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DISTRICT GOVERNOR COLUMN

Buzz From B(ee)

Hello November and Lions of 25B(ee)

It's hard to believe we're a third of the way through the year already. As I'm traveling around the district, I'm encouraged by what I'm seeing and hearing. While our reports still have us down in numbers, I've been delivering requested new member packets and know we're going to catch up and move into the positive membership realm. While that's great news, we can't let up on our efforts to share the joy of Lionism, so keep on prospecting. Also, I know there have been a lot of service projects and fundraising going on and we need to close the loops and get those reported. We are changing lives and we need to tell our stories, not only to our communities, but to other Lions. One of the joys of being the District Governor is visiting clubs and being constantly renewed by the project reports. You are all truly awesome!

November 9th Warren Club Branch Charter Night, Heritage Point Chapel Building 5:30 PM

November 16th – Second District Cabinet meeting location: First Baptist Church of Warren Indiana 727 N Wayne St, Warren, IN 46792 Registration 0830

December 7th – Third Council meeting – State Office

December 15th- Speech and Hearing Luncheon
January 17-18 2025 - Mid-Winter Conference – Crown Plaza Indianapolis Airport

January 19 - 4th Council Meeting
February 1, 2025 - Third District Cabinet meeting location TBD

February 28-March 1st - District Convention
Huntington University

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April 25-26 MD25 - Indiana Lions State Convention – Shipshewana

April 25,27 – 5th Council Meeting

June 7 – Pre-Council Meeting

As a reminder, we are still on the tail end of the Lion train in our Multiple District. Regardless of our status in our Multiple District, we need to serve more people in our part of the state, and to do that, we need more Lions to share the work. How do we find new Lions? Sadly I don't have any quick fixes or one size solutions. I think the best thing is to simply ask, and bring prospective Lions to a service project. Ask your club what they're doing for service projects, and if you can't come up with an answer, maybe it's time to do some research. If your projects aren't attracting new Lions, ask why, and as a follow up to that, what does your community need that your Lions club can help with? If you help communities with these things and people see you doing it (and having fun) more people will want to join with you in service. The key to all of this is that you MUST do service. People join us because they want to be involved in service to their community. If there are still questions after those above, then go out on a limb and ask one of your newer Lions or prospective Lions what they think the community needs and try it. If you bring in a new Lion and provide them with a friend, a job and a voice, you're more likely to keep them long-term. I encourage EVERY club to conduct a Club Quality Initiative study to figure out where they are and where they could go. If you need some tools to conduct this analysis, click below to learn more.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-quality-initiative>

Ok, so enough brow beating, the bottom line is to serve more people we need more Lions and some new ideas. Don't think this is the only important thing. If you'll recall earlier newsletters, I believe it is important that we have Fun and experience Joy when serving.

Thank you for all the service you're

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already doing. Please share your stories with me, your family and friends and other Lions.

We Serve!

DG Jim Bush

DISTRICT B CABINET MEETING

WHAT: 2nd business meeting of the District

WHEN: November 16, 2024

WHERE: First Baptist Church of Warren Indiana

727 N Wayne St,
Warren, IN 46792

REGISTRATION: 8:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. PDG Meeting

9:30 a.m. General Session



KENDALLVILLE LIONS CLUB

Jim Dazey, right, recently rejoined the Kendallville Lions Club after serving 28 years in the Kendallville city government. Jim was sponsored by Larry Allen, middle, and inducted by president Vernie Scheiber, left.



SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S PAGE

Greetings Lions! My name is Beth Kohli, and I am the 2nd Vice District Governor this year. I am a member of the Hamilton Lions Club, and have been a Lion for 12 years. I am excited for all the good things happening in our district this year, and am proud of our Lions that have stepped up to help with hurricane relief. What a wonderful way to live by our motto, "We Serve".

We should all be proud to be Lions...we do amazing things! If you are interested in what our state projects do, invite a Trustee to your meeting! I am a trustee for Indiana Lions Cancer Control, and I really enjoy coming to meetings and talking about our project. Each of the other 4 state projects as well as the Indiana Lions Foundation each have 3 trustees per district who want to come to your club and give a program on what they do! (I want to include a shout out for our Riley Challenge with Cancer Control...feel free to ask me, or our other trustees about this!)

