

# LIONS DISTRICT 25 A NEWSLETTER

*Coming Together to Serve*

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District Governor: Patty Cooke-Furlong

Hello 25A Lions:

October was a very busy month! I ended September singing in a big concert at my church – we were celebrating our 150th birthday. The next morning at 4 am, VDG Jim said he needed to go to the ER. Sixteen days later – minus his gall bladder and a few associated stones – he came home weak and 20 lbs. lighter. Now he is trying hard to get stronger and back to his normal life. And so am I.



It was good to see so many Lions at the October Cabinet Meeting! A big Thank You to Lion Pat Greer for stepping in as Cabinet Secretary. A another big Thank You to the Lacrosse Lions and Leos for the wonderful food and service! I cannot turn down a good pork burger! After the food, my favorite part of a District meeting is the club reports. I love hearing about all the activities and varieties of ways you are serving all your communities. Plus, it is always good to put a face to the name in the directory.

And we are a plus in membership! Please see the article about Mission 1.5 in this newsletter. Another note on membership, Lion Mary Jane DiMichele left the position of GMT to focus on family. Thank you, Mary Jane for your enthusiasm! We do have a new GMT, however, IPDG Stephen Helmkin! Welcome Lion Stephen!

We have great clubs in District 25A! You are all doing what President Oliviera Fabricio asks us to do - **Make Your Mark**. Everywhere we serve, every time we give, we bring kindness and compassion, change and hope. And we make our mark on the lives we touch, the communities we serve and the world we share.

We are now focused on our Thanksgiving projects – working to ensure that families in our communities do not go hungry on this holiday. To quote Helen Keller, “The unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves”. As Lions we know this is true! We all enjoy our own families getting together on this day, but it is in helping other families that we feel this inner happiness.

I don’t know what my Thanksgiving will look like this year – some family dynamics have changed. But I do know that I will be with family and friends. I will take the time to look around me and plant some good memories. I wish you all the same!

Take Care

And Thank You for All You Do

DG 2024-2025, District 25A

Lion Patty Cooke Furlong



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### **WHY ARE YOU A LION?**

I'm curious. Why are we Lions? It seems that when this organization was founded over 100 years ago it was a band of local businessmen (yes, men only the first 60-70 years). As we've evolved have we gotten better as an organization?

A funny thing happened here in the United States. While the rest of Lionism continues to grow here we seem to have hit a wall. Membership has been flat to slightly declining over the past 40 years or so. What's going on?

I think there is major cultural change going on in our Country. This has nothing to do with elections or what party you belong to. Rather it is the result of changing attitudes around the role of Government and its citizens.

But back to the original question. Why are you a Lion? Personally speaking I became a Lion when my late wife passed away about 7 years ago from Type 1 Diabetes. When I found out diabetes was a "global cause" of Lions International that kind of made the difference for me.

But why have I stayed a Lion? We seem to be able to recruit new members who only stick around a year or two and drop out.

For me, the secret seems to be that I got INVOLVED. Right off the bat. The night of my induction the Club also needed someone for the Board. What does a Board member do, I remember thinking. Ahh not much came a reply. Then Lion Wayne Kroner spoke up and proclaimed maybe some of the new members (me and one other person) should do the job.

But for me, being involved is much more than serving on the Board, or going to meetings, or anything else. I look at Lions much like I look at family—because they are like family to me. I've gone to out of state meetings (Leader Dog headquarters in Michigan and when I attend International Conventions, State Conventions, District Conventions, Leadership Forums I always find good people that I interact with because we seem to have the same values.

But the real reason I enjoy being a Lion so much is simple the SERVICE. Yep. When I work the Easter Egg Hunt or the Kid's Christmas Party it just makes my day (and several after that) to be standing there and watch this four year old's eyes light up when they see Santa Claus or the Easter Bunny. I actually look forward to those events (and others too) every year.

