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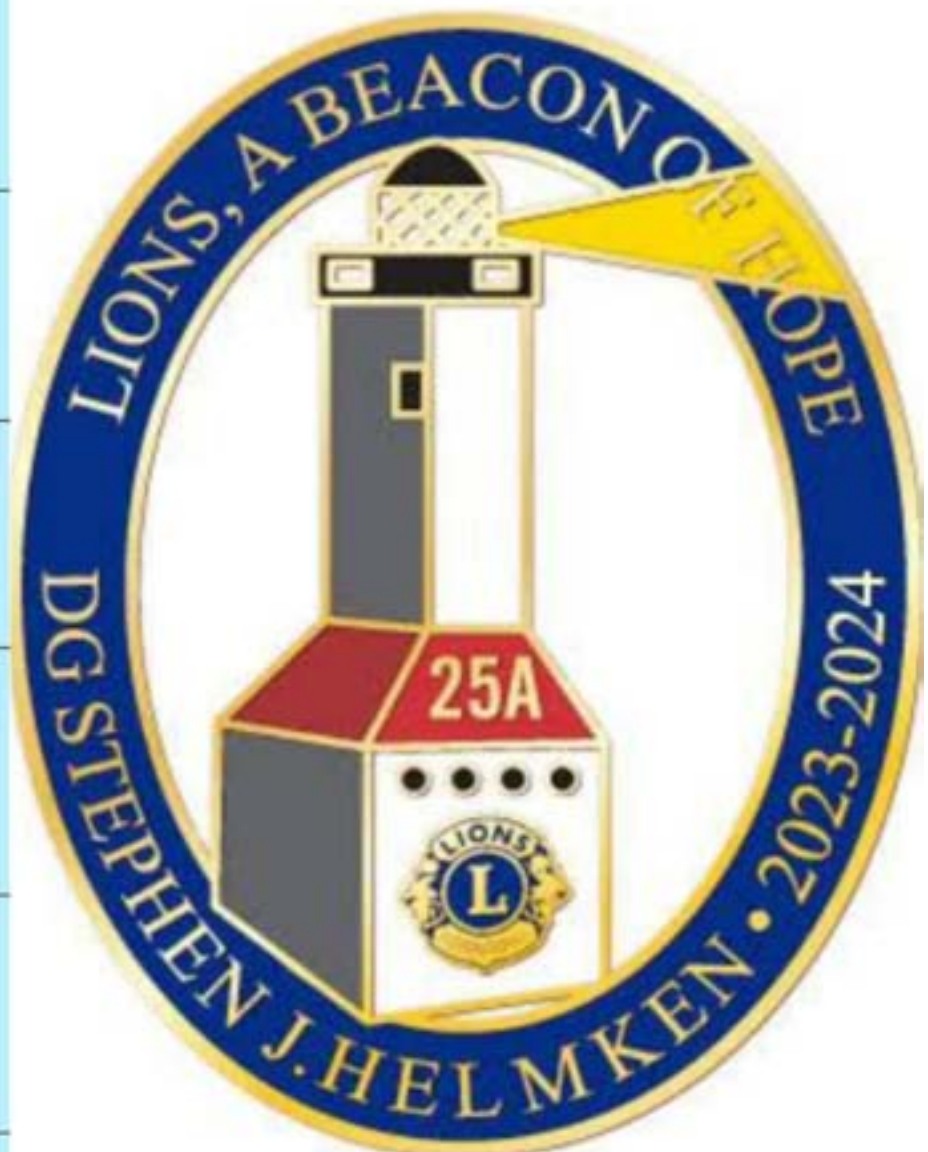
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District 25A Newsletter





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It's hard to believe that a new Lions year has already begun. And with it comes changes. Many clubs will have new presidents, secretaries, and treasurers. The District will have new leadership as well. I am honored to be your new District Governor. I'm looking forward to this year and the chance to come and visit the clubs that make up this great District. I want to help with your projects and fundraisers, so let me know what your club is doing and how I can help. I already have seven club visits scheduled on my calendar. Please contact me to set up your club visit. If I don't hear from you, I will be calling.

Before I go any further let me say a BIG thank you to IPDG, Nick Gonzalez. He did a good job for Lions and for District 25A. As did his Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Treasurer. If you weren't able to attend his last Cabinet meeting, please make it a point to reach out to them and say thank you.

