



Find Strength to Continue

The last two years have forced us all to rediscover what is meaningful and important. For many the meaning of Christmas has become clearer as we deal with limitations both legal and health related on how we celebrate.

Many Lions are going through the Holidays with a heavy heart. Family and friends have died, are very ill, or unable to gather with us. COVID still puts a damper on many gatherings that helped support us this time of year.

December has the longest night of the year. But then the light begins to grow. For Christians this is remembering what happened in Bethlehem. Our prayers go out to all as they walk through the darkness that they may again be bathed in the Light.

Our Lions Clubs have been going through the darkness as well. Mourning the loss of members and friends, but also limitations on how we can fundraise and serve. Some clubs have reduced their meetings or gone to Zoom meetings. The fellowship in serving together has been strained. Clubs have found what is important to the community, club, and its members. Having to deal with these changes has led many clubs to new kinds of services to meet the needs that they see.

Our Lions Clubs can make New Year Resolutions to help refocus on what is important to us and to those we serve.

I pray that you enjoy the Holy Holidays and find strength to continue in these trying times.



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Mid-Winter Conference Registration Reminder

December 1 forward and on-site registration will be \$50.00. Please reference the October edition of The Hoosier Lion for the registration form or

www.e-district.org/sites/md25

under forms.

Several of our Lions are speakers and moderators, and it's a wonderful way to meet new Lions, see the State Projects on display, and learn about new and exciting services and fundraisers.

The conference is a marvelous way to re-connect with friends all over the state! We do hope to see you there.



*My Club
My Family
My Pride*

Season's Greetings Fellow Lions!



1st VDG Bob Hrdy
and Lion Vicki

First, my wife Vicky and I along with the rest of our family would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season!

As we move past Thanksgiving and into the season of giving with all the hustle and bustle it brings, I would encourage you to take time, slow down and think about the positive things that are in your lives instead of the negative.

As Lions, I know We Serve/Give all year long, as that is who we are. But I would ask you to, if possible, serve/ give a little more during this season to your fellow citizens and community.

Simple gestures can bring joy to others. A smile or kind word for the harried cashier; a gift of your time for a lonely friend or neighbor; an offer to babysit for the busy parents who can't get shopping/wrapping done; a pair of gloves or a bag of pet food in a collection box or ringing a bell for a collection kettle.

It does not take a lot of time, money, or energy to brighten someone's day.

Here's hoping all the positive things in your life are multiplied and the New Year finds you healthy and happy!

Hope to see you at Mid-Winter Conference January 22, 2022 (so get that reservation in!)

Yours in Lionism,

VDG Bob and Lion Vicky, Lion LD Finn & Team Hrdy



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Merry Christmas!!!

HO, HO, HO! Merry Christmas to everyone!!! Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving.

The year is almost over, and what a year it's been. Our club has grown to 20 members. We're looking forward to see what the upcoming year will bring. We tried a new fundraiser this year which had good results. We are expanding our service project which is called "Pen Pals" for the local assistance living in our area. Trying different ideas is always a good way of getting outside the box. Fresh ideas are not a bad thing; they make you look at what you have been doing and improve the weak areas into a stronger idea.

I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and didn't eat too much. (But I did....lol)

Getting ready for Christmas with family and friends. Don't forget those fur babies too.

Merry Christmas,

Serving with a Smile,

Patti Foxx

2nd Vice District Governor



State Administrative Secretary Position Available

Past Council Chair Sue Topf has announced her retirement as the State Administrative Secretary for the Lions of Indiana, and thus begins the search for her successor.

All applicants must have a good working knowledge of the workings of Indiana Lions and work well with others.

For complete list of duties please go online to www.e-district.org/sites/md25/, click on Constitution & By-Laws and Policy Manual and click on the Policy Manual, Duties start on page 15.

Please contact CC Jim Query at jpmq77@yahoo.com (or 812-829-4496) to apply.

All applications must be received by CC Jim Query by January 15, 2022, and all applicants must be available for interviews following the Council Meeting on January 23, 2022.

SOCK IT TO ME

at the
2022 Midwinter Conference

We will be collecting **NEW**
socks • hats • gloves
mittens • scarves • blankets

*Help keep someone
warm this winter.*



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Lions Clubs International

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to impact the work of Lions and communities around the world, creating challenges for our clubs and the people we care for. Throughout this global crisis, Lions have continued to safely serve because the needs have been so great.

To help ensure that clubs are able to meet the growing needs in our communities, the International Board of Directors passed another resolution to make it easier to invite new members to serve with us.

Here is an overview of the new resolution approved by the Board of Directors:

- **Charter and entrance fees waiver** – We have waived all charter and entrance fees from January 1 through June 30, 2022. Charter and entrance fees are also currently waived through December 31, 2021.

Please note that clubs should pay any outstanding balances right away to stay in good standing and avoid being placed on financial suspension on November 15.

