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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S COLUMN

Hello Fellow Lions,

First of all, a great big thank you to PDG Jim Bush for the great job that he did this past Lion's year. Everything that he has done this past year is much appreciated.

During this year, I would like to highlight different projects and also the Indiana Lions Foundation. I will begin with the Foundation and why it is so important that you work the Indiana State Fair.

First a little history. In 1994 the first Foundation license plate was sold. The Foundation would receive \$20 per plate sold. During the first year 430 plates were sold.

The trustees at that time decided to use 50% of the funds generated by the license plates to fund grants to clubs to help with local projects. The other 50% would go to establish a permanent endowment fund. In 2008, the permanent endowment had grown to about \$250,000. Interest earned is used for grants to clubs to help fund projects.

The Lions were then asked to help with the State Fair. The Fair Board pays the Foundation for the hours that Lions volunteers put in. The Lions were also asked to help with the Indy 500. We no longer are able help with the race so we need the Fair work more than ever. Please consider helping so the Foundation can continue to fund these grants. Last year the Foundation received about \$60,000.

This year's Fair is August 1 to 17. You can sign up at the Foundation's website, <https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org>. Go to the "What We Do" tab at the top and it will guide you through the process. On August 6, we will be taking a van of volunteers to help with the day. See PDG Al Arnold's article in this newsletter.

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I am looking forward to leading District 25 -B during the coming year.

Please contact me to set up a club visit ASAP.

Thanks,

LG Pam Arnold

STATE FAIR WORK DAY

The State Fair Work Day will be August 6. We are working the 1:30 – 8:30 shift. You can either sell tickets, scan tickets, or use the hand stamp.

We will be picking up at Rural King in Decatur at 9:30, Kroger at the corner of Coldwater and Dupont at 10:15, Exit 278 near Warren at 11:00. We will stop and eat lunch at Culver's in Anderson.



If interested in riding the van that day, contact PDG Al Arnold at 260-216-1101 or alanar-

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Please let me know what job you would like to do and your email address when responding. Please contact me by July 30 if interested. You do receive WP Woods Fellowship credits from the Foundation for working.

Submitted by PDG Alan Arnold



ANDREWS LIONS CLUB

Submitted by Lion Cheryl Okuly

I would like to give the 25 B Lions a big ROAR for the fantastic donation so the Andrews Boys and Girls Club students can enjoy for lunch and crafts. It melted my heart when we stopped to give them umbrellas. The hugs and the thank yous said it all!



Lion members are assembling the picnic tables for the Andrews boys and girls club to use. Looks like Lions Cheryl is the instructor!.



Tables are all completed with colorful umbrellas on them.



Table is being used for crafts for the students at the Andrews Boys and Girls Club.

THE INDIANA LIONS FOUNDATION'S MATCHING GRANTS BENEFIT MANY LIONS

CHARITABLE PROJECTS

The Indiana Lions Foundation completed its fiscal year with \$24,652 in matching grants awarded to twenty-five clubs and Camp Woodsmoke as well as a disaster assistance grant awarded to District E. These grants resulted in many benefits to our fellow Hoosiers through the enabling of these clubs in pursuing many charitable projects through the use of their charitable funds supplemented by Foundation matching grants. As a results of this club/Foundation partnership:

1. Children 1) learned to appreciate reading through listening to stories in their public parks, 2) received their own book and 3) accessed new books placed in their library
2. Children learned how to fish
3. Children were screened for vision abnormalities and dyslexia in their schools
4. Children received beds to sleep in when they had no bed and were given food on weekends when no food was available in their home
5. Children were able to attend Camp Woodsmoke with a working infirmary
6. Communities benefited by 1) receiving information through the erection of informational signs 2) being able to use ADA compliant restroom facilities and 3) being able to use modern plumbing systems and kitchen facilities in their community centers
7. The uninsured were able to receive medical care in a free clinic with updated exam lighting
8. Communities were enhanced with new tree plantings and entertained by Fourth of July fireworks displays
9. First responders benefited by being able to use a working beverage cooler in their firehouse and by being able to have 'blue bags' available to treat autistic victims and traumatized children

Submitted by PDG Con Cooper
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The 3 Indiana State Fair Project pins.
Pin only available by working the State Fair for the Indiana Lions Foundation

TRI-LAKES LIONS CLUB

**DRIVE THRU
FISH & TENDERLOIN
FRY**

**SATURDAY July 12, 2025
4-7 pm (OR SOLD OUT)
2935 COLONY AV**

Just Meat or Meal \$15 Qt Potato Salad \$7



HOWE LIONS CLUB

The Howe Lions Club held their annual Memorial Day Service on May 26th 2025, at the Riverside cemetery. There was a large crowd that attended. Lion secretary Jeff Schrader was the master of ceremonies. Pastor David H Hughes of the Lima Presbyterian church gave the address. Pictured are Jean Litke of the Headstone Restoration group, Pastor Hughes, Lion Roger Fenstermaker who read the names of the Military Members interred in cemetery, Lion Jeff Schrader and Sharla Thompson of the DAR who placed a wreath in the Riverside Cemetery in Howe.



