



# District 25A-Newsletter

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*"IN RUGBY, YOU SAY THE PHRASE  
'WITH YOU' WHEN YOU WISH TO HELP  
YOUR TEAMMATE.*

*LIONS, I AM 'WITH YOU' WHEN A FELLOW  
LION NEEDS HELP WITH A SERVICE  
PROJECT, FINDING NEW MEMBERS OR  
NEW LEADERS."*

DG-NICK GONZALEZ



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May 2023

*District Governor: Nick Gonzalez*

## Greetings fellow Lions of 25A!

My how time has flown! Feels like just yesterday I was planning Banner Night, now the year is almost over. The weather has shown flashes of warmth lately. As a lifelong Northwest Indiana resident, I know it is too early to pack away the winter garments. I wish you all success as you plan your spring projects. No service is too small! Whether you impact a handful or help an entire town, your work is mighty. Keep up the great work!

As I complete my year I wish to offer encouragement. I have a sense that some of you have not taken the time to invite me to your club for fear of embarrassment. Oh our club is too small, no sense wasting time on us. Erase that thought from your head. Sure, we'd love to have 50+ members in each club. It is not how many members you have in your club, but how large an impact you have on others.

Suppose you just have 7 members. 2 of your members are always at your equipment warehouse lending equipment. Another member volunteers at a hospital. Another member helps at a food pantry. The remaining members are frequently conducting KidSight screenings. 7 active members - that is beautiful!!

Service leads to membership. When you wear your Lions vest or shirt, you may capture someone's interest. There are people like us who enjoy serving. Let us continue to be visible and invite others to join us.

We are all in this together  
. To echo International President Brian Sheehan, together we can! We all love serving; let's continue to share our love with others. Please continue to look after fellow members who are not active due to work or illness. As I mentioned at the convention banquet, don't think of us as a district.

Think of us as a pride.  
We stick together!

Yours in Lionism,

*DG Nick Gonzalez*

### *DG Visits*

5/2-Cedar Lake  
5/4-St. John  
5/12-5/14-State  
Convention @  
Bloomington  
5/23- Lowell



**1st VDG-Stephen Helmken**

May 2023

*Lions SERVE*

I want to start by congratulating DG Nick on a successful convention. And let his convention committee know they did a good job. Also, congratulations to 1st VDGE Patty Cooke and to 2nd VDGE Jim Furlong. I'm looking forward to working with both of you in the next Lions year. For those that were voted in as new or returning Trustees to either a State Project or Foundation, good for you. I know I wasn't able to attend the convention this year, but I have heard good things from those that did attend.

This will be the first newsletter article I write without the help of my dear Alice. She was my editor, spell checker, and sometimes rewriter if she didn't like the way I worded something. So please bear with me as I begin to travel down a road, I don't want to travel but have to. Life has a way of bringing us many surprises. Some we like and some we don't. This "surprise" is one I truly don't like! But I know I must keep on traveling down this new road, that is my new life, and see what's ahead as I navigate it without my co-pilot.

My title for this article is "Lions SERVE." As a Lion we all know this is our motto. We serve our communities; we help those in need of food or a place to stay. We serve our grade schools by handing out dictionaries or doing eye glass screenings.

But I learned and saw that "Lions SERVE" isn't just about Lions serving in their communities. It's about Lions stepping up to SERVE other Lions when they are in need. It's about the Lions of District 25 A coming together to help this Lion whose wife just passed away.

There are so many Lions I need to say thank you to. The Lions who donated food, so that when I got home from Indianapolis there would be something in the refrigerator or freezer. Thank you, CS Carolyn Laviolette, for organizing the donations of food. And thanks to you and Lion Ken Laviolette, for delivering bag after bag to my house. For the food donations I want to thank Lions Gregg & Karen Buchmeier, Ed & Laurel Piontek, Fayettea Reed, Judy Shaffer, Jody Greer, PDG Randy & Pat Greer, CS Carolyn & Ken Laviolette, CT Sally & Clarence Davis, and 2 nd VDG Patty Cooke. I also want to thank Lion Kelly Kiel of Kiel Media, LLC, for putting Lion Alice's obituary in their newspapers. Lion Jason Kegebein for putting together and leading the Lions Memorial at Alice's visitation. I can't thank you enough.



**1st VDG-Stephen Helmken**

May 2023

*Lions SERVE*

Lions SERVE doesn't just happen in our communities or just in our District. It's something that happens statewide as well. Lions stepping up to help a fellow Lion in need. This was shown to me by the love and support I received from my "family" of fellow 1st VDGs who not only showed me a lot of support while Alice was in the hospital, but who came to her visitation too. For some this was a really long trip for a short visit. Thank you, 1st VDGs Patti Foxx, Glen Georges, Ron and Beth Guth, Ed Harper, Julia and Jeff Kozicki, and Terry Marker.

