

LIONS DISTRICT 25 A NEWSLETTER

Coming Together to Serve

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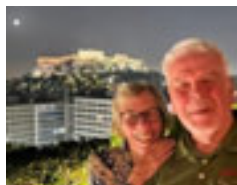
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MAY 2026

District Governor Jim Furlong



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Final Cabinet Meeting

Please come and join me at my fourth and final cabinet meeting on Sunday June 14 from 1-4 at the Leroy Community Center located at 5524 E. 145th Ave. This date is a change from what we put in the District Directory back in July 2025.

Leroy is located south of Lakes of the Four Seasons on US231. If coming from I-65 (or thru Crown Point) take Exit 247 and go Southeast on 231 to Leroy and turn South on Elkhart St (right) to 145th Ave and turn left (east). If coming from Hebron go Northwest on 231 to Leroy and turn South on Elkhart (left) to 145th Ave and turn left (east) to 5524.

We're going to have a steak fry. Price will be \$15 but I ask everyone to bring a side dish for all to enjoy. We will provide steak seasoning and steak sauce.

Come have a good time with me.

Make sure we respect our Fellow Lions

I've been concerned about a troubling trend recently. I'm seeing more...how should I say it politely...dissension in the ranks. I don't expect a Christmas card from every Lion in the District. But I do give, and expect to receive, respect for every Lion. Why

One of the things that makes me proud to be a Lion is that, at our core, we lead with service and heart. We volunteer because we care about our neighbors, our communities, and people who need a helping hand. That shared purpose is what unites us as Lions — even when we don't always see eye to eye on everything else.

From time to time, we're going to disagree. That's normal in any organization made up of passionate, thoughtful people. Different backgrounds, experiences, and opinions are part of what makes our clubs strong. But how we handle those differences matters. As Lions, we should always aim to treat one another with respect, even when we strongly disagree. Listening, staying calm, and assuming good intentions go a long way toward keeping our clubs healthy and welcoming.

District Governor Jim Furlong

Respect doesn't mean we all have to think the same way. It means remembering why we're here in the first place. We serve side by side because we care — about our service projects, our fellow Lions, and the communities depending on us. When we let disagreements turn personal or dismissive, we risk losing sight of that mission and, worse, losing good Lions who simply want to serve.

Let's be intentional about choosing kindness and understanding. Let's model the behavior we want others to see in our communities. When we treat each other with patience and dignity, we reflect the very best of Lionism. At the end of the day, we may not all agree on every issue, but we are all Lions because we care — and that shared commitment is always bigger than our differences.

Yours in Lionism,

DG Jim





Volunteering with the Lions Club allows individuals to serve their local communities while connecting to a global network of over **1.4 million members**. In District 25A (Indiana), this work focuses on practical, boots-on-the-ground service that addresses immediate local needs.

The Core Roles of a Lion

Volunteering is structured around the **Global Action Team (GAT)**, which enables that every club has the leadership and resources necessary to succeed.

- **Service (GST):** The primary focus. Volunteers organize and execute local projects, such as vision screenings in schools, hosting community dinners, or managing local food pantries.
- **Leadership (GLT):** Lions provides extensive training for volunteers who wish to take on administrative roles, such as Club President, Secretary, or District Cabinet positions.
- **Membership (GMT):** Volunteers help grow the organization by identifying communities members who want to give back, ensuring the club's longevity.

How to Get Involved

1. **Find a Local Club:** Most towns in Indiana have a dedicated club. Meetings are usually once or twice a month to plan upcoming events.
2. **Identify Your Passion:** Some volunteers prefer physical labor (building ramps, cleaning Parks), while others prefer administrative work (social media, accounting, or event planning).
3. **Attend a Project:** The best way to understand the impact is to help at a local event, such as a community fundraiser or a health screening.

Why it Matters

Unlike many global organizations, **100% of public donations** to Lions Club go directly toward service projects. All administration costs are covered by members dues, ensuring that the volunteer's time and the community's money stay focused on the mission.