We know that every member matters, to our clubs, to our communities and to the lives we touch as Lions. For more than a century, Lions have taken on the greatest challenges facing humanity, and together, we will overcome this.

Thank you for sharing the joy of being a Lion, and for your outstanding service and commitment to our communities and the world.

Yours in Service,

Douglas X. Alexander
International President



JUNE 24-28, 2022 | PALAIS DES CONGRÈS DE MONTRÉAL

The Montreal Convention is on and your MD25 International Convention Committee is here to make it a great experience for the Indiana Lions. Lion Peg Dawson will be organizing the Indiana Lions march in the spectacular Parade of Nations on Saturday morning, June 25, 2022. Lion Al Arnold has been charged with scheduling a dinner for the Hoosier Lions.

For the International Parade of Nations, we will be wearing our new BLUE shirts. The ICC Committee will have a table at the Mid-Winter conference and plan to bring shirts to upcoming District Cabinet Meetings.

Here are a few brief facts from the Lions Clubs website - <https://lcicon.lionsclubs.org> Please follow the link for more information.

The Registration fee through January 7, 2022 is \$175. January 8 through March 31, 2022, the regular registration fee is \$225. April 1, 2022 through on-site registration, the fee is \$250.

The **Indiana Delegation Hotels** are Hotel Monville and the Omni Mont Royal. The Lions will be assigned to their delegation hotels on a first-come, first-served basis (subject to availability) through **January 7, 2022**. After January 7, Lions can choose their delegation hotel, or a hotel based on rate or location (subject to availability). The cancellation deadline for individual and group refunds of hotel deposits is **Sunday, May 1, 2022**. Failure to cancel by this deadline will result in the forfeiture of your hotel deposit.

COVID Restrictions

Currently, Canada requires that travelers provide proof that they are fully vaccinated. Please refer to the Government of Canada website to check if you qualify for the fully vaccinated traveler exemption as well as which COVID-19 vaccines are accepted in Canada. The website also provides steps to follow for your trip and what to do if you test positive within 14 days of your entry to Canada.

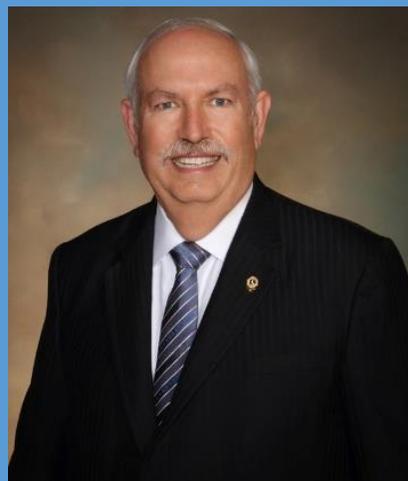
Please check out the LCICON website for all the facts and plan on going to Montreal!!

THE LIONS OF INDIANA
33RD MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022
CROWNE PLAZA INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA



SATURDAY KEYNOTE SPEAKER

PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT CHANCELLOR BOB CORLEW





Lafayette Lions Club members conducted a trash pick-up on US 231 South. Lafayette Lions Club members Larry Fisher, Ron Castleberry and Steve Haby picked up 3 large bags of trash, an empty bucket and several big broken Plexiglas pieces. No, they are not camera shy. They are demonstrating their motto, "We don't turn our backs on trash!" (Photo by PDG Pat Short)

CC Jim P.M. Query reported on the PDG meeting held prior the cabinet meeting. Its main topic was leadership growth. If a Lion is interested in serving at a higher level to strengthen our Lions missions and our ability to help others, contact him at jpmq77@yahoo.com or 812-322-8950. You can make a difference! (Picture by PDG Pat Short)



Zionsville Lions Club hosted a Free Event for their community with pumpkins and hayrides at Lions Park. (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)

Zionsville Lions gave away 2 1/2 pickups full of pumpkins at their Pumpkins and Hayrides. They raised at least 1,000 pie pumpkins at Watch Us Farm this year. What to do with the leftovers? Here Mike Zeller is unloading pumpkins into Watch Us Farm's barn, to feed the pigs. Tom & Gail Robbins and Alex Agarwal also helped with unloading the truck. Janice Agarwal educated us regarding the seeds in the pumpkins. The seeds are fed to the chickens as a natural dewormer. Who knew? (Pic by Lion Gail Robbins)



Free vision screenings were provided by the Plainfield Lions Club at several preschools throughout Hendricks County. The Lions screened 309 children at 8 preschools in Plainfield, Clayton, Avon and Danville. 21 children received a recommendation for further evaluation performed by a professional eye examiner, such as an optometrist or an ophthalmologist. Each participating child also received the opportunity to choose their own free, age-appropriate book to keep and read. To request a group screening or to learn more about the Plainfield Lions please contact Tom Iles at 317-600-5193. (Photo provided by Lion Worth Donaldson)



