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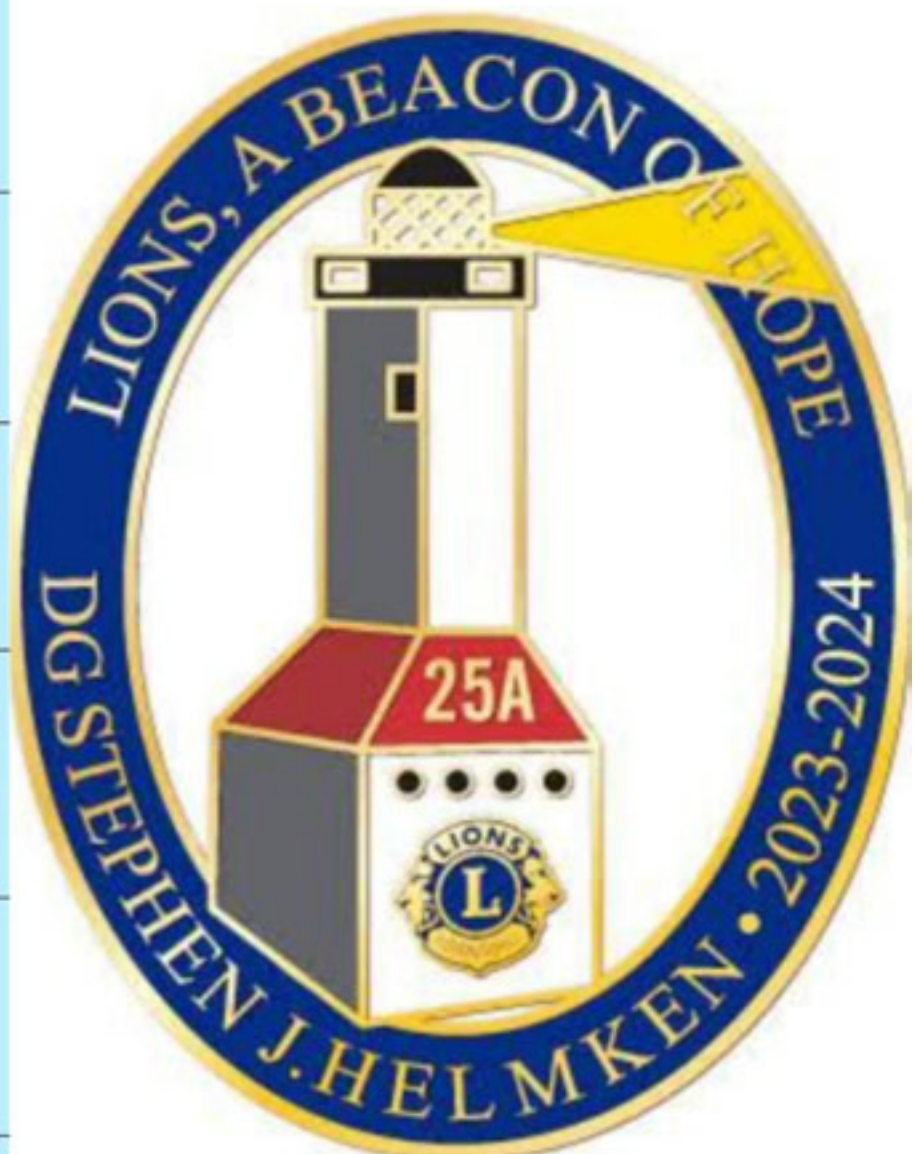
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District 25A Newsletter





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March is here. Already?? Where has this Lions year gone? It was just July 1, 2023, a week ago, right? How could this time have gone so fast? I have four months left as your District Governor. That's not enough time to finish my "to-do" list. I (we) haven't seen the new Lions portal yet, and LCI said it was happening this year. I still have pancake breakfasts to attend. There are still clubs that have not had me come to visit them. Club Presidents or Secretaries, don't hesitate to contact CS Pat Greer so she can get your Club's Official Visit on the calendar. Please don't wait much longer, as your club meeting may overlap with other clubs. Be the first to call and make the appointment.

Speaking of keeping busy, do you know what is coming up very soon? If you have been reading your District newsletters or following the District's Facebook page, you couldn't help but know what's on the horizon and fast approaching. Next weekend is (drumroll, please)...the District Convention, of course. It will be at the Blue Chip Casino Hotel and Spa, located in Michigan City near Lake Michigan.

