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## ACTION AND THE LIFE OF THE HONEY BEE

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### DISTRICT GOVERNOR COLUMN

As we come to the end of March the beginning of April Spring has officially sprung, and we're entering the last quarter of our Lion's year. So far we're doing OK, but we can do better. We're still behind on membership and our LCIF giving is slightly behind where we were last year. Don't worry, there's still time left. We're coming into that time of year when our major service projects take place and we're most visible in our communities.

Take this time and these service projects to invite people to become Lions and share the joy of service with them. This truly is the best time of the year to be a Lion and we still have a little way to go in our district. One of the statistics I learned during our district convention was Lions in the US have gone from over 600,000 in the US in 1985 to just about 250,000 today. We have a lot of catching up to do. If anything, the need is greater than ever, so we need to get out there and get busy bring in new Lions. Additionally our district is down to just over 950 Lions, placing us solidly in "the provisional" status. Changing that status requires that we need over 1250 Lions. Now that might sound like a lot, but if each of us were to bring in a new Lion, member we would smash that number of 1250. I know we can do it, we just have decide to share the joy of lions with others. Let's stop being the best kept secret in northeast Indiana.

Thank you for all your service, let's finish this year Lions strong and Make Our Mark!

**We Serve!**

*DG Jim*

## DISTRICT ELECTIONS

Congratulations to District Governor Elect Pam Arnold and First Vice District Governor Elect Beth Kohli. Both of these Lions are great leaders. Please join me in congratulating them and giving them support. The journey to District Governor takes time, and a lot of training. These two have done great so far and will continue to excel in the future.



Once again, CONGRATULATIONS!

*DC Jim*

## MEMBERSHIP

Our district is proud to welcome new members who have joined the Lions Clubs family. Their enthusiasm and dedication to service are already making a positive impact in our communities. I encourage all Lions to continue inviting friends, family, and colleagues to join our efforts in making a difference.

Additionally, don't forget that International Induction Day is celebrated on the first Saturday of April. If you have new Lions that are joining, there will be a ceremony at the MD25 State Convention on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Not attending the convention? No worries, you can still participate in the World-wide Induction Day. For more info, check this page out: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/worldwide-induction-day> This is a fantastic opportunity to bring in new Lions and introduce them to our mission and values.

## CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS AND RESULT REPORTING

You should have nominated your club officers for the coming year in March. If not, don't panic, it's not too late.

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Officers should be elected in April and entered into the portal by May 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have officers carrying over year to year **YOU STILL NEED TO REPORT YOUR OFFICERS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR**. Newly elected? Carry-over officer? CONGRATULATIONS! The next step is to get trained for your new position. This isn't really an option. If you attended or took the training 2, 5, 10, 20 years ago, it doesn't count! I'm positive something has changed, even if it's how to use the portal to help in your new role. By taking your new position, this is something you've already agreed to. Let's start the year off right!

Online officer training can be accessed by following this link:

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

## District Officer Training

District officer training sessions will be held in MAY of this year, sometime after the 21<sup>st</sup>. Locations have not been determined yet, but likely dates (subject to change) will be May 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>th</sup>, and May 28<sup>th</sup>. This will be the only opportunity to receive group training. Please plan to attend one of the sessions. If a zone chair wishes to schedule officer training, that can be arranged. Training is also available online at the Lions Learning Center, but there is a benefit to going through with a group of other Lions due to the ability to ask and hear other Lion's questions.

These training sessions are designed to equip our officers with the skills and knowledge necessary to effectively manage their clubs and fulfill their roles. Attendance is highly encouraged as it will provide valuable insights and networking opportunities.



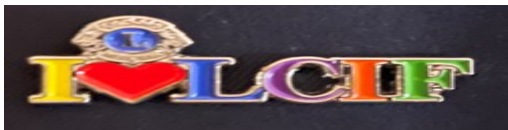
## SERVICE PROJECTS

Our district has been actively engaged in various service projects aimed at improving the lives of those we serve in our communities. We invite all clubs to share their service project stories and experiences to inspire others. Anthony Wayne Lions have a project coming later this month (see article in this newsletter). Please sign up and attend their city cleanup project. When you come out, be sure to break out your Lions attire so people notice us at work in the community. If you have a potential Lion, invite them and bring them along, this is a great way to involve a new Lion in service from the start. If your club holds or participates in a project, don't forget to take a few minutes before or after to report your service. You can't complete the report prior to the actual date, but the data can be ready when you come to the service date. We Serve!

