

LIONS DISTRICT 25 A NEWSLETTER

Coming Together to Serve

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District Governor Jim Furlong

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My District Gov Pin

United for Impact: The Power of Lions Club Collaboration

As I begin my journey of official visits through the District, I'm struck by a common theme I often hear especially among the smaller clubs. It goes something like: "Gee our club used to (insert project/fundraiser) but we don't do that anymore because we don't have the manpower." To me that is an indication this club might dissolve soon. **Community involvement is where we generate new members.** People see the Lions serving in their community and having fun doing it and they want to become a part of that effort. So, my thoughts are that I will usually encourage these clubs to collaborate with another club nearby.

When two or more Lions clubs join forces on a community project, the results can be transformative—not just for the community, but for the clubs themselves. Collaboration amplifies resources, strengthens relationships, and fosters a deeper sense of purpose.

- **Shared Strengths, Greater Reach**

Each Lions club brings its own unique talents, networks, and resources. By pooling manpower, funding, and expertise, clubs can tackle larger-scale initiatives—whether it's building a playground, organizing a health fair, or launching a food drive. The combined effort allows for broader outreach and more meaningful impact.

- **Enhanced Visibility and Engagement**

Joint projects attract more attention from local media, civic leaders, and potential volunteers. A united front showcases the Lions' commitment to service and community betterment, often inspiring others to get involved. This visibility can lead to increased membership and stronger community ties.

- **Innovation Through Diversity**

Different clubs often have different approaches and perspectives. Collaboration encourages creative problem-solving and fresh ideas. It's a chance to learn from one another, share best practices, and grow together.

- **Stronger Bonds, Lasting Legacy**

Working side by side builds camaraderie and trust—not just within clubs, but across regions. These relationships can lead to long-term partnerships and a legacy of cooperation that benefits future projects.

- In essence, when Lions clubs collaborate, they embody the very spirit of their motto: "We Serve." Together, they become a force for good that's greater than the sum of its parts—proving that unity truly strengthens community.

District Governor Throws Out First Pitch

I enjoyed a bright, sunny day at the Steel Yard home of the Gary RailCats. The day was hosted by the Indiana Harbor-East Chicago Lions. I was honored to throw out the first pitch. While I didn't have the same zip on the ball I had in my younger years at least I was accurate.

The ball only travelled about 55 feet (it's supposed to go 60 feet 6 inches) but it only bounced once and went right over the plate. Unfortunately, I had to be placed on the 30-day injury list for a strained oblique. Nah, just kidding. I would like to thank PDG Patrick Rodriguez (P-Rod) for inviting me and I enjoyed the comradery of all the IH-EC Lions. Thanks to all.



District 25A Lions

Lions, Family, Friends and Volunteers,

Lions Clubs International - Mission 1.5. WE SERVE, Lion's, Leo's and Cub's: District 25A Lions.

VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER and VOLUNTEER.

Lions 1 hour, 2 hours, 4 hours and TODAY. Lion's / Non-Lions: Pancake Breakfast, Chili Supper, Senior Citizens Dinner, BINGO, Community Service, Pantry Food's and etc. Service Project, Donations, Fundraising and Fun Meetings.

So much fun and great Lion's.

District 25A Lions:

Zone Meeting - great atmosphere.
4 - 7 Zone Meeting, Friendly, Lions Club!

Lions Club - 1 and 2 Lions Club, Dinner Meeting and Board Meeting.

VDG Dave Dickinson 2025-2026.

Second Vice District Governor Wendy Semans

Happy September Lions, I cannot believe how fast the months are flying by, they have Christmas in the stores already! We are in full swing of attending District Governor Banner nights, don't forget our very own District Governor's banner night on October 11th, I'm sure it will be a fun night.

If you were unable to attend the recent Cabinet meeting you missed some important information on the new club excellent requirements, please go online and read up to make sure your club qualifies. I have been very busy visiting clubs and giving Leo presentations and I am going to go to Door Village to give a Cancer control presentation as well, making sure you are asking your trustees to visit your clubs.



