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DISTRICT GOVERNOR COLUMN

Buzz From B(ee)

January 2025, we're officially halfway through the year, and like it or not, we're way behind. There tends to be a bit of a lull in the winter, but Indiana has many upcoming opportunities for Lioning. We have 3 pretty big events coming up in the district. In chronological order, we have the MD 25 Mid-Winter conference coming up on January 17th and 18th, District Cabinet Meeting number 3 on February 1st, and 25B District Convention on March 1st. After those events, we have the State Convention on April 25-27th in Shipshewana. Finally, the end/start of the Lions year will take place at the International Convention in Orlando, FL on July 13-17th.

As you can see, there's a lot happening, not to mention all your club activities and projects. July will be here before we know it and we have a lot of work to do. As you may know, 25B started the year with 987 Lions, 13 short of 1000. Since the start of the year, we've dropped another 22 and our current balance is 965. We're moving in the wrong direction, but I'm confident that we're going to turn the trend around. To guarantee any sort of gain, we need to add an average of 3 Lions per club, that means 135 new Lions in the District. I can practically hear the eyes rolling as I write this, but this is an achievable goal. I can't do it for you, but your club membership chairs can by working with Lions in their clubs to brainstorm and bring friends and neighbors into Lionism. If you need some ideas on how to grow membership, the Lions Portal, Lions Learning Center is a good place to start. There are ideas for hosting informational meetings in your community and approaching businesses and other organizations. If you're wondering where to start, look up Global Membership

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LCIF UPDATES

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Approach and go crazy!

RSVPs for the District Convention will be due by February 15th and it promises to be a great time, please plan to attend.

I can assure you all, that when we achieve our membership goal this year, we are going to CELEBRATE!

Please plan to attend any or all the upcoming events, Mid-Winter Conference, District Cabinet meeting, District Convention, and State Convention. This is an aggressive schedule, but it promises to be fun, educational and filled with fellowship. I look forward to seeing you all there.

DC Jim Bush

CABINET MEETING

February 1, 2025

Registration: 8:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. PDG Meeting

9:30 a.m. General Session

Fort Wayne Community Center,

233 W. Main Street

Fort Wayne, Indiana

Parking lot is on South Side of the Bldg off Berry Street

**PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION
WITH YOUR CLUB MEMBERS.**



January 2025. Wow, how the time is flying by. So, I've never been big on new year's resolutions, because more often than not, they're stumbling blocks to success. I prefer goals, because they are achievable and measurable verses non-specific and disposable. My request for the new year is I do have a new year's wish, that you'd take a few minutes, stop reading, watch the following video and then read this article to the end.

<https://youtu.be/qNdwolGpTXg?si=mU9PqjRh5mLDCnJr>

This year, International President Fabricio Oliveria's them is Make your Mark. Will this be the year you decide to Make your Mark? While you and I may not be able to personally aid in every project or disaster, we can help through a donation to LCIF.

Whether you chose a single donation or a recurring donation, you are taking part in our Global causes. Whether Disaster relief, Diabetes, Vision, Youth, Childhood Cancer, the Environment, you are Making a Mark.

LCIF would like to get every Lion to donate \$30 dollars this year. While I'd love to see that happen in our district, realistically I don't think that will happen. I WOULD like to see every Lion in the district make some personal donation. Whether one time or recurring, please consider making a donation you are comfortable with. I know I sound like a broken record but please, please seriously consider making a donation and Make your Mark. In case you've forgotten, 100% of your donation goes to our global causes.

Thank you for reading to the end and thank you for supporting OUR FOUNDATION LCIF.

Jim Bush District LCIF Coordinator.



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p.s. If you want to make a donation of \$10 or more to LCIF, IPDG Terry Marker and I are offering some really cool LCIF pins. Your donation will get you a pin and LCIF Melvin Jones Fellowship credit. Another easy and fun way to support LCIF. <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate>



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

QUOTES FROM MOTHER TERESA

“There is more hunger in the world for love and appreciation in this world than for bread.”

The hunger for love is much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread.”

“I want you to be concerned about your next-door neighbor. Do you know your next-door neighbor?”

“I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things.”



Lions across Indiana were busy this fall screening in locations from day cares with just a few kids, to schools with over a hundred preschool/kindergarten aged. Celebrate this achievement as Lions, and then get right back out and find the next place you can make a difference. Early screening is the easiest tool we

August to December 2024 District Count

- A 1651
- B 517
- C 1777
- D 614
- E 1059
- F 2736
- G 1456
- Total: 9810**

have to making sure no kids suffer from treatable eye conditions, like lazy eye. It’s great to help out the nurses in schools with screening large amounts of kids. But it is in the day cares and ministries where we can really go after the younger ones and help shine light on problems before they get worse.

I will be at the Mid-Winter Conference on January 18th to replenish any supplies related to the cameras and KidSight. On Friday, January 17th, Tammy Johnson of PlusOptix (the smiley face cameras) will be in Indianapolis for a meeting to discuss new cameras and how PlusOptix can continue to help our KidSight program here in Indiana. For any club interested in possibly purchasing a camera for use in your area, it would be a great time to meet her and get all your questions answered. Contact KidSight if you’re interested in this meeting.