We should all be showing our pride in being a Lion every day. Invite a friend or neighbor to a meeting. Ask the new family in town to participate in a fundraiser or service project. Remember when and why you became a Lion, and share that with people. We are our own worst enemy when it comes to letting our communities know who we are and what we do! Share articles in your local newspapers and other news outlets. If your club doesn't have a website, create one! It can be done easily through the Lions International website. If you don't have a Facebook page, make one! Social media is a great way to share your club happenings!

Be proud of who we are!

*Lion Beth Kohli
2nd Vice District Governor*

Zone B zone meeting November 4th at 6 p.m. at Pleasant Township Trustees office at 2510 N 200W, Angola.

LCIF UPDATES

Hello November, and hello Lions of 25B(ee)

October has certainly been interesting in the US. As I write this, I can't help but think of water. The most basic of elements, essential for life, and at the same time a powerful force in nature. We seldom give water a thought, but lately it has been critical to our fellow citizens in Tennessee, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Virginia, and North Carolina. It's usually simple, we turn on the tap and water flows, then we cook or clean with it, drink it, or water plants with it.

Under normal conditions, that's the end of the story, but enter a hurricane named Helene and suddenly, water takes on another aspect. The hurricane makes landfall and suddenly the volume of water is unmanageable, and combined with geography assumes a nature that rivals any destructive force you can imagine, removing towns from the map and destroying structures designed to handle the heaviest loads we can move down our highways. Towns washed away, railroads and highways literally washed away, power lines and communications networks wiped out in a matter of hours. What wasn't washed away was buried in mud or deposited in treetops.

No more roads, homes, phones, or (potable) water, missing friends and family, and no way to make contact. Speaking with one of my co-workers, the town where he'd grown up in the tri-state area was gone.

Now for the good news. I did a quick search and learned that the Bristol Twin Cities Lions Club was already on the scene. They'd already applied for and received grants from the Lions of Virginia Foundation, and by now I'm sure they've received help from LCIF as well. Our district Lions also facilitated and loaded trucks loaded with needed supplies (and hay for the pack animals) and sent those to affected areas (see Lions District 25B Northeast Indiana FB page for more info and photos). Way to Go LIONS! LCIF has also awarded more than \$350,000 in grant money in emergency relief and reconstruction grants so far.

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Your support of LCIF has helped make all of this possible. Our Association and Foundation are getting resources to those in need in a timely manner. While people and Lions around the state and country were trying to figure out what we can do to help, OUR LCIF donations were already going to work. While we may not be able to rush to the aid of people in these areas, our donation dollars can, and they get there a lot faster that we can or could. Thank you for your past and future donations.

Here's the thing, I'm challenging every Lion in District 25B to make a one-time donation of \$36 or if it's easier, \$3 per month to LCIF. I think most of us can come up with spare change to make that happen. There are many ways to accomplish this, but the easiest way is to go to the portal and donate. The landing page prompts you for an LCIF donation as soon as you open it. If you have the ability and want to donate more, please do so. Either way, know that 100% of your donation will be used to quickly support those in need.

Thank you for your continued support of LCIF

DG Jim

LCIF Coordinator



**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.”

“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.”

“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”



Greetings Lions, Leos and friends.

I am writing to share an important update for our international convention in 2025.

We know that many of you were looking forward to attending our 107th international convention in Mexico City. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen challenges, and after lengthy and ongoing efforts to secure contracts with acceptable terms that provided the confidence we needed to host a successful convention in Mexico City, we are announcing a change of venue for our international convention.

While we are disappointed to share this update, we are excited to announce that we have been able to secure a wonderful new site in Orlando, Florida, U.S.A. for the 2025 international convention. The dates for the event will be July 13-17, 2025. Updated registration information will be provided to Lions as soon as it's ready.

Orlando is a magical city, renowned for its exemplary hotel accommodations, traveler-friendly airport and world-class convention center. The city is famous for its wide range of entertainment, including iconic theme parks, trendy shopping and great restaurants, making Orlando one of the top destinations globally.

We are extremely grateful for the partnership and collaboration from the city of Orlando, and we're already working together to create an incredible convention experience for you.

International convention is a moment like no other, and I look forward to seeing you all in Orlando, where we will truly make our mark together!