*Editor's Note: There is more information about the Anthony Wayne Lions project elsewhere in this newsletter.*

## LCIF DONATIONS

We are grateful for the generous donations made to the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). These contributions enable us to support global initiatives and respond to crises with timely assistance. Every donation, big or small, makes a significant impact and helps us continue our mission of service.



## STATE CONVENTION

The upcoming state convention promises to be an exciting event filled with informative sessions, networking opportunities, and celebrations of our collective achievements. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend this convention where we will gather to share ideas and chart the future course of our district.

## WAYNE MADDEN HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATION PLANNED

I am happy to announce the dedication ceremony of the historical marker for Past International President Wayne Madden. His legacy of service and leadership continues to inspire us all. Please come out and honor Past International President Madden with us.

Plan to attend the  
*DEDICATION of the  
HISTORICAL MARKER  
for  
Past International President  
Wayne Madden*  
*Friday, April 25, 2025,  
1:30 p.m. (EST)*  
*At*  
*Rieke Park, 1800 N.  
Indiana Avenue,*





## VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S PAGE

Greetings Lions!

It's hard to believe that we are already half way through the month of March! Spring is in the air, and Lions are beginning to leave their dens...I saw many of you at District Convention on March 1st. If you weren't there, we missed you! We had a wonderful day of being a Lion! We helped pack sanitary kits for girls in Africa so that they could stay in school all month. Girls in Kenya miss days of school every month because they do not have needed sanitary products and are embarrassed and unable to attend school. This then affects their ability to get a good education. A big thank you to Lion Peggy Bush for bringing this important project to us...when you see Lion Peggy, ask how you can help! Our International guest, ID John Lawrence, had lots of good information to share with us. DG Jim's theme was to have fun, which we did! You can join in the fun next month at Shipshewana at our State Convention. I've been told by many people that our International Guest, PIP Jimmy Ross is worth the price of admission! Be sure to make your reservations by March 26th so you don't miss the fun! The convention is taking place in our district; we need to have a large presence!

Thank you so much for your support throughout this year; it has meant the world to me! I look forward to finishing this year strong! Congratulations to DG Jim on a great year as District Governor and Congratulations to 1st VDG/DGE Pam Arnold. I am excited for our district in the coming years!

### See you in Shipshewana!

*Lion Beth Kohli*  
*2nd Vice District Governor*



## LCIF UPDATES

Happy April Lions!

Coming out of District Convention Season I'm reminded of all the good things Lions do in their capacity as world changers. If you use your imagination, there are probably an unlimited number of ways to serve, you just have to find one you like. I'm not entirely sure where I'm going with all this, but, a lot of people around the world are being served in ways I can't imagine, and through my contributions to LCIF I'm helping them in ways I can only imagine.

Lately there have been a lot of disasters in our country, meaning our friends and neighbors are being affected in bad ways. As a matter of fact, as I drove into work this morning the news said that North and South Carolina were on fire in the same region struck by Hurricane Helene in September. Fires in Hawaii, California, flooding and tornados in Kentucky and Indiana, where should we turn? No worries, let's help them all. That's the beauty of LCIF, you don't need an airline ticket, or a passport to quickly respond to the latest need, your donation is already on its way.

If you are an LCIF donor thank you for your help. If you aren't, please consider becoming a donor, either one time, or as a recurring contribution, it's a great way to project the service you do locally to the rest of the globe. Another way to contribute takes place in the future. That donation is made through the Lions Legacy Society. The Legacy Society is a group of donors that have designated a gift to LCIF after they've passed away. There isn't a huge monetary requirement, making a pledge is as simple as filling out a form and it's simple to do. Whether a gift from your estate, an insurance policy, or from your investment portfolio, it's as simple as filling out a form. There is literature available if you're interested and an expert on staff at LCI. You can also ask me, I know a little about it.

Enough of the marketing, let's look at the numbers. Currently as a district, we are at a little over 55% of our fundraising goal for the year. At ¾ through the Lions year, we could be further along, but achieving our goal is still a real possibility. So, if you haven't made your contribution, please consider making it soon, It may even help you with your taxes.

In conclusion, we're making good progress together, let's finish strong and project our service through LCIF and reach our district goal.

Thanks again for your support of OUR FOUNDATION, LCIF.