DGE Dave Dickinson

Second Vice District Governor Wendy Semans

Hello Lions and Leo's.

State convention is this weekend, hope to see everyone there, it is always good to see old friends and a great way to learn about Lions and a fun way to see some of your fellow Lions earn awards.

I hope everyone has been working on elections for their clubs and gets them recorded I am sure DGE David would greatly appreciate it so our directory can get done timely.



The last Cabinet meeting will be on June 14th, details to follow but come out and show your appreciation to our DG Jim for a great year.

Hope to see you all soon and remember, reach out and let me know what your clubs are doing.



LCIF Report May 2026



Lions Clubs International Foundation

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A follow up on the Lake Village tornado. District 25A Lions put in almost 400 man hours volunteering! They picked up food, delivered and served meals to the people affected by the tornado, the first responders and those helping to clean up the area.

A big Thank you to all the Lions that volunteered and especially to LCIF for the quick response in providing a much-needed grant. When you volunteer in a situation like that you see first-hand exactly how your donation to LCIF can help when needed.

At this time **65%** of the Lions Clubs in District 25A have donated to LCIF. Help us achieve our goal of **100%** participation. The last time we achieved this was during 2021-2022. Any amount helps us make our goal.

As you come to the end of your club year; think about awarding that deserving Lion with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. A donation of \$1,000 is needed for the award. Many clubs are close to that amount in their LCIF account. Please contact either PDG Nick or PDG Randy for your club status and any questions you may have. We would be happy to help you with the application and presentation of the award.

Thank you! Your donation makes a difference!



St. John Lions

The St. John Lions were busy with several events and service projects this month. They served breakfast with the Easter Bunny and did vision screening and Plinko for the kids. They registered children for the Easter Egg Hunt.

The Club also provided disaster relief by serving food to residents, first responders and volunteers at the site of the tornado.



South Haven Lions Club

The South Haven Lions Club has been an active group in our community, helping when & where there was a need since 1965. We continue to do so to the best of our ability. We don't just collect eyeglasses & hearing aids (both important projects) but we also provide other valuable services such as loaning durable medical equipment to those with a need, providing eye screening to pre-schoolers (when assessable) and helping those of all ages in need of eyeglasses. We donate monies to our Boys & Girls Club, Gabriel' Horn Homeless Shelter, and Family Promise, just to name a few. We gave out three scholarships to graduating seniors from Portage High School this year. Haven Hallow Fest, in October, finds us partnering with the Portage Township Trustee's office for an evening of family, food & fun. We have provided lunches for the first responders and continue to donate monies to our local food pantries. We especially enjoy ringing the bells for the Salvation Army & plan to do so again this year.

But our favorite activity remains our *South Haven Lions Club Christmas Event* where we provide Christmas presents and food baskets to families less fortunate in our community. Our coffers have been strained as everyone's has been. But again, we have an opportunity, with your help, to continue assisting our community (especially with our Christmas Project)!

Saturday, June 27, 2026, at the Duck Creek Golf Course, the **South Haven Lions Club** will be hosting our annual Scramble Golf Outing, open to all golfers! The check-in time is 7AM with the Shotgun Start at 8AM. (See attached flier)

With your support we will be able to continue reaching out to the youth and others with needs in this community. There are various ways that you can contribute to the success of this event:

- A. Sponsor a hole(s) sign(s) for \$50 each**
- B. Provide a door prize (i.e. gift certificates, items from your businesses, etc)**
- C. Become a golf ball sponsor for \$250.00**
- D. Donate items for our "goody bags" for the golfers (approx. 100 items)**
- E. Make a donation towards our food & beverage fund**

Whichever option(s) you choose, you can be sure that your support and that of many other businesses will be helpful in our efforts to serve this community. Monetary donations can be made by cash or check (**South Haven Lions Club**) For more information, contact **Lion Ken Laviolette** (219-741-4915, KDLCSL89@HOTMAIL.COM) or **PDG Lion Randy Greer** (219-728-8432, lionrandy@yahoo.com).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
THE SOUTH HAVEN LIONS CLUB



SOUTH HAVEN LIONS CLUB

2026 GOLF OUTING



Saturday, June 27, 2026
Check-In: 7:00 AM | Shotgun Start: 8:00 AM

\$75 per Person
\$300 per Team
(4 Players)
\$75 Team Deposit

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

- ✓ Skins & Pins
- ✓ Raffles & Door Prizes
- 🏆 1st Place: \$400 Prize
- ✓ Food & Drinks Included



REGISTER TODAY!