Cabinet Treasurer Sally Davis—Form for Donations

Note from the Cabinet Treasurer, Sally Davis

It has been a pleasure serving you as Cabinet Treasurer this past year. I look forward to another term serving under District Governor Elect, Jim Furlong.

In trying to simplify the process of clubs making donations to Lions projects and writing checks I have formulated a new plan. Instead of writing checks to each individual project you may now write one check to the district accompanied by the form that follows. Make your check to **“Lions District 25-A”** and list the amount donated to each project in the appropriate box. If there is a project that you wish to donate to that is not listed write it in one of the “Other” boxes. Total the amount and write one check for that amount. This should simplify the process, eliminate questions of “who do I write the check to?” and your check will be cashed immediately.

Contact me if you have any questions or concerns about this procedure.

Form on the next page

DISTRICT 25-A
CLUB DONATION FORM

Date: _____

Club: _____

Our Lions Club would like to make the following donations:



STATE PROJECTS

Cancer Control \$ _____	Leader Dog \$ _____	Vision First \$ _____	IN School for the Blind & Visually Impaired \$ _____ \$ _____	Speech & Hearing \$ _____
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DISTRICT PROJECTS

Diabetes \$ _____	Ed Paine & Helping Hands \$ _____	Law Camp \$ _____	Special Olympics \$ _____
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LIONS FOUNDATIONS

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION \$ _____	IN LIONS FOUNDATION \$ _____
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OTHER

 \$ _____	 \$ _____
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MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO LIONS DISTRICT 25A

TOTAL DONATION: \$ _____ **CHECK NO.** _____

MAIL TO: Lion Sally Davis
4767 East 61st Avenue
Hobart, IN 46342

SEPTEMBER 2025

Global Services Team (GST)

Dear Lions of District 25-A:

I am honored that District Governor Jim Furlong asked me to Serve as the Global Services Team (GST) Coordinator.

My contact information is:

GST Jeanne De Las Casas 5030 Spinnaker Lane Unit A Crown Point, IN 46307

Cell: (219)776-3021

Email: tylersgrandma@comcast.net

Please contact me if you have any questions about using the Portal to enter Service to LCI.

Lion Jeanne DeLasCasas



Weeks of Service and Service Projects



GLT Pat Greer 219-928-3618 patricia.agreer6@gmail.com

Amplify your club's impact during Weeks of Service

Club excellence award requires you to do a Service Project in each of the Weeks of Service.

This initiative unites Lions and Leos worldwide to address the critical issues of mental health and well-being, hunger, and the environment. By participating, you'll be part of three impactful weeks dedicated to creating positive change and making a difference in communities around the globe — together. So, get involved and help drive collective action for a better future!

Mark your calendars

Mental health and well-being

October 4-12, 2025

Hunger

January 3-11, 2026

Environment

April 18-26, 2026

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Do you want to make a huge impact on someone's life?

Do you want service hours you can report and show off to everyone in Lions?

Do you want to try something new?

The Indiana Lions have taken on sponsorship of the annual Indiana Special Olympics Corn Hole tournament. Unlike the Winter Games, there is a sectional round before the State Games. Sectional tournaments are taking place throughout the state, and we are fortunate to have one taking place in District 25A.

Sectional 1 will take place at the Orak Shrine Hall, 3848 N. Frontage Rd in Michigan City on Sunday, September 14th. The event begins at 8am and concludes shortly after noon. We need several volunteers to assist with registration, setup, scorekeeping, as well as other roles.

If you wish to engage in the service opportunity, please contact myself or PCC Mitch Semans.

PDG Nick Gonzalez
Nsg1917@yahoo.com

PCC Mitch Semans
bogey2308@gmail.com

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. 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.

