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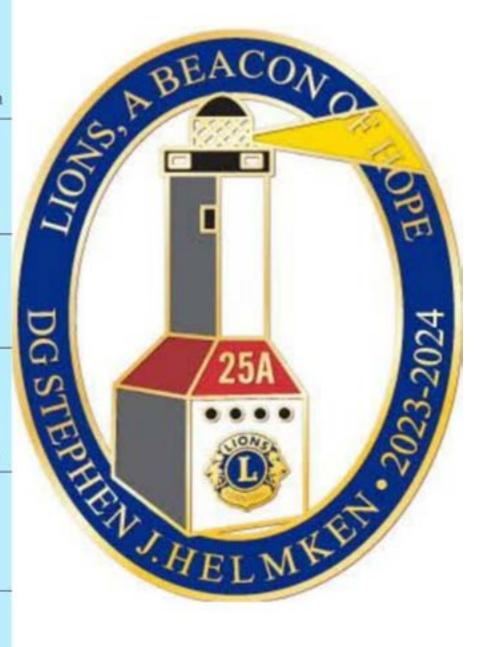
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District 25A Newsletter





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"HAPPINESS IS A TEAM EFFORT"

Greetings to the Lions of District 25A,

It's hard to believe that the first two months of my year as your District Governor have come and gone already. But what an awesome two months they have been. A lot happened in July as I wrote about in the last newsletter and August hasn't been a disappointment either.

In the month of August, I've had the pleasure of visiting five clubs as my Official Visits. During my visits, I inducted two new members for the Door Village Lions Club, met a Lion from Spain who had been an exchange student back in 1988 (I think) at the Wanatah Lions Club, plus, I met two Lions who are stepping up to start a Leo Club when I visited the Bass Lake Lions Club. This is what happiness is all about and what makes working together as a team fantastic! We've had our first Cabinet Meeting which was held at the Community Center in Hamlet. The Hamlet Lions Club was the sponsor, offering us very healthy snacks of fruits, yogurts, and some little pastries. Thank you, Hamlet Lions Club and the Oregon Davis Leo Club, too. We celebrated Jody Greer's birthday (she is the District Tail Twister) during the Cabinet Meeting with singing and a cake. I had the great experience of working at the State Fair again this year. My sisterin-law, Cathy Underkoffler, from Indianapolis went with me in place of my wife and her sister, Alice. We worked three days at Gate IW, working alongside many wonderful Lions from other parts of the state. Through the rain, heat, smells of corndogs, and the sounds of some unhappy children, we had a really fun time.

I hope you have all noticed what the title of this article is. I have an amazing team of dedicated Lions that I have the great pleasure of working alongside. I st VDG Patty Cooke-Furlong and her husband, 2 nd VDG Jim Furlong have been my eyes and ears in working with the Gary NWI Lions Club. They were having some difficult times, but with Patty and Jim's guidance, they are up and running at full speed again. I hope everyone will plan on attending the fundraiser they are having on September 8 th. I'm sure they have an ad in this newsletter. I also need to mention that 2 nd VDG Jim has been working on "looking for Lions" who would be great leaders for our District in the future. This is something that your District Officers are always doing as we visit clubs, attend Zone Meetings, and many club activities. We are always looking, thinking, wondering. As most of you know, Lion Carolyn Toosley from the Schererville Central Lions Club is our District's Diabetes Awareness Chairperson. After the 1 st Cabinet Meeting at the beginning of August she came up to me and volunteered to be the Zone Chair for Zone 1. Thank you ZC Carolyn Toosley. Now if I could get a Lion in Zone 4 and Zone 7 to step up as Lion Carolyn did, I would be one happy District Governor.



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BIG NEWS!

I am happy to announce that this past Friday, August 25th, PCC Mitchell Semans, Co-Convention Chair for the District Convention in March, 2024 and your District Governor, went to the Blue Chip Casino, Hotel, & Damp; Spa to sign the contract for our District Convention which will be held the weekend of March 9-10, 2024. Hallelujah! Thank's to PCC Mitchell for all his hard work in making this happen. Lions, mark your calendars now. Information will be coming to you from your Cabinet Secretary, Patricia Greer.

Please plan to attend the 2nd Cabinet Meeting, Sunday, October 22, 2023, which will be held at the American Legion in South Haven. The South Haven Lions Club will be our sponsors at this meeting. As you all know, the Island of Maui has been dealing with the aftermath of wildfires that burned down many, many homes and businesses. PDG Randy Greer will be talking to us about LCIF and the ways to help. I hope you will all be at the next Cabinet Meeting.