The current consent forms and cover sheet are available for download at: <https://www.visionfirst.org/operationkidsight>
For additional documentation related to KidSight email or call!

Peace be with you all!

Karlene Roe - IN Lions Operation KidSight Program Coordinator
kidsight@att.net 317-213-3902

FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S PAGE

Hello Fellow Lions,

I had the honor of attending the Speech and Hearing Christmas Luncheon and watched as they gave \$53,000 to students from Ball State, IU, Indiana State, and Purdue. The fields of study the students are going into are speech pathology and audiology. Several thousands of those dollars also went to several deaf camps in Indiana and a leadership camp in Oregon that some Deaf School students attend each year.

PID Nick Xinopoulos spoke of meeting a little girl from his hometown in Greece who was about 4 or 5 and she had a cochlear implant. She began to tell Nick all about her implant. When Nick told her that he knew Dr. Miyamoto the girl's mother came over and became interested in the conversation. The mother thought Nick was joking about knowing Dr. Miyamoto. Nick found a picture of Dr. Miyamoto and himself on his phone and showed the girl and her mother. The mother became very emotional and thankful for her daughter's hearing.

Dr. Miyamoto also spoke. He is an interesting man. His first patient was a nerve-racking experience for him, he did not know what to expect. He did not know if the surgery was going to be successful or not. His first patient just wanted to be able to hear her grandchild cry. The next time you hear a baby cry be thankful!

We also watched two of the students from the deaf school sign about attending the camp in Oregon that the Lion's support and the experiences that they shared with kids that have the same problems that they deal with every day.

Be glad that you are a Lion and that you are working to serve people not only in your own backyard but around the world.

Have a wonderful day,

1st VDG Pam Arnold

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2025 INDIANA LIONS 104TH STATE CONVENTION

Hosted by District 25-G

April 25-27, 2025

Farmstead Inn and Conference Center, Shipshewana, Indiana

With Special Guest PIP Jimmy Ross

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR LODGING BY APRIL 1, 2025

Farmstead Inn and Conference Center, 370 S Van Buren St, Shipshewana, Indiana 46565

Call (260) 768-4595 and reference LIONS

Room Rate: \$159 + taxes per night (includes hot breakfast)

Please use one form per person

Deadline: All registration forms must be postmarked by April 7, 2025

Please clearly print name and Lion title as desired to appear on Name Badge:

Name and Lion Title: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

District: _____ Club: _____

Is this your FIRST Indiana Lions State Convention? (please circle one) YES NO

Please list any Special dietary needs here: _____

Friday Evening Dinner \$15 _____

Authentic Amish Haystack Dinner, hosted by Dunlap Lions Club

Saturday Lunch \$25 _____

Buffet: baked pineapple ham, meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad, pie

Saturday Strides Walk T-Shirt: \$20 _____

Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL (please circle one)

Saturday Dinner: \$35 _____

Plated: roast beef & poppy seed chicken, mashed potatoes, noodles, green beans, salad, pie

Total Registration Due: _____

Mail this form with payment to:

Lion Jeanine Juel, 3204 Village Ct, Goshen, IN 46528

Jeanine@martyjuel.com or (574) 370-2475

Registration must be postmarked by Apr 7, 2025

Make checks payable to: Indiana Lions State Convention

YOUR DISTRICT NEEDS YOUR SKILLS, EXPERTISE & ENTHUSIASM TO GROW!

As a Multiple District Leader or District Leader, your clubs look to you for guidance on how to grow and enhance their ability to serve their communities. The challenge? Many of us may not feel fully equipped with the tools or knowledge to answer this call. That's where the upcoming Growth Workshops come in! This 3-part workshop series is designed to empower District Leadership with the skills to:



Start new clubs

Grow membership in existing clubs



Foster a culture of growth focused on service, fun, and inclusivity Imagine clubs where every Lion is motivated to invite new members and expand our collective impact. By growing our membership and adding new clubs, we can amplify our ability to serve and transform even more communities. These workshops are not exclusive to the District GAT Teams. It is open to anyone in your district who wants to make a difference and contribute to its growth. Spread the word, encourage and ask district members who are proud of the Lions' mission to get involved. Let's ensure that the great work Lions do continues to grow in every corner of your district.

I have seen firsthand the powerful difference thriving Lions Clubs make—not only through the service they provide but also through the opportunities they create for individuals to make a meaningful impact. Now, it's your turn to learn how to help your clubs realize their growth potential and strengthen their communities.



Growth Workshop Details:

Group/Contacts: GAT Area E (SD1, MD 11, 1, 25 &43) Area Leader PID Bob
Block:lionbobbblock@gmail.com Vice Area Leader PDG Ron
Riebschleger ronrieb@gmail.com



Dates/Time:

Thursdays 7:00 PM Central:

Session 1 - 1/16

Session 2 - 1/30

Session 3 - 2/13

Registration

Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqdeGgqzLiGt38e8LseSE-gDRlhP117GKa> - REGISTER NOW!!