I have found in my years as a Lion that when you make friends with fellow Lions, they are friends for life. Lion Alice and I made some very close friends from our District and from throughout Indiana. The love and support I have received from them has shown me what Lions serving Lions mean. My dear honey would be blown away by how many Lions showed up during her visitation, funeral, and by how many sympathy cards I've received and from whom. I can't list all of you in this article, but you know who you are.

As I said at the beginning of this article, I am now traveling down a new road of life by myself. But I know because she was looking forward to this coming Lions year, when I become District Governor, that Lion Alice's spirit will be with me every step of the way.

I know that I have so many Lion friends who will travel with me when I need someone to go along.

In fact, I have a whole family of Lions that will help me navigate down my new road loaded with many "first times since...." that will lie ahead.

**With much gratitude for all Lions, District, State, and Nation, THANK YOU!**

*1st VDG Stephen J. Helmken*



May 2023



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## 2 VDG- Patty Cooke

### Hello Lions of District 25A

I hope you are all doing well. I am still waiting for spring to settle in – the recent 'summer' weather was too big a change. The 25A District Convention last month was fantastic. The new venue, the Dean and Barbara White Community Center, was great and our visiting ID, Lion Ken Ibarra, was very informative about upcoming changes at LCI. Even the storms on Friday night and the loss of power at the hotel did not dampen the spirit of the event. I do hope that you, your families and your homes were safe that night. When the voting was done on Saturday, I became your new 1VDG elect. I am very much looking forward to working with your other 2023-24 newly elected leaders: DG Lion Stephen Helmkin and 2VDG

Lion Jim Furlong. We will work together as a team to help District 25A grow stronger. I thank you very much for your support. Next year will be a time of change for Lions, Clubs and the District. Lions International is preparing for the launch of the new Lion Portal. This new website will combine the functionality of MyLion, MyLCI, Insights and other tools into one cohesive and consistent experience.

### Get ready for the new Lion Portal

Here are a few things you need to do:

- ✓ **Check you Lion Account information.** Make sure your information is correct and up to date in MyLCI or your regional reporting system. This includes your name, contact information and communication preferences.
- ✓ **Confirm you have a unique email address.** A unique email address (not shared with anyone else) is required for the new Lion Portal.
- ✓ **Stay up-to-date.** Check for news and resources at [lionsclubs.org/portal-updates](https://lionsclubs.org/portal-updates) or use the QR code.



*Lion Patty Cooke, 1VDG Elect*

May 2023

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If a Lion member does not use the Portal, then having a unique email address will not matter. Also, LCI is asking that member data is cleaned up prior to moving it to the new system. So, this would be a good time for club officers to review their member data to ensure that it is correct - especially birth

dates. Just a few years ago, only the birth year was stored, i.e. 1951. Then, the change was made to

include the month and year and birthdate defaulted to 1/1/1951. Most clubs by now have updated their member information to include the correct birthdate. However, there are still many 1/1 dates out

there. This is a great time to make sure all your member data is correct.

Next month, Lion Jim and I will be headed to the State Convention in Bloomington. I hope to see some of you there.

Take Care and Thank you for all you do



*Lion Patty Cooke, 1VDG Elect*





# PACK TO GIVE BACK

2023

## Corporate & Community Team Volunteering

Consider volunteering as a team! The Food Bank of Northwest Indiana has a variety of opportunities for corporate and community teams to volunteer together. From work and organizations like church groups, schools and social clubs; you can make a significant impact in the community, while promoting team-building among your colleagues or members.

Upcoming Team Shifts: January 25, March 29, May 19,  
July 6, September 7 & Giving Tuesday, November 28

- Choose time slot (9am – 11am or 1pm -3pm)
- Wear company logo gear
- Share & tag photos



For more information contact Charlie Cole, [ccole@foodbanknwi.org](mailto:ccole@foodbanknwi.org), 219-980-1777, EXT. 314

**Pack to Give Back Volunteering Event**  
**Friday May 19, 2023**  
**1p-3p**

**\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE CONTACT DG NICK IF YOU ARE  
PLANNING ON ATTENDING THIS EVENT\*\*\*\*\***



# DISTRICT RAFFLE



**RAFFLED OFF AT THE LAST CABINET  
MEETING HELD ON JUNE 29TH.  
TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE  
NEXT CABINET MEETING, JAN. 29.**

**THE COST IS  
\$5 PER TICKET.  
ONLY 300 TICKETS AVAILABLE**



Funds will support District 25A.



