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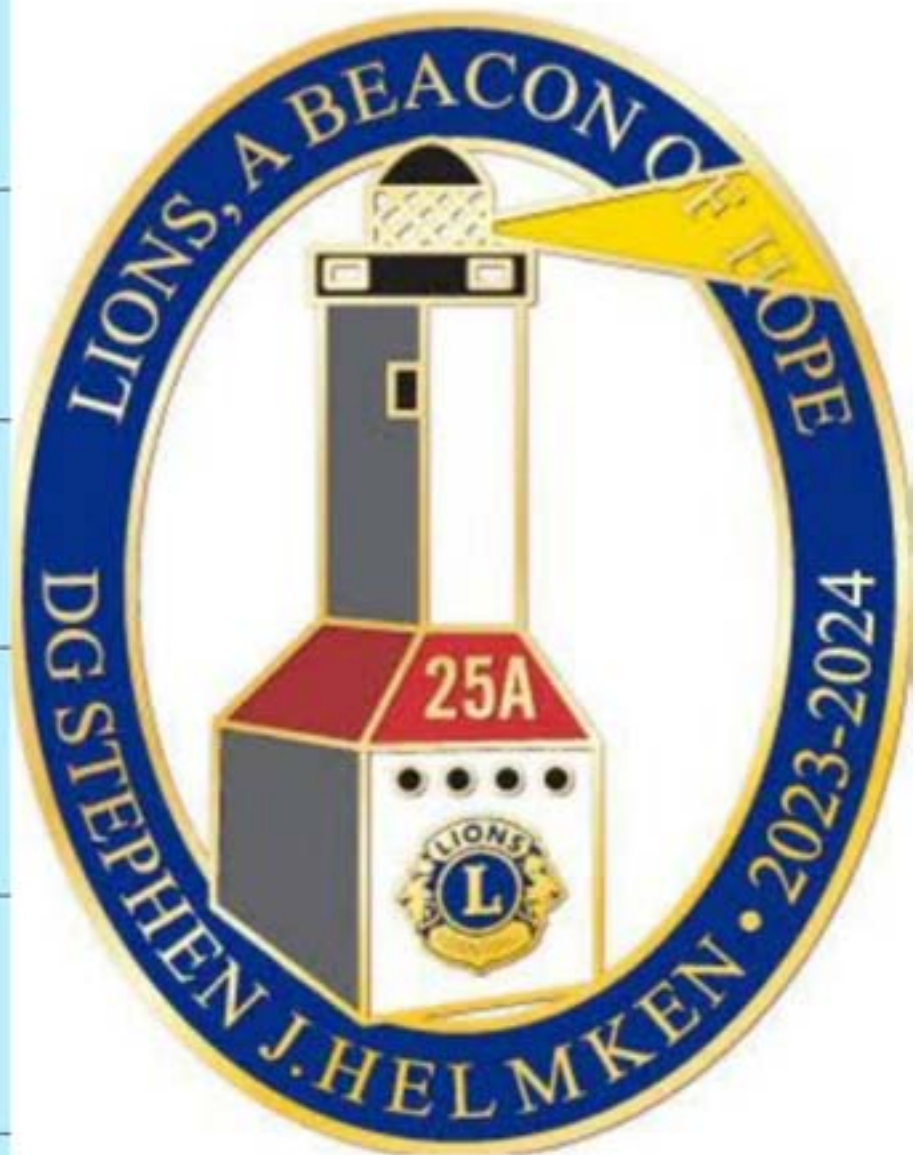
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# District 25A Newsletter





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Happy October, Lions.

Fall is that time of year when so many clubs have wonderful events coming up. There is a ham and bean dinner, the annual Oktoberfest with delicious German food, holiday craft bazaars, and much more. I wish I could attend every festival, dinner, and other events our clubs will have. But I can't. I ask each club to please keep me informed of your activities. I want to be there to see your club in action and lend a hand if you need me to. If I can't attend, I will make sure someone from the Cabinet will be in attendance.

Alice and I loved fall and all the glorious colors of the season. She would start decorating our house at the beginning of September with some fall stuff. October would bring more fall to our living room, dining room, kitchen, and bathrooms. Plus, we had to have Halloween in there somewhere as well. But one of the things we loved about fall the most was attending the Lions fundraisers. This is the first time in a long time that I won't be able to attend Schererville Central's Oktoberfest event. Oktoberfest was one of the Helmken's favorite fundraisers to go to. Alice and I always ensured we got this on our calendar as soon as we knew the date. Unfortunately, I will be in Noblesville for the second Council Meeting this year. I hope you have a great turnout, as always.

I was excited that the Mill Creek Lions Club was returning their ham and bean dinner. I love ham and beans. And I'm especially looking forward to this because I know I won't ever make ham and beans for myself. Alice didn't much care for beans. But she always made a pot for me and froze the leftovers. I ate ham and beans for a long time.

These past few months, I was privileged to induct some new members into our Lions family. I inducted two new members into the Door Village Lions Club in August. In September, I inducted a new member into the Kouts Lions Club. I was also honored to present a Melvin Jones Fellowship and a Progressive Melvin Jones to two of their members.