Congratulations go out to my 1st and 2nd VDGs, Patty Cooke-Furlong and Jim Furlong. They were married on June 17, 2023, at St. Michael Catholic Church in Schererville. I wish them a very happy life together. May God Bless both of you in this new union.

Saturday, July 22nd will be my Banner Night. I hope you're planning to attend as this is the kickoff to this next year. It will be held at the FOP (Fraternal Order of Police) in Michigan City and is located at 416 US Hwy 20. Please see the flyer in this issue of the newsletter. I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

The weekend of July 22nd will be very busy. The 1st Council Meeting will be in Michigan City at the Red Mill County Park. Michigan City will be full of Lions from all over the state.

Lions, we have some work to do this year. Our clubs do some amazing projects, so let's make sure they are getting reported. I know that LCI will be rolling out a new portal for all of us to learn, but we will learn it together. Your 1st and 2nd VDGs, plus your District Administrator will be glad to help you. If we need to, we will try and set up a training session to help with this.

I know we are going to have an awesome year. We are all in this great organization and we help each other. My pin says "Lions, a beacon of hope", which is my message this year. We need to make sure we are reaching out to those in need and showing them hope. This is true for one person or a whole community. As Lions, we have the resources to help so many people. Make sure you listen when someone talks to you because they may be the person in need.

This year let's all be a beacon of hope.

DG Stephen J. Helmken



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HELLO 25A LIONS!

WHAT A MONTH! IT HAS BEEN VERY BUSY IN BETWEEN PLANNING A WEDDING AND ATTENDING THE FINAL LION EVENTS OF THE YEAR. THE WEDDING WITH MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY WAS FANTASTIC AND THE RECEPTION WAS GREAT FUN. AND NO ONE NOTICED THE THINGS THAT DID NOT GET DONE.

THERE WERE ALSO MULTIPLE CLUB VISITS TO INSTALL THE 2023-2024 OFFICERS - CROWN POINT, SCHERERVILLE, AND WANATAH - AND WE HAVE TWO TO GO - CEDAR LAKE AND LOWELL. LION JIM AND I ALSO ATTENDED THE LAST MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN CITY LIONS.

AFTER 98 YEARS THE CLUB WILL BE TURNING IN ITS CHARTER. BUT IT IS NOT ALL SAD NEWS - SEVERAL OF THE MEMBERS WILL BE JOINING THE MICHIANA LIONS CLUB. THEY WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN CITY AS THEY HAVE IN THE PAST.

THIS HAS BEEN A GREAT YEAR FOR ME. I HAVE A NEW PARTNER TO SHARE MY LIFE AND NEW RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE LIONS TO FILL THAT LIFE WITH PURPOSE IN SERVING OUR COMMUNITY.

I AM READY FOR THE CHALLENGES OF THE NEW LIONS YEAR AND MOVING FORWARD AS 1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH AND LEARNING FROM LION STEPHEN AS OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR FOR 2023- 2024. I WILL ALSO BE WORKING CLOSELY WITH OUR 2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR, LION JIM FURLONG. WE PLAN TO TRAVEL THE DISTRICT TO NOT ONLY ATTEND MEETINGS, BUT ALSO GO TO THE PORK CHOP DINNERS, PANCAKE BREAKFASTS, SCARECROW FEST, WHATEVER YOU DO TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY. WE WILL BE CHECKING OUT THE NEWSLETTER EVERY MONTH FOR FUTURE EVENTS.

LION JIM AND I ARE BOTH LOOKING FORWARD TO BOSTON AND MEETING WITH LIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD - AND HANGING OUT WITH THE INDIANA LIONS. MY FAVORITE EVENTS OF THE CONVENTION ARE THE FLAG CEREMONY IN THE OPENING PLENARY SESSION, THE INSTALLATION OF THE NEW DISTRICT GOVERNORS IN THE LAST SESSION AND THE BEST EVENT OF ALL - INTERNATIONAL PARADE. WE WILL MAKE SURE TO VISIT THE EXHIBIT HALL AND SIT IN ON THE PORTAL TRAINING WHILE WE ARE THERE. WE WILL BE FULL OF ENERGY AND NEW IDEAS WHEN WE RETURN.