# *A Note from our Cabinet Secretary*

**To all of District 25A,  
Please report your new officers for 2023-2024 Term.**

**For those of you who have already reported this to  
LCI, thank you.**

**For those of you who have not, please do so as soon  
as you can. Even if your officers have not changed,  
you need to report to LCI.**

**Thanking you in advance,  
CS Carolyn Laviolette**



## **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**



## SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

### ***Club Officer Workshop***

Meet incoming District Governor Stephen Helmken and his Cabinet. Hear his goals for the district for the coming year. There will be breakaway workshops for Club Presidents (and incoming Vice Presidents), Club Secretaries (and District Administrators) and Club Treasurers. Even if you consider yourself **experienced** in your position we need you at this workshop for your wisdom, experience and advice for some of the new officers attending. Additionally, there are some changes coming to the Lions International Portal and there will be some training on that.

### **Where? When?**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

**507 South Rose Street**

**Kouts, IN**

**9:00 AM**

We tried to centrally locate this for everyone's convenience in our district. It should take no more than 3 hours, breakfast and snacks provided. Agenda follows.



**INDIANA MD25 WOMEN AND FAMILY EVENT**

*More Hands, More Hearts, More Service*



**Saturday May 6th**

**11:00am EST**

**Clermont Lions Club**

**3201 Tansel Rd, Clermont IN 46234**



**Speakers:**

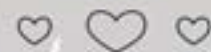
*Special Guest PDL Kathy Lozier*

**SPEAKING ABOUT LION CUBS  
AND RAISING YOUR CHILDREN IN LIONS**

*Wendy Semans, Family and  
Women State Chair*

**SPEAKING ON INVOLVING LEO'S AND  
MENTORING THEM IN THEIR LIONS JOURNEY**

**Free to all Lions and prospective Lions  
"Grazing Table" with light snacks provided  
Door Prizes, Great Fellowship, and Sharing  
Ideas**



*"Gathering like minded people from  
throughout the state to share ideas for  
growth and nurturing our  
Lions organization"*

**For more information or questions:  
Wendy Semans 219-851-2409 or wendyseman571@gmail.com**

# CONGRATULATIONS

INDIANA LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE GRADUATES!



## DISTRICT 25-A REPRESENTATIVES

2VDG-Jim Furlong

Merrillville  
Secretary-Rachel  
Ferrell

Merrillville  
President- Jay Ferrell



## Region 1 Combined Zone Meeting – Railcats

**Date:** June 11th game against the Cleburne RailRiders - Game starts @ 2  
**Picnic starts** when the Gates open @ 1PM and goes for 90 minutes.

**Meeting Location:** The Steelyard – Home of the Railcats  
 1 Stadium Plz  
 Gary, IN 46402

\*Note – This is a Prepaid Event – all you can eat - includes game ticket and general parking – for \$26 per person. If you have never been to "The Yard" – this is your chance – if you would like to attend the game and NOT the PICNIC – tickets are \$13 – the ballpark uses a wristband to attend the picnic portion – we want everyone to attend for fun and fellowship!

Please RSVP to one of the Zone Chairs by May 15 – All Lions their Families and Guests are Welcome:

1A ZC Lion Joy Robinson – [jrobinson28@hotmail.com](mailto:jrobinson28@hotmail.com) – 219-973-3457

1B ZC Lion James Furlong – [JIMFURL179@aol.com](mailto:JIMFURL179@aol.com) – 630-699-4278

1C ZC Lion Carlyle Edwards – [LionCarlyle01@gmail.com](mailto:LionCarlyle01@gmail.com) – 219-218-4372



**Koorsen**  
FIRE & SECURITY

**RAILCATS**

**PICNIC PATIO**

**\$26 PER PERSON**

**MENU**

- HOT DOGS
- HAMBURGERS
- BRATWURSTS
- BAKED BEANS
- HOUSE-FRIED CHIPS
- ICE CREAM SANDWICHES
- SODA AND WATER

**PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

- RESERVED TICKET TO THE GAME
- DESIGNATED PICNIC SEATING
- ALL YOU CAN EAT 90-MINUTE PICNIC STARTING WHEN GATES OPEN
- WELCOME MESSAGE ON JUMBOTRON

While we are not scheduling a Featured Speaker – we will have several people on hand who can work with anyone on:

The Lions Portal

Service Reporting

Leadership Roles at the District Level

New Lion Training

Open inquiries – *Freebird!*



### CROWN POINT LIONS CLUB

Meet Ashley McGarr, (left) the scholarship recipient of the St. Francis University Crown Point Lions Club Scholarship Program. She was our guest speaker April 20, 2023. Ashley thanked the Lions for the scholarship which will help her to complete her education in nursing. (Pictured right) Lion Julie Gardner, Asst. Dean St. Francis Univ. and Lion Cindy Beckman presenting a gift to Ashley.



Lion Dom and Mary Jane DiMichele presented Lion Joe Beckman with a 2017 Lions Clubs International Centennial Silver Dollar for his service to Crown Point Lions Club.



