

LIONS DISTRICT 25 A NEWSLETTER

Coming Together to Serve

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OCTOBER 2025

District Governor Jim Furlong



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My District Gov Pin

Banner Night

My Banner Night is fast approaching on October 11. It was be held in the Lakehouse Restaurant inside Lakes of the Four Seasons Community just outside Winfield. Social hour starts at 5:30 with a cash bar and dinner is served at 6:30. Our guest speaker for the night is PID Bob Block. All clubs in District 25-A a Halloween costume as our theme.

For those of you new to Lions or not sure what a Banner Night is, let me explain. Each club has a Lions Club Banner that is displayed at all your Club meetings. But each District also has a District Banner which is entrusted to the Home Club of the District Governor. Last year when Patty was District Governor the Schererville Lions held the Banner. At Banner Night this year the Past District Governors ceremoniously pass the Banner to the Lakes of the Four Seasons Lions Club. I am looking forward to seeing many of you there. We'll have a prize for the best costume and have a Silent Auction. Come have a HOWLING GOOD TIME.

Guiding Lion

The Guiding Lion program equips Lions to mentor newly chartered or rebuilding clubs over a two year period, orienting officers and members jump-starting growth and engagement and connecting clubs with key district and LCI resources. The course is ideal for Zone Chairs, Presidents and other officers and any Lion seeking practical tools to strengthen Club operations. Currently we have only one certified Guiding Lion in District 25=A (thank you PDG Patrick Rodriguez).

There will be certified Guiding Lion Training on Saturday, November 15, 2025 from 10:00 am until 2:30 pm at the Etna Green Community Center at 338 S. Walnut Street in Etna Green, IN 46524.

Unfortunately that date and time coincides with my next Cabinet Meeting ***BUT I FEEL IT IS SO IMPORTANT I WOULD EXCUSE ANY ZONE CHAIR OR CLUB PRESIDENT FROM MY CABINET MEETING TO ATTEND THIS VITAL TRAINING. WE HAVE MANY CLUBS ON LIFE SUPPORT AND WE MUST DO ALL WE CAN TO HELP THEM.*** If you are a Zone Chair or Club President of a Club in trouble, please consider attending this training. Etna Green is on US 30 just a little east of our District Boundaries so its not that hard to get to. The cost is only \$20 for lunch and you can RSVP to PCC Julia Kozicki julia@thekozickis.org or at 317-295-8064 by November 9.

I beg you, yes beg, we only have one Patrick Rodriguez and he is working with other clubs at the moment. Please consider attending if you are a zone chair or Club officer of a club in danger of folding. In fact, I will reimburse you for the \$20 if you are attending Please let me know at jimfurl179@aol.com and I will get the money to you.

Peace Poster

The Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest is an annual event that encourages young people worldwide to express their visions of peace through art. For 2025, the contest theme is “Lead with Compassion.” Students ages 11 to 13 are invited to create posters that illustrate what leading with compassion means to them and how it contributes to a more peaceful world. This inspiring program not only fosters creativity but also helps build bridges of understanding among different cultures and communities. Clubs are encouraged to engage local schools and youth organizations to participate. All Peace Poster Contest materials—including the official kit, rules, and promotional resources—are available on the Lions Clubs International website at <https://lionsclubsinternational.myshopify.com/products/ppk1d>. This is a fantastic opportunity for clubs to connect with youth, promote positive values, and showcase artistic talent in their communities.

Yours in LIONISM, DG JIM



LIONISM - I'M A PROUD **LION**.

Lions Clubs International: LCIF.

Hungry • Vision • Diabetes • Mental Health •
Childhood Cancer • Disaster Relief •
Youth • Environment • Humanitarian Relief.

Indiana MD25 Lions, District 25A Lions and Local Lions.

“ Giving is not just about making a donation, it’s about making a difference. “

“ Along we can do so little. Together we can do so much. “

Helen Keller

Lionism,
VDG Dave Dickinson.

Second Vice District Governor Wendy Semans

Retention, Great, wonderful we have a new Lion member! Now what?

Getting new members is fairly easy, keeping them is the real challenge. I have been talking with and listening to new members and will continue to do so but some of what I am hearing is that they sometimes feel somewhat lost. As a sponsor are you introducing the new member to the other members? Do you explain the details of your meetings? Time, place, dinner or no dinner? Explain what tail twisting is, not a punishment but meant to be fun.



I know my first meeting when everyone voted with "bite'em" I was so confused. Do you explain the history of Lions and what our Motto is? Do you tell them about Banner nights and convention etc? Make sure they know everyone is welcome. Tell them about our State projects, fundraising and club projects. Do you explain dues? People are more apt to pay their dues when they know where their money is going.

Lastly, encourage them to help or chair a project. Encourage new ideas and above all have FUN.