HUMAN CAPITAL: THE FUEL BEHIND OUR MISSION

Why, you might ask, are we talking about growth in the middle of everything else we're juggling? Simple: this is our organization. And the most critical kind of capital we need isn't financial—it's Human Capital. That means new Lions.

In business, growth is expected. Companies set yearly targets—often 10–20%—because they understand the hard truth: if you're not growing, you're dying. And frankly, that's how we need to look at our association.

For too long, we've coasted along with the unspoken belief that Lions Clubs will always be here. But without new members, without energy, and without new hands to carry the torch, our service and our story will fade.

Let's do the math. In our district, a 20% growth goal would mean:

- ☐ 8 to 9 new clubs
- ☐ 196 new members

That lines up almost exactly with what we need to outpace losses and strengthen our service footprint. We don't need to look backward at why we've lost members—we need to look forward and grow.

In business, nothing happens until there's a sale. For us, nothing happens until someone joins. That's the tipping point for everything: new service, new ideas, new leadership, and new community impact.

Here's the good news: you already have a stake in this. Whether you're a new Lion or a lifelong one, you are part of something that belongs to all of us. When we bring in new members, we gain the power to do more and serve more.

Our international target, Mission 1.5, is bold but achievable:

1,500,000 Lions by July 1, 2027.

That's just a 7% global increase—and we can do our part.

It starts with asking. It grows with inviting. It multiplies when we share our stories and successes. Let's step up to the challenge, because this isn't just about survival—it's about legacy.

Let's grow with purpose.

Let's serve with heart.

Let's build the future—together.

(P)DG Jim

WHY DO AMERICANS CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY?

Americans celebrate Independence Day on July 4th to commemorate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, which declared the thirteen American colonies independent from Great Britain. This day marks the birth of the United States as a nation and is celebrated with patriotic festivities like fireworks, parades, and barbecues, [according to History.com](https://www.history.com).

Significance:

The Declaration of Independence asserted the colonies' right to self-governance and outlined the reasons for their separation from British rule

Celebrations:

From the late 18th century onward, Americans have celebrated July 4th as Independence Day, marking the nation's birth with various traditions and festivities.

Modern Celebrations:

Today, Independence Day is a federal holiday with widespread celebrations including fireworks, parades, picnics, concerts, and family gatherings.

LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Happy New Year Lions!

As we begin another year, there's a blank slate and we have another chance to pause and think about our goals for the coming year. The past year has been a very good year for our district, thanks to your ongoing commitment to your communities. Our service reporting is at 100% for the year and that's awesome. Our membership could use some work, and while I'm not sure if our LCIF giving is going to meet our district goal, we should be on track to exceed last year's contributions, and that's a great thing.

In addition to our contributions, we've been able to return some of our donations to the community of New Haven in the form of playground equipment. In addition to 100% of our LCIF donations going to where they're needed, 15% of our district donations are credited to use within our district. Over the years our district has greatly benefited through LCIF grants receiving several hundred thousand dollars for our communities, all because of your faithful contributions. Our donations also have an impact around the world. This year, LCIF has purchased countless stoves for the Ukrainian winter, provided vision care, water, and other basic necessities of life to people around the world. If we can change one life, it's a great thing, so what does it mean when we change millions? There's still much to do, and while we may not be able to serve people around the world directly, our donations definitely can. While there are some Lions that can give a lot, most of us can only give a little, but it all adds up. We have our change for change tubs, but you don't have to wait for a club function to set a little change aside. I have an actual piggy bank that I drop change in, but it can be anything, a babyfood jar, car ashtray, flower pot, ice cream tub, you get what I'm saying.

As we begin this new year, please ask yourself if you feel like leveling up your personal and club donations to LCIF. When we give to

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OUR FOUNDATION, not only do we feel better, the whole world wins. If you take a minute or two to watch the linked video, maybe it will help you decide.

<https://youtu.be/qNdwolGpTXg?si=Lh2tVHtQF8tJEHdi>

Thank you for supporting LCIF

We Serve!

PDQ Jim

LCIF Co-Coordinator



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

ANDREWS LIONS CLUB



President Lion Phil Sunderman accepted the 80th patch from Secretary Lion Mike Okuly for the Andrews Lions Club.

Happy 80th Birthday Andrews Lions Club.



Secretary Lion Mike Okuly pinning Treasurer Lion Don Morgan with a 30 year Membership pin. Congratulations!



DG PAM'S AND DISTRICT B **CALENDAR** **JULY 2025**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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