### SERVICE PROJECT

The Crown Point Lions Club was excited to be a part of the Southlake YMCA Safe Kids Day, April 22, 2023.

(pictured left to right) Lions Carla Smolek, Phylis Porio and Dr. Amanda Sprehe did the screening. Lion Carla also met a character who stopped to get his eyes checked too.



They spoke to lots of parents and got great feedback on positive experiences with the Lions

Vision programs including the Vision Screening.

The Lions screened 68 children and identified 7

that were referred for further testing. A number of people showed

interest in potentially joining the club. Great exposure for the club and

a fun time for the Crown Point Lions.



### FUNDRAISER

Bingo was a great success. Profit was over \$7499.00. Job Well Done!!! **Another Great Bingo Night for Crown Point Lions!!**







## LAKES OF THE FOUR SEASONS STEAK SALE

**The Lions Have Purchased 125 Cases of 12 oz. New York Strip Steaks. There are 16 steaks to a case for \$110.00.**

**The Steak Sale starts March 11, 2023.**

**Deadline to order steaks will be April 21, 2023.**

**If you would like to order, contact any Lions Club member or you can also contact Lion Linda Kroner at 219-765-3990 or email [lkroner1159@comcast.net](mailto:lkroner1159@comcast.net) . You can mail your form and check to Linda at 1159 Sunnyslope Crown Point, IN. 46307.**

**Please make checks payable to LOFS Lions Club.**

**Pickup will be in the morning of April 29, 2023 at the Seasons Lakehouse from 9am till 11am!**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

12 oz. Case (16 Steaks) \$110    Number of Cases \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cash: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Check Amount \_\_\_\_\_

# MILL CREEK LIONS CLUB



The Mill Creek Community Lions held their 10th annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 8th at the Indian Trail Elementary School. Over fifty (50) children 6 month - 10 years participated in the event. Eye screening on those six years and younger, for Amblyopia was also performed.

Pictured are Kevin and Connie Roe with President Barbara Berby. The Roe's did the Amblyopia screenings at our Easter Egg Hunt April 8.



For Immediate Release  
April 9, 2023

Lions ready and waiting for the children to arrive left to right: Lion Dennis Fischer, Lion in Training Max Unger, Lion Sue Kaiser, Lion Bonnie Olson, Former Lion Member Patrick Steel/Easter Bunny Extrordinaire, Lion Gene Flickinger, Lion Nancy Weaver and Lion George Morley



Photo above left, left to right: Lion Bonnie Olson, girls Liberty and Justice with Lois Timmons.



## DOOR VILLAGE LIONS CLUB

### HOST ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT



Scipio Township Park in downtown Door Village was the popular place to be on Saturday April 9th at 9 AM. Parents from the entire area surrounding Door Village brought their children or grandchildren and enjoyed yet another fun event. At last count there were around 100 adults and children with children far outnumbering adults. The picnic tables in the shelter were covered with toys and puzzles and games of every kind for the lucky children who found eggs with the word Prize on them. When the eggs were all gathered and the children returned to the shelter, you should have been there watching the children picking out their choice of prizes in their age category. Lions in Training Max Unger and Sam Veach took the prize eggs from the children and then helped guide them to the proper group of prizes for their age. Winners were so impressed with the prizes and the Lions Sue Kaiser, Bonnie Olson, Nancy Weaver and Dennis Fischer, who were also helping with the prizes enjoyed seeing the faces light up when each child made their final selection.

Lions Gene flickinger, George Morley and former Lions Patty and Patrick Steel/the ever so popular Easter Bunny stayed to the end and made sure the Lions and the crowd didn't leave the park with any unsightly litter. Parents and grandparents alike were complimenting the Lions, and Door Village Methodist Church member Lois Timmons and her two girls Justice and Liberty told Lion Eric Veach they "thought the event seemed to just get better and better each year."

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



**American  
Red Cross**

Community of Giving

## **Merrillville Lions Club Blood Drive**

**May 18, 2023  
1pm-5pm**

**American Red Cross Donation Center**  
791 83<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Merrillville, IN  
Donor Room

**Make a Difference in Your Community!**

For an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org)

Sponsor Code: MerrillvilleLions

Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

Or Scan QR code



[redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org) | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | Download the Blood Donor App

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## *Wanatah Lions Club*

**Adults and children gathered for the Lions Easter Egg hunt in Lions Park. Cash prizes were awarded for the top 3 egg gatherers in each age group. Candy was plentiful!**



## *Wanatah Lions Club*

**Lion Pat H and Kathy G completed a landscaping project at the Wanatah Lions park. Additional flowers will be added at a later date. The new Lions flag will fly proudly with the Stars and Stripes.**

# **SOUTH HAVEN LIONS CLUB**

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## **GOLF OUTING**



# **SATURDAY JUNE 24, 2023**



**CHECK IN 7 AM / SHOTGUN 8 AM**

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## **DUCK CREEK GOLF COURSE**

