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DISTRICT GOVERNOR COLUMN

Hello Lions of 25B, Welcome to August.

This is a busy time of year, and it seems like time is going by at about a thousand miles an hour. Thank you for all you're doing around the district, it thrills me to hear of and read about everything you do. I know you are all super busy and I'm looking forward to getting around to visit you at your clubs and your events. There are a lot of events taking place in the next month. We've just had our first council meeting in Riley Indiana and Mission 1.5 training is coming up in Chicago on August 3rd and 4th, along with the opening of the State Fair on August 2nd through the 18th. If you haven't signed up to work at the fair yet, there's no time like now. The Indiana Lions Foundation needs our help. Two more key events are coming in August, LCIF training on August 15th through the 17th and finally the District Cabinet meeting on the 24th. All this doesn't include the various fund raisers and service projects. Thankfully the days are long!

The point is that we're all busy, just remember in the midst of all the activity, that we need to have fun! If it's not fun, take a moment to re-center and find the fun again. One fun thing that your club can do is sponsor a Peace Poster / Peace Essay contest. It's not too early, deadlines are approaching quickly, October will be here before we know it.

Now for a quick update on our 24-25 goals. As of 7/23 here are the numbers:

- MEMBERSHIP:** By June 30, 2025 our District will have a net gain in members and will start 1 new club with at least 25 Charter members.
- Starting Number 987 Lions, 45 Clubs
- 1 new Lion in LCI reporting as of 7/23/24
- Working on Branch Club in Warren
- Discussing 1 new Fort Wayne Club with multiple individuals

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LEADERSHIP: 60% of Club Officers will complete the club officer training courses on the Lions Learning Center by October 1st.

Training completed for 40 officers, we still have quite a way to go,

SERVICE: District 25B will conduct 2 district wide service activities by June 2025. By the June 30, our district Will have 80% of Clubs reporting service.

6% of clubs have reported service YTD

District project planning underway. Piggy-backing onto other events.

LCIF: By June 30, 2025 at least 5 clubs will have achieved 100% member participation in LCIF donations.

Fundraising efforts underway. New suggested contribution is \$10 average per Lion to achieve Club Excellence. No contribution data available yet for this year.

First, an update on our District Goals. As of 7/21 we've added a Lion, completed 4 officer training sessions, training 40 club and district officers. 40 is a start, but we need to get about 105 or so more Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers. To Date we've reported 16 Service projects, a good start, I'm confident there will be countless more as we're coming into project season. We're off to a pretty good start to our Lions year, we just need to keep our foot on the gas.

A moment on training. One thing that Lions receive as a benefit is a great deal of free training through the portal. I'm amazed by the quantity and quality of the training available in the Lions Learning Center. If it pertains to Lions you can find it there and so much more in the area of leadership We can ALL benefit from training, whether we've been a Lion for 1 year, or 50 years, a quick refresher can remind us of something that we forgot, or make us aware of something that's changed. As leaders, we owe it to our Lions to be the best leaders we can be, and we get better through training. It's all available on the portal, all that's needed is computer access. Speaking of computer access, as leaders, there's no reason we can't get it. We have

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a lot of libraries in our district that have the computer systems needed to accomplish training and administrative tasks.

Officers can access the [Lions Learning Center \(LLC\)](#) to complete the following recommended courses: ([Accessing the LLC](#)).

- **CLUB OFFICER TRAINING:** This module delivers an introductory overview of club officer roles and responsibilities and club structure
- **CLUB PRESIDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:** This module provides basic information and resources necessary to prepare for the club president position
- **CLUB SECRETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:** This module summarizes responsibilities, explains time lines and provides information and resources necessary to prepare for the club secretary position

CLUB TREASURER RESPONSIBILITIES: This module provides basic information and resources necessary to prepare for the position of club treasurer.

In addition, sharpen your leadership skills in areas such as Goal Setting, Meeting Management, Conflict Resolution, and Effective Listening. Browse the LLC content library for these and other courses.

CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Club Excellence award applications are due on August 31st. Please don't wait until then to forward applications to me. I must sign the applications and forward to LCI prior to the deadline. Applications should be sent to me by August 15th to insure on-time submission to LCI. Please send your application to 25b.dg.2425@gmail.com Applications can be found and downloaded at: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-excellence-awards>

While I'm on the subject of Club Excellence Awards, it's not too early to start planning to get yours in 2025. The criteria are similar with one significant change, the expected contribution per club is \$10 per Lion instead of \$5 as in previous years. If you accomplish all the criteria to

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achieve Club Excellence your club will definitely experience a great Lions year.

MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP

Current status, below 1000 Lions in our district for the first time in a long time, current count is 987 in July. We have the second largest city in the state and the smallest district by number of Lions, we need to grow our clubs and district. **This is the biggest challenge we have this year, let's move out of last place.** Adopt and use the Global Membership approach and use the tools that have been developed for us!

SERVICE.

In addition to membership, we need to be promoting, doing and reporting service projects. If it hasn't been reported, it hasn't been done. The reporting is easy, there's no reason not to do it. Roar about our accomplishments on social media and when talking to our communities, friends and neighbors. Be visible, and bring people into Lions. I know our clubs are all doing service projects, and if we all report 1 service project this year our district will be at 100%, which is a worthy and easily attainable goal.

LCIF

Well, the final numbers are in from last year, and they are great! While we didn't hit 100% of our goal, we did hit 97% of it (we were just under \$1,000 away from 100%). In addition, our contribution increased by over \$5,000 year over year. That is AWESOME! LCIF is our foundation and we're making a difference all over the world EVERY DAY. Keep that LCIF support coming and ask if there's anything more we can do. My goal is for every Club to contribute to LCIF and for 5 clubs to have 100% individual LCIF participation. I know we can do it TOGETHER. If you need some inspiration, take a few minutes to watch some LCIF videos on YouTube and learn about how Lions and LCIF are making a difference.

STATE FAIR AND THE INDIANA LIONS FOUNDATION

It's almost State Fair time and the largest fund-

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raiser of the year for the Indiana Lion's Foundation. Rose Russell has sent an appeal to District Governors to recruit volunteers to work the fair. We need to cover 1000 shifts between August 2 and August 14. Lions can sign up at indianalionsfoundationmd25.org

DC Jim Bush

DISTRICT B CABINET MEETING

DATE: AUGUST 24, 2024

WHERE: LUTHERAN CHURCH

LOCATION: 301 S. OAK ST.
KENDALLVILLE, IN 46750

TIME: 8:30 a.m. Registration
9:00 a.m. PDG Meeting
9:30 a.m. General Session

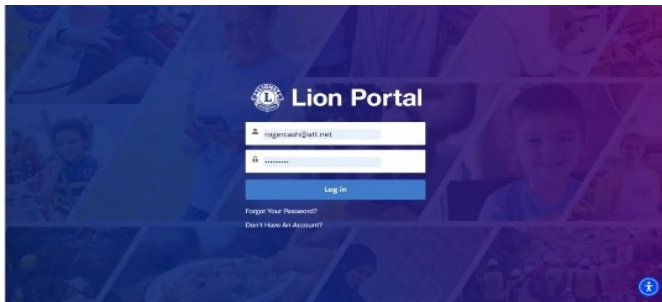


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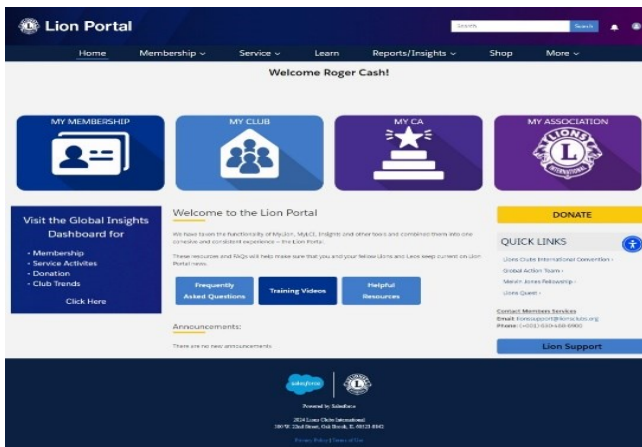
INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Now that we have had a time to try and work with the new Portal, let's go over some of the issues and lessons learned.

All Lions can log into the Portal. If you have not done so you use your e-mail and a new password. The e-mail address must be unique to you. So, no husbands and wife can't share. Once logged in, you will see several choices on the home page.



This will take you to the Home page.



Here you will see several options. The two most will be interested in is My Membership and then on the top row, Service. Any club member can enter service. Now, secretaries and club presidents can manage members, manage officers and report service. The treasure can look at the club statements and pay LCI.

There are also several reports club officers can get at "export reports." Most of these reports are in excel format. There is one other important place to check out and that is up in the top line and it is "LEARN." This will take you to the learning center. Next month we will discuss what you will find in the learning center and how to navigate through it.