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Indiana Lions Matching Grant Application

**INDIANA LIONS FOUNDATION, INC.
MATCHING GRANT APPLICATION
8780 Purdue Road
Indianapolis, IN 46268**

CRITERIA:

1. The Project must be a Lions project. For instance, if your club takes on the project of funding equipment for the local fire department and raises funds from club projects, grants from non-Lion sources and solicitations in the Lions Club's name, the application will be considered. It will not be considered if the request is for a grant to be given as a part of the fire department solicitation.
2. Grants will not be given for the direct benefit of any one individual.
3. To assist 400 clubs and 10,000+ Lions, we encourage not more than one grant per Lions year per organization.
4. The applying Lions Club must give direct financial support to the project.
5. Grants are to match Lions Club direct financial support up to \$1,500.00
6. Club operation and routine maintenance expenses are not eligible for a grant: Capital Expenditures will be considered. The grant may be used for initial start-up costs and associated expenses for equipment, real estate, or improvements to real estate.
7. The club must be in good standing with the District, State and Lions Club International

We encourage organizations that receive a grant to assist the Indiana Lions Foundation Inc by one or more of the following.

- A. Purchasing a W. P. Woods Fellowship
- B. Selling tickets at the Indiana State Fair
- C. Purchasing an Indiana Lions license plate
- D. Purchasing a Brick Paver at the State Office Building

SECTION I

Name of Lions Club making the request	District
Project title	
Amount requested (max of \$1,500.00)	Total project cost (attach copy of budget)
Contact person	Title
Address	City State Zip
Email Address	Phone #
Federal EIN	
Briefly describe the project	
Reason for the project. (Present the problems or needs that are to be met and how the project will meet those problems and needs.)	

Indiana Lions Matching Grant Application

Indiana Lions Foundation Matching Grants to Indiana Lions Clubs for Local Projects

A major focus of the Indiana Lions Foundation is to support local club's community-based projects. Local clubs may apply for up to \$1,500 in matching grant funding for eligible projects. On-line application forms may be accessed at the Foundation's website (indianalionsfoundationmd25.org.)

All applications require the approval of the club president and the District Governor prior to submission to the Foundation. How are grant requests reviewed and approved? There are twenty-one trustees comprising the Foundation board: three from each of our seven districts in Multiple District 25. Those seven trustees in the second year of their three-year term make up the Grants Committee.

This Committee meets prior to each scheduled trustee meeting to review all grant applications submitted since the previous meeting. The trustees meet in February, April, June, July, September, November and December of each year.

Is there a limit to the amount of grants awarded each year? Yes, the trustees set an annual grant budget prior to each fiscal year. This budget is set based on the success of annual fundraising initiatives. The most recent grant budget was \$35,000. This amount may be adjusted upward depending on the number of applications received.

Are all clubs eligible to apply for a matching grant? Yes, as long as a club is current in meeting all of their financial obligations with their District, State and LCI. Also, each club will be limited to one grant per Lions fiscal year (July 1 – June 30).

What projects are eligible for matching grants from the Foundation? - - The project must be a club project where the club has committed funds from its fundraising activities up to \$1,500 to fund the project. For example, if your club takes on the project of funding equipment for your local fire department and raises funds for this project in the name of your club via club fundraising, grant applications and other solicitations; then a matching grant request would be considered.

If the grant is to be used only to match a monetary donation in response to fire department's charity campaign, then that request will not be considered. Grants may be awarded for initial start-up costs and associated expenses for the purchase of equipment, real estate or improvements to real estate.

Indiana Lions Matching Grant Application

For example, a club has initiated a project to purchase a used food truck to sell hot dogs and drinks at local events for fund raising, but it is known at purchase that the HVAC is inoperable and the tires unsafe. The foundation will consider a matching grant to purchase the truck and to make the truck safe and operational up to an amount of \$1,500. Perhaps the club receives a grant from a local charity to purchase the truck and then could receive a matching grant from the Foundation to make it operational.

What are some examples of projects NOT eligible for matching grants? - - - - Any project benefiting only one individual will not be considered. On-going operating and maintenance expenses are not eligible for matching grants.

Grants will not be awarded for improvements to existing capital equipment or for the normal operating expenses of that equipment. Capital equipment is defined as a depreciable asset. For example, if the food truck noted previously was already a club asset, then the purchase of new tires or upgrading of the HVAC would not be eligible.

Grants will not be awarded to maintain real estate assets or rolling equipment. Examples include: roofing, HVAC equipment, windows, electrical upgrades for real estate and brakes, tune-ups, paint, tires and engine and transmission repair or replacement for rolling stock.

Exceptions to this include replacement of equipment such as HVAC or windows if that replacement will result in energy savings exceeding 10% of past energy usage. A matching grant will not be awarded when it is intended to match a charitable monetary donation from a club to another local charity such as the fire department charity example used above.

Can a club receive two matching grants for the same project? Maybe. As an example, a club receives a matching grant for initial start-up costs for a new festival in their community. Grant requests to match a club's start-up costs for that festival in subsequent years will not be considered. However, another club took on a project to build new dug-outs at the local ball fields and received a matching grant to complete this project. The next year, the club took on a project to replace the fencing at the same ball field. This second project would be considered for a matching grant because it is effectively a new project even though at the same location.

When should a club apply for a matching grant? A club should apply during the planning and budgeting portion of the project, which presumably would be several weeks or even months before the execution of the project. The Committee may reject a request if the request is received more than six months after the project has been completed.