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Let's keep working on growing our membership because Dr. Patti Hill, our International President, has asked us to all take part in Mission 1.5. If you don't know what Mission 1.5 is all about, you need to talk with your club's President so that your President or Secretary can schedule my Official Visit to your club. Then, when I come to your club, you will find out about Mission 1.5 and be in the know with other Lions in the district. Club Presidents, let's get your Club on my calendar NOW!

On Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. CT, an event will be held at the Washington Park Zoo in Michigan City. ZC Wendy Semans, the District's Chairperson for "Family & Women's Development," is the creative force for the zoo event. There will be fellowship with other Lions, a short meeting, and refreshments. Of course, a 50/50 and Trivia. I am mentioning this event because all of the proceeds will be donated to the Washington Park Zoo in memory of Lion Alice Helmken. Lion Alice was a docent for the zoo for many years. She loved her volunteer time with the zoo and the different animals. Alice enjoyed working with all the children who would come from the schools on tours. She loved the outdoors and was happiest when she had something to do outside. I hope you will plan to attend.

Another big event happening in October is the anniversary party of the Crown Point Lions Club. However, they aren't calling this an anniversary party. This is a time to celebrate "80 years of Serving Our Community". I think that is an awesome why to look at the history of your club and celebrate what your club has done in your community. This event is scheduled for October 19, 2023, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. CT at the Gary Sportsmen Club. I am looking forward to attending and celebrating with the members of the Crown Point Lions Club.

I hope that all the clubs of this great district will keep on with your fall time fundraisers and events. Don't think that just because you've been doing this same event for many years you should end it. Some of us love the many long time running activities our clubs have. Please make sure that your club Secretary or your event chairperson gets your event in the District Newsletter. The way to do that is to email your flyer to Lion Rachel Ferrell, our District Newsletter Editor. Please keep the district informed of ALL of your clubs events.

Until next month, keep your Beacons of Hope Burning Brightly,

DG Stephen J. Helmken



## **PATTY COOKE-FURLONG**

### **1st Vice District Governor**

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### **Hello 25A Lions**

I hope all is well with you and your clubs! It has been a busy month for Lion Jim and me. Right now, we are on our big cruise – sailing towards Istanbul.

We started in Athens where we met a man named Dan from Nova Scotia. After talking for a bit, we mentioned that we are both Lions. It turned out that his uncle was a Lion and Dan remembered going to events and helping with service projects. We went on to explain more about who we are and what we do and encouraged Dan to contact his local Lions club when he returned home. We will be optimistic that he does.

This is something we all need to be doing. Wear your Lions shirts and advertise who you are. Talk about what your club does for your local community. Have a card available with your club's contact and meeting date information. Always be on the lookout for that next new member. In between packing and shopping for our trip and the minor work involved with combining two households, it has been a busy month.

But we also made time for various Lions events and meetings. We started the month at a Lion's event in Frankfurt, IL -- Wurst Fest. Lion Jim's nephew is a member of the Frankfurt Lions. It is their big fundraiser of the year. Then there was the End of Summer Bash with the LOFS Lions followed by the Corn Roast with the Schererville Lions. We also attended a memorial service for Lion Charles "Chops" Connolly of the Wheatfield Lions.

He had not been a Lion for very long, but thoroughly enjoyed being one. Going to Wheatfield is always special for me as my parents were from there and I have fond memories of visiting my grandparents. We had a nice talk with the Wheatfield Lions about my various aunts, uncles, and cousins.



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It is being part of the hands-on activities as a Lion that keeps me motivated – doing the eye screenings, selling the hotdogs, giving out the candy, etc.

Then at the next meeting, we hear the numbers about how many kids were screened or how much money was raised. Then we are returning all the money raised back to our communities or district charities. We do so much. We need to be sharing this with everyone we meet.

But as a District leader, I also am motivated by all the other Lions in the district. Hearing what your clubs are doing in your towns multiplies my feelings of pride in being a Lion. Sharing your personal and club success stories helps me encourage other Lions to move to move into Leadership roles. And that motivates me more! And now our cruise ship has docked in Istanbul -- a huge city filled with thousands of years of history combined with modern skyscrapers. There are 27 Clubs in District 118-T and at least one in Istanbul. Maybe I will meet a Lion in our travels today – I will wear my Lion's shirt.

And the release date for the new Lions Portal in January 2024.

Currently the testing group is making  
sure it works in all 12 languages.

So please keep using myLCI and myLion for now.

Take care  
Thank you for all you do  
Lion Patty Cooke  
First VDG





## 2nd Vice District Governor *Jim Furlong*

I'm devoting this month's newsletter article to ask you to support The Blind Social Center. (TBSC). TBSC is having a ***Dining in the Dark*** fundraiser on October 20 at the Inns Brook Country Club at 6701 Taft St. in Merrillville, IN from 5-9 PM. 1stVDG Patty and I are going. But I'd like to start with a story of my youth. When I got hurt in Vietnam, I recuperated at Fitzsimons Army Hospital in Denver. Part of my rehabilitation took place every week in the snowy months at the Winter Park Handicap Ski Program where the volunteers taught me to ski. When my rehab was over, I decided to "pay it forward" and volunteer at the Handicap Ski Program. Because of schedules, I taught the blind on Sunday's during ski season.