TAKE CARE AND STAY SAFE AND DO WHAT WE DO BEST - WE SERVE.
LION PATTY, 1VDGE



2nd Vice District Governor *Jim Furlong*

So, what did you do so far this Summer. Funny you ask. I got married to our 1VDG Patty Cooke who is now known as Patty Cooke-Furlong. So, I guess you're never too old to reinvent yourself.

Here's a picture of our service. We were attended by her daughter Abby and my son Patrick. And.... we're going to honeymoon in Boston at LCICON 2023 next week. We couldn't be happier as now WE SERVE together.



We are looking forward to Boston. It's always great to get together with other Lions who share our vision of service. And the highlight (other than being installed) is the International Parade. The US Multi Districts get in line with the International Multi Districts in alphabetical order. So, Indiana is preceded by India, and we're followed by Indonesia, Italy, Israel, and Japan to give you an idea. And many Countries come in beautiful native dress. It's quite a sight. I can't wait.

While there in Boston I'll have an opportunity to take many workshops. 1VDGE Patty and I have volunteered to DG Stephen to take the point on the rollout of the new Lions Portal to improve the functionality of MyLion, Learn and MyLCI among other things. I sent my first email on May 5, 1980, and after 43 years being around technology, I know any upgrades inevitably have their moments when they are not working the way they are supposed to be working—at least from our point of view. So when you begin using the new Lions Portal should you encounter any issues call, text or email me or Patty.

One last thing. As I begin my journey up the progression of 2VDG, 1VDG, and eventually DG, I will seek the wise counsel of those PDG's who went before me. I know you have given great service to this District, and I will not be too proud to ask for help when I need it.

I promise you. Jim

A note from Cabinet Secretary Pat Greer:



Hello Lions of District 25A,

I hope all of you are enjoying your summer!

As we begin another Lions year, I am excited to be serving as your Cabinet Secretary and to be working alongside DG Steve.

For those of you who do not know me, I am Lion Pat Greer. I am a member and secretary of the South Haven Lions Club. I have been an active Lion for 25 years and proud to have been part of the first ladies inducted into District 25A. I have traveled to many of your clubs with my husband PDG Randy Greer and have made many friends at District and State events through the years. I hope to see many of you at DG Steve's Banner Night on Saturday, July 22nd .

Please be sure to get your RSVP's in to me ASAP.

We will be having a Silent Auction at Banner Night and appreciate any donations to make this a fun part of the evening.

Our 1st District 25A Cabinet Meeting is Saturday, August 5th in Hamlet. Please be sure to submit your reports to me prior to the cabinet meeting. The information for these upcoming District 25A events is included in this newsletter.

Please be patient with me as I learn the new Lions International Portal when it gets up and running.

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A note from Cabinet Treasurer Dennis Fischer:



Hello fellow Lions, I want to thank DG Helmken for giving me this opportunity to introduce myself as this year's Cabinet Treasurer, Dennis Fischer.

To give you a little history I am a member of the Door Village Lions Club. We are actually a rural club outside of La Porte. I joined the club in 2016 after my retirement from Federal Mogul. I have served as 2nd Vice, 1st Vice, and President of the club since joining. For the past 3 years I have been the club's treasurer. My degree is in accounting from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

What else am I involved in? I am the treasurer for my church and treasurer of our local Newsday Foundation which helps cancer patients in La Porte county. Do you see any re-occurring jobs? I have been married to Lion Cindy for 46 years and have two adult children, 2 granddaughters, two step-grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Periodically I will be including articles in this newsletter for items requiring your attention.

District 25A Banner Night



Governor Stephen J. Helmken



Date: Saturday, July 22, 2023

Time: 6:00PM Social 6:30PM Dinner

Place: FOP Lodge #75 in Michigan City

416 US-20 Michigan City, IN 46360

Phone: 219-879-4739

Cost: \$28.00 Menu: Buffet of Beef & Noodles,

Sliced Pork Loin, Baked Breaded Chicken, Au Gratin Potatoes,
Green Bean Casserole & Dessert.

Guest Speaker will be PID Nick Xinopoulos

There will be a Cash Bar and Raffles!