Indiana Lions Matching Grant Application

Should a club give recognition to the Foundation for a successful grant? Yes. The Foundation would appreciate any local publicity such as a check presentation at a club meeting made by one of that District's Trustees. In the case of the food truck example, perhaps a small decal or marker on the side of the truck acknowledging the Foundation's participation in the project could be placed.

Is there any follow-up required after a matching grant is received? The Foundation greatly appreciates receiving photos or accounts in local media about the finished project. We would appreciate receiving these within six months of project completion.

How can a club assist the Foundation? - - - - Clubs can assist the Foundation's fund raising by selling tickets at the State Fair Lions may purchase Indiana Lions license plates through the BMV Individual Lions or clubs may purchase a brick paver placed at the Lions State Office Building Purchase a W. P. Woods Fellowship Donate to a Foundation project.

Are matching grants available for disaster assistance? Yes. Grants not to exceed \$1,500 for Districts impacted by a natural disaster that has affected at least 100 people, including tornadoes and floods, are available. The grant applications must be made by the District Governor of the affected area within 30 days of the occurrence with funds spent within 30 days of receipt of funds and may be used to help meet immediate relief needs such as food, water, clothing and medical supplies. Given the urgency of these situations, the process for approval is a verbal conversation between the District Governor and the Foundation President, who will urgently poll the Foundation Board via email for rapid action.

Please visit www.indianalionsfoundationmd25.org for more information.

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Leader Dogs for the Blind



Since 1939 Leader Dogs for the Blind had provided services to persons in need at no cost. The 2025-26 District fundraiser is reselling yearbooks. We have sourced a third party reseller who will offer \$CASH\$ for all high school yearbooks – the more signatures the better. So clean out those closets everyone! This low investment project will encourage less clutter at home for a great cause – supporting Leader Dog!



donorsupport@leaderdog.org



<https://www.leaderdog.org>

***Please let us know if you are interested in collecting at an event**

If you have more than can be reasonably brought to a cabinet meeting, I am happy to pick up – also can send a nice flyer for posting or hand out

Lion Joy Robinson
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Lions Recycle for Sight



Calling All Lions-Can You Help?

We make a living by what we get, but we help a life by what we give.

But First, A Story...

It was a chilly early morning when a family brought their little boy—about 8 or 9 years old—to our eyeglass mission worksite. It was clear he needed new glasses. The pair he wore was thickly taped together, the lenses scratched and thick like coke bottles. It was also evident that he faced some physical challenges. Still, he and his parents waited patiently, appearing hopeful we could help.

When it was finally the little boy's turn, we discovered his eyesight was extremely poor—legally blind. I feared we wouldn't have anything close to what he needed. But thanks to the generosity of the Lions in collecting and donating eyeglasses, we found a pair that worked for him! Seeing him leaving with his parents, relieved and smiling, was a reminder of why we do what we do: to serve, no matter who, how, or where.

But the story didn't end there. That afternoon, I glanced toward the waiting area and saw the little boy and his parents again. My heart sank. I imagined a dozen reasons why they might have returned—and feared the worst: that the glasses didn't work. Bracing myself, I walked over, unsure what I could offer next.

To my surprise, the little boy beamed at me. He tugged on my shirt, and when I bent down, he wrapped his arms around me and said, "Gracious, Señor. Gracious." Fighting back tears, I realized they had returned not with a problem, but with gratitude.

This is why your support matters. For over 20 years, the Lions of District 25A have served hundreds of thousands through eyeglass missions. Lions from across our district have experienced the joy of transforming lives—both here at home and around the world and have their stories too. Just ask them!

Now, our mission needs your help to continue. The equipment we rely on—autorefractors and lens meters—must be replaced to keep serving those in need. We are currently seeking a matching grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to purchase new equipment. To secure this grant, we must first raise roughly \$11,000.

Here's how you can help: Your donation—of any amount—will help us reach this goal and touch even more lives. Every gift you give has twice the impact through the LCIF match, helping people see the world clearly for the first time, or perhaps in a long time.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to change lives. Your generosity will be felt around the world—by those who receive the gift of sight and by those of us who have the privilege to serve.

For questions, feel free to contact me and my information is listed below. Pledges are also welcome!

Make checks payable to: District 25A Eyeglass Recycling

Mail to: PDG Kevin Roe, 701 S Huddleston Rd, Winamac In 46996

Warm Regards,

Lion Kevin Roe, Chair, District 25A Eyeglass Recycling and Vision Services, Inc.

E: lionkevroe@gmail.com C: 574-946-4701

News Around the District—Door Village Lions

Members of Door Village Lions club met on September 8th in the fellowship hall of Door Village United Methodist Church for a dinner prepared by Lions Sue Kaiser, Cindy Polito, Carol Pahs, Bonnie Olson and Cindy Fischer.

Club President Lion Sue Kaser called the meeting to order at 6 pm and welcomed Lion Wendy Semans, Second VP District 25A who was the featured speaker for the evening. After the dinner and the business meeting Lion Sue introduced Lion Wendy who spoke about Indiana Lions Cancer Control, the oldest Lions state project which started in 1946. Currently their focus is on childhood cancer. They are teaming up with Riley Hospital to begin studies on children side effects to cancer treatments. Since there have been a small number of studies the Cancer Association has historically provided few funds for children. It is estimated that 70% of children suffer from the severe side effects of chemo induced neuropathy.