If you are having problems with the portal or just need a bit of help please feel free to contact your IT Chair, PDG Roger Cash at rcashco@yahoo.com or call (432) 638-8032. And remember there are no dumb questions just dumb answers.

HUNTERTOWN LIONS CLUB

HUNTERTOWN HERITAGE DAYS FISH FRY

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2024
5:00-7:00 PM**

HUNTERTOWN COMMUNITY PARK
WOODS ROAD & "OLD" LIMA ROAD

**FISH OR TENDERLOIN DINNER,
INCLUDES A DRINK = \$15**

**FISH OR TENDERLOIN SANDWICH,
POTATO CHIPS & DRINK = \$7**

WE'LL BE SERVING:

FISH & TENDERLOIN
COLESLAW
APPLESAUCE
POTAT CHIPS
COOKIE
FRUIT PUNCH OR LEMONADE

DINE IN OR CARRY-OUT





Greetings Lions of this great MD25! As we all start pitching in to help our clubs and communities this summer, I wanted to thank all of you Lions for your hard work and enthusiasm for the Operation KidSight program we have here in

Indiana. As many of you know (and it seems many still don't!) Sheila Christoff retired in May. I was excited at the opportunity a few years ago to possibly join the team, but with the onset of the pandemic the extra role wasn't needed. As scary a prospect it is for me in this new position, I would be thrilled to get us back to screening at that level!

This program is such a vital service we can offer to our school nurses (who we know are overrun) and local daycare/preschool programs. Just a refresher, Operation KidSight is a statewide vision-screening program that identifies treatable or preventable causes of blindness in preschool children, ages **18 months to 6 years**. We utilize two different camera systems to achieve this. Cameras are available in every district, some owned by clubs/districts and others on loan to OKS board trustees or long-time screeners. I am more than thrilled to come to your communities and train any Lion on how to be an Operation KidSight vision screener. It may seem scary, it's pretty advanced technology and nobody wants to make a mistake when dealing with children. I'm here to assure you that I can teach you how to be a part of this mission. With the resources we have as Lions we can make sure children are getting the best start at learning (and LIFE) with ensuring their vision is preserved.

Lions in Indiana officially screened 15518 children in 2023-2024. Out of those 163 were



One of the few recent photos of me doing something Lions related. I should work on that, the photo part!
Lions Perry Nigh and Karlene Roe
2024 25A Eyeglass Mission

REFERS. It's important stuff, but oh so rewarding and fun because you get to work with kids! Reach out to your school nurses and daycare operators, let's ease their burden and let them know this is a service we offer. I have many pieces of literature from one-page leave-behinds to brochures and FAQs. We are working on 3 possible training sites (north/middle/south), so please contact me if you have an ideal location with interested Lions. Just like any team, a bench of trained and enthusiastic screeners is how we can continue to grow this program and reach every child. I look forward to serving with all of you!

Lion Karlene Roe (Winamac 25A)

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INDIANA LIONS FOUNDATION STATE FAIR PROJECT

Greetings, Fellow Lions:

Time flies when we're having fun. Or facing deadlines. It seems like such a short time ago we were saying "Goodbye" to our volunteers at the end of the 2023 Indiana State Fair, but Opening Day of the 2024 Indiana State Fair is just one month away.

As in previous years, we will be greeting fairgoers, while selling and scanning tickets at Gate 1W on 38th Street and Gate 12 on 42nd Street. This year, we will also be working at 4 new gates at the tunnel exits from the State Fair Infield parking lot.

Incentives:

- Volunteers can earn credits towards a W.P. Woods Fellowship (WPWF), or a nominal cash donation to their Lions Club or favorite Indiana Lions state project.
- Bring a carload of volunteers (minimum: 5) to work at the State Fair and we will help pay for the gas.
- Bring a vanload of volunteers (minimum: 8) to work at the State Fair and we will help pay for the van rental and the gas.

Dress Code Reminder:

The Indiana State Fair has a dress code for volunteers working at the State Fair.

- Khaki/tan or black pants, shorts or skirts. No bluejeans, please.
- Lions shirts are acceptable, as are blue State Fair shirts, and plain white t-shirts.
- We are asked to wear caps. If you have a Lions cap or a tan State Fair cap from previous years, those are acceptable. If you do not have a cap, we will provide you with an Indiana Lions Foundation cap.

Check-In / Check-Out Reminder:

Please be sure to check in at the Indiana Lions Foundation booth at the beginning of your shift, and check out at the same place at the end of your shift.