## LIONS DISTRICT 25B DIABETES PROJECT REPORT

At the District Cabinet meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup> district Treasurer PDG Richard Hill reported that since PDG Freddy Bolton and other district leaders passed away the district had not been using the money it has in its Diabetes Project. PDG Freddy would typically request money from that district project to support the Matthew 25 Health and Care Clinic in Fort Wayne. Other leaders in the northern zones would also ask for money for a group in that area as well.

When I reported this to my Arcola Lions Club, our member Lion Lin Wilson volunteered to contact Matthew 25 to see how the district could help in the same way PDG Freddy did in the past. Their Director of Operations, Lauren Tosland, responded that some of the ways they support their patients in need are:

Supplies: Blood Glucose strips, Blood Glucose Meters, A1C Test Kits.

Medications: Metformin & others!

At the district convention on March 1<sup>st</sup> I reported this information to the district. And I requested \$1,000 be donated from the district's Diabetes Project to Matthew 25. My request for a motion was bid up by district leadership that was aware of what the district had done for Matthew 25 in the past. After discussion and a call for a vote by DG Jim the District voted to give \$2,500 to Matthew 25.

In discussions I had with PDG Richard about this, and after reporting it to other clubs in my zone, I am also aware there are at least two other similar organizations in our district that the project could benefit. And those may be brought up at the district's cabinet meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup> at Bippus.

This district project is like some others that have been stagnant from our district's loss of GREAT leaders. But if we are resuming our SERVICE to these organizations I believe all clubs in the district should consider the DIABETES PROJECT when they develop their budget for the next Lions year.

If you would like to know more about MATTHEW 25, here is a link to their web site.  
[https://www.matthew25online.org/?utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=wix\\_google\\_business\\_profile&utm\\_campaign=1444548691703416944](https://www.matthew25online.org/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=wix_google_business_profile&utm_campaign=1444548691703416944)

Submitted by Lion Kevin McDermit, ZC of the Arcola Lions Club





# MD 25 STATE CONVENTION 2025 April 25th-27th IN BEAUTIFUL SHIPSHEWANA



Greetings Fellow Lions,

As I look out into my back garden, I can only envision the arrival of Spring. Surely under all that slushy snow are flower and green grass accompanied by rising temperatures. While this may seem like wishful thinking, the one thing for certain is the arrival of the **2025 Indiana Lions State Convention in Shipshewana on April 25-27.** While you can sit back and wait for the arrival of Spring you need to take action to ensure your participation at the Convention. The deadline for room registration and convention registration is March 26. This date is critical, if you wish to stay at the Farmstead Inn. Due to the appearance of two well-known entertainers at another venue in town, the Farmstead will not take reservations beyond the 26th. The committee has secured several rooms at other lodgings in Shipshewana, but they are in short supply. We can hedge on the Convention only registrations if you are not planning on overnight stays, but we need to give our caterers a definite number two weeks prior to the Convention start. Thank you for your understanding of this requirement.

There is still time for individual clubs to purchase an ad in the program book that would highlight your favorite project and community accomplishments. Contact Middlebury Lion Sopheap Long for details at [sopheap.long@gmail.com](mailto:sopheap.long@gmail.com). We are still looking for items to include in the silent auction portion of the weekend, you can bring items to the Convention, but we would appreciate an advance description if possible. Contact the co-chairmen at their emails posted at the bottom of this article.

The committee has arranged for a memorable Convention with informative seminars, including one on the Amish culture, a full exhibit and vendor area including Blue Frog apparel sales, interaction with fellow Lions and of course delicious food with the Amish touch. This combined with the various attractions around the Shipshewana area will insure a wonderful weekend.

Our special guest **Past International President, Jimmy Ross** and our Saturday lunch speaker, local weatherman, poet, storyteller Gary Sieber will inspire you to return home and magnify your involvement in Lions and your community.

The committee has done just about everything we can do, now it's up to you -- so **register soon!** We hope to see you at Convention!

Denki,

Yours in Lionism  
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Past International President Jimmy Ross  
2006 – 2007



# 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

# MESSAGE FROM CABINET TREASURER RICHARD HILL TO CLUB TREASURERS

Please note that LCI will no longer be sending out statements as of July 15, 2025. Treasurers will have access to statements through the Portal moving forward.

If you have any questions or need assistance accessing the Portal, feel free to reach out.