**Yours in Lionism,  
Jim**

## Mission 1.5

**Mission Possible: A Commitment to Service and Community**

The phrase "Mission Possible" embodies our unwavering belief that every challenge can be met with determination, creativity, and collaboration. It signifies that no matter how daunting the task may seem, our commitment to service and community makes the seemingly impossible achievable. It inspires us to tackle issues head-on, reinforcing the idea that through collective effort and innovative thinking, we can effect real change in our communities.

**Breathing New Life into Lionism**

Chartering new clubs isn't just about growth; it's about breathing new life into Lionism, securing its future, and empowering a new generation of leaders to carry the torch of service forward. This initiative is a multi-faceted approach that touches every aspect of our organization, reshaping the way we engage with our communities and each other.

**Mission 1.5 is Possible:** As we look to the future, we must remain committed to this journey of growth and revitalization. Each new club is a beacon of hope and a testament to our collective dedication to service. By embracing the spirit of "Mission Possible," we're not just expanding our organization—we're strengthening the fabric of our communities and reinforcing our shared commitment to making the world a better place.

Let's embrace the spirit!

Pat Vannett, PID

*Global Action Team CA1 Leader*

**We do need to embrace this spirit to move District 25A forward!** When was the last time we actively started new clubs! I think it came too easy for so many years, that we never needed a strategy to find a place to start a new club. Every small town had a club, every big city had multiple clubs, and there were even small clubs in the out of the way communities between the towns and cities. We have identified some locations for new clubs. Most of these are areas that were farmland a few years ago, but are now thriving communities. We will embrace the spirit and charter a new club this year!

All the Clubs that have added members – either new, reinstated or transferred – are listed below. The number of dropped members is also shown, along with the net gain of that Club. The number at the bottom – Other Drops – is from Clubs who are in the negative. They have only dropped members. **I will celebrate the fact that District 25A is positive at this point and thank the clubs listed!** But I know we all must keep working to find new members so that we can better serve our communities. And I will look forward to this list growing!

DG Patty

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## Mission 1.5

	Add	Reinstate	Transfer	Drop	Net Gain
Bass Lake	3	0	0	-1	2
Chesterton	1	0	0	-1	0
Crown Point	2	0	0	-1	1
IHEC	2	1	0	-2	1
Koontz Lake	5	0	0	0	5
Kouts	2	0	0	0	2
LOFS	3	1	0	0	4
Lowell	5	0	0	0	5
Monterey	2	0	0	0	2
Morocco	1	0	0	-1	0
Munster	4	1	0	-1	4
Ogden Dunes	1	0	0	0	1
Portage	2	0	0	0	2
South Haven	1	0	0	-1	0
Star City	0	0	1	0	1
Valparaiso	1	0	0	-1	0
Westville	2	0	0	0	2
<b>Other Drops</b>				<b>-23</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-32</b>	<b>9</b>

Operation Kidsight



A big pat on the back to the Lions who have been out there in all the schools and day cares this fall screening those 18 month to 6 year olds. With most of the screenings entered for the month, the Lions of Indiana have screened over 6500 kids across the state from August to October using a fleet of KidSight and club

August to  
October 2024  
District Count

- A 1162
- B 163
- C 1504
- D 453
- E 351
- F 1696
- G 1245
- Total: 6574**

owned cameras. Now that most are finishing up schools and Head Starts, think about focusing on the small day cares, nurseries, and ministries in your area. Set up a monthly screening at the county library. The sooner we can screen kids, the better!

The current consent forms and cover sheet are available for download at: <https://www.visionfirst.org/operationkidsight>

I have also created a public Google Drive folder with documents related to KidSight. Email for a link if that's in your comfort zone.

If you need hard copies mailed to you, please call 317-213-3902 or email Karlene Roe at [kidsight@att.net](mailto:kidsight@att.net).

*Please remember the mailing address for submitting screenings has changed. The current cover sheets have the correct information.*

Reach out if you need supplies for your cameras/screenings.