There is so much good that can come when we, the Lions of 25A, work together as a TEAM. When there's a need in our District it's wonderful to see Lions step up to fill that need. When a club is in trouble, seeing your District Leadership step up to get them back on track is them doing what they stepped up to do. Lions working together instead of against each other is what brings us all happiness beyond measure. And it's the same happiness that comes from shining your lights as Beacons of Hope to those in need.

Till next month, keep your Beacons of Hope shining brightly,

DG Stephen J. Helmken



PATTY COOKE-FURLONG

1st Vice District Governor

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Hello 25A Lions!

It has been a busy month. We started August with the Dyer Lions' Car Show at National Night Out. We enjoyed checking out all the old cars and the free food. It was a great event! I am sure other Clubs were active that night also. Then on August 5th we attended the first Cabinet Meeting of DG Stephen's year. It was good to see many familiar faces and hear about the projects all of you are doing in your towns. And Lion Jim won the door prize - a beautiful bouquet of flowers - that he then gave me for my birthday.

The next week, I attended a meeting of the NWI Lions - the newest club of 25A. They are focused helping the people in their community and making the Blind Social Center a reality. The BSC will provide a meeting place where blind and visually impaired individuals come together in a supportive and inclusive environment.

Then Lion Jim and I headed south to Indianapolis to help at the State Fair. We did four 6 hours shifts and had a great time. There are some Lions, however, who work every day of the fair. This is all to help raise funds for the Indiana Lions Foundation. The Foundation then provides \$1000 matching grants to every Lions Club in Indiana. This is money you can use to serve your communities.

Check it out at https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/

Workers also accrue credits toward a WP Woods award.

Anyone who has not volunteered for the State Fair should give it a try next year. You get the benefit of eating lots of Fair food and meeting Lions from around the state. It is always interesting to talk to other Lions and hear how they are serving their communities.

Often, I find ideas for other service activities or fund raisers that can be done here.

Now it is time to get back Corn Roasts, Zone Meetings, LCIF and being the First VDG of 25A. It keeps me busy, but it is a very rewarding job. I thoroughly enjoy working with all the Lions of our District.

Take Care

And Thank You for All You Do Lion Patty Cooke 1VDG, District 25A



2nd Vice District Governor Jim Furlong

Well, here I am writing my third installment on the District 25-A Newsletter.
And, as last month I talked about traveling to the International Convention in
Boston; this month I'd like to talk about some more travel 1 st VDG Patty and I
did just this past week. We volunteered to work for the Indiana Lions Foundation at the State
Fair. We scan tickets at the entrance while other Lions work the entrance gates selling tickets
and helping out on the kiosks. What I'm finding out is that I get to meet a lot of new people in this job.
Sometimes they're not even bipeds.





This is me and Romeo. Romeo is a member of the famous Budweiser Clydesdales team. He and his stablemates come in at a cool 1+ ton each and are magnificent to see them dressed out in their tack as they take a daily trip through the fairgrounds. Kids, and adults, stare in awe at these beautiful animals.



After your shift is over you are free to walk the fairgrounds. On Friday night, 1stVDG Patty and I wandered over to the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage and watched Buddy Guy perform. Buddy is one of the preeminent Blues singer/guitarists in the world and he was only about 100 feet directly in front of me. It was a great two hours. And, as the name implies, it was free. So why do we do this every year? Well, it's a great way to meet other Lions from other parts of the state who love to serve as much as we do. And it benefits the Indiana

Lions Foundation.

The Indiana Lions Foundation gives up to \$1000 matching grants to Lions Clubs in the state for all types of emergency and community needs. For instance, if a tornado hits locally they are able to respond very quickly in tandem with the local Club in the affected community to provide help for the most immediate needs. It also gives matching grants for community needs. For instance, if your Club is thinking of, say, Electronic Defibrillators in areas where there are community gatherings, and they will cost around \$1000. With a matching grant you could purchase two defibrillators for your community. Want to build dugouts at your local Little League Field? The Indiana Lions Foundation is perfect for helping out with a \$1000 grant. These are grants, not

loans, and they will help your annual budget go farther to helping in other areas of need.

I do not believe that the Clubs in 25-A are utilizing this resource enough. Go to indianalionsfoundationmd25.org to apply for a grant. Or call me for thoughts or ideas.

A note from Cabinet Treasurer Dennis Fischer:



Hello from CT Dennis Fischer.

Well, it's a new Lions Year with many new members (and some old ones) now serving as officers in our clubs. As such I want to remind clubs on how donations to State, District Projects and LCIF should be made so clubs will be given credit for their donations. For checks for State Projects and the Indiana Lions Foundation they should be made payable to each project.

State Projects:

Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing Indiana Lions for the ISBVE Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc Indiana Lions Eye Bank/Vision First Leader Dogs for the Blind

Foundations:

Indiana Lions Foundation

For checks to LCIF the check needs to be made out to LCIF.