Part of the training was transformative. Trainers stopped us mid-mountain, told us to pull our knit ski caps down over our eyes and ski to the bottom. But with our ski caps over our eyes, we were totally, though temporarily, blind. I can't tell you how much emotion I felt.

It still sticks in my mind even almost 50 years later. The first thing I had to learn was trust, trust in my instructor who was verbally telling me where to turn. I felt like I was barreling down the mountain. After a minute my instructor asked me to stop and lift my cap. I had gone just a few feet. The instructor told me to pull my cap back over my eyes and "go faster". Against all my better instincts I found the fall line and proceeded down the mountain. I was amazed at how much other senses had picked up. I could sense the fir trees by their fragrance, The cold was biting at my cheeks. I could hear the excited skiers on the mountain all around me. Were they very close? I couldn't see them to know for sure. Again, trust the instructor. Finally, I was on flat ground again and the instructor told me to life my knit cap. Thank God I could see again. I tell you this because if you're reading this you don't know what its like to be blind. TBSC's Dining in the Dark fundraiser will give you the opportunity. TBSC is the only blind rehabilitation center in Indiana north of Indianapolis. Clients learn mobility skills that help them become more independent and a more productive member of society. Clients will come mostly from our own District 25-A. TBSC started in 2014 and its new home is currently under construction in Gary.

***Make arrangements to attend now by calling Lion Connie Blair of the Gary-NWI Lions at 219-880-5921.***

***I look forward to seeing my fellow LIONS there. Tickets are \$50 each.  
Friday, OCTOBER 20, 2023, 5-9PM at Inns Brook Country Club, 6701 Taft St.,  
Merrillville, Call Lion Connie for tickets at 219-880-5921. Thanks. Jim.***

## **A note from Cabinet Secretary Pat Greer:**

**October 2023  
Hello Lions of District 25A  
A is for Awesome!**



This Lions District settled in the Northwest corner of Indiana, known as the Region, gets its Awesomeness from all that they do to help others in their communities. Just reading the newsletter you can see how much we care. When we get together for food, fun & fellowship, we put our differences aside and have a great time.

So, let's do that as we gather together for the 2nd Cabinet Meeting on Sunday, October 22nd at the South Haven American Legion 1:00PM. (See the flyer in this newsletter).

Being it is October you should be prepared for some spooky fun. Hosting the Cabinet Meeting is my club, the Awesome South Haven Lions.

Let's not forget all the fun times we have at the District Conventions. This year our venue is the Blue Chip Casino located in Michigan City. The convention will take place March 8-9th, 2024. The Convention Committee will do their very best to be sure we continue to provide an Awesome time for all. So, mark your calendar and plan to join us. Remember DG Steve's slogan and Let your Awesomeness Shine!

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## **Regions of District 25A**

It was brought to our attention that the Regions were not listed in our 2023-24 Directory. Below is the list of Regions and their associated Zones.

### **Region 1 / Zone 1**

East Chicago Evening | Griffith | Highland | Indiana Harbor East  
Chicago | Munster | Schererville Central | Whiting

### **Zone 2**

Chesterton | Gary | Hobart | Lake Station | Odgen Dunes |  
Portage | South Haven

### **Region 2 / Zone 3**

Crown Point | Dyer | Hebron | Lakes of Four Seasons | Merrillville |  
Schererville | St. John

### **Zone 4**

Cedar Lake | Goodland | Lowell | Morocco | Remington |  
Rensselaer | Shelby

### **Region 3 / Zone 5**

Door Village | LaPorte | Michiana | Mill Creek | Rolling Prairie |  
Valparaiso | Westville

### **Zone 6**

Bass Lake | Hamlet | Hanna | Koontz Lake | Monterey | Union Mills  
| Wanatah

### **Region 4 / Zone 7**

Francesville | Kouts | La Crosse | Wheatfield | Winamac | Star  
City



**Corrections to the District Directory:**

Cabinet Secretary Pat Greer

744 Acadia Rd. Valparaiso, IN 46385

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We apologize for not including Shelby Lions Club

President Wayne Hayden

Secretary Sally Kroll

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Shelby, IN 46377

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Please when contacting PDG's Kevin & Connie Roe use their cell phone #'s

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PDG Kevin 574-946-4701

New info for Lion Bo Zimmerman

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New Leo Club

Indiana Harbor East Chicago

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219-629-1227

[eastchicagoleoclub@gmail.com](mailto:eastchicagoleoclub@gmail.com)

Correction to LaPorte Leo Club

Advisor: Chris Smith

906 Fox St. Laporte, IN 46350

C: 219-575-3081

[csmith@lpcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:csmith@lpcsc.k12.in.us)

Please welcome:

Lion Dianna Voter as our 3<sup>rd</sup> Trustee for Cancer Control

Advisor for New Bass Lake Leo Club

5660 E 450 S

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[diannavoter@gmail.com](mailto:diannavoter@gmail.com)

Dear Fellow Lions,

25A Eyeglass Recycling was given about 11,000 pairs of brand new women's sunglasses that we cannot recycle at RESPECTS. This is because they are mostly plastic and have no recyclable value to them.

This would be a great opportunity for clubs in the district to utilize them and give them away as part of a service project. Some suggestions where they may be donated are schools, libraries, nursing homes, shelters, food pantries, veterans homes, churches, gift kits for military, club fundraisers and any other place someone might think of.