Riley Hospital studies have shown that Lactose has proven to relieve the condition, so they are making it available to all their patients. And Indiana Lions Cancer Control is helping fund their efforts. They have teamed up with the Walther Cancer Foundation who have agreed to match dollar for dollar any Lions contributions. Lions have already raised \$100,000 which was matched, and they are now working on the second \$100,000.

Discussion followed and Lion Cindy Polito motioned to donate \$500 to the Riley Challenge. Motion was second by Lion Nancy Weaver, and the motion carried. President Sue Kaiser thanked Second VP Wendy for joining members and sharing the information on the efforts of Indiana Lions Cancer Control and called for a motion to adjourn Lion Cindy Polito moved and Lion George Morley seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.



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News Around the District—East Chicago Evening Lions Club

Club Ki-Yowga Inc & EC Evening Lions
Presents...



The illustration features a spooky forest background with a large skull wearing a witch's hat on the left, an owl on a log in the center, and a large jack-o'-lantern filled with candy on the right. There are also smaller jack-o'-lanterns and bats in the scene.

Halloween

TRUNK OR TREAT

Hot dogs & Cider



GET YOUR COSTUMES READY!!
Club Ki Yowga Parking lot - 5220 Indianapolis Blvd

FREE

25 OCT 2025 12PM TO 4PM

Getty Images

News Around the District—East Chicago Evening Lions Club

East Chicago Evening Lions Club

Celebrating Fiesta Patrias with the City of East Chicago

Our **East Chicago Evening Lions Club**, together with our **East Chicago Leo Club**, proudly joined the City of East Chicago to celebrate **Fiesta Patrias**, a day honoring Mexican Independence and the spirit of freedom, unity, and culture. East Chicago is home to one of the largest Latino communities in Northwest Indiana, and this event brought families, local leaders, and neighbors together for a day full of music, dance, and tradition.



Pictured: Lions Ben Flores II, Gina Gomez, Gezia Gordils, and Edna Gonzalez. EC Leos; Scarlett, Sophia, Kelly, and RJ, and future Leo, Annalia!

Fun Fact: Mexican Independence Day is NOT Cinco De Mayo! It celebrates the 1810 Grito de Dolores launching the revolution against Spain. Cinco de Mayo marks the 1862 Battle of Puebla, a separate victory

■ *Celebramos con orgullo las Fiestas Patrias junto con la Ciudad de East Chicago. Fue un día lleno de alegría, cultura, y unión comunitaria. ¡Gracias a todos los que participaron y apoyaron!*

News Around the District—East Chicago Evening Lions Club

■ East Chicago Evening Lions Club at the 8th Annual Festival de la Monarca

On Saturday, September 6, the East Chicago Evening Lions Club proudly joined The Nature Conservancy and the City of East Chicago at Kosciuszko Park for the 8th Annual Festival de la Monarca. This free, family-friendly event brought together hundreds of residents to celebrate monarch butterflies, pollinator health, and the importance of native plants in our ecosystem.

■ Our Pride in Action

President: Veronica Flores | **Secretary:** Gina Gomez | **Member:** Ben Flores

Leo Club: RJ Risos (Leo President), Isabella Drous, Carolina Drous, Kelly Lopez, Scarlett Edge

Our Lions and Leos worked side by side to:

- **Distribute free native plants**
- Educate families about pollinator-friendly habitats
- Assist children with interactive learning stations
- Share smiles, conversation, and community spirit



■ About the Event

- Free native plants to support pollinator habitats
- Music & dancing and live performances
- Local food & art vendors
- Activities for kids and family engagement

■ Service in Action

Our participation in the Festival de la Monarca reflects the Lions' mission to serve and protect the environment while supporting community education. This event inspired dozens of families to plant pollinator gardens and learn about conservation.

Interested in joining us? The East Chicago Evening Lions Club is always looking for new members and volunteers!

News Around the District—Westville Lions Club



The following Westville Lions Club members Boss Sandy Lee, Lions Curt Crizer, Julia Kretlow, Brian Pagels and Bojan Pothorski stepped up to help the Westville Town Hall and members of the Westville Chamber of Commerce pack items and distribute for 120 households and 30 for the Westville Food Pantry on Wednesday September 17, 2025 at Prairie Meadow Park in Westville.

The crew started at 8:30 am and was completed by 11:00 am. The weather was perfect with sunny skies and a light breeze. Thank you to Bridget Kramer the Westville Public Library Director for organizing this. Community Event.

News Around the District— Westville Lions Club

Westville Lions Host Pancake Breakfast

The Westville Lions Club is set to host its popular pancake breakfast fundraiser next month to support its community service initiatives.

The event will take place on Saturday, October 11, 2025, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. This year's breakfast will be held at The Original George's Gyros Stop, located at 325 N. Calumet Rd. in Chesterton.