The Convention committee has been super busy assembling the best convention for our District Lions. We have two seminars that I'm happy to say are worth going to. One is how the lyrics from the Beatles' music go along with how and what the Lions do. I've been able to attend this seminar twice at two different events. You won't want to miss this. The other seminar/workshop is about having fun at your club meetings. This one EVERYONE should attend. What a way to bring in new members and (dare I say it?) keep them wanting to return to your club meetings. Why? Because they're FUN! This month's newsletter article will be short because I still have lots to do before next weekend. And since my article is getting to the editor late, I have to hurry and get this to her before evening.

I hope to see you at the convention on March 9, 2024. ID Robert K Y Lee and Lion Pam Lee will see firsthand what all the fuss is about in District 25A. Let's give them a real Hoosier welcome at the ID Welcome Dinner on Friday, March 8, 2024. I hope you've already made your reservations so you can attend this dinner.

Besides the convention coming up, what else has been happening in 25A? The Lions who went on the Eyeglass Mission Trip to Mexico have all returned. I hope it was another memorable time for those who could attend. Welcome back Lions.

Please remember to keep PDG Connie Roe, PDG Kevin Roe, and their family in your thoughts and prayers as PDG Connie's mother passed away.

Lions, remember to keep your Beacons of Hope shining brightly,

DG Stephen J. Helmken



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Hello 25A Lions

I am writing my article in St. Charles, IL where I have been training to be your 2024- 2025 District Governor. It has been exciting to be here with all my fellow FVDGs from around the world. We were all organized in groups based mainly on country and language. I was in Group 29 with VDGs from Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. It was interesting to find out that we do some things differently, but that we all are very the same. We are committed to being Lions Leaders to help our Districts and Clubs be strong. In that way we can serve more people. Now we are all headed home to build our teams to meet our District Goals for next year.

I always find it amazing when I meet other Lions from other districts or other states or Europe or Asia or Africa . . . We all have the same goal: We Serve. The projects may all be very different, but we are all helping the people of our communities.

I think that sometimes we lose sight of that goal and get too hung up in the small stuff. We need to keep meetings fun, be aware of the different personalities and talents in our clubs and districts. We all have to follow the basic rules of keeping good financial and club records.

And we all need to keep serving our communities.

Some clubs keep evolving – trying out new fundraising ideas, developing new service projects and seeking new members. Other clubs grow stale and have lose that spark they once had for service. Often it is the aging of the clubs – they have the same members doing the same things – and they are getting tired. We need to re-invigorate our clubs. I know – easier said than done.

But I know that I will shortly be receiving a set of goals for my year as your District Governor – just like every DG before me. We will be asked to increase our membership – especially with the Mission 1.5 drive to reach 1.5 million members worldwide. This also means we will have a goal of at least one new club in our district. I learned a great deal in my training this week about achieving these goals. Not just from the various sessions, but from all the other VDG's there. Also, LCI has numerous online tools to help.

I am looking forward to the next Lion's Year and working with 1VDG Jim and all of you to move our district forward.

See you on March 9th at the Convention!

Take care

And thank you for all you do

Lion Patty Cooke-Furlong, 1stVDG



2nd Vice District Governor *Jim Furlong*

Well, still in Rehabilitation. I think I'm moving forward but the doctor insisted I have no weight bearing on EITHER leg until the bones in my ankle are fully healed and that is estimated to be between six and eight weeks. If anything sustains me during rough times, its been the love, cards, messages and visits of my fellow Lions.

Thanks you very much
for all you've done. You mean a lot to me. On March 5th I have a follow up appointment with the doctor and I'm sure I will get more X-Rays and other tests from the doctor. I feel good.

I've told my physical therapists that I believe I could walk right now on it. But if I've learned anything in my time on earth, it's follow the advice of your doctor (and your wife, of course). So, I will. Hope to be at the convention March 9th.



THE BLIND SOCIAL CENTER

Speaking of the District Convention on March 9, The Blind Social Center and Rehabilitation will have a table at the Convention. Stop by the table and talk to Tony and Connie Blair about that the Center is all about. The Lions Club International Foundation recently gave a \$74,600 matching grant to the Center to help furnish the interior. Notice I did say MATCH. The Lions (and private donations) need to match the \$74,600 and the LIONS must raise at least half of that amount or \$37,300. We are doing well in fundraising (with big Kudo's to the Crown Point Lions Club for their \$5,000 (that's not a typo) donation to the Center. It would be nice if other clubs or could come close to matching that but donations in any amount are appreciated. But WOW CROWN POINT LIONS, you really did a great job. Thanks again.