Unfortunately if we cannot find a good home for these glasses, they will end up in a landfill, as we need to make room for more usable glasses.

If your club is interested in obtaining some of these sunglasses, please contact PDG Kevin Roe to set up a time and place to pick them up. His contact information is below.

**The deadline for pickup is October 30, 2023.**

Yours in Lionism,  
PDG Kevin Roe  
cell: 574-946-4701  
email: lionkevroe@gmail.com





## LIGHT UP LEADER DOG

Join us this holiday season as we once again Light Up Leader Dog! For a \$10 donation, a luminary will be placed in your honor on the campus of Leader Dogs for the Blind. Our goal is to light up the campus with over 2,000 luminaries honoring our supporters and lighting up the beautiful campus of Leader Dogs for the Blind.

This December, please join us on campus to enjoy the display! Guests will have the opportunity to browse through the marketplace, partake in some warm, winter beverages and tasty food, enjoy the sounds of a holiday choir, walk the paths of luminaries, and view the Leader Dog campus all lit up!

### More Information:

Light Up Leader Dog Walk-Thru Event  
Date December 9, 2023  
5:30 – 8 p.m.  
1039 S. Rochester Rd.  
Rochester Hills, MI 48307



**ANNOUNCING  
MULTIPLE DISTRICT 25  
PDG GET-TOGETHER**  
*"Doing The Best We Can"*



**November 4, 2023**

**Hampton Inn Indianapolis NW Zionsville  
6005 S Main St, Whitestown, IN 46075**

**317-768-2330**

*block of 40 rooms held until October 13*

<https://group.hamptoninn.com/0soy8o>

**\$129 per night**

**Saturday at 10:30am**

**PDG Roundtable**

**"How Do We Help Indiana  
Lions More"**

**Moderator: PDG Reed Fish**

**Luncheon at 12 noon**

**Chicken, Coleslaw,  
Potato Salad**

**Cost \$10.00**

**PDG MEETING**

**Saturday at 1:30 pm**

Items for agenda – email IPDG Eric Schuman at [ejslansing@aol.com](mailto:ejslansing@aol.com)

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Send to PDG Kathy Lozier, Treasurer, 5 Hensel Ct, Carmel, IN 46033  
or email [kathylozier@icloud.com](mailto:kathylozier@icloud.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Pay for food at door ☐

Check Enclosed ☐



## District 25A 2<sup>nd</sup> Cabinet Meeting



**Governor Stephen J. Helmken**



**Date: Sunday, October 22, 2023**

**Time: 1:00PM CST**

**Place: South Haven American Legion 502**

**429 W County Rd 750 N**

**Valparaiso, IN 46385 219-759-2121**

**Hosts: South Haven Lions Club**

**Menu: Assorted Sub Sandwiches**

**Cost: \$12.00**

**Reports should be submitted via email to CS Pat Greer prior to the Cabinet Meeting. [paticia.agreer6@gmail.com](mailto:paticia.agreer6@gmail.com)**

**Please RSVP to CS Pat Greer by Sunday, October 8, 2023**

**Number attending\_\_\_ X \$12.00 = \_\_\_\_\_**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Make checks payable to the South Haven Lions Club Mail to:**

**CS Pat Greer**

**744 Acadia Rd Valparaiso, IN 46385**

**219-928-3618**

**ZONE MEETING - zone 2**

**Monday, October 23, 2023**

**Where:** **The Paragon** 1701 E. 37th Ave. Hobart

**Time:** gather at 6 pm, meal at 6:30, followed by speaker & meeting

**Cost:** \$15 includes tax & tip payable to Hobart Lions Club at the door (cash or check only)

**Menu:** soup or salad, bread & butter, coffee, tea, or soft drink, dessert, choice of entree:

Hot roast beef sandwich w/mashed potatoes & gravy

Hot turkey sandwich w/mashed potatoes & gravy

Roast pork & dressing w/mashed potatoes & gravy

Fried or broiled ocean perch w/ vegetable & potato

**Speaker:** Jay Ferrell talking about the importance of & how to report service projects

**Reports:** Each club should present a report of recent & upcoming activities.

**RSVP:** No later than Oct. 16 to Sally Davis at  
219-942-4433 or [csdavis61@comcast.net](mailto:csdavis61@comcast.net)







## **Crown Point Lions Club Holiday Bingo**

**Thursday, November 16, 2023**

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 eyeglasses and receive extra Bingo Cards

**Tip Boards for Bacon, Sausage, Hams, etc.**

**50/50**

**Money Bingos**

**Loads of Prizes and Fun.**

# Kouts Lions Club



DG Stephen Helmken had his official visit at Kouts Lions Club. He presented a Melvin Jones to Lion James Drang and a Progressive Melvin Jones to Lion Harold Hamon. He also installed a new member, Bob Forester, into the Kouts Lion Club.



## *Updates to the Hoosier Lion*

For many years, the Lions of Indiana have studied the Hoosier Lion. Multiple surveys have been conducted and various models from other states have been considered.

The 2023-24 Council of Governors has voted to approve a proposal from 4 th Hawk Media LLC to print three issues and publish six electronic issues during 2023-24.