**638 N. 700 W. HOBART, IN. 46342**

**Cost per person: \$75.00**

**Cost per team: \$300.00 Team  
deposit: \$75.00**

**(food & drink included in registration cost)**



**Registration  
form  
on back!**

- Skins & Pins**
- Raffles**
- Door Prizes**
- 1st Place  
wins \$400**





# **Golf Outing Registration Form**

## **Scramble FOUR a Cause!**

### **Benefiting South Haven Lions Club Projects**



**Location: Duck Creek Golf Course 638 N. 700  
W. Hobart, IN. 46342**

**When: Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Registration @ 7 am / Shotgun @ 8 am**

**Cost: \$75 per person / \$300 per team / \$75 deposit per team**

**Contact Information:**

**Team Name:**

**Team Captain:**

**Contact Number:**

**2.**

**3.**

**4.**

**Participation Entry:**

**Individual (\$75)**

**Foursome (\$300)**

**Deposit (\$75)**

**Payment Method:**

**Cash or Check**

**\_\_\_\_\_or**

**PayPal**

**For questions, please contact Randy Greer (728.8432) or Lion  
Ken Laviolette (741.4915)**

**Submit Payment & Form to: Lion Ken Laviolette 3017 Bender St.  
Portage, IN. 46368**



## OD Leos

The OD Leo's "Egged" 8 houses, with a total of 23 children. The Leo's received names of children that may not have had an Easter if it had not been for the Leo's giving Easter eggs with treats inside and every child received a Chocolate Easter Bunny. We were able to hide and watch the children as they came outside and saw their surprises and what joy it brought them.

### Indiana Lions Foundation State Fair Project Needs a Golf Cart



If you have worked for the Indiana Lions Foundation at the Indiana State Fair in recent years, you know that our project team members use golf carts to transport volunteers around the fairgrounds. In recent years, the State Fair provided a 6-passenger cart and a 4-passenger cart. This week, we were notified that the State Fair will be able to provide us with only a 6-passenger golf cart this year. Consequently, we hope to find someone who will donate the use of a 4-passenger golf cart for our use during the Indiana State Fair. If you know an individual or organization that might be willing to donate the use of a 4-passenger golf cart or rent a cart for a nominal fee, please make the initial contact with the potential

donor to confirm they are willing to work with us, then contact Lion Rose Russell (RoseWRussell@gmail.com or 574-250-0125) with the donor's contact information.

We have less than 100 days until Opening Day of the 2023 Indiana State Fair. If you have not already signed up to work, please do so today at <http://IndianaLionsFoundationMD25.org/>.





**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**

PDG Robin Smith  
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# *Merrillville Lions Club* **START YOUR GRILLS!**



## LINZ MEAT SALE



We Serve

**Pack 1- 8pc 10 oz Ribeye steak boneless and 8pc 8oz  
steakhouse burgers- \$120**

**ORDERS MUST BE PREPAID**

**Pack 2- 6pc 10 oz Ribeye Steak Boneless, 8 pc 8oz  
Steakhouse Burgers, 2 pc 10 oz Bone-in Pork Chops-  
\$115**

**Orders must be placed by May 6, 2023**

**Call Lion Ellen to place your order at 1-219-718-0203**



**PICK UP DAY ON MAY 11TH AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 430**







# You'll Love The New LIONS PORTAL



**But, we have some important dates & club actions first – 6/15/23 is the date to remember!**

**7/15/23-7/24/23: Target Conversion Date**

**Before 6/15/23: Enter all club officers for 2023-2024**

**Before 6/15/23: Enter service activity for events prior to 6/1/23. Reporting for 6/1/23 going forward will be in the new system after conversion**

**Before 6/15/23: Record any club or donations to LCIF are in the bank with the appropriate supporting documentation for recognition.**

**Before 6/15/23: Make sure club data is accurate for this year (2022-2023). For Example, new members, sponsors, new clubs formed, transfers and other end of year activities specific to clubs are correct and recorded in MyLion/MyLCI**

- **Make sure every member has an email listed and no shared emails can be used in the new LIONS PORTAL.**
- **Make sure member birthdays are entered since birth dates in MyLCI will be converted - even the old conversion 1/1/1900 date! Hint: in MyLCI under reports run "Member Information Update Report" and have your members update their info!**
- **Training is slated to begin in late April 2023 - Stay tuned!**

## **DONATIONS WANTED!**

The Indiana Lions State Convention is quickly approaching. The Convention Committee is asking for silent auction items to help achieve our mission of providing relief to those in need. We can use items unique to your geographic locations. Perhaps there are very talented members in your local clubs that love to craft. And... who can't use a spa/relaxation treatment, or maybe a movie night would interest people.