Scan the QR code to quickly register for our Golf Outing through Zeffy!

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 27th, 2026
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

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

A promotional poster for a Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. The background is a rustic wooden surface decorated with pink flowers. At the top left is the Lions International logo. The text is arranged in a hierarchy: the club name, the event title in large stylized fonts, the date and time, a call to action, a list of included items, pricing, location, special features, and contact information. A stack of pancakes with fruit and syrup is the central visual element, surrounded by other breakfast dishes and a raffle basket.

LIONS INTERNATIONAL South Haven Lions Club

Mother's Day

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Saturday, May 9, 2026
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKES!

FULL BREAKFAST INCLUDES:

- Eggs • Biscuits & Gravy
- Potatoes • Sausage
- Breakfast Casserole

\$12 ADULTS | \$6 CHILDREN (UNDER 6)

SOUTH HAVEN AMERICAN LEGION POST 502
429 W 750 N, Valparaiso, IN 46385

SPECIAL FEATURES:

- First 50 Moms Receive a Flower
- 50/50 Drawing
- Raffle Basket

FOR QUESTIONS:
Andrea: 219-309-0409
Laura: 219-615-1702

LOFS Lions Club



The LOFS Lions supported the environment by planting two trees, one in Lions Park, one in Baran’s Park. Baran’s Park was selected for a tree as it has no plants or trees in it. Lions Park, of course, was selected due to the presence of many other trees and park equipment donated by the LOFS Lions Club.

The plantings, on April 24th during Lion’s Environmental Week, were assisted by Master Gardener Kim and Master Gardener

Helen, both employed by the LOFS community.

Oak trees were selected due to their positive environmental impact, including shade, air quality, support of wildlife, and reduction of soil erosion. A single oak tree can support over 500 caterpillar species, essential for bird populations.

Lions Bill S, Chuck D, Jeanne D, Jackie K and Jim C were part of the planting team. The larger of the two trees could not have been successfully planted without the help of Kim and Helen, their expertise was essential.



LOFS Lions Club

The LOFS Lions held an Easter Egg Hunt, no wait...it's going to rain! What's a Lion to do?

Chairperson Christy Rogala and her committee deftly pivoted to an indoor/outdoor Easter Bunny event at the 19th hole outdoor shelter. Children were given bags of Easter eggs by age group, opening them onsite to check for candy and prizes.

Photos with the Easter Bunny were a featured part of the event, and families were grateful that the event wasn't canceled due to the weather. Children were also able to color pictures and play games. The LOFS Lions were very pleased with the way the event went. Could this become the new normal?



LaPorte Lions Club

La Porte Lions gave out the first of seven \$250 checks to La Porte Community elementary school libraries April 27. The donations began several years ago when Lion Oscar Ryl-Kuchar was president of the club and are given annually.

The first check was given to Riley Elementary School librarian Christine Voss by Ryl-Kuchar, accompanied by Lion Sandra Provan and the Lion, Ryl-Kuchar's son, Paul. "This donation will help so, so much!" Said Voss.

Other schools receiving checks were Crichfield, Indiana Trail, Kingsford Heights, Kingsbury, Handley and Hailmann.