A donation of \$10.00 per person is requested, which includes a full pancake breakfast. The event is family-friendly, with free meals for children aged 5 and under. For those on the go, carry-out options will also be available.

All proceeds from the breakfast will help fund the Westville Lions Club's various projects, which serve the local community. Residents are encouraged to attend for a good meal and to support a worthy cause.

You may buy tickets in advance from any Westville Lions Club member or by calling (219) 785-2609 or at the door

Tour De Laporte



Westville Lions Club

Sunday, August 24, 2025 — 8:00 am : 3:30 pm.

LaPorte County Bluhm Park, Westville, IN 46391.

2025 Tour De LaPorte - 60 miles / 100 miles.

Members: Lion Debi Ingram, Lion Jim Ingram, Lori Fagg, Lion Russ McCoy, Lion David Dickinson, Lion Dick & Jean Bartmess, Boss Sandi Lee, Lion Brain Pagels and Lion Michael Schultz.

ROARS from District Tail Twister

(Activities at the next Cabinet meeting November 15)

White Board Announcement Fundraiser

The way it works – for a donation, you can write any (Appropriate) message on the Board – for Foundation credit – add your name and funds to the list in the bucket with the board supplies by 2ndVDG Lion Wendy Seamans

Coupon Book Scramble

Entry Fee \$1 – also to go to Foundation

For this nominal fee – you can trade in any coupon book page (not expired) for another. I know many of us have purchased books from the South Haven Lions and not everyone is going to travel to Whiting for Grillers or out to Westville for Pa's Chicken but the local Lions might – Let's all have some fun trading for value while making some MOOLA for the International Foundation!!

The Donations will go to:



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

First Annual Raffle

Sponsored by
Valparaiso Lions Vision
Care, Inc and Currie
Motors Ford of Valpo.

Currie Motors
FORD of VALPO



2025 Bronco with 2.3L ecoboost 1-4 engine, Azure
Gray Metallic with Black Onyx Interior Soft top cloth



Only 1,000 Tickets Available! ★ Price Per Ticket: \$100

GRAND PRIZE DRAWING

1st Prize

**Choose a brand new Ford
Bronco or \$40,000 cash!**

2nd \$1,000 Cash

3rd \$500 Cash

\$1,000 Early Bird Drawing! – August 7, 2025
Grand Prize Drawing – October 16, 2025*

Currie Motors Ford of Valpo

Complete the form below and mail with check/money order.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Referred by: _____

Proceeds benefit future
improvements in our
community.

Make check/money order payable to:
Valparaiso Lions Vision Care Inc.
P.O Box 64, Valparaiso, IN 46384

VOID WHERE PROHIBITED BY LAW

Stay tuned for more details! Follow Currie Ford of Valparaiso for updates.

License # 017908, Reference # 162685.
 The Valparaiso Lions Club reserves the right to extend the raffle drawing date for the 2025 Ford Bronco. If all raffle tickets are not sold by October 16, 2025, the drawing will be postponed to December 16, 2025. This extension is to allow additional time for ticket sales and to ensure the success of the fundraising effort, with a goal of 1,000 total tickets sold. All purchased tickets will remain valid for the rescheduled drawing date. No refunds will be issued based on the change of drawing date. Winner is responsible for all taxes, fees, and associated costs. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a ticket.

News Around the District— Valparaiso Lions Club

The Valparaiso Lions Club has a low vision charity: Valparaiso Lions Vision Care, Inc. which we founded in 1998. Its purpose is to provide devices to people who are visually impaired and reside in the seven counties of District 25-A. We have helped over 100 individuals at the cost of \$150-200,00 in that time.

This year we are teaming with Currie Ford in Valparaiso to have a CAR RAFFLE. Tickets are \$100 and only 1000 will be sold. The winner gets either a brand-new Ford Bronco or \$40,000. The drawing will be on October 16 at Currie Motors in Valparaiso. There will be an early bird drawing on August 7 for \$1000. That winner will still have a chance for the car. The October drawing will have a second prize of \$1000 and a third prize of \$500.

I have attached our flyer for this project and would appreciate it if you could publish it in all the upcoming District newsletter between now and October.

The proceeds will go to our charity to help the visually impaired in District 25-A.

Richard Ireland
Secretary, Valparaiso Lions Club.

PS if you need any more information or want to purchase a chance to win, contact me at lionireland@hotmail.com, or call me at 219 241 3496.

See flyer previous page

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News Around the District—Hobart Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner

YOU'RE INVITED

Support the *Hobart Lions Club*

Helping to make positive changes



We Serve

Joe's Spaghetti Dinner



We Serve

All you can eat Spaghetti, Breadsticks, Salad & Drink

(CARRY OUTS AVAILABLE)

Adults \$ 12.00

\$8.00 Children under 10

UNDER 5 FREE

Thursday October 23rd

4 - 6:30PM

Trinity Lutheran School

891 S Linda St, Hobart

Call

Joe

219-781-9604

Sally

OR

219-942-4433

for tickets

Hobart Lions Club

Connecting with the Community

Help us support our projects !!!!