Please bring your auction items to the Convention Center. If you know in advance what item(s) you are bringing, contact me and I will prepare a bid sheet.

Thank you in advance.

If you have any questions, please contact Lion Cheri Faulkner at 317-271-3314, via text or voicemail or you can email me at [clermontlionlady58@yahoo.com](mailto:clermontlionlady58@yahoo.com).

**Lion Cheri Faulkner, Silent Auction Chair for the Indiana Lions State Convention.**

Your State Convention Needs You.

The Indiana Lions State Convention being held in Bloomington IN, May 12<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup> needs your help. We would like every club to donate an item for the silent auction. Where the money will go will be determined by the International President at the convention. IP Brian is a penguin guy so he or his wife may possibly bid on an item or two...

Please assist if you can. You can contact me for more information at [clermontlionlady58@yahoo.com](mailto:clermontlionlady58@yahoo.com) or calling me at 317-271-3314.

Thank you Lion Cheri Faulkner



**TOGETHER WE WILL (IN BLOOMINGTON IN MAY, 11-14, 2023)**

PDG Gary Ochs and I want to give EVERY Lion a personal invitation to attend the **102nd 2023 Indiana Lions State Convention in Bloomington, Indiana on May 11-14 -2023**. All Lions will have a great opportunity to meet other Lions, hear great speakers, attend wonderful seminars and learn what wonderful things that the Lions are doing across the State of Indiana. But for one especial reason to come to the convention, you will have the opportunity to meet one particular Lion, **OUR INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT BRIAN SHEEHAN**. President Brian and his wife will be the special guests of Indiana Lions and will be traveling to Indiana just **TO MEET YOU, HEAR FROM YOU, AND TO GET YOUR INPUT FOR THE BETTERMENT OF LIONS**.

The convention will start on Friday, May 12, 2023. You can come into Bloomington and stay at either the Courtyard at the Monroe County Convention Center or at the Hyatt Place on Kirkwood. Both of those hotels have blocks of rooms reserved for the Lions at rates that you will not want to pass up. See the registration form for the specific details to register with the block reserved from the Lions.

On Friday morning, there will be a presentation in the Monroe County Convention Center on the limestone industry of Lawrence and Monroe Counties. This industry has in the past provided the limestone for major monuments and buildings in Washington DC as well as in numerous states and countries. We will have a special speaker from Bloomington to make this presentation to the Lions. This will be given on Friday morning at 9:00 am, so you will want to plan to attend this event.

Friday night the Ellettsville Lions will be sponsoring a bar-b-q dinner with the High Sierra band performing at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. This will take place prior to the first general business session of the convention at the convention center. The dinner will be sure to be a good time to catch up with old friends and make new friends over great food and music. The first business session will be the official beginning of the convention.

Saturday is filled with the district caucuses, vendors, exhibits, the second general business session, seminars, and the **ALL STATE BANQUET**. See the full schedule of events for the convention at [www.indianalionsconvention.org](http://www.indianalionsconvention.org). One seminar will be led by But make sure to plan to attend the All State Banquet. Not only will he have the keynote address from IP Brian, but will lead a seminar at 1:30 in the afternoon and his wife, Lion Lori, will lead a seminar at 2:30 pm. But at the All State Banquet, you will want to enjoy the presentation from the **INDIANA SINGING HOOSIERS** that will perform during our dinner meal. This will be a great performance given just for the Indiana Lions.

Sunday will be a special day of remembrance for those Lions whom we have lost in the past year. PDG Newell Clifton and his wife Lions Judy, will lead the memorial service and help us remember those we cherish for their past service. The brunch will fill you up and we will conclude the convention with the third business session. At the end of the third business session all the ladies will receive a gift for attending the convention on Mother's Day. All in all, the convention will be a busy and exciting time for the Lions of Indiana. Make plans now to attend in Bloomington and have a great experience being a Lion. We both look forward to seeing you in May.

See you then, PDG Mark Clark, & PDG Gary Ochs.



# TOGETHER WE WILL!

## 2023 Indiana Lions State Convention

Monroe Convention Center  
302 S. College Ave.  
Bloomington, IN 47403

May 12-14, 2023

### CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOK ADVERTISING APPLICATION FORM

#### WHAT MAKES A GOOD AD?

- Events-Advertise a Club, district, community or business event...
- Honors-Thank a Lion, recognize an employee, congratulate a VDG...
- Welcome IP to Indiana and thank sponsors
- Show Club pride! Share Club History!

