday	3/13/2025	
MD25 Convention / 4th Council Meeting		4/25/2025	4/27/2025
5th Council		4/27/2025	
Last Cabinet	Sunday	6/8/2025	