The electronic issues will be sent to all Lions with email addresses and the print issues will be sent to all addresses (one per address). This method reduces mailing costs and allows the publication of more information in the electronic issues. The new publisher will also print full color images in the print versions. We are excited to announce these updates and look forward to your feedback.

Please send articles for publication to the district newsletter editor and district PR chair, who will forward them for Hoosier Lion publication.



## The Dr. Richard T. Miyamoto Fellowship



Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing has established the Miyamoto Fellowship to honor Lions and others for their dedication to their Lions Clubs, to Lions Clubs International, and to those in need in their communities around the world. Dr. Richard T. Miyamoto retired as Chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the Indiana University School of Medicine. At Riley Hospital, he served as Medical Director of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology.

In the 1980's, a grant from Speech and Hearing was provided to Riley Hospital and Dr. Miyamoto to expand the use of cochlear implants for children. Dr. Miyamoto's pioneering work has been recognized around the world, and he continues his close relationship with the Lions of Indiana.

A handsome plaque has been designed to honor the recipients of the Miyamoto Fellowship. For a \$500 donation to Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc. within a two-year period, one plaque may be ordered in the recipient's name to be presented by the donor Lion or Lions Club. There is no charge for the plaque. Please contact any Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing trustee in your district for information or to order a plaque.



**ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
INDIANA LIONS SPEECH AND HEARING, INC.**



The disciplines of Audiology, Speech-Language Pathology, and American Sign Language/English Interpreting include trained specialists providing services in a variety of educational and healthcare settings. Each year brings new knowledge and advancements that will help individuals overcome difficulties associated with speech, hearing, and language deficits. Advances in medicine and an increasingly aging population necessitate numerous additional professionals in these fields.

Colleges and universities throughout the United States offer degrees in these fields. A degree in one of these areas requires a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree. Encouragement by Lions throughout Indiana may be a decisive factor in a career choice for an Indiana youth to select one of these professions. **Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc. (ILSH)** may provide scholarships of \$750.00 per student for up to four students per academic year. Students who are entering their *junior* year or above are eligible to apply for this scholarship. If more than four applicants per year, the scholarships will be awarded based on academic achievement. Please refer to the eligibility requirements listed on the application for further information.

Students are eligible to receive the scholarship for a maximum of two years. *Renewals are not to be considered automatic. The student must repeat the application process to be considered for a scholarship for the second year.*

Once approved for the scholarship, the student will be notified by one of the Trustees of Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Inc. A check will be issued and sent to the appropriate department at the university in which the student is enrolled.

**FOR A STUDENT TO BE ELIGIBLE, S/HE MUST:**

- ④ Be majoring in a program in the field of Audiology, Speech-Language Pathology, or American Sign Language/English Interpreting;
- ④ Be entering their 3rd or 4th year in said program, or into graduate school at an accredited college or university offering a minimum four year degree in one of the above mention fields;
- ④ Make application to a ILS&H Trustee or Indiana Lions Club and be sponsored by a Lions Club in Indiana;
- ④ Demonstrate an accumulative GPA of a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or higher;
- ④ Verification of meeting eligibility requirements by University advisor or department faculty member;
- ④ Submit an essay of at least 200 words explaining how the scholarship will be used.

**FOR A LIONS CLUB TO PARTICIPATE, THEY MUST:**

- ④ Promote career paths consistent with ILSH scholarship program and seek out deserving students who may require financial support;
- ④ Consider providing financial support in addition to the \$750 from Indiana Speech & Hearing, Inc.;
- ④ Furnish eligibility date and the recommended support to a District Trustee of Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Inc. 120 days prior to the enrollment date;
- ④ Recommend the student for scholarship renewal for the second year with satisfactory progress and the club's continued support; and
- ④ Complete the application form.

**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – APPLICATION PROCEDURES  
INDIANA LIONS SPEECH AND HEARING, INC.**

The application and all supporting documentation should be forwarded to an ILSH Trustee. Supporting documentation should include a recommendation for the applicant.

**STUDENT APPLICATION**

Full name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

P/G address: \_\_\_\_\_

P/G phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College or University that student is attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Degree Program: \_\_\_\_\_ most recent year completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Is applicant on the Dean's List? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Other academic accomplishments (use additional pages as needed):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant's Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ President: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Club phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Club Support: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

President Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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[www.indylionsspeechhearing.org](http://www.indylionsspeechhearing.org)



# MD-25 Lions

## International Pin Design 2025



**July 4-8, 2025: Mexico City, Mexico:** Mexico is currently the sixth most visited country in the world, welcoming more than 39 million international visitors each year. Mexico City is a busy modern city with a rich heritage dating back 30 centuries! The historic city center has a pyramid, an ancient castle and fort and many museums to celebrate and display the culture. Mexico is also an excellent touristic destination, with more than 6,000 miles of coastline, 35.

UNESCO World Heritage Sites, the world's most dazzling assortment of resorts, 28 World Cultural Heritage Sites and 187 archaeological sites, a vibrant, indigenous culture and a 300year Spanish/European Colonial legacy. Mexico is unparalleled in diversity, hospitality, and the quality of its visitor experience.

Pins **MUST** include:

a-MD 25 Indiana (as text) b-the Intl Convention year - 2025 c-Lion Club Intl Logo d-Intl Convention Host City representation e-MD 25 graphic representation of MD-25 usually includes a race car and/or the outline of Indiana.