Police, Fire, Parks Departments, Food Pantry, softball, baseball, ROTC, backpack food program, Leader Dogs, Cancer, providing medical equipment, provides glasses and vision screening for children

We need your support!!!!

Supported by a Thrivent Action Team



We Serve

OCTOBER 9, 2025

golden
corral

ZONE 3
MEETING

Golden Corral, 8215 Broadway, Merrillville, IN

- FOOD • FUN • FRIENDS • SILENT AUCTION • GUEST SPEAKER
- Starts at 6pm/ \$17 per person \$16 for seniors

Please RSVP to Lion Jay Ferrell by September 28
1-219-718-4765 or lionjayferrell@gmail.com

Who's in Zone 3?

Chesterton, Hobart, Portage, South Haven, Ogden Dunes,
Lake Station, and Merrillville, but anyone can attend!

District 25A WHITE ELEPHANT EVENT

***Sunday, November 9th, 2p-5p
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***



News Around the District—Crown Point Lions

CROWN POINT LIONS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS



Welcome new Lion Elijah Wagner who was sponsored by his mom, Lion Erika Wagner. (pictured left with his parents and Past President Carla Smolek). Lion Elijah will be a great assest to the Club. Be sure to meet and welcome him if you have not already done so.



Lions Erika Wagner, Mary Jane DiMichele, Pam Gray and Beata Eagan (pictured right) worked the Coin Club Concessions which is one of our fundraisers.



Congratulations to the Lions who received the 2024/2025 Attendance Pin. These Lions work hard to make the Crown Point Lions Club shine. Our motto is "WE SERVE", and these Lions do their best to do just that!



Past Global Service Team Coordinator, Jay Ferrell, (pictured right) spoke to the club about the importance of service. He gave the club several ideas such as looking for what your community needs, find your passion and letting Lions help in that endeavor, and possibly reaching out to other organizations. Some of the best ideas come from other people and clubs.



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News Around the District—Crown Point Lions



Crown Point Lions Club Holiday Bingo

Thursday, November 20, 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 #163615

News Around the District—LOFS Lions

The LOFS Lions held a Car Cruise for the first time on September 29th. Headed by Lion Joe DiSanto, the cruise featured over 115 cars, two local food vendors and a lot of happy spectators. Valparaiso Lions came with their raffle vehicle, offering the crowd a chance to win a beautiful car.

The pictures below do not reflect the large scope of the event, but, be assured that the car cruise was so successful that LOFS Lions will be holding this event again.



Lion Ginger also showed off her ride



OCTOBER 2025

News Around the District—LOFS Lions



There were too many cars to show off in the newsletter. Next year, we'll have a flyer so everyone can enjoy this event!



Schererville Central Lions Club

Co-sponsored by **St John Township**
Trustee **Cathy J Lareau**

Annual Oktoberfest

Friday, October 3, 2025

5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

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

1 CHOP \$15.00 – 2 CHOPS \$18.00 (Cash)

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT

CHOP \$15.50 – 2 CHOPS \$18.50

FEATURING

Smoked Pork Chops

Spätzle

Sweet & Sour Red Cabbage

Sauerkraut

Potatoes

*Thank you for supporting the
Schererville Central Lions Club*



OCTOBER 2025

Dining in the Dark Gala Event



10th Annual
DINING IN THE DARK
FUNDRAISER



Tiffany Blue Gala

Friday, October 17, 2025 | 5pm - 9pm
Social Hour | 5pm - 6:30pm Dinner Served | 7pm

TICKETS \$60 DONATION *At the* **Marquette Pavillion**
1 North Grand Blvd | Gary, IN 46402



SCAN ME

Allen KYLE COMMISSIONER **JCPenney** **ALBERT'S** DIAMOND JEWELERS OF SCHERERVILLE **Save More** FOOD CENTER **LIONS** DISTRICT 25 A **Gospel Sunrise** MARVIN LYLES

The Blind Social Center | Directors: Mr. & Mrs. Blair | 501(C)3 Organization
www.theblindsocialcenter.org | 5195 Jefferson St | Gary, IN 46408 | 219-980-0097

District Governor Jim Furlong's Calendar

Save the Dates!

- 9/2. Zone 2 meeting hosted by Lowell Lions Club, Mi Ranchito Restaurant.
- 9/4 DG Jim official visit Westville Lions Club
- 9/9 DG Jim official visit Rensselaer Lions Club
- 9/13 Lakes of the Four Seasons End of Summer Bash see LOFS Facebook PAGE for info.
- 9/17-9/21 Canada Forum. Atlantic City, New Jersey
- 9/23 DG Jim official visit Lowell Lions Club

- 10/9 Zone 3 meeting hosted by Merrillville Lions Club
- 10/11 COUNCIL MEETING AND DG JIM'S BANNER NIGHT,
LAKEHOUSE RESTAURANT IN LAKES OF THE FOUR SEASONS.
THEME HALLOWEEN COSTUMES
- 10/17 ***DINING IN THE DARK.*** See Flyer in this Newsletter