Report Service Activity, New Club Officers, Lions Portal Training

Reporting Service Activity in the Lions Portal on LCI:

Log in to the Portal
At the top click on SERVICE
At the top Click Create Service Activity
Click Club Name
Next
Create Title for your activity
Choose the type of activity it is
Choose a Start and End date
Describe the Event
Put in the total number of Volunteer Hours (Number of Lions X the hours volunteered at event)
Number of volunteers
IF IT IS A FUNDRAISER:
Fill in people served.
Amount raised...Etc
CLICK SAVE BE Sure to go back to Edit READY TO REPORT click on report.
At the Top Click Send Report to LCI

Reporting New Club Officers:

Log in to Portal
On the side CLICK MANAGE Club Officers
Create New Assignment
Upcoming Lion Year
Officer
Official
Choose Title
Add Member

Continue to do this for each new officer

Lions Training on the Lion Portal

Log onto the Portal (Create a user name and password)
Under Learn
Choose Lions Learning (GO)
Continue to Dashboard
Type Club Officer Training (Click)
Follow Directions
You will get an Overview of all OFFICERS in the Club (It is a Slide Presentation)

News Around the District-Lowell Lions Club

Lowell Lions Club Mill Streetcar Cruise Nights are more than just a display of classic cars—they're a celebration of community spirit. These events bring together families, friends, and car enthusiasts for fun evenings filled with local pride, good food, and great company. Through the generous support of attendees and volunteers, we're able to raise funds that directly support service projects and causes right here in our town. It's a powerful reminder of what we can do when we come together, and we're proud to keep this tradition rolling.



SEPTEMBER 2025

News Around the District—Lake Station Lions Club



Fiesta Dinner

Saturday, September 20, 2025

4pm - 7pm



ALL YOU CAN EAT!

Includes Beverages and Dessert

RAFFLES

**Lake Station Fire Department
1876 Fairview Ave.**

50 / 50

Adults \$12

Senior Citizens & Children (ages 4-12) \$7.00

Children 3 & under FREE

Dinner presented by: Lake Station Lions Club

All Proceeds go back to the Community!



News Around the District—Westville Lions Club

The Westville Lions served a community meal at the Westville United Methodist Church at 541 W Main Street on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm.

The “Soup-a-lious” meal included salad, soup, rolls, coffee, water and desserts.

Fifty-two meals were served at this free event.

The Lions working at the event included:

VDG Dave Dickinson, Lion Brian Pagels, Lion Dick Fagg, Lion Sandy Stein, Lion Connie Sobieski, Lion Russ McMoy, Lion Henry Haack, Lion Kayla & Ron Meyers, Boss Sandi Lee and Lion Richard Lambert.



Ever busy, the Westville Lions Club placed a Little Library Box at the La Porte County Bluhm Park - Westville.

Seen below are Lion Brian Pagels and VDG Dave Dickinson.



News Around the District—Westville Lions Club

The Westville Lions served at the Indiana State Fair in August 2025.

Those serving at the fair included:

VDG Dave Dickinson, Lion Butch Weston, Lion Richard Lambert, Lion Al Slont & Lion Mary Beth Slont and Boss Sandi Lee.



Coming!!!

Crown Point Lions Club

31st Annual Golf Outing

Saturday, Sept 13, 2025

River Pointe Golf Course

Hobart, Indiana

For more information contact

Ed Schiesser – 219-680-6485

10:00 AM Shotgun Start

Lunch and Prizes

\$110.00 per golfer

News Around the District— Door Village Lions Club

At the August Membership meeting members and guests enjoyed the Annual Picnic and Steak Fry at the Scipio Township Park in Door Village. Newly elected President Lion Sue Kaiser welcomed spouses and 5 visiting Lions from Madison Township Lions Club from Wyatt, Indiana. She also welcomed the spouse and family of our recently deceased fellow Lion Chuck Glen for the memorial brick laying in the Lions Memorial Walk under the Memorial Oak Tree in the back of the Park near the Windmill. Immediately after the delicious carry-in dinner and steaks were consumed, Lions and guests all walked down to the Memorial Walk where Sandy Glen placed the engraved brick into the walk, and Lion George Morley offered a memorial to Lion Chuck Glen for his 30 years of dedicated service and good-hearted fellowship working together on building handicap ramps and countless other projects.

After returning to the Lions Shelter, Lion Sue gave a very good, detailed report of her trip to Orlando to the Lions International Convention where Lions from all over the world meet once a year in July. It was extremely interesting to hear about the highlight of the convention the Parade of Nations where Lions from over 200 countries dressed in their native fashion participated in the usual one-mile parade, this year it was somewhat less than a mile because of the extreme heat that day.