At your service,
Fabrício Oliveira

International President

J. Frank Moore III

Past International President

Convention Committee Chairperson

HERITAGE LIONS CLUB

Brian Strahm, who established the Heartbeat of Hoagland Foundation and owns Barney's Heating and Air, Inc., gave a "heartfelt" talk to the Heritage Lions on Tuesday October 8. Brian was persistent in his search for answers to his medical challenges, which included sleep-



lessness, feeling cold in warm summer temperatures, and several other symptoms. He suffered for almost ten years before he was finally diagnosed with a rare heart condition called Cardiac Sarcoidosis. He was told he needed a heart transplant, which he received on March 27, 2021. The surgery went exceptionally well and only took four hours, where the norm is usually six. His total treatment cost almost two million dollars, most of which was covered by insurance that he had wisely taken out three years prior. Brian could have easily died had he not been properly diagnosed and a compatible heart had not been found in time.

While in the hospital, Brian noticed the challenges that many patients faced. As stated on his website: "Brian shared his vision with a group of individuals and created a non-profit organization called The Heartbeat of Hoagland Foundation. Brian stated that his mission was to assist those who are preparing for, or have had, a heart transplant or some other organ donation with a one-time donation (\$1000) to help with their many expenses. His foundation works with Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne and Ascension/St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He is also trying to raise awareness throughout the community of heart donations and the importance of organ donations in general." He encouraged the Heritage Lions to be an organ donors.

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Brian makes regular visits and keeps in contact with heart transplant patients in Indianapolis. One year after his transplant, Brian held a fundraiser for his foundation at the Hoagland Hayloft that raised \$92,000. He has held two other fundraisers since then, including the very successful one at the HAAA Park a few weeks ago. At that event there was a car show, a 5K run, and lots of

food was served. Brian "has never felt better" and his story was an inspiration to all the Heritage Lions in attendance.

Submitted by Rick Boys and Cindy Wolf

Tri-Lakes Lions



**FISH & TENDERLOIN FRY
DRIVE THRU ONLY
SAT. NOVEMBER 9, 2024
4-7 PM (or sold out)
2935 E COLONY AV
COLUMBIA CITY**

MEAL OR MEAT ONLY \$15

QT. POTATO SALAD \$5



We Serve

Warren Branch Club Charter Night

ATTENTION: District, and Club Officers, you are encouraged to attend the Charter Night, for the New Warren Club,

Location:

Chapel Building
Heritage Point, Warren, IN
Date: November 9, 2024
Social Hour: 5:30 to 6:00 PM
Call to Order: 6:00 PM

The meal will be catered by Morrisons Food Service.

RSVP by November 5th

Cost: \$25.00 per person.

Name _____

Guest: _____

Guest: _____

Make checks out to: Ossian Lions Club - Charter

Mail to:

PDG Roger Cash

5027 N State Road 1, Ossian, IN 46777



DISTRICT B AND DG JIM'S CALENDAR



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	4 Zone B meeting 6 p.m	9 Tri-Lakes Lions Club Fish & Tenderloin Fry	20 		1	2
3 Daylight Savings Time 	4 Kendallville Lions Club O/V 	5 Election Vote DON'T FORGET TO 	6	7	8 Arcola Lions Club 75 th Anniversary 	9 Warren Club Branch Charter Night 
10 Eye Bank Board Meeting 	11 Huntertown Lions Club  Veteran's Day	12	13	14	15	16 Second District Cabinet meeting 
17	18 Cromwell - Kimmell Lions Club O/V 	19	20 Howe Lions Club O/V 	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving 	29	30

PLEASANT LAKE LIONS CLUB

As back-to-school buses began their daily routes, the Pleasant Lake Lions reached out to donate dictionaries to local students at our beloved Pleasant Lake Montessori school. Lions shared with them the many uses of dictionaries, laughing as they guessed at the number of pages (540). We also shared the mission of the Lions Club and invited them to join us as they grow up. This is a tradition we love in our tight-knit community.



So far this year, we've partnered with local Lions Clubs in Hamilton, Orland and Waterloo to provide vision testing for more than 1,950 students in 10+ schools, fulfilling one of our five pillars of service in Vision. Local school districts are grateful for our help, as handling this time-consuming task without us could take as long as a full school year to complete. Our support helps children get the vision support they need to see well at school and at home.

Finally, we've kicked off our Annual Citrus Fruit Sale in partnership with the Florida Fruit Association. Twenty-pound boxes of navel oranges, red grapefruit, or mixed cartons are available for \$25. To preorder, contact Ed Wise at ejwise56@hotmail.com or [260-243-8182](tel:260-243-8182). Orders must be received by **November 5**. Fruit will be available after **December 4**. Any remaining fruit will be sold to the public on **December 7** at the parking lot of Rural King at 1501 N Wayne St, Angola, IN 46703.

