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DISTRICT GOVERNOR COLUMN

Greetings to the Lions of District 25 B.

I just returned from Mid-Winter Conference, and I believe that those who did not attend it you missed some very good training sessions.

So good that I have asked two of them to come and share with us. One at the District Convention on March 16, 2024, at 5 C Farms Event Barn. It is located at 1261 N 300 E, Albion, IN, United States, Indiana, It is straight South of Skinner Lake (3 miles east of Albion and then south about a 1.5 miles. Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. Meeting will start at 9:15 a.m.

I have also asked Lion Wendy Seaman to come to our May's Cabinet meeting to talk to us about Cubs and Leos. So I hope you put these events on your calendars.

At Mid-Winter Convention, on Friday night's dinner we were entertained by a magician who I would describe as very funny and entertaining with his act. Saturday was spent in seminars that were very informative. Many items were brought in for the silent auction which raised about \$1,500 dollars. Also, many items were brought in for the care kits that were put together and once they were assemble were divided among the district. FVDG Jim Bush was kind enough to haul those home and we will be distributing them around the district. But we need your help in doing it, by either picking some up and taking them to the shelters in your area or making some suggestion.

The District Convention will be here before you know it and I need the club officers to promote it and turn out for the convention. This is your convention. So let's show our guest (PID Don Noland from Missouri) how proud we are of District 25 B, and how much we support it with our presence.

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We are over half way done with our Lions year and there are still many clubs who have not booked a date for me (your Governor) to make an official visit. If you don't contact me don't be surprised if I just show up at a meeting.

Kudo's to those clubs who have added new members this year and please keep it up. The goal is 1.5 Million members by the year 2028. My goal for the District is at least two new members per club by June 15, 2024 and then I am sure that FVDB Jim Bush will have a goal for next year. We have a long way to go to get our numbers up to 1250, which is where we should be. Are we looking around and asking ourselves if our neighbor would be a good Lion? What about the person we go to church with? Or the new teachers in the school our children attend? I feel that everyone wants a chance to Change the World. We can do it one member at a time, affecting one person at a time. We may start small but look what a little ant can do. They can move mountains and so can we.

Until next time keep on serving to change our world.

DG Terry L. Marker

ZONE MEETING

There will be a zone meeting for Zones F and H (Allen and Adams Counties) on Wednesday, February 7, beginning at 6:30 pm at Ziano's, 10520 Maysville Rd, Ft. Wayne. Clubs in those zones should send at least two members to find out what's happening in District 25-B.

Information about District Convention, Leadership, and Membership will be shared.

Please RSVP to Zone Chair Pam Arnold at 260-705-6610 or Zone Chair Susie Hudson at 260-438-2525.



UPCOMING DATES

- Jan. 27-** District 25 B 3rd Cabinet Meeting
Cromwell Public Library, Cromwell, IN. Registration at 8:30 am.
- Mar. 16 -** District 25 B Convention-5 C Farm
Event Barn 1261 N. 300 E. Albion, IN
- Apr. 26-28 -** Embassy Suites by Hilton,
Noblesville Indianapolis Conference Center, 13700
Conference Center Fr. South, Noblesville, IN.
- June 21-25 -** Lions International Convention,
Melbourne, Australia.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS ALERT

Submitted by PDG Roger Cash

Please note all nominations for District Governor, 1Vice District Governor, 2Vice District Governor and Trustees for each of the state projects is due to the Nominations and Election chairperson **NO LATER THAN February 14, 2024.** Nominations for trustees must have their letter of intent to run along with their club's endorsement. Those standing for DG, 1VDG or 2VDG need to submit the appropriate biology form along with their intent to run letter and their club's endorsement. Since the District does not currently have 2VDG a PDG may run for 1VDG. If you have questions on this please contact the Nomination and Election Chairperson.

NOMINATIONS
ARE OPEN

FROM THE DESK OF 1ST VDG

Submitted by 1st Vice District Governor Jim Bush

Hello LIONS of 25B,

Just a few thoughts following the Mid-Winter Conference. If you didn't make it this year, please consider attending next year. Approximately 200 Lions attended and participated in informative seminars, fellowship and FUN! Don't worry though, there are still many opportunities to come together as a group this year, so get your calendars out and make plans to attend them all, you won't be disappointed.

Please plan to attend the district 25B convention, there will be entertaining and educational sessions, a keynote speaker and FUN! If you ever wanted to know more about Lions and our district this is a great way to engage without investing a lot of time or money. Please join us and share in the fun. Details about the venue can be found on Facebook by looking up the 5C Farms Event Barn, 1261 N. 300 E Albion IN.