If the donation is for \$1000 towards a Melvin Jones award the Melvin Jones form must be filled out and included with the check. In the memo field designate either Empowering Service Fund or Disaster Relief Fund.

For District Projects, checks need to be made out to Lions District 25A and the project you are donating to should be placed in the memo area on the check. All checks, whether written to the district or to any of the special funds listed above need to be sent to:

CT Dennis Fischer, 2677 S. Nowak Drive, La Porte, IN 46350.

One last thing. We are asking all clubs to update and review the officers of their club in MYLCI.

It is difficult to correspond to the correct people at your club with information missing.

Get ready for the Lion Portal

The Portal is not ready for prime time yet. The last date mentioned was September. But there are some videos available that do let you see how this new tool will work.

Go to the Lions International homepage: www.lionsclubs.org

Click on the magnifying glass to the far right and type Portal on the line.

Click on the first option Lion Portal



Scroll down on the next page until you see the Preview pane below. From here you can watch three different YouTube videos that demonstrate the new Portal. For now, this is the only way to familiarize yourself with the look and feel of this new tool.



We will let you know as soon as we hear any updates. For now, continue to use myLCl and myLion. Verify that all you club and member data is correct and update your service information.

Lion Patty Cooke-Furlong, 1VDG

Lion Jim Furlong, 2VDG

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 2023-24 Indiana Lions Council of
Governors is seeking applications for the
position of State Administrative Secretary.

The State Administrative Secretary serves as
the state council secretary and MD 25
Convention secretary and is responsible for
making reports on behalf of MD25 to Lions
International. A well-qualified candidate is a
Lion in good standing with leadership skills
and supervisory or nonprofit management
experience. The position is part-time exempt
and is based at the Indiana Lions State Office
Building in Indianapolis.

A full list of duties can be found in the policy manual linked at <a href="https://www.e-guiden.com/ww.e-guiden.com/www.e-gui

Interested applicants should contact Council
Chair Bob Hrdy at (765)426-9027 or
lionbobhrdy25c@gmail.com and submit their
resume and letter of interest no later than
October 1.

Candidates should be available for interviews on Saturday, October 7, 2023, following the Council of Governors meeting in Noblesville.

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. 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

District 25A 2nd Cabinet Meeting



Governor Stephen J. Helmken



Date: Sunday, October 22, 2023

Time: 1:00PM CST

Place: South Haven American Legion 502

429 County Rd 700 N

Valparaiso, IN 46385 219-759-2121

Hosts: South Haven Lions Club

A luncheon will be served! The cost will be \$12.00

Reports should be submitted via email to CS Pat Greer prior to the Cabinet Meeting. 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

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



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/0sov8o

\$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

Send to PDG Kathy Lozier Treasurer 5 Hensel Ct Carmel IN 46033

or email kathylozier@icloud.com						
Name	District					
Pay for food at door	Check Enclosed					

2023 State Golf & Softball Championship

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 us the link below and follow these steps to get registered.

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.
- Log In or create an account if you don't have one already.
- 7. Email Jeff Braun at jbraun@soindiana.org with any questions.

Thanks again for all your support of SOIN!

Hope to see you there!

LCIF serves Lions. Lions serve the world.

Hello 25A Lions.

There have been many questions about LCIF assistance for the Maui-Lahaina relief effort. LCIF has already provided \$10,000 in Disaster Relief Grants directly to Lions District 50 in Hawaii.

If you or your club want to help, when sending a paper check, put Maui-Lahaina relief in the memo. I would also send a separate note with it explaining your club voted for the donation and you wish it to go specifically to Maui-Lahaina relief. This will count towards a Melvin Jones fellowship. However, it will not count towards club and district impact grants. Many Clubs are afraid that our money is being sent overseas and while some monies are sent overseas, the US & Canada receives more money from LCIF than we give. I encourage your club to mark it as Empowering Service. And one step of security, take photos of everything you send to LCIF. If doing it online, there is no way to specify Maui-Lahaina Relief just Disaster relief. Same thing applies, it will count towards a MJF but not Club or District Impact grants.

The final numbers are in for last year. The Clubs and individual Lions of 25A donated \$25,211 to LCIF! Yea! And Thank You very much! Your donations have gone to helping at multiple natural disasters around the world from fires on Maui to floods in India. We are also a world leader in the effort to prevent avoidable blindness and we support a vast array of humanitarian efforts around the world. This is in addition to the focus on Hunger, Diabetes, the Environment, Childhood Cancer, and Youth. Donations from all of you make a difference!

Humanitarian spirit is at the core of every Lion. Helping Lions take this spirit of kindness to their communities is Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), uniquely privileged to provide clubs and districts with grant funding to create a healthier, happier world. Lion Randy and I will be working this year to see how LCIF grants can be used at the District and Club levels to better serve the communities in our district.