Best Regards

Tina Mueller | Billing Coordinator | Accounts Receivable and Club Account Services Department

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## LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR UNITED STATES CLUBS

### **I. Online Payment Options**

Club Treasurers can visit the **Lion Portal** on the Lions International website. After logging onto the **Lion Portal**, choose **My Club, Club Statements** and select either **'Pay with PayPal'** or **'Pay Now.'**

### **II. CHECK PAYMENTS, VIA MAIL:**

You may pay the balance of your account with a US dollar draft drawn on a United States bank or branch. Please mail your check directly to the Association's Lockbox:

**THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS  
35842 EAGLE WAY  
CHICAGO, IL 60678-1358**

Please allow a sufficient amount of time for the check to be received and processed to your account. Please include the top portion of your statement with your check or write the complete club name and club number on the front of your check. If we cannot identify a payment, there will be a delay in posting the payment to the correct account.

NOTE: Please do not mail your checks to Oak Brook.

### **III.** Please contact the Accounts Receivable & Club Account Services Department with any questions.

E-mail: [accountsreceivable@lionsclubs.org](mailto:accountsreceivable@lionsclubs.org)

Phone: 1-630-203-3810

Fax: 1- 630-571-1683

Web: [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

### **IV.** **Correspondence only** should be sent to the address below:

Lions Club International  
300 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Oak Brook, IL 60523

**\*\*Please note: Donations by check** intended for **Lions Clubs International Foundation** should be mailed to: Lions Clubs International Foundation, Department 4547, Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 USA

For LCIF donation options please visit [lionsclubs.org/waystogive](http://lionsclubs.org/waystogive) or make an online donation at [lionsclubs.org/donate](http://lionsclubs.org/donate)



# FORT WAYNE GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP

## Service project announcement!

Fort Wayne's Great American Clean-up is taking place on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. This is a great opportunity to help with cleaning up Allen County from trash that is getting in our waterways, rivers, and roadways in the area.

Location of the event will be announced the week of, as we have the city choose a location that is in need! Start time is planned for 8:00 am. Trash bags, gloves, shirts, water and light refreshments will be provided.

The city of Fort Wayne will have a celebration as well at Headwater's Park from 11:30 am – 2:00 pm. Anthony Wayne Lion's Club will be hosting a group for the second year in a row and want to reach out for any extra hands that want to participate!

If you or your club is interested, please contact me by email at [misty.hanauer00@gmail.com](mailto:misty.hanauer00@gmail.com) or by texting 772-940-9730. Text and email are preferred due to working hours during the week. Sign-ups will be due on April 16<sup>th</sup> so that there is time for a headcount and to coordinate locations.

Hope to hear from you soon

Lion Misty Hanauer

*Editor's note: These are pictures from a previous Clean-up.*





## ANDREWS LIONS CLUB



Lion Don Morgan presenting a donation from the Andrews Lions Club for the Easter egg hunt to boys and Girls Director Karen Rice

## ROANOKE LIONS CLUB



Hi peoples!! Here is the picture I told you about. Roanoke Lions Club donated \$500 to the Roanoke Volunteer Fire Department for their project to expand their workout center for the firefighters to use for their conditioning. The picture is me presenting the check to Brandon Taylor, Fire Chief, and the rest of the department behind us. Thanks for submitting this

## ROAR INTO SHIPSEWANA— DON'T DELAY!

The Lions are gathering—hear the call,  
In Shipsewana, we'll have a ball!  
Workshops, meals, laughter, stories to share,  
A weekend of service beyond compare!  
The 2025 Convention is drawing near,  
A time for pride, a time to cheer!  
Don't be the one who waits too late,  
Or you'll be stuck outside the gate!  
The Amish town, the sights, the fun,  
But you must act now—don't be outdone!  
Rooms fill fast, that's no surprise,  
So register now—be wise, be wise!  
Roar with the best, come take your place,  
Join us for memories you won't replace!  
**So sign up now, don't drag your paws,**  
For Lions, For service, and a big applause

Lion Duane Klein of the Dunlap Lions Club used ChatGPT, an AI tool described by PDG Tom Polk at the Mid-Winter Conference, to generate this poem.

*Submitted by DG Paul Russel*

**SUBMITTED BY TERRI EDMINSTON**



# DG JIM's AND DISTRICT B CALENDAR APRIL 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 April Fool's Day 	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Tax Day 	16	17	18 Good Friday 	19
20 Easter 	21 Newsletter 	22	23 LCIF Zoom meeting 	24 Council Meeting State Convention	25 State Convention Starts Wayne Madden Marker dedication - 1:30 PM	26 State Convention 
27 4th Council Meeting 	28	29	30			

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