The address from newly elected president of Lions International, Lion A.P. Singh was also inspiring, he talked about his goal for all Lions Clubs to join him in three areas of service in the coming year, mental health and well-being, hunger and the environment. After Lion Sues report she conducted a short business meeting and called on Lion Cindy Polito to proceed with the door prize drawing where Lion Sue presented items she had collected at the convention to various winners. It was a great picnic and a good meeting with all Lion and guests enjoying their time together.

Lion George Morley and Lion John Dysard preparing for the placing of the memorial brick.



News Around the District— Door Village Lions Club

Sandy Glenn placing Memorial Brick



The Glen family, left to right: Wyatt Stacy; Ty Stacy; Aaron Stacy; Sandy Glen and Malinda Stacy



First Annual Raffle

Sponsored by
Valparaiso Lions Vision
Care, Inc and 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

News Around the District—LOFS Lions Cardboard Boat Race

The Annual Cardboard Boat Race was held on Saturday August 30th, an opportunity for the LOFS Lions Club to support another group, the Challenger League. The Challenger League is a baseball league for children through adults who are developmentally disabled or have other challenges; no one ages out. Run by Cathy Evans, a community member who just wanted to find a way to help and have a little fun, this is the 3rd year the race has taken place.

it was every bit as silly and crazy as you'd imagine! The Race had 2 heats, one just for the kids. All the boats were made of tape, cardboard and glue, but of course, in the spirit of fun, they have a category just for those who rebel against the rules. One of the kid's boats was made out of foam—great engineering and they won the Outlaw Award.

Did we mention that it's the same boat (The WP Woods) as last year? Lion Tom Snowden is an excellent cardboard boat engineer; the boat did stay afloat and took 3rd place in the adult division.

The LOFS Lions received a trophy for service to the community; they not only had a boat in the race, they sold hot dogs, chips and cookies, with the proceeds going to the Challenger League.

So, ready the WP Woods for year 4!



Lion Gary and Lion Tom get the boat ready.



Lions Denise, Jeanne, Chuck and Jenn at the hotdog stand.

News Around the District—LOFS Lions Steak Fry

The Annual Steak Fry on August 24th was a big hit in the LOFS community. Featuring great food, a water show and music by LOFS bartender Jenn and her partner, Lion Becky and her team put together a fun event.

The weather was fantastic, so a number of guests enjoyed the outside patio. Lions stepped up to cook steaks as our guests requested, but many enjoyed cooking their own steaks and socializing around the grills.

Bartenders Trisha and Stacy kept the drinks flowing, and our Lions served up corn on the cob, potatoes and salad. The event sold out at 6:15pm, but thanks to Lion Gary, more steaks were purchased, allowing us to serve more families. It was a great success!



Lion Becky shows off the steaks



DG Jim Furlong & former DG Lion Patty at work.



The water show attracted attendees & LOFS residents.



Steaks were grilled on the patio.

News Around the District—Crown Point Lions Backpack Project

CROWN POINT LIONS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

BACKPACK PROJECT



Crown Point Lions prepared 30 backpacks for foster children that enter the Crown Point Community Schools throughout the school year. Ten each for High School, Junior High School and Elementary. High Schools and Jr. High have Texas Instruments calculators, along with all the normal items like mechanical pencils, folders, spiral notebooks and more. The Elementary backpacks contain pencil boxes, tissues, glue sticks, crayons, markers, erasers, loose leaf paper and more.

Pictured left with Arthur Equehua are Lions Carla Smolek, Al Thom, Sharon Thom, Louise Moore, Paul Sills, and Phylis Porio with Art Equino at the Crown Point Community School Corporation. Not pictured Toni Kosaras.

Arthur a Equehua, Chief Human Resource Officer, thanked the Crown Point Lions Club for the great service we're doing with the Backpack Project. We have made the students feel welcome to our community.



Lions Louise Moore, Carla Smolek and Al and Sharon Thom helped to support the Lakes of the Four Seasons Lions Club Steak Fry.