We will also be contacting the LCIF Coordinators of each club to assist you with making 'the ask' to increase donations. If you have not assigned anyone to this position, the Past President assumes the title by default. Randy and I will also be sharing some LCIF fundraising ideas.

Thank you for all you do.

PDG Randy Greer LionRandy@yahoo.com 219-728-8432

2VDG Patty Cooke Patty.Cooke@gmail.com 219-671-4668

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 i<mark>n this</mark> effort...It's simple ...Promote its pr<mark>esenc</mark>e 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?

Zone Chair Report/GLT Report

I am proud to be Zone Chair for newly reorganized Zone 3. It consists of Crown Point, Dyer, Hebron, Lakes of the Four Seasons, Merrillville, Schererville, and St. John.

We are going to have our first Zone meeting for the year on Wednesday, August 30 hosted by the Lakes of the Four Seasons Lions Club at the LakeHouse Restaurant in Lakes of the Four Seasons.

The focus of the meeting will be service, so all Clubs be prepared to discuss BOTH your activities completed over the last four months and all activities planned over the next four months. Feel free to distribute flyers and/or tickets at the meeting.

As the Zone Chair I look forward to attending as many of your events as possible. In fact, 1VDG Patty and I participated in the National Night Out by attending a Car Show that the Dyer Lions Club hosted in conjunction with their community's National Night Out. Over the past year I enjoyed so many and varied events such as Pancake Breakfasts, Golf Outings, Bingo Nights, Bunco Nights, Port Chop Dinners, and Car Shows. I always have a good time supporting my fellow Lions.

On Saturday, May 20th we hosted a Club Officer workshop in Kouts at St. Paul Lutheran Church (Thanks PDG Dennis Brown for arranging the location). We had 25 mostly new Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers attend and all seemed to thoroughly enjoy the separate presentations after getting a general pep talk and a discussion from DG Stephen on his goals and vision for District 25-A for the coming year.

If you're a new Zone Chair I encourage you to go to the Zone Chair ebook at http://e-district.org/userfiles/89/file/DA-ZCEB_en.pdf This guide will help you be a better Zone Chair. Last year International held a Zoom training session for Zone Chairs that I found very helpful. If I hear of another session this year I will let you know.

As your GLT (Global Leadership Team) for the District I am always looking out for potential leaders for Lions Clubs. In business its called succession planning and good leaders and organizations should always be looking for the future. Briefly the requirements for District Governor, for instance, require two years on your clubs Board or an officer, then President of your Club, then Zone Chair. If you wish to run for District Governor, you first need in writing the approval of the majority of your Club. Then you forward the Clubs approval letter to the Nominations and Elections Chairperson, in this District it is currently PDG Barb Toosley. She will then verify your Club Approval Letter and your other qualifications and put you on the ballot.

I often hear that being a Zone Chair or District Cabinet Officer is "tough". That's nonsense, Although I'm retired many of my peers are working parents with young children occupying their time. You don't need any special degree, all you need is desire, good leadership skills, and yes, probably good organizational skill and or time management skills.

If you're interested in being a Lion Leader, let me know. Who knows, perhaps you're already on my radar.

MBC Training Center & Gary NWI Lions Club

Presents Fundraiser

Paint and Sip 2023



Helping Our Gary NWI community center for the blind and visually impaired while you paint your masterpieces!







https://www.facebook.com/TBSCGarry?mibextid=LQQJ4d

Friday, September 8, 2023

5:30pm-10:30pm

Innsbrook Country Club

6701 Taft Street, Merrillville, Indiana 46410

Ask for Lisa 708-724-3555

Reservations \$50.00 (includes food)









Family & Women's Development Event



Please join us Saturday October 14th 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 7th

219-851-2409 or wendy.semans71@gmail.com

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

END OF SUMMER BASH



SCAN HERE FOR TICKETS



SEPT. 9TH

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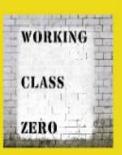
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LIVE MUSIC



District 25-A

SP TO 7:30P



8P-11P

ONLINE

PRE-SALE - \$5.00 DAY OF EVENT - \$10

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NO OUTSIDE

FOOD OR BEVERAGE ALLOWED
HO PETS ALLOWED WITH THE EXCEPTION
OF SERVICE ANIMALS

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HAM & BEAN DINNER IS BACK!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OCTOBER 28TH. CASH AND PAYPAL ACCEPTED. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!





Lake station president in the community with the lions club. The club helped sponsor and participant for the back to school.

Lake Station Lions

Officer Eric Jezerski (K9 officer) was happy to receive our donation for his K9 today.