But first, why is the Blind Social Center important to us. First, blindness is one of our Global Causes in fact probably the Global Cause we are most known for. Blindness is debilitating and whether you are born blind or lose your sight from something like Diabetes or Glaucoma, it is difficult to have a productive, social life. But there is hope –through Rehabilitation. And there are only two Blind Rehabilitation Centers in Indiana, one in Evansville and one in Indianapolis. So this is the only Center in Northwest Indiana. Chances are you know somebody who is blind and no matter where you live, no matter your club, this Center is for them—AT NO COST.

So come see us at the Convention so we can get you materials to get to your club. And if your club didn't attend the Convention, please consider having your club make a donation.

Make any checks payable to MD-25A Blind Social Center

Thank you.

Lions District 25A

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 9, 2024

Displays and Table Sales : 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Seminars

9:00 - 9:45 a.m.Room A: *All You Need Is Love*

Presenter: Lion Jeff Kozicki

Noblesville Lions Club, District 25D

10:00 - 10:45 a.m.Room A: *Bringing Fun into the Club*

Presenter: Jody Greer

District Tail Twister

First Business Session

Call to Order

Posting of Colors by MCHS ROTC

Pledge of Allegiance

Lions Pledge

God Bless America

Invocation

Greeting

Welcome & Introduction of International

Director Robert K Y Lee

Speaker

Necrology Service

Indiana State Convention

International Convention

Peace Poster Winner

Second Business Session

Presentation of Club Banners

Club Roll Call

Reports: District & State (2 minute limit)

Reports: RC & ZC (2 minute limit)

Message to Lions 25A

Induction of New Members

Resolution

Proposed Amendments to Constitution & By-Laws

Announcement of Duck Hunt Winners

Chant Contest

Lions of IN District 25A Rules of Order

Nominations (2 minute for DG/VDGs demo allowed)

****VOTING OPEN FOR CERTIFIED LIONS****

Proctored by PDG Barb Toolsey

After Voting all PDGS meet with International Director

Reception & Banquet

Introduction of Head Table

Introduction of Dignitaries

Invocation

DINNER

Inspirational Message

Awards & Presentations

Election Results

Introduction of 2nd & 1st VDG's Elect

Introduction of DG Elect

Closing Remarks

Silent Auction

Tail Twister

District Raffle & 50/50 Raffle

Announcements

Benediction

PCC Mitchell Semans, Chair

DG Stephen Helmken

TBA

ID Robert K Y Lee

ID Robert K Y Lee & DG Stephen Helmken

PDG Barb Toolsey

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Lion Laurie Haussman

Lion Jody Greer

CT Dennis Fischer

PCC Mitchell Semans, Chair

TBA

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

International Director Welcome Dinner

Friday, March 8, Portofino Grill

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

District Convention

Saturday, March 9, 2024

Blue Chip Casino, Michigan City, IN

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

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

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

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

Banner Line Up : 1:45 p.m.

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

Reception & Banquet: 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Dress is Business Casual for the business sessions

Formal Attire for Reception & Banquet

**NUMBER OF
VOTES FOR
YOUR CLUB**

**ANY CLUB
MEMBER CAN
VOTE**

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

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

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

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

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

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

2024 CHANT CONTEST

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

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

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

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

Charlie Short for Lions International Director



PDG Charlie and PDG Pat Short

Expanded our **Indiana Lions**
vision screening!

#1

US Screening Program

Strength in Service, Vision in Action

INDIANA SERVICE

- Co-Founded Facebook *Global Lions Forum*
- Statewide Google Workspace system for Clubs
- Eyeglass World/America's Best Partnerships
- Visionworks Partnership
- Lions Certified Instructor Program Graduate
- 30 Year Lion Leader
- International President's Medal
- IP Leadership Medal
- IP Certificates of Appreciation
- GAT Chairperson Medal
- Progressive WP Woods Fellowships (5)
- Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships (5)
- New Club Extension Success (4)
- Senior Master Membership Key Award

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- **Oregon** Lions Leadership Conference
- **California** Lions District 4-C6 Convention
- **Illinois** State Convention and Mid Year Forum
- **Iowa** Leadership Conference
- USA/Canada Forum **Spokane, WA**
- USA/Canada Forum **Des Moines, IA**
- USA/Canada Forum **Calgary, Canada**
- USA/Canada Forum **Reno, NV**
- LCI Convention **Milan, Italy**
- LCI Convention **Montreal, Canada**
- LCI Convention **Boston, MA**