**This is Lions
Supporting
Lions!!!**



SEPTEMBER 2025

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

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

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***



LOFS LIONS PRESENT THE 4TH ANNUAL

END OF SUMMER BASH



PERFORMANCES BY:

TRIWAY
3P-4:30P

THE CRAWPUPPIES
5P-7P

FREE JOEL
7:30P - 10P



SEPTEMBER 13TH 3P-10P

SEASONS LAKEHOUSE
1048 N. LAKESHORE DR
CROWN POINT, IN

Presale Tickets - \$10 per ticket ages 16 and up
Day of the event - \$20 per ticket ages 16 and up
Under 16 admitted for Free with paid adult ticket

Scan here for FEE FREE online ticketing!! →





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*



News Around the District—Lowell Lions Club Seeks New Members

Lowell Club Seeks New Members

Volunteers are the life's blood of any charitable organization, and the Lowell Lions Club is seeking new people to join their ranks.

President Jennifer Cosenza is in her 10th year as a member of the Lions Club, although she started her journey with the organization in Munster prior to moving to Lake Village in 2021. Cosenza became the president of Lowell's club in June. Cosenza's attraction to the Lions Club is summed up with one word: Service.

"I love the passion for people who want to volunteer and helping people in need," Cosenza explained. "Whether it's hunger, school supplies, eyeglasses, you name it."

Cosenza said the Lowell Lions Club meets twice a month. She said the club volunteers their time working concessions for events around town, hiding eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt or even selling steaks for fundraising purposes. Cosenza said the club also volunteers with various service projects around the community.

Cosenza said being a Lion to her means "having a heart for service." She said the most important aspect of the club for her is wanting to help others in need. "Hands down," Cosenza said.

Mel Goldman has been a member of the Lowell Lions Club for 45 years. Goldman has previously served the club in various roles. He currently serves as the club's treasurer. Goldman noted the organization has raised thousands of dollars that has gone right back into the community. He said the community responds well to the club.

Goldman has also received the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Lion, the Melvin Jones Award. He said he wears it well. And it shows.

News Around the District—Westville Support Bike Tour

Sunday, August 24th The Westville Lions supported, entertained and provided refreshments at the LaPorte County Tour De LaPorte SAG (stop and go) stop for 195 cyclists who peddled 40 or 100 miles through LaPorte County to raise funds for the LaPorte County YMCA for athletic lessons or childcare for deserving families.

The Westville Lions would like to give a BIG Lions roar to the following businesses who provided refreshments for the Bluhm County Park SAG (stop and go) stop who entertained 195 cyclists for the 40 miler and 100 miler. Casey's for pizza and cookies. City Pure Ice for Ice Family Express for bottled water and Donuts Garwood Orchards for apples and Ingram Auto Repair for cans of coke, Mountain Dew and Pepsi. We had several members donate pickles, bananas, cut up Watermelon , hard boiled eggs, granola bars, zucchini muffins, Italian bread bites with Marinara sauce.

Lion Debi would like to give a BIG Lion Roar to the following members who helped set up, and tear down and worked tirelessly the entire shift from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.