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



Crown Point Lions ... We Serve



On August 1, the Dyer Lions held our 2nd annual car show in conjunction with National Night Out.

We had nearly 50 cars in attendance! In addition to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places, we had special awards for the Dyer Police Pick, the Dyer Firefighters Pick, and the Dyer Lions Pick.

We had beautiful weather and great participation/turnout. Proceeds from the registration will go toward Dyer town projects, such as a bench or table at the new splash pad!



CEDAR LAKE

Cedar Lake Lions Club has conducted 2 diabetes screenings.
The first was at the Cedar Lake Farmers' Market where we screened about 10 people.

On August 12th we conducted a screening at the Holy Name Local Market. At this event we tested 29 individuals.

Plenty of diabetes information was available to help people understand the disease. Pictured are Lion Carolyn Toosley, District 25A Diabetes Chairperson and Lion Terri Yauger, Secretary, Cedar Lake Lions Club.

CROWN POINT LIONS CLUB

Backpack Project

Our club blessed 30 children in foster care thru Crown Point School Corporation. We packed 10 bags for high school students including their calculator needed for science and math classes. 10 bags for Jr. High students and 10 bags for grade school students. Lion Greg, Phyllis, MaryJane and Carla packed them Thursday morn-

ing. Lion Louise and Carla delivered them to Superintendent Todd Terrill at the corporation building Thursday afternoon. We Serve. Lion Carla Smolek

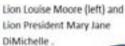




Items collected for the backpacks.



Lion Greg Fabian (left) loading a backpack. (Right) Lions Carla Smolek, Louise Moore, Greg Fabian, Philis Porio and President Mary Jane DiMichelle preparing items for backpacks.





(Below) Packed , Loaded up and ready to go.





Delivered to the Crown Point School Corporation.

Pictured left to right, Lion Louise Moore, Superintendent Todd Terrill and Lion Carla Smolek



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

Annual Oktoberfest

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

For tickets - call 219-743-6997 or 219-798-5950

Credit Card payment at the Door (plus CC Fee)



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Schererville Central Lions Club

Co-sponsored by St John Township
Trustee Cathy J Lareau

Annual Oktoberfest

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

For tickets - call 219-743-6997 or 219-798-5950

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INSPIRE

young people to showcase their talent

CREATE

stronger ties in your community

SPONSOR

the 36th annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest

Dare to Dream. Invite kids in your community to express their visions of peace and promote international understanding.

Get complete contest details and order your kit at lionsclubs.org/peaceposter.

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THE 2023-2024 CONTEST

Dare to Dream

To a young person, a dream isn't just a wish, hope or desire — it's a path, a goal, an ambition. But achieving that dream takes hard work. So this year, we're asking young people to show how they'll turn their dream of a peaceful world into reality.

Peace Poster Contest Deadlines

Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. Entries not meeting the following deadlines will be disqualified.

- January 15: Kits go on sale from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- October 1: Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- November 15: Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.
- December 1: Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning district poster to multiple district council chairperson.
- December 1: Postmark deadline for a district governor not belonging to a
 multiple district to send one winning poster to the Brand & Creative
 Department at International Headquarters.
- December 1: Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.
- December 15: Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning poster to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.
- · February 1: International winners notified on or before this date.

LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST RULES

A kit must be purchased for each contest sponsored. Each kit includes a sticker to be placed on the back of the winning poster prior to forwarding it to the next level of judging. Entries not featuring an official sticker on the back or meeting the rules listed below will be disqualified.

Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest in a local school(s) or organized, sponsored youth group(s), such as YMCA programs, Boys & Girls Clubs, Scouts, etc. A Lioness club can sponsor the contest through its sponsoring Lions club. Note: The contest cannot be held in youth groups that a Lions club sponsors, such as a Leo club or Scout unit. However, individual members of those groups (such as Leos or Scouts) may participate if the contest is held at their school or other organized youth group.

Contest is open to students who will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on November 15. Eligible birthdates can be found under the Contest Rules & Conditions found in the Peace Poster kit.

Artwork must be no smaller than 13 inches by 20 inches (33 centimeters by 50 centimeters) and no larger than 20 inches by 24 inches (50 centimeters by 60 centimeters). Do not mat or frame artwork.

Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student.

All artwork must be the individual student's original creation. Duplications are not accepted.

All media are accepted. Note: Chalk, charcoal and pastel entries should be sealed with a fixative spray to prevent smearing. Do not laminate entries.

Three-dimensional entries will not be accepted. Nothing may be glued, stapled or attached to the artwork in any way.

The use of lettering or numbering on the front of the poster, in any language, is not allowed. All artist signatures or initials should be written on the back of the poster.