Each club can submit one design. If there are multiple designs submitted by one district, one design will be selected by that District Governor. All District designs need to be submitted to me by January 15, 2024. You can scan and attach it to an email to me at [angbelc@iue.edu](mailto:angbelc@iue.edu). Each District's selected design will be presented to the State Council in January. Remember: pin designers do not have to be (a) Lions.

Be creative and have fun!

CS Angela Locke, State Pin Chairperson



**Lions Clubs International  
FOUNDATION**

October 2023

LCIF was started 55 years ago. In this time LCIF has given out almost 20,000 Grants totaling over 1.2 billion dollars for global causes. In 2022-2023 they gave out over 1,400 Grants for a total of 40 million dollars. LCIF gave out over 14 million dollars in grants for Humanitarian Services, and over 7 million dollars in grants for Disaster Relief last year alone.

In District 50, (Hawaii), they have received much needed grant money for the Maui Wildfires. The fires have burnt most of the town of Lahaina to the ground. More grant money will be allocated when applied for. The Lions in Hawaii have set up a task force and are accepting much needed food and supplies. Grants also have been given out to the earthquakes in Morocco and Turkey.

Our District has been busy filling out Melvin Jones Fellowship applications, 8 of them so far have been completed and several more are on the way. I will have the honor of presenting several in the month of October. If your club wants to know if they are eligible, or how much money they have in their LCIF account, please contact 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Patty or myself. We now have Credit Transfer Release Forms. These forms are for individual Lions who would like to transfer their money in their personal LCIF account into their clubs account. This could then be used to obtain a Melvin Jones Fellowship. We will have these forms available at the Cabinet Meeting on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

For more information or to schedule a club visit please contact one of us. Thank you!

PDG Patty Cooke  
[patty.cooke@gmail.com](mailto:patty.cooke@gmail.com)  
219-671-4668

PDG Randy Greer  
[lionrandy@yahoo.com](mailto:lionrandy@yahoo.com)  
219-728-8432



## **2023 State Golf & Softball Championship**

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**It's time to register as a volunteer for the 2023 SOIN State Golf Championship. You can help that day with Registration, Souvenirs, Awards, or the Hole Volunteers!**

**Spend a great day at the beautiful Hickory Stick Golf Course in Greenwood, IN.**

**Please use the link below and follow these steps to get registered.**

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### **2023 Special Olympics Indiana State Golf Championships General Volunteers**

- 1. Registration Link: <https://2023golf-softball.my-trs.com/>**
- 2. Click Purple "Register Now" Button.**
- 3. Click the Blue "State Golf Competition".**
- 4. Select all the position and shift(s) you are interested in.**
- 5. Click the Green "Next" button.**
- 6. Log In or create an account if you don't have one already.**
- 7. Email Jeff Braun at [jbrown@soindiana.org](mailto:jbrown@soindiana.org) with any questions.**

**Thanks again for all your support of SOIN!**

**Hope to see you there!**



## **Environmental Project Prescription Bottle Recycling For "Doctors Without Borders"**

**The Crown Point Lions Club has learned that "Doctors Without Borders" are often in need of containers for dispensing medicine on their mission trips.**

**To assist the Doctors, the Crown Point Lions will be collecting empty prescription bottles for recycling.**

**Collection Containers have placed at**

- **St. Mathias Church and United Methodist Church in Crown Point,**
- **Michael & Co. Salon in Highland, and**
- **Orthopedic Balance and Therapy Specialists in Crown Point.**

**Lions can also bring their bottles to any Lions/Cabinet meeting and/or contact a Crown Point Lion for pick up.**

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

**Sort bottles by color and size.....wash/dry and replace lids on clean bottles...place bottles in large resealable bags marked "Clean Bottles" ... Box and Ship for "Doctors Without Borders".**

**There are many benefits for this program.**

- **Keeps plastic bottles out of our landfills,**
- **Provides a much-needed resource for the Doctors**
- **Helps people feel good about helping others.**

### **Can we count on your support?**



## LAKES OF THE FOUR SEASONS STEAK SALE

**The Lions Have Purchased 120 Cases of 12 oz. New York Strip Steaks. There are 16 steaks to a case for \$110.00.**

**They will be sold on a first come, first served basis.**

**Deadline to order steaks will be October 27, 2023.**

If you would like to order, contact any Lions Club member or you can also contact Lion Linda Kroner at her email [lkroner1159@comcast.net](mailto:lkroner1159@comcast.net) or phone her at 219-765-3990.

You can mail your form and check to Lion Linda at  
1159 Sunnyslope Crown Point, IN 46307.

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

### **These Steaks Make Great Christmas Gifts**

We will set up pickup in the morning at the  
Seasons Lakehouse on November 4, 2023

from 9 am till 11 am!