Indiana State Lions Convention will be held in Noblesville at the Embassy Suites from April 26 – 28. Past International President Frank Moore III will be the keynote speaker. The State convention schedule and registration information can be found at the link below. As an additional note, 25B first time state convention attendees and those who haven't attended a state convention for more than 10 years will be entered into a drawing for \$500.00 if they register and attend the convention. Even if you don't plan to stay, this is a great event to attend to learn, network with fellow Lions and have fun.

indianalionsconvention.org

I can't emphasize the significance of this great opportunity enough. This year, the USA/Canada Forum will be held in LOUISVILLE KENTUCKY, it's right in our back yard. There will be opportunities to learn about Global Causes, hear the Current and Past International Presidents speak, and learn how other clubs and districts are serving across North America. Numerous forums, meals, entertainment and seminars make this an excellent opportunity to up your Lions game

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without having to step on a plane. I hope to see you there. More information, including registration info can be found by clicking the link below:

<https://lionsforum.org/>

There are so many opportunities for us to learn and grow, let's take full advantage and grow 25B into the Best District we can B.

I look forward to seeing you at one or all of these events.

Lion Jim

INDIANA LIONS SPEECH AND HEARING PROJECT

DG Terry Marker presented scholarships to Calista Bransfield a student at Indiana State University and Macy Griffis from Purdue. The scholarships were funded by the Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing Project. These students are from District 25-B and majoring in Speech Pathology or Audiology.



Calista Bransfield



Macy Griffis

LCIF FOUNDATION

Why LCIF? Because through LCIF Grants we are truly accomplishing big things right here in Indiana! I know the common perception is that all our LCIF donations are shipped out of the country, but the truth is that LCIF awards a lot of grants right here in the US, in fact, more than 3 dollars are returned for every dollar donated in the US. Recently Indiana Clubs have received \$150,000 to build a new cabin from a 3:1 matching grant for Diabetes at Camp Until There's a Cure. This camp provides children with Diabetes with the skills they need to manage their diabetes in everyday life. One club or district in Indiana could not have accomplished this goal without help from YOU and LCIF. Westfield Lions received a \$2,250 grant from a partnership between LCIF and Elevance Health Foundation to help with Food Insecurity, distributing food to 219 children in WESTFIELD INDIANA every week, an example of how LCIF is supporting Hoosier Families.

I know I keep asking you for support for LCIF, true, here's a little of my "WHY". There are so many causes around the world that are worth supporting, and if you or I try to support all of them, we'll make ourselves crazy. LCIF's Global Causes are Vision, Youth, Disaster Relief, Humanitarian assistance, Diabetes, Childhood Cancer, The Environment, and Hunger. All of them are just that, GLOBAL and relevant right in our own back yard. Next, when you are choosing where to send your money, you may want to ask how much actually makes it to the point of need. 100% of LCIF Donations reach the point of need. I think if you do a little digging, there are few, if any other causes or groups that even come close to that percentage, I know, I've looked, and while I'm not going to name them here, there are some funds that I will not support, many make regular appearances on my television. Most of the charities on television ask you for around \$20.00 a month, and while that may work for them, by comparison, \$3.00 isn't much, however if able, please consider giving a little more.

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One more thought is holding an LCIF fundraising event. What do you like to do? Host a frisbee golf tournament, cornhole tournament, mini golf tournament, bowling tournament, or whatever you like with proceeds going to LCIF, have some fun with it! This year to be a Model Club, the club needs to make an LCIF donation of 5.00 per member, but individual donations count toward that number.

Finally, the reason I support LCIF is I'm a Lion and it's OUR FOUNDATION. I am convinced that we are serving more people than any other organization in the world and we're reaching them where they live. I used to have a career that had an ambiguous title, but when people asked me what I did, my response was "I'm a LIFE CHANGER". You and I as LIONS are LIFE CHANGERS, not just in our communities, but around our state, our country and world. In fact, between [July 2022](#) and [June 2023](#) WE changed 539 million lives around the world, by helping with Your contributions to LCIF allow us to change lives everywhere, every day. Thank you for supporting LCIF and being LIFE CHANGERS.

Serving a world in need,
Lion Jim

INDIANA STATE FAIR

Come work the State Fair and earn credits for a WP Woods Fellowship. District 25-B will be taking a van of workers to the State Fair on Wednesday, August 7. We will be working the afternoon shift. Pick up points will be the Rural King in Decatur, Kroger at Dupont and Coldwater in Ft. Wayne, and Exit 278 near Warren. Jobs available are ticket seller, ticket scanner, and Kiosk monitor. Save the date now. More information later.