**Lions of MD25, keep up the good work!**

## Operation Kidsight and Westville Lions Do Vision Screenings

Westville Lions Marybeth Slont and Debi Ingram assisted Karlene Roe Operation Kidsight Coordinator for Preschool and Kindergarten students at Westville Elementary school for vision screenings on Monday, October 28, 2024. A total of 66 students were screened. 8 of those students received a referral to see an optometrist. 2 of those 8 are already under a doctors care. Operation Kidsight uses the PlusOptix screening system. The volunteer takes a digital “camera” measurement of the child’s eyes from a comfortable distance of 3 to 4 feet. A pass/referral set by the American Association of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus as modified by Dr. Daniel Neely a pediatric Ophthalmologist at the Indiana School of Medicine, Riley Children’s Hospital and the Midwest Eye Institute. This camera is used for ages 18 months to 6 years of age. It always makes the lions feel good when they can catch a vision problem early especially so early in the school year. These three Lions will be joined with other fellow lions to assist with acuity vision screening for 1st, 3rd, 5th and 8th grade students on Friday November 08, 2024 at Westville School they will screen 288 students.

Thank you for supporting the Lions.



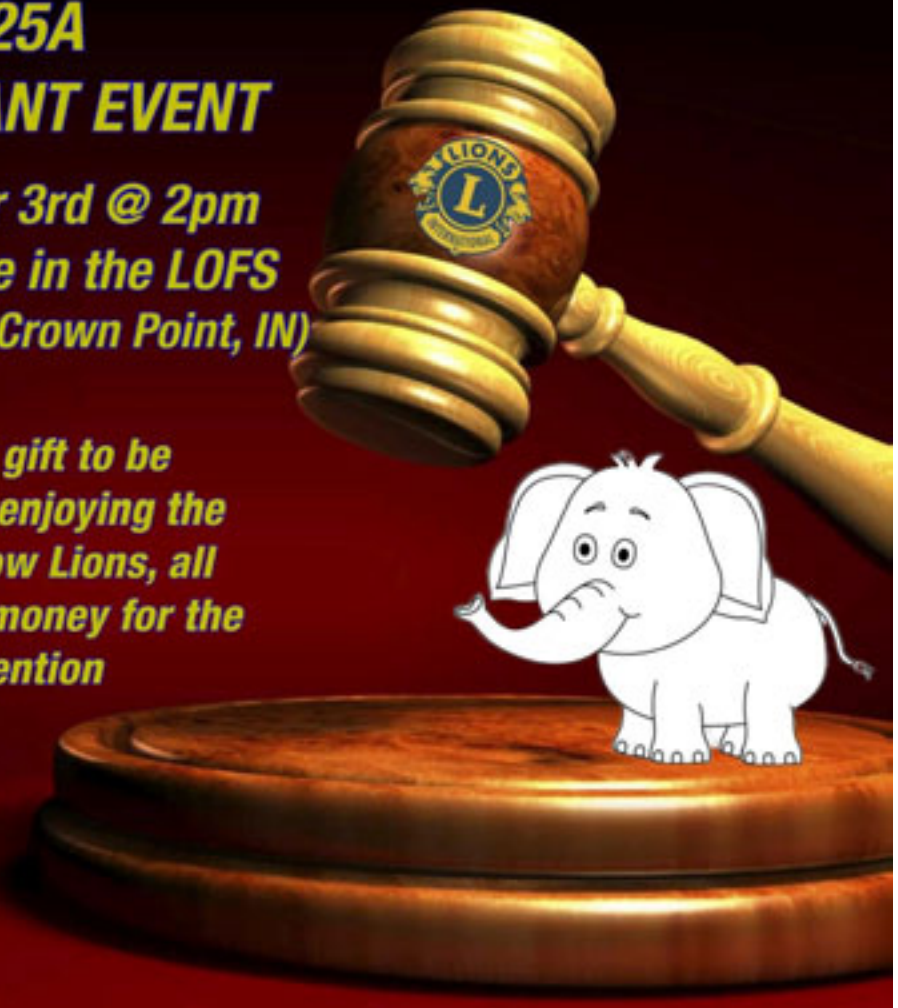
***District 25A  
WHITE ELEPHANT EVENT***

***Sunday, November 3rd @ 2pm  
Seasons Lakehouse in the LOFS  
(1048 N. Lakeshore Dr, Crown Point, IN)***

***Bring a wrapped gift to be  
auctioned off while enjoying the  
afternoon with fellow Lions, all  
while we help raise money for the  
District Convention***

***Items Must be:***

- Functional***
- Not Living or Dead***





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News Around the District—Westville Lions Club

Meet the Author Event!