OCTOBER 2025

District Governor Jim Furlong's Banner Night



DISTRICT 25-A BANNER NIGHT



Lakes of the Four Seasons Lions Club
Invites you to a **HOWLING** celebration

Honoring

DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM FURLONG

Saturday, October 11, 2025

Lakes of the Four Season Lakehouse
1048 Lakeshore Drive, Crown Point, IN 46307

Social – Cash Bar – 5:30 pm (CST) Dinner – 6:30pm (CST)



Early bird price

\$28 per person if paid by September 26

\$35 per person after 9/26 until deadline



Costume attire requested



Silent Auction * 50/50 * Prizes

Please RSVP and make payment by October 3rd
NO PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR

District 25-A Banner Night October 11, 2025

Club/District _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Number attending ____ X \$28.00 = _____

Make checks payable to: Lakes of the Four Seasons Lions Club * **OR** * pay online with Zeffy

Mail to: CS Robin Smith
745-1 Capitol Rd, Valparaiso, IN 46385
(219) 916-4549 ~ mswolfen@aol.com

Scan barcode below

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/district-25a-banner-night>



OCTOBER 2025

Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference Silent Auction

Silent Auction

2026 Mid-Winter Conference – January 17, 2026

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We are in need of items for the silent auction at the 2026 Mid-Winter Conference. If you would like to donate something, please contact either Co-Chair Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos at liongretchen@att.net or PDG Linda Scott at lindamscott@comcast.net. Funds raised from this silent auction will go toward support of the MidWinter Conference, to better help defray the costs. Thank you for your willingness to make this event a success.



OCTOBER 2025

Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference



Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference

ALL **IN** FOR



Saturday, January 17, 2026

Crowne Plaza Airport Indianapolis

2501 S. High School Rd.,

Indianapolis, IN 46241

(317) 244-6861



KICK OFF DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY NIGHT - JANUARY 16TH

Price: \$50 Social Time: 6:00 PM Dinner: 6:30 PM

Menu: A plated dinner that will include CHOICE OF Beef Tips or Chicken Marsala with House Salad, Roasted Potatoes, Garlic Green Beans, Dessert, House Bread and Butter, Coffee and Tea.

FOLLOWED BY GAME SHOW BATTLE ROOMS!

Get your teams ready for Wheel of Fortune, Family Feud and more!

PLUS - ANNUAL SERVICE PROJECT

We will again assemble our Care-ing Cases, which consists of first aid kits using new 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 the needy people in their district.

LUNCH SATURDAY FOLLOWED BY KEYNOTE SESSION PRESENTED BY

AMBER COX, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

AND GENERAL MANAGER FOR THE INDIANA FEVER.

Menu: Siesta Buffet - Mexican Salad with Cilantro Lime Dressing, Latin Seasoned Ground Beef and Corona Marinated Grilled Chicken Fajitas with Peppers and Onions, Assorted Tortilla and Taco Shells,



SATURDAY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Registration & Continental Breakfast	8:00 am – 9:00 am
Displays & Silent Auction	Open until 3:00 pm
Opening Session	9:00 am - 9:30 am
First Session Seminars	9:45 am – 10:30 am
Second Session Seminars	10:45 am – 11:30 am
Lunch – Siesta Buffet	11:30 am – 12:15 pm
Program & Keynote Speaker	12:15 pm – 1:15 pm
Third Session Seminars	1:30 pm – 2:15 pm
Speed Learning	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Closing Session	3:45 pm – 4:15 pm

SPEED LEARNING TOPICS

Indiana Lions for Leader Dog,
Vision First/Indiana Lions Eye Bank,
Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Inc
Indiana Lions for ISVBI Presenter,
Cancer Control, Indiana Lions Foundation,
USA / Canada Forum and Lions University,
International Conventions- Hong Kong &
DC, Having Fun in your Club, LCIF—How
Our Foundation Helps the World,
Special Olympics, Lions Quest

COMPLETE NEXT PAGE TO SELECT SEMINARS AND COMPLETE REGISTRATION



ALL **IN** FOR



OCTOBER 2025

Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ District: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Club Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

_____ This is my first Mid-Winter Conference.

- () \$65.00 early-bird (Before 11/30) () \$75.00 (After 12/1 or Onsite)
 () \$35.00 Conference Only - No Lunch
 () \$50.00 Friday Dinner (Circle) Beef Tips or Chicken Marsala
 () LESS \$10 for First Time Attendees!
- Total Amount Due Per Registration:
\$ _____

REGISTER ONLINE (www.indianalions.org) or send completed registration form with payment to:

Registrar Lion Cheri Faulkner, 1021 Woodpointe Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46234

E-mail: clermontlionlady58@yahoo.com or questions call: 317-271-3314

Make Checks Payable to: **Lions of Indiana, Inc.** OR Card Type: ☐ VISA ☐ MC ☐ Discover

Card#: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Security Code: _____ Signature: _____

Review the Seminars offered and note the session time each seminar will be offered. Please circle your selections for each session to help us plan sufficient seating and handouts.

9:45 – 10:30	Seminar Session 1	1	2	3	4
10:45 – 11:30	Seminar Session 2	5	6	7	8
1:30 – 2:15	Seminar Session 3	9	10	11	12
2:30 – 3:30		SESSION 4: SPEED LEARNING			

Seminar Session 1 9:45 - 10:30

Seminar 1
Lion Membership Orientation
Presenter: PDG Tom Robbins
Description: Whether you are a new or "seasoned" Lion come and more about Lionism and how to help new Lions.