**Please Mark the Pickup Date on Your Calendar**

**We don't have any space to store your steaks.**

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

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

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

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

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



The poster features a central illustration of a two-story house with a brown roof and white walls, set against a green background. A sign in front of the house reads "Serving the Blind Community". Overlaid on the house is the text "BUILDING OUR Golden Years". Above the house, the text "8th Annual DINING IN THE DARK GALA FUNDRAISER" is displayed. In the top right corner, there is a logo for "THE B S C" and text indicating "Directors: Mr. & Mrs. Blair 2011C33 Organization". At the bottom, the event details are listed: "Friday, October 20, 2023 | 5pm - 10pm", "Social Hour | 5pm - 6:30pm", and "Open Bar | Dinner Served | 7pm". Below this, the address and contact information for The Blind Social Center are provided: "The Blind Social Center | 5195 Jefferson St | Gary, IN 46408 | 219-980-0097", "Shedding Light on Blindness" | [www.theblindsocialcenter.org](http://www.theblindsocialcenter.org). At the very bottom, there are four circular icons representing YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

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Please contact MeLisa Crisler  
Gary Lions President for tickets.  
Check or money order will be accepted.





## Laporte Lions Club

### *Lions donate to two county families with health issues*

Two La Porte County families with sick children have been helped financially by La Porte Lions, Mill Creek Lions, Ed Paine Care and Helping Hands and Indiana Cancer Control funds.

La Porte Lions gave \$500 to a family whose 10-year-old daughter is battling an aggressive form of leukemia. She has had to travel to Indianapolis for treatment but can now get it in South Bend. Her father has to miss work to take her. Ed Paine Care and Helping Hands matched the La Porte Lions' donation and the Indiana Lions Cancer Control funds contributed \$150.

Mill Creek Lions gave \$1,000 to a family whose 7-year-old son has had brain surgery. Ed Paine funds gave \$1,000, Both families are very grateful for the help.



## Merrillville Lions Club

# IT'S FALL YA'LL MEAT SALE!

**Pack 1- 8pc 10 oz Ribeye steak boneless and 8pc 8oz steakhouse burgers- \$125**  
**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- \$120**

**Orders must be placed by October 8, 2023**  
**Call Lion Jay to place your order**  
**at 1-219-718-4765**





### Awards Night September 21, 2023



Oh, What a night. Great turnout and loads of laughs and fun. Attendance awards were given to several members for perfect attendance. We have over 40 members and over half had perfect attendance.



Congratulations to Past President Lion Donna Worst for 20 years of being a lion. (pictured below).



Lions Chuck and Colene McKean were also awarded for 15 years of being lions. It's a family affair. (pictured right with Lion President Mary Jane DiMichele)



Lion Alex Kleemann was presented his 15 year chevron by Lion President Mary Jane. (pictured left)



Past President Lion Donna Worst gave gifts to her 2022/2023 Board Members and thanked them for their service. She had a special surprise for Secretary Lion Cindy Beckman. You may want to ask her about the story behind the gift. (pictured right)



**WELCOME NEW MEMBER— Marc LaCien** (pictured left with sponsor Lion Cindy Beckman and Lion President Mary Jane DiMichele)



## Family & Women's Development Event



Please join us Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm CT at Washington Park Zoo in Michigan City. We will have a short meeting and fellowship. Refreshments will be served. Price is \$12 per person, this includes parking. We will have a 50/50 & Trivia; all proceeds will be donated to Washington Park Zoo in memory of Alice Helmken who worked there as a volunteer. Bring your family, spend time with the 'Lions', and share your stories of service projects, fund raisers, and new membership ideas!

Please RSVP to Wendy Semans by October 7<sup>th</sup>

219-851-2409 or [wendy.semans71@gmail.com](mailto:wendy.semans71@gmail.com)

Please send payment to: 5200 N 150 E, Knox IN 46534



# TRI TOWN SAFETY VILLAGE

1350 EAGLE RIDGE, SCHERERVILLE, IN 219 865 9600



## SAFE TRICK OR TREAT

*Saturday, October 21, 2023*



**Pre-Registration ONLY**

**Registration times: EVERY HALF HOUR**

**Children 2 yrs. old & up: \$5.00 cash per child/Credit cards a FEE will be added**

**Adults 1 & Under: No Charge**

**Payment taken on day of event at the Safety Village**

**Go to:** <https://rb.gy/7seqm> OR



to **SCHEDULE YOUR  
Arrival Time**



**CRAFTERS**



**FOOD VENDORS  
come Grab  
a bite**



We are a 501c3. Federal Law prohibits ANY Political activity.  
Also, no selling or raffles on our Property.



# Leo Club of East Chicago



The East Chicago Leo's Club (EC Leo's Club) has been busy this summer. The East Chicago Evening Lion's Club sponsored The East Chicago Leo's club this year. The EC Leo's Club started meeting this spring in April. Our plan was to meet as much as possible during the spring and summer months once our school schedules freed up. Our first meeting was held April 10th, 2023 and our Leo Induction Ceremony was held July 22, 2023.

During our Leo planning meetings, we discuss many great ideas and opportunities for our club. Leo Aiden Vazquez came up with the idea of inviting our East Chicago Businesses community to join the Leo's in a sponsorship/mentorship opportunity. Leo Aiden explained the goals of our club and asked for their partnership and sponsorship of our club's goals moving forward. We were able to mail out over 100 letters.



Our Leo's helped with the East Chicago Police Departments National Night Out held on August 1, 2023. The EC Leo's volunteered to sign kids into the event, play games with the kids and assisted with setup and teardown of this event. One of our Leo's Soledad Castellanos wanted to hand out friendship bracelets to the kids at the event which was a huge success. This allowed our Leo's to share with the community information about our club.