Club Banners are Welcome! Dress is Business Casual

Return bottom of this form to CS Pat Greer:

744 Acadia Rd. Valparaiso, IN 46385 patricia.agreer6@gmail.com

Phone: 219-928-3618

No later than Wednesday, July 12, 2023

Make Check Payable to: District 25A

Number Attending _____

@ \$28.00 = _____

Names & Titles of those attending:

District 25A 1st Cabinet Meeting



Governor Stephen J. Helmken



Date: Saturday, August 5, 2023

Time: 9:00AM

Place: James R Hardesty
Community Center

15 W Indiana St.

Hamlet, IN 46532

Refreshments will be served!

Please RSVP to CS Pat Greer by Wednesday,
July 19, 2023

Via Email: patricia.agreer6@gmail.com

Committee Reports should be submitted via
email to

CS Pat Greer prior to the Cabinet Meeting.

Volunteer to work for the Indiana Lions Foundation at the 2023 Indiana State Fair ----- July 28th - August 20th

Want to visit the Indiana State Fair and save money? Work at the State Fair for the Indiana Lions Foundation as a ticket seller, monitor, scanner, or hand stamper and you do not have to pay either the admission or parking fees. Sorry, you still have to buy your own fair food! Work the morning shift and you'll be finished by 2:30, which is still plenty of time to visit the fair, or come in the morning, enjoy the fair, and check in at our booth at 2:00 for the afternoon shift.

Need a place to stay if you're volunteering for more than one day at the State Fair? There are two options this year. Three bedrooms are available for your use at the Indiana School for the Blind and 4 camping spaces at the Indiana State Fairgrounds are reserved for Foundation use. Both options are FREE and on a first come first serve basis. Call Lion Rose Russell, Indiana Foundation State Fair Committee member, at 574-250-0125 to make your reservation or for more information.



Who can volunteer to work for the Indiana Lions Foundation at the Indiana State Fair? A person need not be a Lion to volunteer at the Indiana State Fair. Ask your friends, your children, and grandchildren to volunteer – all are welcome who are at least 15 years old.

What are the starting and ending times for the shifts? There are four shifts available this year. The start time listed for each shift is the time you are expected to check in at our booth. These times have changed from previous years.

5:30 am—8:30 am Volunteers on this shift will earn 1 W.P. Woods credit.

8:00 am—2:30 pm Volunteers on this shift will earn 1 W.P. Woods credit.

2:00 pm—8:30 pm Volunteers on this shift will earn 2 W.P. Woods credits.

4:00 pm—8:30 pm Volunteers on this shift will earn 1 W.P. Woods credit.



Sign up today to make new friends and renew old friendships with Lions from all over the state.

Scan the QR code on the left with the camera on your smartphone, or enter the following URL to go directly to our State Fair signup page.

<https://IndianaLionsFoundationMD25.org/what-we-do/Indiana-state-fair-volunteer/>

For more information, contact any member of the Indiana Lions Foundation State Fair Committee.

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DESK OF CS CAROLYN LAVIOLETTE, PEACE POSTER CHAIRPERSON:

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Dare to Dream. Invite kids in your community
to express their visions of peace and promote
international understanding.

Get complete contest details
and order your kit at
lionsclubs.org/peaceposter.

Order your Peace Poster Kit today!
lionsclubs.org/peaceposter
#PeacePoster

THE 2023-2024 CONTEST

Dare to Dream

To a young person, a dream isn't just a wish, hope or desire — it's a path, a goal, an ambition. But achieving that dream takes hard work. So this year, we're asking young people to show how they'll turn their dream of a peaceful world into reality.

Peace Poster Contest Deadlines

Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. Entries not meeting the following deadlines will be disqualified.

- **January 15:** Kits go on sale from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- **October 1:** Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- **November 15:** Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning district poster to multiple district council chairperson.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor not belonging to a multiple district to send one winning poster to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.
- **December 15:** Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning poster to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.
- **February 1:** International winners notified on or before this date.

LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST RULES

A kit must be purchased for each contest sponsored. Each kit includes a sticker to be placed on the back of the winning poster prior to forwarding it to the next level of judging. Entries not featuring an official sticker on the back or meeting the rules listed below will be disqualified.

Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest in a local school(s) or organized, sponsored youth group(s), such as YMCA programs, Boys & Girls Clubs, Scouts, etc. *A Lioness club can sponsor the contest through its sponsoring Lions club.* Note: The contest cannot be held in youth groups that a Lions club sponsors, such as a Leo club or Scout unit. However, individual members of those groups (such as Leos or Scouts) may participate if the contest is held at their school or other organized youth group.

Contest is open to students who will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on November 15. Eligible birthdates can be found under the Contest Rules & Conditions found in the Peace Poster kit.

Artwork must be no smaller than 13 inches by 20 inches (33 centimeters by 50 centimeters) and no larger than 20 inches by 24 inches (50 centimeters by 60 centimeters). Do not mat or frame artwork.

Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student.

All artwork must be the individual student's original creation. Duplications are not accepted.

All media are accepted. Note: Chalk, charcoal and pastel entries should be sealed with a fixative spray to prevent smearing. Do not laminate entries.

Three-dimensional entries will not be accepted. Nothing may be glued, stapled or attached to the artwork in any way.

The use of lettering or numbering on the front of the poster, in any language, is not allowed. All artist signatures or initials should be written on the back of the poster.

Artwork should be done on a flexible material, so it can be rolled for shipping in a mailing tube. Do not fold poster.

Participants accept all responsibility for late, lost, misdirected or illegible entries. Entries sent with insufficient postage will be disqualified. Lions Clubs International is not responsible for entries damaged, destroyed or lost during the judging process. Entries cannot be acknowledged or returned; they become property of Lions Clubs International upon receipt. Peace Poster Contest images cannot be used without written permission from Lions Clubs International.

In consideration for the opportunity to enter the Peace Poster Contest, participants agree to allow Lions Clubs International to use their names and photographs for promotional and publicity purposes. In addition, the international grand prize winner, two family members (one being a parent or legal guardian) and the sponsoring club president or a club member (as designated by the sponsoring club president) are required to attend the award ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations. An international grand-prize winner is not eligible to receive subsequent prizes in future Peace Poster contests sponsored by Lions Clubs International. By entering, participants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges and Lions Clubs International.

Lions Clubs International may cancel the contest without notice at any time. The contest is void where prohibited, taxed or restricted by law.

Save the Date
September 9th, 2023
Brian's Trike Race
& Disc Golf
Tournament



22nd Annual Running!

**The Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired
 State Project's annual fundraiser 'Brian's Trike Race'
 & Disc Golf Tournament is coming Sept. 9, 2023, to the ISBVI Campus**

This event raises funds to assist both residential and outreach students of the school. Sponsorships and team participation of this event help to underwrite costs, which include but are not limited to, expenses to help students attend national leadership conferences for the blind and visually impaired, to assist with technology upgrades and many other expenses that directly effect improved learning.

Please encourage your club to send a team. You could also sponsor a Leo club, local school team or a local Boy Scout or Girl Scout troop that would like to have a fun afternoon racing around the David Letterman Track on adult trikes. Peddling not your thing? No worries. Play it through on the campus's 9-hole Disc Golf Course. You too could be a basket case!

Bragging rights and trophies are included in all the fun and competition!
All are welcome and participants must be 14 years of age or older.

Applications and sponsorship opportunity forms will be coming soon. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact an ISBVI trustee in your district or the 2023 event chairs.

Be sure to visit the ISBVI booth and attend the seminar at this year's State Convention.

2023 Event Chair

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2023 Event Co-Chair

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Brian's Trike Race and Disc Golf Tournament Sponsorship Form

Event Date Sept. 9, 2023 ** 22nd Running!



WHY BE A SPONSOR? Your sponsorship to this fun often hilarious event raises funds to assist both residential and out-reach students of the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. These funds help to underwrite costs, which include but are not limited to, expenses to help students attend national leadership conferences, to assist with technology upgrades and many other expenses that directly effect improved learning. This outstanding event is being held at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired campus on College Avenue in Indianapolis.