Door Village Lions Club

Door Village Lions Host Senior Citizens Bingo Party

Members of the Door Village Lions club just completed their annual Senior Citizens Bingo Games for residents of the Door Village community, and the entire party was a huge success with over 50 seniors attending and enjoying the free bingo games & prizes and the large selection of sweet treats served by Lions Bonnie Olson, Cindy Fischer, Sue Kaiser, Gene Flickinger, Stephen Helmkin, Cindy Polito, Dennis Fischer, Carol Pahs, Joe Pahs, Nancy Weaver and George Morley. Lion Cindy Polito called the bingo numbers and provided a generous amount of levity with her commentary. Several Lions provided bingo prizes with Lion Bonnie Olson purchasing the majority of them, and she also got the paper products, desserts and beverages. The cakes, cookies, cheesecakes and various other sweets were provided by members or purchased. And the entire event was enjoyed by not only the seniors, but the all the Lions working the project a well. Many of the seniors thanked Lions as they stood around and visited after the games were over and were glad to hear that club members plan to do the project again next year.



Indiana Lions Foundation Approves Grants and 2026 State Fair Plan

At its April 11 meeting, the Indiana Lions Foundation trustees approved multiple grants and finalized plans for the 2026 State Fair fundraiser.

Six matching grants totaling \$6,915 were approved for local clubs, bringing the fiscal-year total to \$23,648. The Foundation also authorized \$2,400 in unrestricted funding for each of the five state projects and will distribute an additional \$10,000 from State Fair proceeds equally among them after the August fair.

Community service and W.P. Woods Fellowship credits totaling \$7,200 were redeemed as of March 31, a 300% increase over last year. To encourage further participation, the maximum annual redemption was increased from twenty to forty credits for those twenty-two individuals holding more than one-hundred credits.

The trustees approved a new grant category; targeted grants and then created the first such grant to support the clubs who have been partnering with the Sleep In Heavenly Peace non-profit to build beds for children who have no beds. This category was created due to the number of clubs partnering with this organization and the success in using the building events in recruiting new members. All clubs who are engaging in a repeat bed building event can request a \$50 per bed grant for up to \$1,000. For a club planning their first event, the matching grant program should be used. An application is under development and will be published soon.

Finally, the Foundation announced it will staff four gates at the 2026 Indiana State Fair from August 7–23. Volunteer sign-up is now open online.

<https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/what-we-do/indiana-state-fair-volunteer/>

Article Submitted by Lion John Wilkins, Vice-President, Indiana Lions Foundation

Door Village Lions Club

Door Village Lions Welcome Two New Members

Members of the Door Village Lions met at Christo's for their April Membership Meeting with 2nd Vice President Lion Matt Fischer conducting the meeting. After the pledge of allegiance Lion Matt introduced guests Lion Dale Simons from Michigan City and Lions PDG Mitchell Semans and 2nd Vice District Governor Wendy Semans. After several business matters were taken care of and everyone finished eating dinner, Lion Matt called on Door Village Lions member, Past District Governor Lion Steve Helmkin to induct two new members into the club.

Lion Steve asked Ruby Metz and Mark Lazarz to stand with him and proceeded to induct them with a very professional induction ceremony and was the first to welcome them to his club.

After all members and guests congratulated each new member, Club Secretary Lion Cindy Fischer announced that the next two projects would be: The annual Senior Bingo on April 24, 1-3 pm at the Door Village UMC; and Candy Days on May 1st & 2nd at La Porte Post Office, also that our next fund raiser will be the Hacienda Give Back on April 27 in Michigan City.

She also announced the the Indiana Lions State Convention will be taking place May1 thru 3 in Plainfield, Indiana. Before the meeting adjourned Lion Mitch Semans, PPC announced he is working with the Global Membership Team and is attempting to start new clubs in Kingsbury and Kingsford Heights.

He asked the club if they would be open to mentoring a Branch Club, (a club with at least five new members), in either town. Members present indicated they would be open to considering the proposition. Lion Matt then called for a motion to adjourn, and Lion Nancy Weaver moved to adjourn with Lion Hanna Stombaugh seconding, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8pm.



Door Village Lions Club

Door Village Lions Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Members of the Door Village Lions arrived at the picnic shelter in Scipio township Park at 8:00am on April 4 to hide the eggs and lay out the prizes on the picnic tables so the four different age groups could exchange their “prize” eggs for gifts when they returned from the hunt.