Your Voice for Indiana Lions



**Past Council Chair
Lion Reed Fish
Indiana MD 25
Candidate for
International
Director**



**International Presidential
Leadership Medal
International Presidential
Certificate of Appreciaion (3)
Progressive WP Woods
Fellowship**

**District Leadership Chair 9 years
Cabinet Treasurer 7 years**

**State Convention Chairperson
Mid-Winter Chairperson
International Convention
Chairperson
Club Extension Awards (2)
Eyeglass Missions to Mexico (5)
Trustee for Vision First Eye Bank
Progressive Melvin Jones
Fellowships (14)
Member of Speedway Lions Club
Since 1989**



We would be honored to represent YOU!



Indiana Lions 2024 Convention Committee



Dear Friend of the Indiana Lions,

The Lions of Indiana have a mission to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities and support those in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally and locally. For more than one hundred years, Lions have embodied our motto of 'We Serve' by supporting life-changing research at the IU Med Center in vision and hearing and by a multitude of projects in 331 cities and towns across the state of Indiana. Our 8500 members are the glue holding communities together by providing leadership and service supporting those in need.

In April 2024, the Lions of Indiana will be gathering for the 103rd state convention in Noblesville to celebrate the many great works accomplished by Lions and Lions Clubs across the state. We anticipate 400 members will join us at the Embassy Suites over the three days of the convention to learn and have fun while serving.

As a friend of the Indiana Lions, we hope that you would consider sponsoring or advertising at our event. The details for sponsorship and advertising are shown on the next page. All sponsorship and ad information must be submitted by March 15, 2024 to meet our publication deadline. Please know that your support will allow our members and clubs to pour more into their communities, supporting the Hoosiers we know and love.

In appreciation,
The 2024 Indiana State Lions Committee

For questions regarding sponsorships, call Lion Jeff Kozicki (765) 481-0822
For questions regarding program ads, call PID Nick Xinopoulos (317) 797-8730



Indiana Lions 2024 Convention Committee

Convention Sponsorship Levels



- **\$10,000 Premier Level:** This sponsorship includes your logo on all printed materials, including a full page ad in the program book, logo in all ads in the *Hoosier Lion* newspaper (sent to all members in December, February and April), logo in the convention information on the state website, public acknowledgement at all meals and 10 minutes to speak to the attendees during the Saturday lunch.
- **\$5,000 Platinum Level:** This sponsorship includes your logo on all printed materials, including a full page ad in the program book, logo in all ads in the *Hoosier Lion* newspaper (sent to all members in February and April), logo in the convention information on the state website, and public acknowledgement during all meals.
- **\$2,500 Gold Level:** This sponsorship includes a half page ad in the program book, logo in the April *Hoosier Lion*, logo in the convention information on the state website and a public acknowledgement during the Saturday lunch.
- **\$1,000 Silver Level:** This sponsorship includes a half page ad in the program book and a public acknowledgement during the Saturday lunch.

Program Book Ads

- **\$250 – Full page ad**
- **\$150 - Half page ad**
- **\$75 - Quarter page ad**
- **\$50 - Business Card size ad**

Please contact and provide the following information:

Company Name: _____

Sponsorship Level _____

Contact Information: _____

Invoice needed? Yes ___ No ___



2024 Indiana Lions 103rd State Convention

Hosted by 25 D

April 26, 27, & 28, 2024

Embassy Suites Hotel, Noblesville, IN

with special guest: Past International President Frank Moore



EXHIBIT AND VENDOR APPLICATION

EACH 8' X 10' Booth Includes

8' skirted table

2 chairs

Lions Exhibitor - \$25

Non-Lions Exhibitor - \$50

w/electrical per booth - \$25

Additional Booths - \$50 each

Please return the completed form and payment by March 16, 2024 to:

PDG Mike Imbler

7609 E. 50 N.

Greentown, IN 46936

Make checks payable to: Lions of Indiana, Inc State Convention

Questions, please contact PDG Mike Imbler

mikeimbler@sbcglobal.net or (765) 776-0424

(if no answer, please leave message)

Name: _____

Organization/Club _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

_____ Lions Exhibitor - \$25

_____ Non Lions Exhibitor - \$50

_____ Electricity - \$25

_____ Additional Booth - \$50 each

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Thank you for supporting the Lions of Indiana!!!