\$200.00 by July 31st, 2023

Bronze Sponsorship

What You Receive:

- ⇒ Your organization's name displayed at Brian's Trike Race and Disc Golf Tournament
- ⇒ Team entry for either Trike or Disc Golf

\$350.00 by July 31st, 2023

Silver Sponsorship

What You Receive:

- ⇒ All the perks of a Bronze Sponsorship PLUS your organization's name and/or logo on each of the 250+ T-Shirts worn throughout Indiana
- ⇒ Certificate of Appreciation from the Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

\$500.00 by July 31st, 2023

Gold Sponsorship

What You Receive:

- ⇒ All the perks of a Bronze & Silver Sponsorship
- ⇒ By request-exhibit space at the event

\$1,000.00 by July 31st, 2023

Platinum Sponsorship

What You Receive:

- ⇒ All the perks of a Bronze, Silver & Gold Sponsorship
- ⇒ Priority placement of your name on sponsor display board and T-Shirts
- ⇒ ISBVI Fellowship recipient and beautiful ISBVI etched vase

Name of Sponsoring Organization: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Phone Number and Email: _____

Sponsor Level: ☐ Silver ☐ Gold ☐ Platinum ☐ Other Amount: \$ _____

For more information about sponsorship or fielding a team please contact one of our event chairs:

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BRIAN'S TRIKE RACE & DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT

September 9th, 2023



This fun and often hilarious event raises funds to assist both residential and outreach students of the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. These funds help to underwrite costs, which include but are not limited to, expenses to help students attend national leadership conferences, to assist with technology upgrades and many other expenses that directly effect improved learning. And, students will receive 4 hours of service credit. Each Trike team member will receive a race t-shirt and each Disc Golf member will receive a useable commemorative disc. *Additional shirts and discs will be available for purchase. (see below)*

BRIAN'S TRIKE RACE & DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT

TEAM APPLICATION



Saturday, September 9th, 2023-Rain or Shine

Entry Deadline July 31st, 2023

Doors Open & Registration at 11:00 am Eastern Time

Disc Golf is at your own pace and you may begin anytime after registration

Trike Race practice begins at 11:30 and races start at 1pm

\$100 entry fee per team-per event. Please use one registration form for each team event.

Please circle one: Trike Team Disc Golf Team **(students must be 14 or older)**

Category that best describes 4 team members (circle one) Students Adults Mixed Ages

Team Name: _____ Sponsor (if any) _____

Captains Name, Phone #, Email: _____

List Participant Name (please print):	Phone#	Lion/Leo? Y/N	T-Shirt Size
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____

Alternate: _____

\$20 for each t-shirt or commemorative disc golf frisbee over the 4 that is included in your team registration

Extra # t-shirts _____ Size(s) _____ Extra # of Frisbees _____ Total extra cost enclosed \$ _____

****For safety purposes, participants must wear closed-toe shoes****

Food concession stand will be available onsite

Please send a check, payable to Indiana Lions for the ISBVI, along with this form to:

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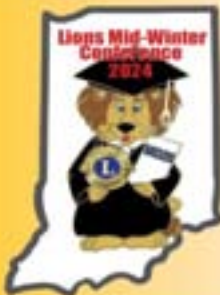
Hosted by the Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired * <https://e-district.org/sites/isbvi>



Region 1 had a combined Zone Meeting for fun at the Railcats! They had a picnic and watched the Railcats play against the Cleburne RailRoders. A fun time was had by all who attended. Can you guess the season?



Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference



Opportunities for Learning

It's not too early to start planning for 2024. Mark your calendar now for the 2024 Mid-Winter Conference.



Opportunities for Service



Opportunities for Fellowship

**Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport
January 19-20, 2024**

Crown Point Lions Club Installation of Officers

The Crown Point Lions were honored to have District Governor Elect Patty Cooke install the 2023/2024 Officers at their June 1, 2023 Dinner Meeting.



It was exciting to have all the incoming officers present at the Installation. Lion President passed the gavel to Incoming Lion President Mary Jane DiMichele. (far right). Congratulations!!!



Crown Point Lion Phylis Porio (pictured left) presented an Environment Project which has been implemented.

Prescription Bottle Recycling For Doctors Without Borders

The Crown Point Lions Club has learned that "Doctors Without Borders" are often in need of containers for dispensing medicine on their mission trips. To assist the Doctors, the Crown Point Lions will be collecting empty prescription bottles for recycling.

Collection Containers are being placed at St. Mathias Church and United Methodist Church in Crown Point, Michael & Co. Salon in Highland, and Orthopedic Balance and Therapy Specialists in Crown Point.