As faith and fortune would have it the rain that had been falling in the early morning hours stopped shortly before activities began and the sun even tried valiantly to shine through the clouds, so as over the last thirty or more years the Lions have conducted the Easter Egg Hunt for community kids there was no need to cancel it, which was a great relief for members because there was a lot effort in preparing for the project.

Lion members spent their whole membership meeting the Monday before stuffing the hundreds and hundreds of eggs, Lions Cindy and Dennis Fischer, Bonnie Olson, and Sue Kaiser went shopping for the age appropriate prizes and Lions Cindy Fischer, Nancy Weaver, Steve Helmkin, Hanna Stombaugh, Gene Flickinger, Dennis Fischer Matt Fischer, Bonnie Olson and George Morley made sure they were available to hide the eggs throughout the park and ready the prizes for the kids returning from the hunt.

At 9 am Lion Dennis Fischer gave instructions to the crowd gathered around the shelter and the hunt began with kids scrambling to be first to collect eggs and bring the prize eggs back to then exchange them for a toy or a table game or a basketball, etc. Parents were quick to thank Lions and one young parent told Lion George he remembered coming to the event 28 years age when he moved into the neighborhood. Lions look forward to it every year and of course plan to do it again next year.



Club Officer Training

Club Officer
TRAINING

SAVE THE DATE

District 25A Officer Training

Saturday, May 30, 2026 9:00AM

(The Weekend after Memorial Day)



Contact GLT Pat Greer patricia.agreer6@gmail.com

219-928-3618 to reserve your spot.

New Hope Church (South Haven) (Next to Wolf Mansion)

712 N 450 W Valparaiso, IN 46385

Lions Club; Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers

Any Lion who would like to find out more about these offices is invited.

Refreshments will be served and a chance to win a gift card just for attending!

**Another Training TBA will be offered later in the summer by
incoming GLT Joy Robinson 219-973-3457
jrobinson28@hotmail.com**

MAY 2026

Chesterton Lions Club

Chesterton Lions Club



Pancake & Sausage Meals



Saturday, May 16th; 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM

At: George's Gyros Spot

325 N. Calumet Road, Chesterton

***Pancakes , Breakfast sausage, Syrup, and Drink
Choice of Coffee or Orange Juice, \$10.00 per person
All-you-can-eat; See Lions Club members for tickets***

MAY 2026

Westville



WESTVILLE LIONS CLUB
2026 Pork Chops Dinner

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Saturday, May 9, 2026

Westville United Methodist Church
154 W Main St, Westville, IN 46391

\$ 13.00 Cost per / 5 years Under FREE

\$ 5.00 Pork Chop only

Dine in / Carry Out

4:00 pm — 6:30 pm

Donation with: Westville Scholarships & Community.



The LOFS Lions Car Cruise Returns this Summer!



Fun & Free Event!

Three Dates:

Monday June 10th

Monday July 15th

Monday August 10th

4pm to 7pm in

the Lakehouse Parking Lot

Featured Food Vendors:

Ken Dawgs and Snowie

And...the Lions will be selling
raffle tickets with the
winner announced each evening!



Cruise into the Summer with the LOFS Lions

Celebrating their 50th  Year of Service in 2026!

**There will be a third food truck, rotating vendors.
Stop in for the cars, enjoy good food!**

Crown Point Lions



Welcome new Lion, **Linda Tessarolo.** (pictured left Lions Cindy Beckman, Aaron Whitten, Linda, and Lion President Jennifer Bamrick). Sponsor, Lion Aaron is pinning new Lion Linda (right)



Lion Carolyn Toosley, Diabetes Awareness Trustee, (pictured lower left) provided the Mariskek Family (pictured upper left) with the registration fees for the family to attend **“Friends for Life”** hosted by **“Children with Diabetes”** which provides education, peer support and access to leading diabetes professionals. The conference is designed for the whole family, recognizing that diabetes affects parents and siblings as well.