Directions to Indiana State Fair:

Volunteers for the Indiana Lions Foundation State Fair project should enter the fairgrounds through Gate 10, at the intersection of 42nd Street and Crittenden Avenue in Indianapolis. You should be able to use that intersection as the destination in Google Maps.

An annotated map of the Indiana State Fairgrounds can be found on page 8 in this newsletter. Gate 10, the parking area, the Foundation's check-in booth, and our gates are highlighted..

If you have any questions about our Indiana State Fair project, please call me or send me an email message.

Lion Rose Russell, Trustee Indiana Lions Foundation

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Ticket booths for the new infield gates were under construction when we visited the Indiana State Fairgrounds last weekend. It appears the new booths will be similar to the existing booth at Gate 12. Each booth will have 1 window for a ticket seller and 2, 4, or 5 windows for self-service kiosks. Based on the interior framing of the booths, it appears the larger booths will have 2 air conditioners and the smallest booth will have 1 air conditioner. The photo below is the ticket booth for the NW infield gate.

The Indiana Lions Foundation needs your help to make our State Fair project a success again this year. We have many open positions on the first weekend of the great Indiana State Fair.



INDIANA LIONS FOUNDATION COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS

A New Way to Use W.P. Woods Fellowship Credits

The trustees of the Indiana Lions Foundation (Foundation) have approved an additional way to use W.P. Woods Fellowship credits earned by working for the Foundation at the Indiana State Fair. As in the past, individuals may use their credits for a W.P. Woods Fellowship for themselves or another individual, or may transfer their credits to their club or district to be used for a W.P. Woods Fellowship.

Effective immediately, W.P. Woods Fellowship credits may also be redeemed for Indiana Lions Foundation Community Service Grants. An individual or club may redeem 10 W.P. Woods Fellowship credits for a \$200 Community Service Grant. The grant may be directed to the member's home club, one of our five Indiana Lions state projects, the Indiana Lions Foundation, or the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). The check from the Foundation will be made out to the designated beneficiary and sent to the requesting individual. The individual may then present the check to their club or a trustee of one of the five state projects, or they may simply mail the check to their designated state project or LCIF, as appropriate. If the grant is given to a club, it must be placed in the club's public funds account and used for Community Service projects, not for the club's administrative expenses, such as dues. A club that has W.P. Woods Fellowship credits which were transferred to it by individual members may use these credits in the same manner. A person or club may redeem only 10 credits (one \$200 grant) per year. A club, state project, the Foundation, or LCIF may receive more than one Community Service Grant per year, if the grants are requested by different individuals or clubs. We acknowledge that there will be many questions about this new opportunity to serve our communities and the trustees will be working on a more detailed Community Service Grant policy document in the weeks following the upcoming State Fair.

Please sign up [today](#) to work for the Indiana Lions Foundation at the 2024 Indiana State Fair. Scan the QR code below or click on the following link to visit the signup page.

<https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/what-we-do/indiana-state-fair-volunteer/#signup>



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Indiana Lions Foundation at the Indiana State Fair

Check in here

Enter here

Park here



Gate 1W and Gate 12 are the same gates we have had in previous years. We have 4 new gates in the infield: NW, NE, SE, SW. Sign up at <https://IndianaLionsFoundationMD25.org/>. If you have questions or need assistance, call Lion Rose Russell at 574-250-0125.



DISTRICT B AND DG JIM'S CALENDAR AUGUST 2024



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	<div style="border: 2px solid yellow; padding: 5px;"> <p>August 2-18 Indiana State Fair indianalionsfoundationmd25.org to sign up</p>  </div>			1	2 GMT Training Session	3 GMT Training Session
4 GMT Training Session	5	6	7	8 Hamilton Lions Club O/V	9 Huntertown Heritage Days Lions Club Fish & Tenderloin Fry	10
11	12	13	14	15 LCIF Strategy Session	16 LCIF Strategy Session	17 LCIF Strategy Session
18	19	20 Newsletter Deadline	21	22	23	24 Cabinet Meeting
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 District Executive Board meeting Sunshine Café 8:30

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RECYCLE MASCARA WANDS

From: PDG Sandy Zeigler

Please do NOT throw away your mascara wands. Instead, clean JUST THE WAND with dawn soap, place them in a ziploc bag and mail them to a Wildlife Refuge accepting donations. These little wands are able to be upcycled to clean away oil, larvae, fly eggs, mites, infections, mud and other contaminants from wildlife. Works great for medical care and wound treatment

Pick your refuge to mail to:

Appalachian Wild
P.O. Box 1211
Skyland NC 28776

OR

Wildlife Wands
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