You can help us in this effort...It's simple ...Promote its presence and this program. Here's what the Lions will do after we collect the **empty** bottles:

Sort bottles by color and size.....wash/dry and replace lids on clean bottles...place bottles in large resealable bags marked "Clean Bottles" ... Box and Ship for "Doctors Without Borders". **There are many benefits for this program. Keeps plastic bottles out of our landfills, provides a much needed resource for the Doctors and helps people feel good about helping others.**



MERRILLVILLE LIONS CLUB

Members participated in a beautification project located at 61st and Taft.



WESTVILLE LIONS CLUB



Four Westville Lions (Tara Haack, Lori Fagg, Karen Peters and Debi Ingram) buzzed over to the Westville Public Library on Monday, June 05, 2023 to help Library Director Bridget Kraemer with the kick off summer reading program. These lady lions made home made desserts for the visitors, boiled and served hot dogs (Old Time Country Market in Westville donated the hot dogs and buns) kept the potato chips, bottled water and juice boxes replenished and then did clean up.

The weather was beautiful and Bridget had many outdoor games including hula hoops, cornhole, a giant Jenga, a giant Connect Four, sidewalk chalk and several others for families to enjoy. Bridget and her husband Joe did an amazing job of greeting the visitors and interacting with them. Many children ran up to Bridget and gave her a hug and they greeted each other by name. The lions had a great time visiting with families and neighbors in the community and were ecstatic to help out to show appreciation to the library for letting them use the library for their board meetings. The Lions also encourage everyone to stop in and see the great things Bridget and her staff have going on at the library. It is one of Westville's best kept secrets.



WESTVILLE LIONS CLUB



The Westville Lions met on June 1, 2023 at the Lions Pavillion at Lions Butch and Rhonda Weston's for a delicious carry in pot luck. This was the final meeting for the current officers, so past District Governor Randy Greer and his wife Pat were present to install new officers and present awards. Lion Elmo Elliott was presented the W.P. Woods award (the highest award presented to a Lion. Lion Elmo has been an active Lion for 50 years and has held many offices including 1st and 2nd Vice President, President, Director, Greeter, assistant Secretary and has co chaired the children's Halloween party. It was also Elmo's 93rd birthday that day, so Secretary Debi Ingram collaborated with his daughter Laurie to have some family members present. Pictured from left to right Laurie Elliott, Elmo Elliott, Nick Elliott, Becky Elliott, Emilio Sobral, Cheryl Elliott and Ron Elliott. Lion Elmo was very surprised and it was great that his family could attend. In fact his daughter and son in law came from North Carolina. Congratulations Lion Elmo.

Next pdg presented the Melvin Jones award to Lion Robert (Bob) Potrzebowski. Lion Bob has been a long time member and has served as every officer in the club and is currently the co chairmen for the Westville Lions medical loan closet. Lion Bob was also able to have many family members in attendance. Congratulations Lion Bob.

Next Boss David Dickinson presented the Lion of the year award pins to Lions Jim Ingram and Lion Donna Ping. Jims daughter Megan was in attendance from Nashville, TN so she got to pin his pin on him. Lion Debi pinned Lions Donna pin. Lion Dave also presented a Treasurers pin to Treasurer Al Slont and a secretary pin to secretary Debi Ingram. Next Pdg Randy installed Lion Curt Crizer as the Lion Tamer, 2nd year directors Ryan Weaver and Mike Schultz; 1st year Directors Roger Moehl and Dick Fagg; treasurer Al Slont; secretary David Dickinson; 1st vice president Butch Weston and president Richard Lambert.

The lions were very thankful for beautiful weather, delicious food, many Lion members and guests from all over the US in attendance.



Door Village Lions Celebrate Officer Installation Ceremony



The new member inducted is Maxwell Unger.