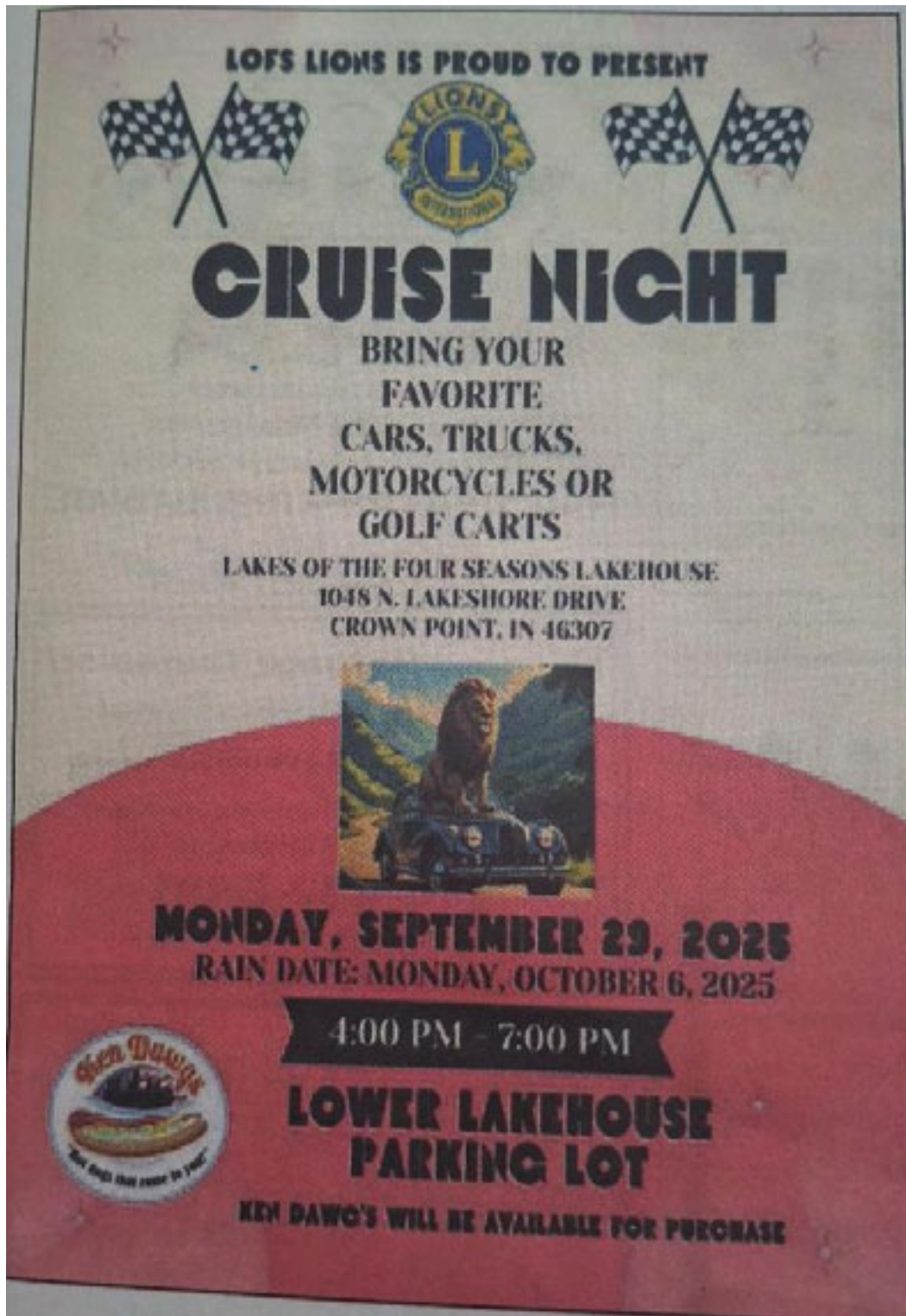
1st Vice District Governor David Dickinson; Lions, Jim Ingram, Dick and Jean Bartmess . These lions have stepped up and helped every year for the last six years and Debi could not do it without their support. We had two brand new members step up to help this year, and one commented this was a learning experience and the other one said he never realized Tour De LaPorte was such a huge event. We also had a past lion member bake baked goods and bring dog treats to give the dogs who were enjoying a Sunday afternoon stroll with their owners, just because this was such a fun event to her in the past.

The Westville, IL Lions also supported us, by sending us coupons that accidentally went to them

☺ All the above is a true testimony of our Lions Motto "WE SERVE"

The weather was perfect, and the lions met many new friends from all walks of life including a judge and the CEO of the Laporte County YMCA. This is a yearly event that many cyclists participate in and look forward to every year. Until next August when we see you at Bluhm County Park located at 3855 S 1100 West in Westville.





SEPTEMBER 2025

Dining in the Dark Gala Event

B S C
BLIND SOCIAL CENTER

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

QR CODE
SCAN ME

Allen **JCPenney** **ALBERT'S** **Save More** **LIONS CLUB** **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

News Around the District—Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference



Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference

ALL **IN** FOR



Opportunities for Learning

**It's not too early to
start planning for
2026.**

**Mark your calendar
now for the 2026
Mid-Winter
Conference.**



Opportunities for Service



Opportunities for Fellowship

**Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport
January 16-17, 2026**



OCTOBER 9, 2025



**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!