Crown Point Lions were proud to partner with Cedar Lake Lions Club to support Kensley, a 12-year-old with Type 1 Diabetes, and her family to help with expenses to attend this special conference.



Cedar Lake Lions received a matching grant from Ed Paine Helping Hands which was presented by Lion Clarence Davis, Trustee. (pictured top right)



Crown Point Lion Donna Worst presented a check to the family (pictured lower left)

Lydia Gloeckler, Nursing Program (upper right) and Lydia Fox, Radiology Program (lower right) thanked the Crown Point Lions for the scholarships they received to aid in their education at St Francis University in Crown Point.



Each one expressed how much this scholarship would help them fulfill their goals in the medical field.

Do you know about the **“Kindness Connection”**?

Acts of kindness trigger feel-good chemicals in the brain that lift mood, reduce stress and strengthen social bonds.

Doing simple good deeds for neighbors can reduce loneliness, social isolation and anxiety.

People who frequently help others may experience a 15-20% slower rate of cognitive decline with age.

People with strong social ties have a 29% lower risk of heart disease and a 32% lower risk of stroke.

Crown Point Lions

Jason Zaideman, Operation Charlie Bravo, CEO / Founder / Director of Veteran Services / Program Director / Veteran Mento and US Army Veteran was our guest speaker April 16,20206. He is an amazing young man. (pictured left with Lion President Jennifer.



Operation Charlie Bravo Mission Statement: “To lower the suicide rate and prevent homelessness by providing therapeutic, hands-on, programs for Veterans suffering from PTST, TBI and/or depression.”

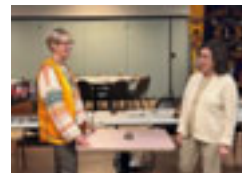
For more information go to their website, www.OCBravo.org. This organization located in Crown Point and is an activity-based program. In the 11 years of the program there has not been one suicide among the over 3000 veterans who have participated in the programs.

Watch this video (**A MUST SEE**) about the organization. Mike Rowe of **Returning the Favor** did an episode with Jason. Check it out, it is amazing. This is how it all started.

<https://www.facebook.com/ReturningTheFavor/videos/operation-combat-bikesaver/1942086476062613/>



Everyone had a great time testing their Lions knowledge playing “FAMILY FUED – LIONS CLUB EDITION”. Tail Twister Lions Paul was the MC. The battle was intense and both teams wanted to win. There was candy to be won! In the end everyone was a winner and every sweet tooth was satisfied. Who says Lions don’t have fun!



Indiana Lions State Convention May 2026



2026 Indiana Lions State Convention

Hosted by District 25-C

May 1-3, 2026

Embassy Suites

6089 Clarks Creek Rd, Plainfield, IN 46168



Please reserve your lodging by March 31, 2026 by phone at **(317) 839-1106 ext 0**, or email at Zoe.Garner@Hilton.com. Reference **Lions Convention Rooms Block--Code 918 and ask for the type of room you need (Single, Double, Queen, King)**

Room Rate: \$179.00 + taxes and fees per night

(includes breakfast buffet or made-to-order hot breakfast [\$20 value] and evening (5-7 p.m.) Manager's Reception with snacks and beer, wine and cocktails [\$20 value], included in the cost of the room)

All Convention (Pre)Registrations must be received by March 31, 2026

Name _____
 Lion Title _____ Preferred Name _____
 District: _____ Club: _____
 Address: _____
 City / State / Zip _____
 Phone Number _____ Email: _____
 Is this your FIRST Indiana Lions State Convention: Yes _____ No _____

Friday morning - Tour of Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (limit 30 per time slot) 9 a.m. ___ 11 a.m. ___

Please note any dietary restrictions for alternative meals: _____

Friday Evening Dinner \$25.00 _____

Double D's Southern BBQ (located off site at MADE@Plainfield), includes Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Dessert and drink

Select one: ___ Shredded Chicken ___ Pulled Pork

Saturday Lunch \$30.00 _____

Buffet style: Tuscany Lasagna with fresh vegetables and/or Italian Sausage Hoagies with sauteed vegetables, Caesar Salad, Dessert Minis and drink