Seminar 2
Using the Lions Portal
Presenter: TBD
Description: As the Portal continues to expand and improve, learn the ins and outs of putting it to work for you.

Seminar 3
Inviting Made Easy
Presenter: PDGs Jim Bush & Charlie Short
Description: We all want to expand our membership and be able to do more service. Learn how to get past the fear of the ask.

Seminar 4
Serving your Club
Presenter: PDG Mark Clark
Description: Does the thought of being a club officer scare you? This informative session will go over the various positions and give you the tips and skills to do a great job and make your club even stronger.

Seminar Session 2 10:45 - 11:30

Seminar 5
Zeffy and Your Club
Presenter: Lions Dan Moynihan & Jennifer Niemeyer
Description: Learn how Zeffy can be used by your club to take online payments with no fees and can do so much more. This session will show you how to start using it in minutes.

Seminar 6
Using AI to Promote your Club
Presenter: TBD
Description: Ever has issues writing an article or a follow-up letter? With finding corporate or work partners? Learn how AI can be used to help simplify these tasks.

Seminar 7
How to Build a Leo Club
Presenter: 2VDG Wendy Semans
Description: Leo Clubs are an exciting way to get younger people involved in service. Come learn how to start and grow a club with Leos from across the state.

Seminar 8
The GMA Approach to Revitalizing Your Club.
Presenter: IPCC Julia Kozicki
Description: The Global Membership Approach (GMA) can be used to revitalize a club. Come and learn what PIP Brian Sheehan calls "the secret sauce" of Lionism.

Seminar Session 3 1:30 - 2:15

Seminar 9
Gaming Rules
Presenter: Mark Mason
Description: Does your club host games? Learn what you need to stay legal from the Assistant Director of the Indiana Gaming Commission.

Seminar 10
Creating a Great Newsletter
Presenter: PDG Marty Juel
Description: A well-crafted newsletter is a critical communication tool for all Lions. Learn how to create engaging articles for your own newsletter and for all media to tell the story of your club to your community.

Seminar 11
Creating a Club Google Profile
Presenter: Peter Brown of Ash Interactive
Description: Learn why your club needs a Google business profile and how to set it up.

Seminar 12
Pediatric Cancer Update
Presenter: Dr. Jennifer Belsky
Description: Last year, Dr. Belsky of Riley Hospitals gave an inspired talk on her work in pediatric cancer research. Join us for an update of this critical work.



Members Who Have Completed Their Service

Star City

Lion Ulery 8/19/2025

Ogden Dunes

Thomas Woodward 9/07/2025

New Members

Bass Lake

Donna Duruntz Sponsored by Gloria Ballard

Crown Point

Phillip D.C. Mayer Sponsored by Ed Schiesser

Elija V. Wagner Sponsored by Erika Wagner

Koontz Lake

Thomas G. Camire Sponsored by Van Janovic

Donna M. Sullivan Sponsored by John Darnell

La Porte

Paul Hannon Sponsored by Paul Marsh

Lake Station

Marcella Gregory Sponsored by Rose Colovos

Teague R. Sanders Sponsored by Rebecca Sanders

Membership

Lakes of the Four Seasons

Pat Contreras Sponsored by Sally Reagor

Candace Whitehouse Sponsored by Sally Reagor

Lyn M. Lopez Sponsored by Jenn Niemeyer

Michael Lopez Sponsored by Jenn Niemeyer

Amy L. Williams Sponsored by Daniel Moynihan

Michael K. Williams Sponsored by Daniel Moynihan

Munster

Daniel Blue Sponsored by Mohamed Aly Illyas

Ante Juric Sponsored by David Speckman

Ogden Dunes

Joyce J. Scully Sponsored by Paul Panther

Pat J. Wadle Sponsored by Tom Kniola

Schererville

Cynthia Ferrini Sponsored by Evelyn Jones

Sharon L. Moore Sponsored by Evelyn Jones

St. John

Gail R. Magsaysay Sponsored by Mitch Moneta

Union Mills

Jennifer Principe Sponsored by Penny Battista

District Directory Corrections

DISTRICT DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

Please note the following corrections to our 2025-2026 District Directory. An updated copy will be placed on our district website:

Pg. 16 – ZC Carlyle Edwards address should be 532 Riga Place

Pg. 18 and 25 – the DeLasCasas address should be 5030 Spinnaker Lane #A

Pg. 31 and 42 – Brian Westgate address is 305 E Indiana Street

Pg. 34 – East Chicago Evening Lions Club meets the 1st Wednesday each month at 6:00 pm. Meeting location is Good Fellows Club, 502 Penryhn Place, East Chicago, IN 46312

Pg. 42 – Kouts Lions Club meets 1st Thursday only, and the correct address for the Parish Hall is 601 S. Rose Street.

If there are any other corrections to our district directory, please email CS Robin Smith, mswolfen@aol.com, and also, ensure your information is correct in the Lions Portal.