The Westville Lions will be providing desserts at the meet the author event on November 6th at the Westville Library.

COME & MEET THE  
**AUTHOR**  
*Arlene  
Wroblewski  
Hudgens*

*She will be  
discussing her  
book "Bits and  
Pieces of Otis,  
Indiana".*

*Books will be available  
to purchase*

**Wednesday, November 6th,  
at 6:00pm**  
**Westville Public Library**  
**153 Main St, Westville, IN**

For more information  
contact the library  
at 219-785-2015

*Bits and Pieces of Otis,  
Indiana*

Researched & Compiled by  
Arlene Wroblewski Hudgens  
2024

News Around the District—Westville Lions Club

The Westville Lions held their October dinner meeting at St. Mary’s in Otis on Thursday, October 03, 2024. A delicious meal of cabbage rolls, bread and butter, Au gratin potatoes, sliced tomatoes, homegrown beets and a very wide variety of homemade desserts was prepared by the ladies of the St. Mary’s Rosary. Father John gave grace for the 22 members in attendance.

The ladies also held a bake sale for the Lions. Past district Governor and current LCIF District Coordinator Randy Greer gave a very informative talk on LCIF and what it supports. Randy’s wife Pat accompanied him and the Westville Lions always enjoy Randy and Pats company when they visit Westville. A former long time Otis Resident Arlene Wroblewski Hudgens gave a very informative and entertaining presentation on her book “Bits and Pieces of Otis Indiana “ that she wrote. Members had the opportunity to purchase a book for \$20.

Anyone interested in hearing Arlene’s presentation and hearing more details about Otis is invited to hear her at the Westville Public Library on Wednesday, November 06, 2024 at 6:00 pm. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to join you. Arlene will have books available for anyone who would like to purchase one. If you can’t make it to the library on November 06 but would like to purchase a book or schedule Arlene to speak at your organization’s meeting, you may contact her at [aahudgens@gmail.com](mailto:aahudgens@gmail.com).



**CROWN POINT LIONS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS**



WELCOME!!! New Lions Beata Eagan and Pam Gray. Lion President Carla Smolek was their sponsor and Director Lion Bob Vanek did the installation.

They have a strong desire to serve and will be a great addition to the Crown Point Lions Club.

Congratulations to Lions Carla Smolek and Louise Moore who both received the "Lion of the Year" award from past President Mary Jane DiMichele for their years of service to the community. They are an amazing mother daughter team.



Pictured left to right. Lions Phylis Porio, Donna Worst, Mary Jane DiMichele, Aaron Whitten and Carla Smolek.

These Lions were thrilled to give dictionaries to 171 third graders at Trinity Lutheran, St. Mary's and Crown Point Christian Schools. As you can see by the smiling faces below these children were very excited. Its in third grade when children progress from learning to read to reading to learn.

One of the 3rd graders pointed out that it would take over 3 hours to pronounce the longest word in the dictionary and confirmed it on their Chromebook. The longest word has 1,909 letters and ie the name of a scientific formula.

See what you can learn from a 3rd grader. Lion Donna said "This made my day"



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News Around the District—Crown Point Lions Club Bingo



## Crown Point Lions Club Holiday Bingo

Thursday, November 21, 2025

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 #161457

News Around the District-LOFS Lions



In case you thought that paper books were a thing of the past, LOFS Lions Marjy and Steve Hyman pose with five (5!) cases of dictionaries donated to one of the elementary schools in Winfield. A handheld dictionary has a lot of use for students, even with the presence of tablets and other intranet devices in classrooms.