The 2023 Convention Program Book will be the standard 8.5" x 11" page. Please circle to indicate chosen size/price. **Deadline for submission is Saturday, April 1, 2023.**

Full Page	Half Page	Quarter Page	Business Card Size
7" x 10"	7" x 8"	3.5" x 5"	3.5" x 2"
	Horizontal Only	Vertical Only	
\$250	\$150	\$75	\$50

To place your ad: 1. Email your digital ad to [PCCJim.Query@yahoo.com](mailto:PCCJim.Query@yahoo.com)  
2. Mail your check (payable to Lions of Indiana, Inc. State Convention),  
with this completed application to: PCC Jim P.M. Query  
2408 Shepard Patrick Rd.  
Spencer, IN 47460

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

Club, Organization, Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_





## 2023 Indiana Lions 102<sup>nd</sup> State Convention

Hosted by District 25E

May 12, 13, 14, 2023



### Bloomington/Monroe County Convention Center

with special guests: International President Brian Sheehan and Lion Lori

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR OWN LODGING BY APRIL 11, 2023

Courtyard by Marriott Convention Hotel (attached to Convention Center)

310 South College Avenue, Bloomington, IN 47401 (Free Parking available at Convention Center)

Room Rate: \$109.00 per night, plus tax, until April 11, 2023.

Call 1-812-335-8000 for Reservations and mention LIONS CLUB 2023 in making the reservation

Hyatt Place Hotel: 217 S. Kirkwood Avenue, \$119 per night w/ breakfast

Hyatt Hotel does charge for parking; 1 1/2 block north of Convention Center & free parking

Call 812-339-5950 and use block code LION for the reservation.

Come and visit several Lions project tables and related booths including a USA/Canada Forum apparel vendor.

Friday Golf Outing to be at Stonecrest Golf Club – 18 holes at \$39. Meet in the hotel lobby.

**Scooter rental is \$120 for Friday thru Sunday.**

Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, MONROE COUNTY LIMESTONE PRESENTATION

### Registration Form (one per person)

Register Online and pay with PayPal: [www.indianalionsconvention.org](http://www.indianalionsconvention.org)

**Deadline: All Registration Forms must be postmarked by April 30, 2023.**

Please print name/Lions Title as desired on name badge:

Name and Lion Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your FIRST Indiana Lions State Convention (circle one) **Yes** **No**

Attend the Friday morning Monroe County Limestone Presentation (circle one) **Yes** **No**

**Friday Evening BBO Dinner** at Monroe County Fairground Sponsored by Ellettsville Lions Club

Choose pulled pork: \_\_\_\_\_ or pulled chicken: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 18.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Lunch:** sandwich bar: chips, seasonal fresh fruit, pickle spear & drink

Choose warm beef & swiss sub w/ lettuce & tomato: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Or grilled ham & cheese on sourdough bread: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Night Banquet:** Choose 1 Entrée below

Choose: citrus glazed pork chop \_\_\_\_\_ mushroom chopped steak \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 28.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday Brunch:** fried chicken, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit, bacon, french toast \$ 20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Strides Walk** T-shirt Size (S to 3XL, other) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 18.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**2023 Indiana Convention Pin** \$ 4.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Scooter Rent (Friday thru Sunday)** \$120.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Registration Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary needs, list here: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this Registration Form and Your Check, payable to  
Indiana Lions State Convention 2023 to  
CT Debbie Ellis, 8262 East Center Road, Sullivan, IN. 47882  
Contact Info: 1-812-798-2096 or [ellisdebbie259@gmail.com](mailto:ellisdebbie259@gmail.com)

## 2023 Indiana Lions 102<sup>nd</sup> State Convention Schedule

### Friday May 12<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am-11:00am Welcome to Monroe County Limestone Quarries Presentation in Bloomington Indiana. Enjoy a historic limestone slideshow presentation with Duncan Campbell, an experienced preservationist with a passion for limestone. During the presentation you will learn about the deep history and heritage of the world-renowned limestone industry that exists in Monroe County and nearby Lawrence County, Indiana. Campbell's presentation will last approximately one hour. A special 2023 Convention limestone gift will be presented to you for attending.

9:00am	Golf Outing	Courtyard Lobby
9am-6pm	Convention Committee Staging / Break	Cook Group West
9am-11am	Monroe County Limestone Quarries Presentation	Cook Group East
9am-noon	Exhibits setup	Olcott Young/Upstairs Hall
9am-noon	Silent Auction setup	Convention Hall Lobby
9am-noon	Blue Frog Vendor setup	Finch Room
9am-noon	Registration Table Setup	Information Desk
Noon-5pm	Registration open	Information Desk
Noon-5pm	Exhibits open	Olcott Young/Upstairs Hall
Noon-5pm	Silent Auction open	Convention Hall Lobby
Noon-5pm	Blue Frog Vendor (LCI Apparel vendor)	Finch Room
1pm-2:30pm	Cabinet Secretary Training	Ralph Rogers
2pm-4pm	Service Project	Zebendon/Hansen
2:30-3pm	Credentials Committee Meeting	Ralph Rogers
3pm-5pm	Credentials open	Lobby
5:00-7:30pm	BBQ at the Monroe County Fair Grounds	Fair Grounds
7:30-8:30pm	General Session #1	Duke Energy East/West
15 minutes after General Session	Hospitality	Hospitality Area in Hotel

### Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>

8am-4pm	Registration open	Information Desk
8am-4pm	Exhibits open	Olcott Young/Upstairs Hall
8am-3pm	Silent Auction open	Convention Hall Lobby
8am-5pm	Blue Frog Vendor	Finch Room
8:00-9:00	District A	Cook Group West
	District B	Cook Group East
	District C	Zebendon
	District D	Hansen
	District E	Duke Energy West
	District F	Duke Energy East
	District G	Ralph Rogers
9:00am-4pm	Credentials open	Lobby
9:15am-10:00	Strides Walk	Back Parking Lot
10am-11am	Leader Dog Quarterly Meeting	Ralph Rogers
10:30-11:45am	General Session #2	Duke Energy East/West
11:55-1:15pm	Awards Luncheon	Great Room



## 2023 Indiana Lions 102<sup>nd</sup> State Convention Schedule

### Afternoon Seminars First Session: 1:30 pm to 2:20 pm

1:30-2:20pm	<b>Seminar #1</b> "Together We Can, Together We Will" with IP Brian Sheehan for Club Presidents and Vice Presidents (Everyone Welcome)	Duke Energy West Room
1:30-2:20pm	<b>Seminar #2</b> Indiana Lions Foundation and Holding Corp. Presented by PDG Don Cooper	Hansen Room
1:30-2:20pm	<b>Seminar #3</b> Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing Inc. Presented by PDG Alan Arnold	Cook Group East Room
1:30-2:20pm	<b>Seminar #4</b> Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Presented by PDG Connie Roe	Cook Group West Room
1:30-2:20pm	<b>Seminar #5</b> Indiana Lions Leader Dogs for the Blind Presented by Lion Pauline Ulrey	Ralph Rogers

### Afternoon Seminars Second Session: 2:30 pm to 3:20 pm

2:30-3:20pm	<b>Seminar #6</b> Lions in Motion and LCIF Presented by Lion Lori Sheehan and PDG Ken Faulkner	Duke Energy West Room
2:30-3:20pm	<b>Seminar #7</b> How to add new members into your Club Presented by PDG Charlie Short	Hansen Room
2:30-3:20pm	<b>Seminar #8</b> Indiana Lions Cancer Control Fund Presented by Lion Bev Coombs	Cook Group East Room
2:30-3:20pm	<b>Seminar #9</b> VisionFirst Indiana Lions Eye Bank Presented by PDG Kevin Roe	Cook Group West Room
3:30-4:00pm	PDG meeting	Cook Group East Room
5:15-5:45pm	Receiving Line prep (Council, IP, & PDs)	Cook Group West
5:45-6:45pm	Receiving Line	Outside Great Room
6:45-7:00pm	Introductions	Great Room (Spotlight)
7:00pm	Welcome and Opening	Great Room
7:15pm	Begin Serve Dinner	Great Room
7:15-7:50pm	the "Singing Hoosiers" Perform	Great Room
7:55pm	Formal Introduction of IP Brian Sheehan	Great Room
8pm	Keynote Speaker and Awards	Great Room
15 minutes after All State Banquet	– Hospitality	Hospitality Area in Hotel

### **Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup>**

6-7am	Credential Committee Breakfast (not on printed schedule)	Ralph Rogers Room
8am-noon	Blue Frog Vendor	Finch Room
8am-10am	Voting	Hansen Room
9am-noon	Exhibits open (if they choose to open)	Olcott Young
9am-10am	Memorial Service	Duke Energy East/West
10:30-noon	Key Member Brunch/Keynote Speaker <u>"Mother's Day Presentation at Brunch"</u>	Great Room
12:30-1:30pm	General Session #3	Duke Energy East/West
1:45pm	Council Meeting	Zebendon/Hansen

# Welcome New Members

MAY 2023

## EAST CHICAGO EVENING

VERONICA FLORES

Sponsor: BENJAMIN FLORES

EDNA GONZALEZ

Sponsor: BENJAMIN FLORES

## HAMLET

JOHN M ANELLO

Sponsor: LARRY JERNAS

KATHERINE A BYERLY

Sponsor: MITCHELL SEMANS

## RENSSELAER

MIKAYLA SEELL

Sponsor: SHERYL HARTMAN

## STAR CITY

KELSIE ZELLERS

Sponsor: KATHLEEN THOMPSON



# *Members that have completed their service*

MARY ANDRES  
LAKE STATION, IN

JOSEPH M CLIFFORD  
VALPARAISO, IN

Alice Helmken  
Laporte, IN



## *Remembering a life of service*