Our Leo's volunteered at the Disabled American Veterans walk 8/26/2023. Leo Trevor Vazquez wanted to work with the veterans of our community, and we were able to connect with this organization based in Hammond Indiana. Leo Trevor asked its sponsoring Lion's Club, The East Chicago Evening Lions for a donation for this event. The EC Evening Lions donated \$250 for this amazing organization, and we look forward to working with them again soon.



Our Leo's volunteered at the Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids walk 9/10/23. Leo Josh Lopez wanted to work with this organization not only because it is one of concentrations as a Leo but also for personal reasons dear to his heart. Josh asked the EC Evening Lions for a donation for this event, and we look forward to working with this organization very soon.

Our Leo's are also working with their high schools to have an eyeglass collection box for each of their schools. Leo Julian Orozco brought up this idea and opportunity at one of our meetings and started this effort in asking his high school, Bishop Noll Institute for a location for this box in the school office. Our other EC Leo's continued this request with their high schools. We hope to have these boxes in each school by October.

Our Leo's volunteered and walked the Mexican Independence Day Parade in Calumet City, IL. They were invited by The Mexican Patriot Club to participate in this parade.

Our Leo's had a great time at this event. The East Chicago Leo's Club is currently planning our next fundraiser for November 4th. We will hold a pancake breakfast to benefit the East Chicago Community in preparation for the holiday seasons. This event will take place at Club Ki Yowga 5220 Indianapolis Blvd, East Chicago, Indiana from 8am - 12pm.

East Chicago Leo's Club Board:

Isabella Connelly - East Chicago Leo President Rhoel Risos Jr - East Chicago Leo Secretary  
Aiden Vazquez - East Chicago Leo Vice President Julian Orozco - East Chicago Leo Treasurer



# Westville Lions Club

THE WESTVILLE LIONS CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO THEIR 2ND ANNUAL  
ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST ON

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 07, 2023 FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM.  
THIS WILL BE AT GEORGE'S GYROS LOCATED AT 325 N. CALUMET ROAD  
IN CHESTERTON.

BREAKFAST INCLUDES:  
ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES 🥞  
SAUSAGE LINKS 🌭  
COFFEE AND JUICE.

TICKETS ARE \$7.00 AND CHILDREN UNDER 5 ARE FREE. TICKETS MAY BE  
PURCHASED AT THE DOOR OR IN ADVANCE BY CALLING (219) 785-2609  
OR FROM ANY WESTVILLE LIONS MEMBER.

THE WESTVILLE LIONS LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 07 AND VISITING WITH YOU AS THEY SERVE YOU PANCAKES  
AND SAUSAGE OR BUS YOUR TABLE.

**Come Join the Crown Point Lions  
As We Celebrate  
80 years of Serving Our Community**

**October 19, 2023,      6 - 8 pm**

**Mix and Mingle 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Hors devours/ Cash Bar**

**6:45 - 7:00    Featured Speaker Mitchell Semans  
Past Council Chair, Indiana Lions**

**7:00 - 8:00: Dinner Meeting -- Buffet Dinner**

**\$25/person - Make Checks payable to Crown Point Lions**

**Venue: Gary Sportsmen Club  
10101 Madison Ave  
Crown Point, IN 46307**

**Please RSVP by October 5, 2023, to**

**[CrownPointLionsClub@gmail.com](mailto:CrownPointLionsClub@gmail.com)**

**Crown Point Lions ... We Serve**

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**Schererville Central Lions Club**  
Co-sponsored by **St John Township**  
**Trustee Cathy J Lareau**

## **Annual Oktoberfest**

**Friday, October 6, 2023**

**5:00 PM – 7:30 PM**

**St. John Community Center, 1515 Lincoln Hwy, (US 30)**

**1 CHOP \$13.00 – 2 CHOPS \$15.00 (CASH BAR)**

■ **DINE-IN or TAKE OUT available**

**Smoked Pork Chops–Spätzle–Sweet & Sour Red Cabbage–Sauerkraut–Potatoes**

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# Welcome New Members

OCTOBER 2023

## CROWN POINT

MARC LACIEN

Sponsor: CINDY BECKMAN

## Hobart

JASON HARRIGAN

Sponsor: ELINOR DAVIS

## Kouts

ROBERT L. FORSTER

Sponsor: DENNIS BROWN

## Lacrosse

LISA ROSENKRANZ

Sponsor: KELLY KIEL

MIKAYLA YOUNGGREEN

Sponsor: ROBERT YOUNGGREEN

## St. John

BETHANY HERNANDEZ

Sponsor: WAYNE PONDINAS

GABRIEL HERNANDEZ

Sponsor: WAYNE PONDINAS

ROBERT SEGER

Sponsor: KARL SEGER

## Westville

NANCY N ESQUEDA

Sponsor: RHONDA WESTON

PEDRO ESQUEDA

Sponsor: RHONDA WESTON

## Members that have completed their service

CHARLES E CONFEY  
WHEATFIELD, IN

LAKE OF THE FOUR SEASONS LIONS CLUB  
MARY M. WOLF  
CROWN POINT, IN



## Remembering a life of service