2024 Indiana Lions 103rd State Convention

Hosted by District 25D

April 26 – 28, 2024

**Embassy Suites Noblesville Indianapolis Convention Center
With Special Guest Past International President Frank Moore**



PLEASE RESERVE YOUR OWN LODGING BY APRIL 1, 2024

Embassy Suites Noblesville Indianapolis Conference Center

13700 Conference Center Drive South, Noblesville, IN 46060

(317) 674-1900 (Group Code LIO) or click [here](#)

Room Rate: \$175/night. Includes cooked-to-order hot breakfast and manager's reception

For those not staying at the hotel who wish to enjoy the breakfast or reception,
the cost is \$20 per – please register below.

Friday Golf Outing at Top Golf, 9200 E 116th St. Fishers

\$20 per person / limited to 48 golfers

Registration Form (one form per person)

Deadline: All Registration Forms must be Postmarked by April 12, 2024

Please print name/Lions title as desire on Name Badge:

Name and Lion Title: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

District: _____ Club: _____

Is this your FIRST Indiana Lions State Convention (circle one) YES NO

Special Dietary Needs, list here: _____

Friday Top Golf	\$20	_____
Friday Evening Hors D'oeuvres	\$10	_____
Saturday Lunch: Beef Tips with Buttered Noodles	\$25	_____
Or Chicken Parmesan (circle one)		
Saturday Strides Walk T-Shirt Size (S to 3XL)	\$20	_____
Saturday Dinner: Grilled Ribeye or Filet of Salmon (circle one)	\$35	_____
Non-Hotel Guest: Breakfast ticket(s)	\$20	_____
Non-Hotel Guest: Manager's Reception ticket(s)	\$20	_____
Total Registration Paid		_____

Mail this form (**postmarked by 4.12.24**) and your check,
payable to: **Indiana Lions State Convention** to:
Lion Christine Woodward, 13862 Kickapoo Trail, Carmel, IN 46033
Woodward1999@sbcglobal.net or 317-716-0622



Indiana Lions 2024 Convention Silent Auction Items Needed



The Indiana Lions 2024 Convention will once again be having a Silent Auction. It will only be successful with your help.

Have your Club donate something to the Silent Auction that will run during the Convention. This could be a basket representative of your community, or something Lion related, or anything that you think another Lion will enjoy. These donations can be brought to your District Convention, as members of the Convention Committee will be on hand at each to collect and transport to the State Convention or bring it when you come to the State Convention.

Please send questions to woodward1999@sbcglobal.net

APRIL 26 - APRIL 28, 2024

103rd Indiana Lions State Convention

EMBASSY SUITES CONFERENCE CENTER
NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA

2024 State Convention Tentative Schedule of Events

Time Begin	Time End	Event
Friday, April 26, 2024		
9:00am	11:30am	Council of Governors
2:00pm	4:00pm	Top Golf
2:30pm	3:00pm	Credentials Committee Meeting
3:00pm	5:30pm	Registration and Packet Pick-Up
3:00pm	5:30pm	Exhibits and Silent Auction Open
3:00pm	5:00pm	Credentials Certification
5:30pm	7:30pm	Manager's Reception/ Lions Reception with Hors d'oeuvres
7:30pm	9:00pm	General Business Session 1
9:00pm	11:00pm	DJ with cash bar
Saturday, April 27, 2024		
8:00am	4:00pm	Exhibits and Silent Auction Open
		Service Project
8:00am	4:00pm	Registration and Packet Pick-Up
8:30am	9:30am	District Meetings
9:00am	4:00pm	Credentials Certification
10:00am	11:30am	General Business Session 2
11:45am	1:45pm	Luncheon
		Katie Stam Irk, 2009 Miss America
		Presentations (MJF, WPW, etc).....
		State Awards
2:00pm	2:45pm	Seminars
3:00pm	3:45pm	Strides Walk for Diabetes
4:15pm	5:00pm	Past District Governors Meeting
5:30pm	7:30pm	Hotel Manager's Reception
6:00pm	6:50pm	Receiving Line
7:00pm	9:30pm	All-State Banquet
		Past International President Frank Moore
Sunday, April 28, 2024		
6:30am	7:00am	Credentials, Nominations, Elections Breakfast
7:00am	10:00am	Voting
7:00am	10:30am	Full Service Breakfast – For Embassy Suites Guests
10:00am	10:45am	Worship and Memorial Service
11:00am	11:30am	Morning Session
		Jeweled PDG Pin Presentations
		Membership Award Presentations
11:30am	1:00pm	General Business Session 3
1:15pm	4:00pm	Council Meeting (starts 15 minutes after General Business Session 3 concludes)

Indiana Lions Special Olympics Committee Random Raffle



Benefits the Indiana Special Olympics Winter Games and Corn Hole Tournaments

Tickets are 3 for \$5.00.