Incoming President, Lion Gene Flickinger; Lion Steve Helmken, District 25A Governor Elect & Installing Officer

With July first rapidly approaching, Door Village Lions members celebrated the official installation of their 2023-2024 recently elected officers with another social evening out on the town at Portofino's Grille. Social Hour, Dinner, a short business meeting and the induction of new member Lion Maxwell Unger launched the meeting beautifully. Lion Max has been working with club members for several years on various projects and fund raisers and has often said he enjoyed the work, the camaraderie and the feeling of accomplishment of knowing that the work he did helped someone who really needed the assistance in the current circumstance they were experiencing. So now that he has just turned 18 he said "I want to be a full time member and help every chance I get in any way I can, and I have an idea I'd like to share with club members that I feel could help our club be more visible in the community and help us help even more people. Social media is so much a part of the lives of so many people, so maybe we can use it even more than we do, to help our cause and those throughout the community, and as I enjoy working with Social Media, I'd like to expand on what we are already doing with our Facebook page." As one might imagine, his progressive idea was well received by all members.

Shortly after the induction of Lion Max, club president Lion George Morley introduced District 25A Governor Elect Lion Steven Helmken who cleverly proceeded to install newly elected club officers, tying each officer to a specific ingredient of a Chocolate Chip Cookie.

Lion

Steven also turned the table upside down by installing the lowest ranking officer first and saving the club president for last explaining the he was the flour that held all the other ingredients together. He made the entire event a fun one for all and did his usual superb job of hitting all the bases and still adding a generous portion of levity for all to enjoy. Lion Steve didn't stop there, he pulled out a box of chocolate chip cookies that a co-worker and friend had baked for the occasion, and passed them around to all those in the room. Lion George said "the frosting on the cake/cookie was that the cookie flavor was one of the best he has tasted." Officers installed were: Lion Gene Flickinger, President; Lion Bonnie Olson, 1st VP; Lion Dave Renner, 2nd VP; Lion Cindy Fischer, Secretary; Lion Dennis Fischer, Treasurer; Lion Tamer, Lion Dennis Fischer; Tail Twister, Lion Sue Kaiser; 1 yr Directors, Lion Sam Polito & Lion Cindy Fischer; 2 Year Directors, Lion Nancy Weaver & Lion Catherine Veach; Health & Welfare Chair, Lion Cindy Polito and Membership Chair, Lion George Morley.

Incoming District Governor Lion Steve shared some of his goals for his upcoming year as governor and announced that Door Village Lion Dennis Fischer agreed to serve as District Treasurer, which resulted in a resounding round of applause. Lion Sue Kaiser and Officer Installation Committee members Lion Bonnie Olson and Lion Cindy Fischer concluded the meeting with the drawing for Table Decorations/Door Prizes.

For more information please call George Morley at 2219-575-3575.
Photos submitted by Lions George Morley & Dennis Fischer

Door Village Lions

Donate To Salvation Army Food Bank

For the past several years Door Village Lions have donated all the proceeds from their Spring Candy Day sales at La Porte Post Office to the Salvation Army Food Bank, and this year club members again voted to repeat this much needed community service they provide, but this spring circumstances developed into a even more favorable situation for those who depend on the SA program. Collections at the Post Office were in excess of the normal amount and consequently members voted to round up the usual donation to an even \$1,000. Lion Bonnie Olson chaired the committee and made arrangements with Food Pantry Coordinator Linda Neess to purchase the items most in need, with this information she proceeded to work with committee members Lions Carol Pahs, Sue Kaiser and Dennis & Cindy Fischer all of whom shopped for the targeted items, and on Friday June 16th the committee and Lions Sam Polito Joe Pahs, and George Morley delivered the \$1,000 worth of needed food items to the Salvation Army storeroom where they helped stock the items on shelves, much to delight of Lynda and co-worker Jan Roberts, Social Services Caseworker. Although this annual donation has become somewhat routine, Lion members and Salvation Army workers were exceptionally pleased with the nearly double quantity of food that was added to the pantry this time. For more information and pictures go to Door Village Lions Facebook page. You can also view and request a Lions membership application.

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



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money for this important cause!

District 25A held their last cabinet meeting for the 2022-2023! There was a great turn out and well wishes for the next year



PID Linda Tincher presented Lion Joe Larson of the Hobart lions club with a Presidential Medal.
1VDG- Patty Cooke-Furlong won the quilt!

LOFS LIONS CLUB ANNUAL STEAK FRY



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JULY 23RD
4PM TO 7PM
SEASONS
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INCLUDES:
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BAKED POTATO
SALAD
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SUNDAY JULY 23RD FROM 4P TO 7P**

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