COME AND JOIN US AT DISTRICT 25 B CONVENTION

MARCH 16, 2024

8:30 a.m. Registration and Fellowship time

5 C Farm Event Barn 1261 N. 300 E.

Albion, IN 46701

KEY NOTE SPEAKER: PID DON NOLAND

FUN TIME— LEARNING TIME — FELLOWSHIP TIME



REGISTRATION FORM FOR DISTRICT 25 B CONVENTION



March 16, 2024
5 Farms Event Barn
1261 N. 300 E., Albion, IN 46701



Doors open at 8:30 AM. Registration. Opening session at 9:15 AM.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: **PID DON NOLAND (from Missouri)**

For our lunch we will have pulled pork sandwiches, potato salad, baked beans, pasta salad and pie.
There will be Doughnuts, coffee, juice and water at registration.

Cost is: 25.00 per person.
Make checks payable to:
Albion Lions Club
% Treasurer Jim Sprague
1355 N. Finlandia Way
Albion, IN 46701

Send Reservations and checks by March 4, after that date the cost goes to \$35.00 per person.

Please indicate which workshop you would like to attend.

- A. Topic from: PID Don Noland
- B. Lionism Through Music of the Beatles – Lion Jeff Kozicki
- C. Mission 1.5

Please bring an auction item & Door Prize.

Club: _____

Lion: _____ Workshop: _____

Guest: _____ Workshop: _____

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TRI-LAKES LIONS CLUB

**DRIVE THRU
FISH & TENDERLOIN
FRY**

**SATURDAY February 17, 2024
4-7 pm (OR SOLD OUT)
2935 COLONY AV**



DISTRICT 25B

ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST

The 2023-24 Environmental Photo Contest is open to all Lions and Leos in District 25B.

There will be four divisions: Wildlife 18 & under, Wildlife 19 & older, Scenery 18 & under, and Scenery 19 & older.

All photos depicting a natural theme (such as plants, animals, urban or natural landscape, weather phenomenon, etc.) are welcome.

Photos must be original and unaltered.

Photos must be taken within the state of Indiana.

Photos must be on high-quality photo paper and measure 8" x 10" (20.3 cm x 25.4 cm)

Photos need to be submitted with entry form on next column.

Photographers accept responsibility for the cost of taking and processing photos.

Contest photos become the property of the 25B Environmental Committee. The Committee reserves the right to disqualify entries that do not meet contest criteria or that may be viewed as inappropriate or objectionable.

Awards

1st Place in each category: \$25 gift card

If you have a question please contact:
PDG Alan Arnold at 260-216-1101 or
email pamalarn@myfibersolution.com.



25B LIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Age Category:

_____ 18 & under _____ 19 & older

Club Name _____

Photo Category

_____ Wildlife

_____ Scenery

Send completed registration form and photo to:

DG Alan Arnold
595 E. State Rd. 124
Monroe, IN 46772

Please address questions to:
DG Alan Arnold at 260-216-1101 or
pamalarn@myfibersolution.com.

**Photos must be postmarked by
March 8, 2024.**





DISTRICT B AND DG TERRY'S CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2024



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Mon

Tue

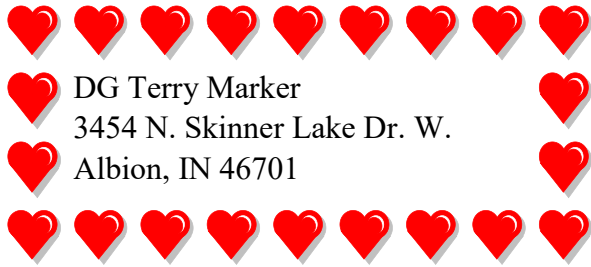
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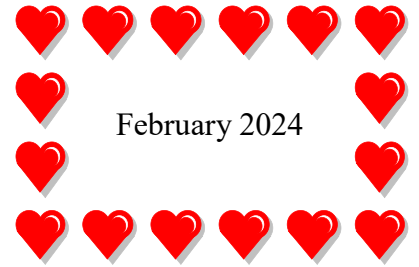
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				1	2 Groundhog Day 	3
4	5	6 Arcola Lions Club O/V 	7 Zone Meeting for Zones F and H (Allen and Adams Counties) Ziano's, 10520 Maysville Rd,	8	9	10 Zone E Zone meeting at Joanna's Family Restaurant, 280 N. Grandstaff Dr., Auburn,
11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day 	15 Harlan Lions Club O/V 	16	17 Tri-Lakes Lions Club Drive Thru Fish & Tenderloin Fry
18	19 Albion Lions Club O/V 	20 	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Leap Day 		19 



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February 2024

April 26 - April 28, 2024

103 INDIANA LIONS STATE CONVENTION

Embassy Suites and Convention Center
Noblesville, Indiana