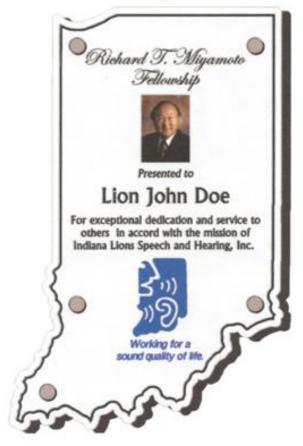
Artwork should be done on a flexible material, so it can be rolled for shipping in a mailing tube. Do not fold poster.

Participants accept all responsibility for late, lost, misdirected or illegible entries. Entries sent with insufficient postage will be disqualified. Lions Clubs International is not responsible for entries damaged, destroyed or lost during the judging process. Entries cannot be acknowledged or returned; they become property of Lions Clubs International upon receipt. Peace Poster Contest images cannot be used without written permission from Lions Clubs International.

In consideration for the opportunity to enter the Peace Poster Contest, participants agree to allow Lions Clubs International to use their names and photographs for promotional and publicity purposes. In addition, the international grand prize winner, two family members (one being a parent or legal guardian) and the sponsoring club president or a club member (as designated by the sponsoring club president) are required to attend the award ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations. An international grand-prize winner is not eligible to receive subsequent prizes in future Peace Poster contests sponsored by Lions Clubs International. By entering, participants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges and Lions Clubs International.

Lions Clubs International may cancel the contest without notice at any time. The contest is void where prohibited, taxed or restricted by law.

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.

WESTVILLE LIONS

TOUR DE LAPORTE WESTVILLE SAG STOP

LION DEBI INGRAM-CHAIRPERSON FOR THE TOUR DE LAPORTE WESTVILLE SAG STOP CANNOT THANK THE WESTVILLE COMMUNITY AND WESTVILLE LION MEMBERS WHO PROVIDED THINGS FOR THE WESTVILLE SAG STOP AT BLUHM COUNTY PARK IN WESTVILLE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023.

TOUR DE LAPORTE IS A CYCLING FUNDRAISER OF THE LAPORTE COUNTY YMCA. FUNDS RAISED FROM THIS FUNDRAISER PROVIDES SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PROGRAMS AT ANY OF THE LAPORTE COUNTY YMCA LOCATIONS INCLUDING LAPORTE, LONG BEACH OR MICHIGAN CITY ELSTON, OR THE EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER, DAY CARE. THIS YEAR THEY HAD OVER 400 CYCLISTS PARTICIPATE AND 80 OF THOSE 400 WERE DOING THE 100 MILE BIKE RIDE. THE WESTVILLE SAG STOP PROVIDED REFRESHMENTS FOR THE 25 MILERS, THE 40 MILERS AND THE 100 MILERS. THE CYCLISTS CAN CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THE TOURS INCLUDING 5, 15, 25, 40, 80 OR 100 MILES. ALL CYCLISTS BEGIN AND END AT CUMMINGS LODGE IN LAPORTE. THE WESTVILLE SAG STOP SEEN CYCLISTS FROM AS FAR AS OHIO AND THE OTHER SIDE OF CHICAGO TO ANYWHERE IN BETWEEN. THE WEATHER WAS A PERFECT 80 DEGREE DAY WITH NOTHING BUT BLUE SKIES AND AN OCCASIONAL COOL BREEZE. THE CYCLISTS WERE VERY APPRECIATIVE TO THE WESTVILLE LIONS AND THE BUSINESSES THAT PROVIDED REFRESHMENTS. THE CYCLISTS TELL US EVERY YEAR THAT THIS IS THE BEST SAG STOP OUT OF SEVEN AND THIS YEAR WAS NO EXCEPTION.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES; CITY PURE ICE FOR ICE, COULTERS PRODUCE STAND FOR WATERMELON, FAMILY EXPRESS FOR BOTTLED WATER, GARWOOD ORCHARDS FOR APPLES AND BLUEBERRIES, INGRAM AUTO REPAIR FOR CANS OF SODA, NEW DURHAM ESTATES AND NEW DURHAM HARDWARE FOR BANANAS AND WESTPOINT LOUNGE FOR PIZZAS. SIGNS WERE DISPLAYED ON WHAT BUSINESSES DONATED AND THE CYCLISTS SAID THEY WOULD REMEMBER THEM AND SUPPORT THEM AND LION DEB! HOPES YOU SUPPORT THEM AS WELL AND THANK THEM FOR MAKING WESTVILLE LOOK GREAT WITH THIS EVENT.