Drawing to be held at the Indiana lions State convention April 27th.

Large Polar Plunge dry bag, Polar Plunge insulated tumblers, Winter Games Scarfs, S.O. blankets,

S.O. snack basket, Wayne Convention Bureau blanket.

Additional Items will be added up to the day of drawing.

Donations accepted.

See any S.O. Committee member or contact Bill McDonald 812-689-6699 lionmcdonald52@gmail.com

Special Report:**Children's Eye Foundation of AAPOS Selects Indiana Lions as Partner**

The Children's Eye Foundation of the American Association of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus (CEF/AAPOS) and Indiana Lions Vision Services have agreed to partner and provide expanded vision care opportunities for Hoosier children.

This is the first statewide Lions partnership for CEF/AAPOS.

Under the terms of the agreement, CEF/AAPOS *All Children See* program will start accepting qualified referrals for pediatric ophthalmic care from the Indiana Lions' vision screening programs.

Children under eighteen years of age and either uninsured or underinsured would qualify for no cost or reduced cost care. This includes ocular surgery and other treatments for pediatric eye conditions.

Megan Pfefferle, Executive Director of CEF/AAPOS said, "The Lions of Indiana are simply amazing. They provide tens of thousands of free vision screenings per year to schools and preschools already. This screening makes early detection possible, so our two programs are a natural fit. They find kids that may need help, our doctors can diagnose them, CEF/AAPOS helps eliminate the cost barriers to care, and the kids get into treatment."

Charlie Short and Henry Rodriguez of the Indiana Lions both expressed how important the new partnership is. "Indiana Lions have worked to help the blind and visually impaired for over a hundred years. Now we have a national professional association's foundation as a partner. It's just terrific," said Rodriguez.

"Indiana is the first statewide Lions partnership for CEF/AAPOS and we couldn't be more pleased," said Short. "Bringing two large-scale organizations together to accomplish more is always a good thing, but when it's such a natural alliance, it's just like meeting a great new friend. We're all excited to get going."

For more information, contact

CEF/AAPOS at <https://www.childrenseyefoundation.org>

Indiana Lions at <https://e-district.org/sites/md25/>

DOOR VILLAGE LIONS CLUB KIDSIGHT PROJECT

Door Village Lions Complete KidSight Project At La Porte Area Schools & Day Care Centers

With a visit by Door Village Lions Dennis Fischer and George Morley to Riley Elementary School last week the club's annual Operation KidSight Project came to a close for the 2023/2024 school year, and by all measures was a complete success with 1150 kids tested since the project was under taken just a few years ago. The significance of that testing is that approximately 115 kids with treatable eye conditions were referred to doctors who can prevent permanent eye conditions when treated before age six.

Lion Dennis chairs this project and guides each facet of it, following the guidelines developed by Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Inc. A program they developed and promote statewide. The guidelines are detailed and include such things as authorization release forms for the parents to sign and other privacy requirements in marking and handling of test results. School administrators and staff support the testing enthusiastically, in fact Mellissa Potts, Health Assistant at Riley Elementary said "we are so pleased that the Lions are doing this, it is such a critical need, and the school health system is not presently set up with these advanced cameras, so it's a win-win for everyone when Lions fill the need so efficiently".

Many club members are involved with the testing because there are so many schools and Day Centers that are visited each year, but all members are delighted to be involved in this project which has such far reaching effect on so many children here in La Porte, and throughout the state.

For more information on KidSight call Lion Dennis Fischer at 219-218-6380, for information about joining or working on projects with Door Village Lions call George Morley at 219-575-3575.