Local elementary schools have asked the LOFS Lions to provide several support items to the schools. Along with the dictionaries, the Lions have provided spare clothing and over 200 wired ear buds to the three local schools in the Winfield/LOFS area. Another example of serving the youth of our community.



A fun activity for the LOFS/Winfield community children is the annual trunk or treat put on by the LOFS House and Garden Club, the group the LOFS Lions happily refer to as their sister club in volunteering.

As part of the LOFS Lions goal of helping or supporting other groups with their projects, the Lions Club had 2 vehicles giving out candy, featuring local LOFS Lions celebrity Roarie the Lion and the well-dressed “lion dog” Ginger. Ginger of course gave out dog treats to costumed pets who went along with their owners for a fun afternoon. Kisses were only 5 Doubloons!

Supporting Roarie was Lion Joe DiSanto and supporting dog Ginger was Lion Denise Piccioni.

News Around the District-LaCrosse Lions

On Saturday, October 12th, the LaCrosse Lions Club sold deliciously grilled pork chops and burgers at the corner of highways 421 and 8. The Lions would like to thank everyone for their support of the pork chop and pork burger event. It was such a beautiful autumn day with perfect weather to come up and visit with one while supporting this cause.

The proceeds from this event go toward LaCrosse Lions Club projects, such as the upcoming Halloween costume parade on October 31st and the annual Easter Egg hunt. In addition to these local club events, the Lions Club also donates to local clubs and organizations, such as 4-H, LaCrosse Little League, and the summer reading program at the LaCrosse Public Library.



They also help with other endeavors, too. The local chapter donates funds to Indiana’s core projects, focusing on the leader dogs for the blind, the Indiana School for the Blind, screenings for speech, hearing, vision, cancer, and the eye and tissue bank.

Then, they also donate funds to the Lions Club International Foundation. LCIF helps Lions improve the lives of millions of people through four pillars of service: saving sight, supporting youth, providing disaster relief, and meeting humanitarian needs, which includes distributing funds throughout the world to assist during catastrophes. Thank you for supporting this Pork Chops for Projects fundraiser because something as simple as eating pork chops grilled at your local corner can help others here at home or others across the world.

The LaCrosse Lions have a lot happening this fall. They are hosting the District Meeting/Luncheon on October 20th. On Monday, October 21st, the LaCrosse Lions and Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive at The Center. Then, kids, get ready to showcase your scary, most original, and cutest costumes at the annual costume parade on Halloween, October 31st, at The Center at 4 p.m.



News Around the District--East Chicago Lions

**Fundraiser November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Lions Fest**



The East Chicago Lions will have a fundraiser, Lions Fest, on Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1-4pm at Bombers BBQ in Crown Point, IN. The event will also have basket raffles and a 50-50 raffle.

**Clothing Drive**

The EC Lions held a community clothing giveaway on October 19th, with the East Chicago Salvation Army, see photo below.