THANK YOU TO LIONS DICK BARTMESS AND JIM INGRAM FOR PICKING UP THE ICE FROM CITY PURE ICE AND GETTING THE POP AND WATER ICED DOWN, AND HAULING TABLES AND CHAIRS. THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING LIONS WHO PROVIDED BAKED GOODS. LION TERRI DALE, LION LORI FAGG, LION DEBI INGRAM, LION LIZ ROMANCHECK, LION PHYLLIS RUDZIEWICZ AND LION CONNIE SOBIESKI.





PICTURED ABOVE IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER:

LION JEAN BARTMESS WELCOMING CYCLISTS TO THE SAG STOP AND DIRECTING THEM WHERE TO GO. LION LORI FAGG.
MINGLING WITH THE 1ST GROUP OF FORTY MILERS TO COME THROUGH. 1ST PHOTO IS LION DEBI INGRAM LISTENING TO A
LONG TIME HUSBAND. WEE CYCLISTS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED FOR MANY YEARS WHEN THE HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION
OF LAPORTE STARTED DOING THIS OVER 20 YEARS AGO AND THE HUSBAND HAS NOT MISSED ONE EVENT. LION DEBI
LEARNED A LOT AND WAS VERY APPRECIATIVE, BOTTOM PHOTO IS A FUTURE LION, LINCOLNWAS OUT VISITING THE PARK
AND PLAYGROUND WITH HIS GRANDPARENTS LION GREG BEKAVAC AND SUE AND TOOK A SHORT BREAK TO EXAMINE THE
WESTVILLE LIONS LENDING LIBRARY AT BILLIAM PARK.

Door Village Zions Official Visit of Bistrict Governor, Bringing His Beacon Of Hope

Each year the new District Governor of District 25A sets out to visit all 56 clubs in the district and this year Door Village Lion members were one of the first clubs visited. Members were pleased that he was able to visit during their Annual Steak Fry meeting so that they could serve him a steak cooked just the way he likes them best. Members were also pleased that members of the Madison Township Lions Club were able to make their annual visit to the Door Village Club.

Several of their members have been coming to the Steak Fry every year for more than 20 years, and always bring some good news about their club projects and some good ideas for members to consider. This year they were able to help welcome two new members in to the Door Village club, as District Governor Lion Steve Helmkin inducted Lions John Dysard and Matt Fischer. Sponsors were Lions George Morley and Dennis Fischer respectively.

Governor Helmkin inducted the new members immediately after delivering his prepared address in which he covered his plans and goals and hopes for his coming year as District Governor. He spoke about his travels around the District last year with Past District Governor Nicolas Gonzalez and about how many exemplary achievements they heard about as they went from club to club and how impressed he was with all the accomplishments that Lions were doing throughout the District.

He concluded his remarks with a compliment on all the projects and fund raisers the Door Village Club club performed last year and then challenged members to try to find new projects to add to the established ones done every year, and always be "A Beacon Of Hope", (his theme for the coming year), to all those in the community who at times, desperately need a helping hand and a beacon of hope.

Boss Lion Gene Flickinger concluded the meeting

by thanking Governor Helmkin for coming and for undertaking all the accompanying work that goes with being District Governor of a large District like District 25A.



District Governor 25A Lion Steve Helmkin, challenging Door Village Lions to be a Beacon Of Hope.



Left to right: Lion George Morley, Sponsor of new Lion John Dysard; New Lion John Dysard; Lion Steve Helmkin, District 25A Governor, Inducting Officer; New Lion Matt Fischer; Lion Dennis Fischer, Sponsor of new Lion Matt Fischer.

Anyone interested in learning more about Lionism, and especially about Door Village Lions, please call Lion George Morley at 219-575-3575. Photos submitted by George Morley.



Merrillville Lions



Merrillville Lions participated in The Town of Merrillville's National Night Out which was held at the Dean & Barbara White Community Center

National Night Out was August 1

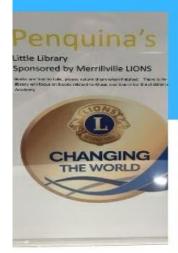




5 members of Merrillville Lions Club volunteered at the State Fair at Gate 12! Members pictured are Lion Ellen, Lion Romayne, Lion Carol, Lion Rachel, and Lion Jay

Merrillville Lions Club volunteered at the State Fair August 19

Merrillville Lions Club sponsored a Little Library







Lion Lou Ann had a wonderful idea and put her idea into action. She's named her project Penguina's Little Library! Congrats on this awesome project! Pictured (center) are Lion Ellen, Penguina, Lion Mike, Will Akins (co-owner of CEA), and Lion Lou Ann

Save the Date September 9th, 2023 Brian's Trike Race



& Disc Golf Tournament

22nd Annual Running!

The Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired
State Project's annual fundraiser 'Brian's Trike Race'
& Disc Golf Tournament is coming Sept. 9, 2023, to the ISBVI Campus

This event raises funds to assist both residential and outreach students of the school. Sponsorships and team participation of this event help to underwrite costs, which include but are not limited to, expenses to help students attend national leadership conferences for the blind and visually impaired, to assist with technology upgrades and many other expenses that directly effect improved learning.

Please encourage your club to send a team. You could also sponsor a Leo club, local school team or a local Boy Scout or Girl Scout troop that would like to have a fun afternoon racing around the David Letterman Track on adult trikes. Peddling not your thing? No worries. Play it through on the campus's 9-hole Disc Golf Course. You too could be a basket case!

Bragging rights and trophies are included in all the fun and competition!

All are welcome and participants must be 14 years of age or older.

Applications and sponsorship opportunity forms will be coming soon. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact an ISBVI trustee in your district or the 2023 event chairs.

Be sure to visit the ISBVI booth and attend the seminar at this year's State Convention.

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District 25-A



Brian's Trike Race and Disc Golf Tournament Sponsorship Form Event Date Sept. 9, 2023 ** 22nd Running!



WHY BE A SPONSOR? Your sponsorship to this fun often hilarious event raises funds to assist both residential and outreach students of the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. These funds help to underwrite costs, which include but are not limited to, expenses to help students attention national leadership conferences, to assist with technology upgrades and many other expenses that directly effect improved learning. This outstanding event is being held at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired campus on College Avenue in Indianapolis.

\$200.00 by July 31st, 2023 Bronze Sponsorship What You Receive:	 ⇒ Your organization's name displayed at Brian's Trike Race and Disc Golf Tournament ⇒ Team entry for either Trike or Disc Golf
\$350.00 by July 31st, 2023 Silver Sponsorship What You Receive:	 ⇒ All the perks of a Bronze Sponsorship PLUS your organization's name and/or logo on each of the 250+ T-Shirts worn throughout Indiana ⇒ Certificate of Appreciation from the Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired
\$500.00 by July 31st, 2023 Gold Sponsorship What You Receive:	⇒ All the perks of a Bronze & Silver Sponsorship ⇒ By request-exhibit space at the event
\$1,000.00 by July 31st, 2023 Platinum Sponsorship What You Receive:	 ⇒ All the perks of a Bronze, Silver & Gold Sponsorship ⇒ Priority placement of your name on sponsor display board and T-Shirts ⇒ ISBVI Fellowship recipient and beautiful ISBVI etched vase
Name of Sponsoring Organization: Contact Name: Contact Phone Number and Email: Sponsor Level: Silver Gold Platinum For more information about sponsorship or fieldin Event Chair Lion Connie Roe C: 219-863-0761 E: lionroeable@gmail.com	10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 1

BRIAN'S TRIKE RACE & DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT September 9th, 2023

This fun and often hilarious event raises funds to assist both residential and outreach students of the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. These funds help to underwrite costs, which include but are not limited to, expenses to help students attend national leadership conferences, to assist with technology upgrades and many other expenses that directly effect improved learning. And, students will receive 4 hours of service credit. Each Trike team member will receive a race t-shirt and each Disc Golf member will receive a useable commemorative disc. Additional shirts and discs will be available for purchase. (see below)

BRIAN'S TRIKE RACE & DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT



TEAM APPLICATION

Saturday, September 9th, 2023-Rain or Shine Entry Deadline July 31st, 2023

Doors Open & Registration at 11:00 am Eastern Time

Indiana School for the Blind & Visually Impaired 7725 North College Avenue, Indianapolis IN 46240

Event Location

Disc Golf is at your own pace and you may begin anytime after registration Trike Race practice begins at 11:30 and races start at 1pm

\$100 entry fee per team-per event. Please use one registration form for each team event.

<u>Please circle one:</u> Trike Team Disc Golf Team

Category that best describes 4 team members (circle one)

Students

Adults

(students must be 14 or older)

Mixed Ages

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Please send a check, payable to Indiana Lions for the ISBVI, along with this form to:

PDG Robin Smith, 745-1 Capitol Rd, Valparaïso, IN 46385

Cell: 219-916-4549 Home: 219-364-9432 Email: mswolfen@aol.com

Questions? Contact PDG Connie Roe 219-863-0761 lionroeable@gmail.com or PDG Robin Smith, 219-916-4549 mswolfen@aol.com

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Welcome New Members

Chesterton

KADEN THOMAS DONNELLA

Sponsor: THOMAS LEE

PORTAGE

RACHEL TAYLOR

Sponsor: BRANDIE BELSTRA

Gary NWI

MARILYN WYNN

Members that have completed their service

Joe Milosevich Waratah, IN

MARK A. MYERS LOWELL, IN

RICHARD I CHASTAIN MARILYN D FOX WINGONAC, IN



Remembering a life of service