KidSight Testing at Riley Elementary School
Left to Right: Lion Dennis Fischer, KidSight committee Chair; Lion George Morley, Club Membership Chair

Door Village Lions Club

Members Of Door Village Lions Donate School Supplies to Three Area Schools

Over the course of several days members of Door Village Lions visited Kingsbury, Kingsford Heights and Riley Elementary Schools with a variety of requested school supplies filling in a gap in their Miscellaneous Supplies Budget and pleasing the three principals Liz Weisemann, Amy Kosier and Kristen Doty, as well as a large number of teachers who will be benefitting from this project by having the resources they need during the last several months of the school year. Administrators in all three schools explained to Lion Cindy Fischer that funds in this budget item are depleted long before the school year ends, and that without the Lions donated supplies, projects teachers want to bring to their classrooms would not continue throughout the end of the year.

Consequently, the supplies the lions purchase and bring to each school are very much needed and appreciated. In fact Mrs Doty, principal at Riley Elementary told Lion George Morley "If the Lions were not able to furnish these supplies, teacher initiated projects for the classrooms would come to an end far too soon before the school year ended, and that is why she, and the teachers, appreciate the supplies so very much".

Lion George assured her that members will be pleased to hear what she said and he would be sure to let them know.

In fact Lion members have a strong interest in supporting schools in the local area, as proven by four of our ongoing annual projects. First, the one described above, donating supplies; second, purchasing and presenting the Lions Special Dictionary to every third grader in the three schools; third, purchasing and presenting first grade readers, (a choice of ten different titles) to each first grader in the three schools; and fourth, Lion members visit each of these schools and test each Pre-schooler with the Lions Special KidSight Camera which detects amblyopia (lazy eye), and other eye conditions that can be treated if caught early enough.

Club members are pleased to present these projects and are happy that the funds they work for are able to fill such worthy community needs, and also, fulfilling the Lions motto, "We Serve".

For more info please call George Morley at 219-575-3575.
Photos submitted by Dennis Fischer.

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Kingsbury Elem. left to right:
Lion Joe Pahs; Lion Gene Flickinger; fourth grade
teachers Sabra Rodriguez, Laura Friten &
Lisa Vraharotos; Lion Dennis Fischer.



Kingsbury Elementary left to right:
Lion Joe Pahs; Lion Dennis Fischer; Carla Marhanka,
third grade teacher; Donna Council, third
grade teacher; Lion Gene Flickinger.



Riley Elementary left to right: Lion Dennis
Fischer; Amanda Doeppke, Office
Secretary; Lion
George Morley; Lion Cindy Fischer.



Kingsford Heights Elem. left to right:
Lion Joe Pahs; Lion Gene Flickinger; Amy
Kosior, School Principal; Lion Dennis Fischer.



Kingsbury Elem. left to right:
Lion Dennis Fischer; Preschool teachers Stephanie
Nordyke & Jenn Adamsky; Lion Joe Pahs;
Lion Gene Flickinger.

Door Village photos

**Photos of door village members Of Door Village Lions
Donate School Supplies to Three Area Schools.
Article on separate page**

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BASKETBALL

ShootOut

Mill Creek Community Lions Club Basketball
ShootOut

MARCH

MADNESS

9 AM DOORS OPEN

6

APRIL

Indian Trail Elementary





CROWN POINT LIONS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS



Ryan Elinkowski, (left) Executive Director of St. Jude House in Crown Point, a domestic violence shelter and prevention center spoke to the club. He talked about how safety for families is the biggest concern what is in place to protect them. This is a wonderful program that is supported approximately 70% by donations from organizations and individuals. We are honored to support their mission. Lion President Mary Jane DiMichele and Lion Treasurer Donna Worst (right) presented a check to support this cause. Go to St. Jude's website for mor information and items that can be donated. StJudeHouse.org



Chasing Dreams CEO, Denise Babjak (pictured left with Lion President Mary Jane DiMichele) spoke to the club on February 15, 2024. Chasing Dreams is the only organization in Northwest Indiana that is dedicated to the development of individuals of all ages, from birth through adulthood with a disability that offers free programs and services. Chasing Dreams has a learning center in Hobart providing the tools and skill for independent living.

ChasingDreams.org



Congratulations to Lion Donna Worst who received an award for 20 years of service with the Crown Point Lions Club. She is currently the club's treasurer and takes on many roles of service for the club, including; Bingo Chair, Dictionary Project, Eyeglasses for the needy, just to name a few. She is a dedicated Lion and is always ready and willing to volunteer when there is a need.





Crown Point Lions Club Spring Bingo

Thursday, March 21, 2024

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM * FIRST BINGO AT 6:00 PM

St. Elijah Church 8700 Taft Street - Merrillville, IN

Tickets are available at the door or presale from a Crown Point Lion

\$6.00/Person



Bingo and Door Prizes

Bring used eye glasses and receive extra Bingo cards

Tip Boards for Bacon, Sausage, Hams, etc.