## Make Your Mark In Indiana!

### Mark Your Calendar

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

### Holding the Line on Costs

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



### Best Place for Learning

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

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

### New This Year: Speed Learning

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



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

### Rewarding Service Projects

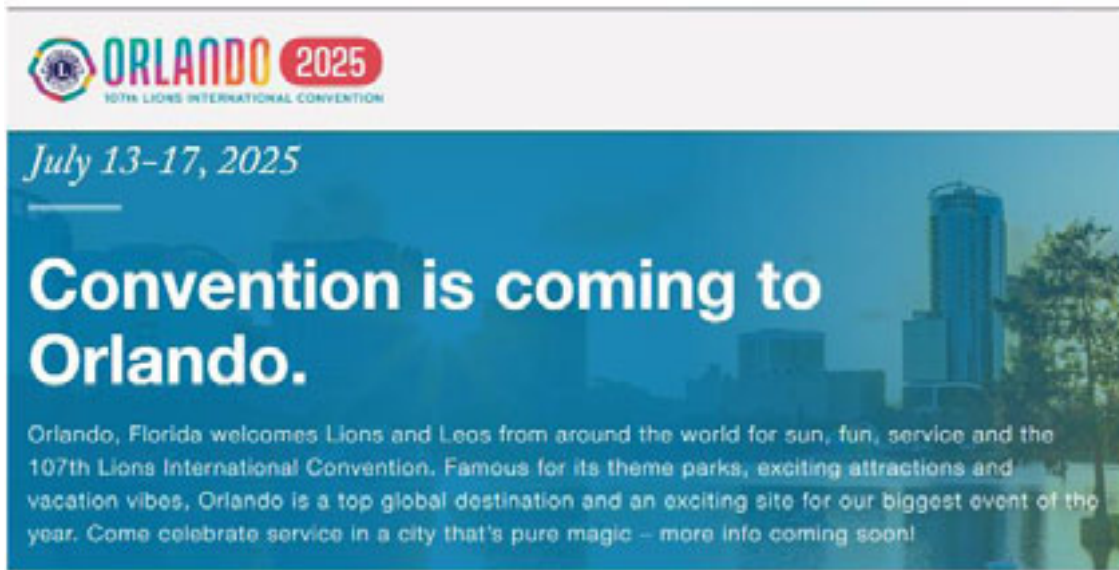
**“Sock It To Me”** – Please bring new socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, knit hats and blankets to be collected and divided among the district governors who will share them with individuals in need in their districts.

**“Care-ing Cases”** – After the dinner program on Friday evening, we will assemble our Care-ing Cases, which consist of first aid kits using cleaned hard eyeglass cases and toiletry kits made up of personal hygiene items. These cases will be given to the district governors who will share them with individuals in need in their districts.

### Registration Form Available Now

Download the registration form and information packet from the Indiana Lions website at [indianalions.org](http://indianalions.org).

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



News Around the District--Hamlet Lions Road Clean-up



*"Serving The Community for Over 80 Years!"*

# ***Press Release***

**Subject:** Hamlet Lions-District 25A Perform Community Road Cleanup

The Hamlet Lions Club were out in force for their semi-annual road cleanup project. Thirteen(13) members came together to donate their time and muscle to collect 150 pounds of roadside trash.

The Hamlet Lions are celebrating their 80th Anniversary being active in the community of Hamlet, Indiana.

In addition to the roadside cleanup project, the Hamlet Lions provide annual eye screening, dictionaries, emergency hygiene supplies and two(2) \$1,000 scholarships for continuing education/training to students of the Oregon-Davis School District who exemplify the International Lion's motto of *"We Serve"*.

Additional programs include raising funds throughout the year to allow for creating new and continuing existing partnerships with other local chartable groups & organizations.



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

 2024       2025       **What will be 2026?**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Membership ideas/suggestions**

Choose 1 of each to create a team

Work in tandem each with the other

Create club goals for '24/'25 20%+ increase in new members

Plan how to get there

Increase service projects to community by 2+ either solo club or partner w/another organization for more visibility

Lay out calendar/map of means to contact sufficient amounts of people

Discover new opportunities

Utilize your club's tech person

Become familiar with Lions portal

Use referral form often

**DISTRICT 25-A New Members**

<u>Club</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Bass Lake	John Ahlenius	Gloria Ballard
	James Johnson	Gloria Ballard
	Jayne Johnson	Gloria Ballard
Chesterton	Lisa M. Stroop	Thomas Lee
Crown Point	Beata Eagin	Carla Smolek
	Pamela Gray	Carla Smolek
Hebron	Makayla McGarity	Sylvia Stewart
Indiana Harbor EC	Angie D. Alejandro	Patrick Rodriguez
	Jeffrey L. Maddox	Patrick Rodriguez
	Linda L. Peterson	Bryan Cossey
	Vinessa Hernandez-Orange	Argelio Trevino
Koontz Lake	John Darnell	Sara Yorko
	Candace Gomez	Sara Yorko
	Frank Gomez	James Yorko
	Cathy Hensell	Sara Yorko
	Mia Pioch	Sara Yorko