Saturday All-State Banquet \$55.00 _____

Plated dinner of Chicken Piccata and Roasted Pork Tenderloin, Strawberry Fields Salad, Chef's Choice Potato, Vegetable Medley, Rolls/Butter, Dessert Minis and drink

Saturday Strides Walk

(pick up T-Shirt at Registration Table) (Please circle size needed)

Donation only (no walking or T-Shirt) \$ 5.00 _____

Walk with T-Shirt (S / M / L / XL) \$20.00 _____

Walk with T-Shirt (XXL / XXXL) \$25.00 _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION DUE _____

If Mailing: Mail form with check payment to: PDG Chloe Weyrauch, PO Box 94, Prairie Creek, IN 47869. Make check payable to **Indiana Lions State Convention**. On-line registrations payable by credit/debit card can be made by visiting <https://inlionsconvention.org> after February 1, 2026.

roads this May lead to Plainfield and the 105th Indiana Lions State Convention, as we welcome Past

Indiana Lions State Convention May 2026

International President Joe Preston and Lion Joni for a weekend of Lions' fun and fellowship. On behalf of the 2026 Convention Committee, we invite you to make the trip to the "Heartland of Indiana" on May 1-3, 2026.

With construction of I-69 to Evansville now complete, all of our districts now have quick and easy access to the convention. Whether you are traveling I-69 or I-65, I-70 or I-74, or US-231 or even the Old Historic US-40 National Road which runs right through downtown Plainfield, there is no reason not to pack up the car and make a weekend getaway to be with your Lions' family.

The weekend kicks off with tours of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) on Friday morning, and then a BBQ dinner hosted by the Plainfield Lions Club at Made@Plainfield before the opening plenary session at the Embassy Event Center. Many of our local community police officers have graduated from ILEA since the first class in 1969.

The Saturday luncheon will feature Dr. Dan Neely as the keynote speaker. Dr. Neely is the medical director for Indiana Lions Operation KidSight preschool vision screening program, has served as the team ophthalmologist for the Indianapolis Colts, and gives of his spare time with Orbis flying hospital.

Past International President Joe Preston, of Mesa, Arizona, will be the keynote speaker for the Saturday evening banquet, and will be presenting several Leadership and Presidential Awards to the Lions of Indiana along with is certain to be an inspirational message about being a Lion.

In between these events, are district caucuses, the second plenary business session, exhibit hallway, seminars, Strides Walk and much more.

Voting happens on Sunday morning, along with a Memorial Service to remember all of those Lions who have ended their service to those WE SERVE before the closing session.

The Embassy Suites and Event Center is located just a couple of minutes from I-70, and your room reservations entitle you to complimentary made-to-order breakfast (a \$40 value*) and a complimentary "Manager's Reception" each night from 5:00 – 7:00 pm (a \$40 value*). There is ample free parking at both the hotel and the event center for those coming in for the day.

So why not make the trek to Plainfield on May 1-3, 2026 and celebrate being a Lion?

(value based on double occupancy room)*

Members Who Have Completed Their Service

Cedar Lake

Lion Richard Kutchek

Crown Point

Lion Yvonne Mees

Munster

Lion Louis W. Harding

Westville

Lion Richard L. Flagg

New Members

Bass Lake

Benita E. Beck Sponsored by Robert Galen

Chesterton

John Bell Sponsored by Michael Perkins

Crown Point

Linda S. Tessarolo Sponsored by Aaron Whitten

Door Village

Mark Lazarz Sponsored by Dennis Fischer

Ruby Metz Sponsored by Dennis Fischer

Hobart

John M. Yelkich Sponsored by Clarence Davis

Katherine G. Yelkich Sponsored by Elinor Davis

Indiana Harbor East Chicago

Maria E. Callas Sponsored by Argelio Trevino

Membership

Jeness Koch Sponsored by Argelio Trevino

Lake Station

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