50/50

Money Bingos

Loads of Prizes and Fun.

License #001729 - Event #160014

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

To support the St. John Township

Food Pantry

Saturday April 6, 2024 from 8 - 11 am



Hosted by:

The Schererville Lions Club

AND



St. John Township Trustee Cathy Lareau

St. John Township Community Center

1515 Lincoln Hwy.

Schererville, IN 46375

Pancakes, Sausage and

Scrambled Eggs

Juice, Milk, Coffee



Donations Requested

For More Information, please contact

Lion Robin Arvanitis at 219-718-9903

email: itsmissrobin@gmail.com

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Hobart Lions Club

The Hobart Lions Club is presenting checks to sponsor teams for Hobart Girls Softball and Little League. In the picture is Lion President Joe Larson with Hannah Velasquez and Erin Such.



MILL CREEK LIONS

THE MILL CREEK LIONS CLUB IS DONATING \$25 GIFT CERTIFICATES TO A LOCAL GROCERY STORE TO LAPORTE AREA VETERANS. WE HAVE SENT OUT 24 AS OF TODAY.



LOFS LIONS ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH @ THE SEASONS LAKEHOUSE

**COME TAKE A PICTURE
WITH THE EASTER
BUNNY 9A-9:45A AND
AFTER THE EGG HUNT**

EASTER EGG HUNT START TIMES:
10AM - AGES 5-7 AND 8-10
10:10AM - AGES 2-4

**BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM FOR THE LOCAL FOOD BANKS TO RECEIVE A TICKET FOR
THE GRAND PRIZE DRAWING AFTER THE EGG HUNT
DON'T FORGET TO OPEN YOUR EGGS BEFORE LEAVING TO SEE IF YOU WON ANY PRIZES!!!**



LAKES OF THE FOUR SEASONS LIONS CLUB - A 501C3 ORGANIZATION

Indiana Lions Vision Services adds National Vision Corporation as Provider

January 21, 2024

The Lions Clubs of Indiana and National Vision Corporation, owner of the *America's Best and Eyeglass World* brands, are partnering to help increase the supply of eye exams and glasses to Lions-referred patients. This will help increase treatment available to low-income children and adults screened by Lions vision screening programs.

Under this agreement, all twenty-seven *America's Best and Eyeglass World* stores will provide three to five appointments a week per store. Patients are referred from area Lions Clubs through their district vision services chairs to the closest available National Vision location.

Qualifying patients will meet Lions qualification of 200% of household federal poverty line, be at risk for loss of work, are enrolled as a student, or have significant personal safety risk due to uncorrected vision.

Patients will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Club referral to the eye care stores will be coordinated by the Lions district vision chairs. There will be no charge to patients for exams or glasses provided under the agreement.

Indiana Lions Clubs provide pre-school and school-age vision screening programs in cooperation with local school health professionals, pre-school administration, and Head Start programs statewide. Since the inception of these programs in 2008, Indiana Lions have screened over 1.3 million children.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest public service organization with over 1.4 million members in 210 countries. 8500 Indiana Lions serve Hoosiers from over 350 local clubs.

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

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



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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.

A message from Crown Point Lions....

Crown Point Lions Club is discontinuing
the collection of pill bottles.

It has come to our attention that there is an issue
about shipping the bottles to Doctor Without
Borders.

The current pill bottles will be shipped to an
organization that will use the bottles in the same
manor.

Therefore, effective immediately Crown Point Lions
will NOT be collecting any more pill bottles.

We thank you for your support with this project.

Crown Point Lions Club

Welcome New Members

MARCH 2024

Chesterton

STEPHEN S. BULL

Sponsor: BARBARA WILSON

Crown Point

JOHN M PISOWICZ

Sponsor: MARY JANE DIMICHELE

Gary NWI

JULIAN F CARR

Hamlet

GERALDINE C DEU

Sponsor: WENDY SEMANS

JOSHIAH KLINEDINST

Sponsor: ARTHUR BORRELLI

LOWELL

VALERIE KUS

Sponsor: SHERI REED

Members that have completed their service

HAMLET LIONS CLUB
JOHN SLUSHER
HAMLET, IN

LAKES OF THE FOUR SEASONS LIONS CLUB
WAYNE D KRONER
CROWN POINT, IN



Remembering a life of service