Join us and bring fellow Lions who share the passion for growing our Association! Together, we can reach new heights of service.

Make a great day!!

Lion Brian Sheehan

22-23 LionsInternational President Lion Brian

Membership Committee LionsUSA



DG JIM'S AND DISTRICT B CALENDAR JANUARY 2025



Sun

Mon








Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025!						
5	6	7	8	9 DG Jim Unavailable	10 DG Jim Unavailable	11 DG Jim Unavailable
NOT AVAILABLE						
12 DG Jim Unavailable	13 DG Jim Unavailable	14 Monroeville / Heritage Lions Clubs O/V	15	16 Mission 1.5 Zoom Seminar	17 Mid Winter Conference	18 Mid Winter Conference
NOT AVAILABLE						
19 3rd MD25 Council Meet- ing	20	21	22 LCIF Zoom Meeting	23	24	25
						
26	27	28	29	30	31	

HAMILTON LIONS CLUB

SUBMITTED BY LION SECRETARY CAROL CHURCH

Hamilton Lions Club is sponsoring Christmas families again this year to help everyone have a Merry Christmas.

A wonderful evening was enjoyed by a huge crowd in Hamilton on November 30 for the annual Horsedrawn parade and the first annual Nutcracker Village. Hamilton Lions volunteered for the Crafts with Kids table making jingle bell crafts to the joy of countless kids (we were busy!). It was COLD but cheerful. (See picture).

We are planning the coordination of the annual Polar Bear Plunge at Hamilton Lake Public Beach on December 31, 2024, at 2 pm. This raises money for the Jack Gibson Memorial Scholarship for students in Hamilton and Garrett Schools.



From left to right: Lion Randy Church, Lion Secretary Carol Church and 2nd Vice President Melody Metcalf.



ANDREWS LIONS CLUB

SUBMITTED BY LION CHERLY OKULY

I have a picture of 9 members of the Andrews Lions. We helped with Blessings in a Backpack. We stuffed 520 bags for the low income students of the Huntington County Community schools. These students receive a bag every week during school.

These bags consist of several different grocery items, such as peanut butter, jelly, goldfish crackers, soup, mac and cheese, granola bars, etc. What a great community project!



HELP NEEDED

I am with the Allen County Fair committee, and I was wondering if you could post an item in the next Lions Newsletter? We have had some cancellations from some service clubs in preparing meals during the upcoming 2025 Allen County Fair which runs from Tuesday June 17 thru June 22.

Currently we have a Thur. June 19 evening meal and Saturday June 21 Breakfast meal dates open. Would any Lions Club or Leo Club in the district want to prepare and serve a meal on either of those dates? The only cost would be a 10% fee of gross profits going to the Allen County Fairgrounds.

The Fairgrounds are located at 2726 Carroll Rd, Fort Wayne, IN and the meals would take place in an air-conditioned building which has an attached outdoor covered patio to cook food.

Please contact Miranda Ott at: allencountyfairgroundsin@comcast.net or phone 260-449-4444 if you are interested or have questions.

Richard Slayback 260-437-0870 cell
Past Cedar Creek Lions Club member.

2025 Winter Games



It's that time of year again! The Winter Games are fast approaching, and I'm excited to let you know that the volunteer registration site is now live! I want to extend a huge thank you for your support in making this event a success. Without volunteers like you, we couldn't run this event as smoothly as we do.

Your help is essential in supporting our mission to serve over 18,681 children and adults with intellectual disabilities through our programs and competitions.

Winter Games Details:

- **Dates:** January 12th, 13th, 14th

Location:

Opening Ceremonies on January 12th

Higher Ground Conference Center, 3820 Logan Creek, West Harrison, Indiana 47060: Arrive early-dinner will be provided at 6:00pm. Opening Ceremonies will start at 7:15pm sharp. Opening Ceremonies will start with the "Torch March" with the Indiana Lions leading each county delegation into the Main Event Hall. Once everyone is seated our Co-Sponsors the Knights of Columbus and their 4th Degree Color Guard will present the Colors (Flags). Then the fun begins.

Please contact Lion Bill McDonald at Lionmcdonald53@gmail.com if you plan to participate in

Awards Ceremony – Only Please register on site below and e-mail Lion Bill McDonald :

- **Awards ceremonies** on January 14th from 10am to 4:30pm

Perfect North Slopes, 19074 Perfect Pl Ln, Lawrenceburg, IN 47025.

Volunteer Roles: Awards Ceremony Assistants: Support the Knights of Columbus and Lions Club in presenting awards to athletes after competitions.

How to Register:

1. Visit the **Registration Link:** 2025wintergames.my-trs.com
2. Click the **Purple "Click here to Register!"** button.
3. Select **Blue "General Volunteer"** and click **Select**.
4. Choose the positions and shifts you'd like to sign up for.
5. Click the **Green "Next"** button.
6. Log in or create an account if you don't have one already.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Bill McDonald at Lionmcdonald53@gmail.com.

We hope you have a wonderful holiday season, and thanks again for your continued support of Special Olympics Indiana. We look forward to seeing you at the Winter Games!

James Bush
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December 2024



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