Submitted by Tawnie Cisneros



Hello,

Have you considered [becoming a puppy raiser](#) for a Future Leader Dog? The care these puppies receive in their first year is critical for their success as guide dogs, but we can't do it without you.

As one of the amazing puppy raisers at Leader Dogs for the Blind, Margaret knows how the love and attention she gives to these puppies makes an impact. She has raised 18 Future Leader Dogs and hosted two Leader Dog moms, helping bring countless puppies into the world.

Margaret shared her heartfelt experience: "Volunteering at Leader Dog has been a wonderful way to change the lives of people who are blind or have low vision. It gives me courage and a new perspective on life."

Our affectionate puppies are eager to meet their future raisers! As a volunteer puppy raiser, you'll nurture a Future Leader Dog for one year, teaching them essential skills before their formal guide dog training begins.

Your dedication will help shape these puppies into life-changing companions for individuals who are blind or low vision. I encourage you to [apply today!](#)

Sincerely,
Vijay Joshi
Puppy Development Manager of Host
and Raiser Experience
Leader Dogs for the Blind

We envision a world where cancer is not a solitary experience.

Our Mission

To provide comfort and understanding for all cancer fighters, survivors, previvors and caregivers through a personalized, one-on-one connection with someone who has been there.



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My situation felt so unique and I couldn't help but feel so alone, but when I found this program I knew I wasn't. It was important to hear from someone who'd gone through exactly what I was going through. Imerman Angels helped me through the darkest days of my journey and I'm truly blessed I found this program.”

Rose
Papillary Thyroid Cancer, Support Seeker

Become a Mentor Angel

The knowledge - and experience - survivors, previvors and caregivers possess is extremely valuable to those just starting their cancer journey. We encourage every cancer survivor, previvor and caregiver to become a Mentor Angel for the opportunity to provide comfort and understanding to individuals touched by cancer.

Register at imermanangels.org

So No One Faces Cancer Alone



IMERMAN ANGELS

Visit imermanangels.org
or call 1-866-IMERMAN (463-7626)
to request support or get involved.



Scan To Request Support

Imerman Angels is a federally registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.



IMERMAN ANGELS



Personalized connections and one-on-one peer support among cancer fighters, survivors, previvors and caregivers.

imermanangels.org



Real People.
Real Connections.
Honest Conversations.

Connecting cancer fighters, survivors and previvors with their very own cancer confidante

Through our personalized matching process, people diagnosed with cancer or a genetic mutation are connected with someone who's faced a similar diagnosis - a Mentor Angel. While each cancer experience is unique, Mentor Angels are matched by similar age, gender and diagnosis; providing cancer fighters the opportunity to ask personal questions and receive support from a peer familiar with the situation who can offer empathy in a way others cannot.

How we help cancer caregivers and loved ones

Imerman Angels connects those caring for - or grieving the loss of - a loved one with Caregiver Mentor Angels who can help provide support and comfort throughout their journey.

Our services are **FREE** for everyone.

Get Support in 5 Easy Steps

- 1**
Visit imermanangels.org
Click the "Request A Mentor" link and fill out the registration form then schedule a call.
- 2**
We'll be in touch to assess your needs
One of our Cancer Support Specialists will call to discuss your experience.
- 3**
We'll find and introduce you to a Mentor
Our goal is to find you a Mentor as soon as possible.
- 4**
Make a connection with someone who has been through a similar experience
These connections can last one or two conversations, throughout your treatment or beyond.
- 5**
We'll follow up, but...
If your Mentor isn't the right match and/or you need additional support, please call us at 1-866-IMERMAN (463-7626).

Diversity Equity and Inclusion

DEI Vision

Creating intentional and equity-minded peer-led cancer support for all.

DEI Mission


Imerman Angels is committed to building inclusive, safe spaces and creating a sense of belonging for those seeking cancer support. We are dedicated to providing a welcoming and impactful peer-to-peer community for all touched by cancer. As advocates, we will leverage our resources for those marginalized by the healthcare system and provide a comprehensive psychosocial support experience.

Our Impact By The Numbers


146
Cancer Types Served


114
Total Countries


14,000+
Mentor Angels
Registered & Trained


35,000+
Matches Made

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