**DISTRICT 25-A New Members**

<u>Club</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Kouts	Bryan D. Moser	Dennis Brown
	Brooks M. Rust	Jacob Rust
LOFS	Andrew J. Montalbano	Joe Disanto
	Christi I. Rogala	Sally Reagor
	Anthony P. Tsikouris	Charles DeLasCasas
Lowell	Cassandra Early	Valerie Kus
	Misty Keach	Jennifer Cosenza
	Christopher Kus	Valerie Kus
	Jane Gray	Kevin Gray
	Susan Kramer	Kevin Gray
Mill Creek	Mary Pinette	Thomas Sharp
	Mikail Pinette	Thomas Sharp
Monterey	Josh Stacey	Douglas Denton
	Tina Stacey	Kelli Denton
Morocco	Christopher J. Emily	Daniel Blaney

**DISTRICT 25-A New Members**

<u>Club</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Munster	Brian Cummings	Michael Mezey
	Winnie Mittelberger	Richard Paulsen
	Kurt Mittelberger	Richard Paulsen
	Tatiana Shinken	George Shinken
Ogden Dunes	Patricia J. Green	Erica Kurtz
South Haven	Jerry Gibson	Andrea Bradford
Valparaiso	Christine Zygmunt	Tom Cath
Westfield	Russell D. McCoy	Myrtle Westin
	Linda R. Redmen	Jean Barmess
Wheatfield	Janice Tillema	Robert Tillema



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## District Governor Patty Cooke-Furlong's Calendar

White Elephant Sale	Sunday	11/3/2024	
Door Village OV	Monday	11/4/2024	
St. John OV	Thursday	11/7/2024	
Whiting OV	Thursday	11/14/2024	
Lacrosse Charter Night	Sunday	11/10/2024	
Ogden Dunes OV	Tuesday	11/12/2024	
Whiting OV	Thursday	11/14/2024	
Meeting in Arizona	Sunday	11/17/2024	11/21/2024
Koontz Lake	Thursday	11/21/2024	
Kouts OV	Thursday	12/5/2024	
MD25 Holiday Gathering	Saturday	12/14/2024	
Speech & Hearing Brunch	Sunday	12/15/2024	
South Haven OV	Thursday	12/12/2024	
Star City OV	Tuesday	12/17/2024	
Crown Point OV	Thursday	1/2/2025	
Midwinter		1/17/2025	1/18/2025
3rd Council	Sunday	1/19/2025	
3rd Cabinet	Saturday	1/25/2025	
Westville OV	Thursday	2/6/2025	
25A Convention		3/7/2025	3/8/2025
MD25 Convention / 4th Council Meeting		4/25/2025	4/27/2025
Last Cabinet	Sunday	6/8/2025	

Cabinet Meeting Pictures

IPDG Stephen Helmkin with his CT Dennis Fischer and wife Cindy



**Crown Point Lions receiving their 23-24 Club Excellence Award**

Pictured are DG Patty, President Carla Smolek, Lion Louise Moore, IPP Mary Jane DiMichele, and IPDG and new GMT Stephen Helmkin, Secretary Cindy Beckman



La Crosse Leos did all the serving!

NOVEMBER 2024

Global Action Team

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Reporting

Reporting service activities is one of the key metrics that Lions International measures. Showing how many service hours that Lions do helps LCI obtain money from their partners. **This enables us to serve more people!** Currently, we only have 23% of our clubs doing this task. At the end of last year, we reached 51%. But we now have a new tool – the Portal. If you want more information about Service reporting, contact GST Jay Ferrell. If you are having problems with the Portal, please contact either Lion Jeanne DeLasCasas or GLT Pat Greer.



News From Around the District- LaPorte Lions



**La Porte Lions finished delivering dictionaries to all**

La Porte Community School Corporation, St. John's Lutheran and the Seventh-Day Adventist schools third graders Nov. 1 when they visited Crichfield Elementary School. Pictured are Lions Oscar Ryl-Kuchar and Tom Ruda with Mrs. Anna Hand's third grade class.