Council Chair Jim P.M. Query is shown receiving a Presidential Award from PIDs Nick Xinopoulos and Linda Tincher as DG Jim Roth looks on. President Choi honored CC Jim for achieving goals set by Choi during his presidency. (Picture by PDG Pat Short)

PDGs Pat and Charlie Short had a great time at Civic Theatre's midnight production of Rocky Horror Show with international students Soumi Mukherjee, Lion Aki Kamsali (Lafayette LC member) and Puja Kurupathi. They followed the show with breakfast at IHOP. Not sure this was "culture" to share - but fun for all! (Photo sent by PDG Pat Short)





Cayuga Lions Club donated 8 winter coats to our Head Start children in need in November. Rhonda Arrasmith is shown accepting the coat donation. (Picture sent by Lion Julie Dixon)

Clinton Lions Club President Bob Spence presented a check in support of all state Lions Projects and LCIF to DG Roth during Governor's Night in Clinton Lions Club. Treasurer Dennis Jones is pictured on the right. (Picture sent by Lion Dean Strohm)



Clinton President Bob Spence presented a gift basket full of Italian goodies to DG Roth during his visit in Clinton while Lion Dennis Jones look on. (Photo sent by Lion Dean Strohm)



Clinton Lions Club President Bob Spence presented a club banner to DG Roth during his visit to Clinton. (Picture sent by Lion Dean Strohm)





While vacationing in Greece, PID Nick and Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos attended the annual Europa Forum held this year in Thessaloniki, Greece. They were able to visit with PIP Gudrun Yngvadottir & PID Jon Bjarni Thorsteinsson, as well as many old and new friends. (Photo sent by Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos)

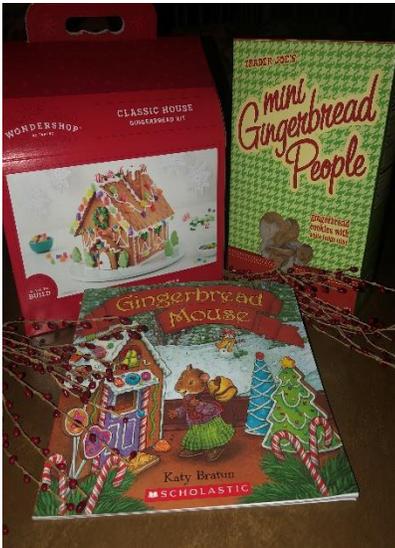
Lizton Lions helping out at Grandville Wells School with vision screening! Girls Night in International is my other nonprofit group I work with to help young women make better decisions! If you would like to know more about this awesome nonprofit group, please get in touch with me! (Picture sent by Lion Kathleen Frederick-Caldwell)



Zionsville Lions Club President Ruth Kelly with Mia Wagoner, the 1st place winner of their Club's Lions International Peace Poster competition and District C winner. (Picture sent by Lion Gail Robbins)

The Brazil Lions Club donated \$200.00 to the Clay County Humane Society. 2VDG/club secretary Patti Foxx presented past Lion's member and Humane Society Board President Toni Carter. (Photo sent by 2VDG Patti Foxx)





Christmas is just around the corner and visions of a Gingerbread House and yummy gingerbread cookies are nearly ready to go into our 50+ Head Start children's classrooms. Lion Marvel, who is the official gingerbread baking 'marvel' of our Frankfort club is constructing this house with all the candy decorations to carry into each classroom. Children, ages 3-6, will hear Lions Peggy and Pam read the *Christmas Mouse* adventure of a little mouse finding warmth and love within a gingerbread house. Each child will be able to see the actual Gingerbread house, hear the story, and take the book home all the while crunching on a sweet frosted gingerbread cookie of their own. Through our RAP program this year we will have over 32 reading sessions and distribute over 300 books to our Head Start children. And at the end of each reading program, we all come away with smiles. Merry Christmas! (Submitted by Lion Mike Nichols)

The Zionsville Lions Club was pleased to present a check for \$10,900 to the Zionsville Food Pantry's campaign "Raise the Roof". The Food Pantry has been in operation for over 30 years out of two class rooms including the hallway at the Presbyterian Church. The pantry has outgrown its current space, and they are planning on breaking ground in 2022 to build a 5400 square foot building on the church property. The Zionsville Lions Club check will fund their needs for the purchase of a pallet jack and pallets for their new building. L-to-R: Zionsville L C 1st VP Dennis Tickitt, ZLC 2nd VP Donna Fisher, ZLC President Ruth Kelly presents a check for \$10,900 to the Zionsville Food Pantry Coordinators Mike Heffner, Catherine Coscia, Brian Douglas, Angie Campbell, Cynthia Carr and Nancy Thompson for their " Raise the Roof " campaign. (Photo sent by Lion Gail Robbins)



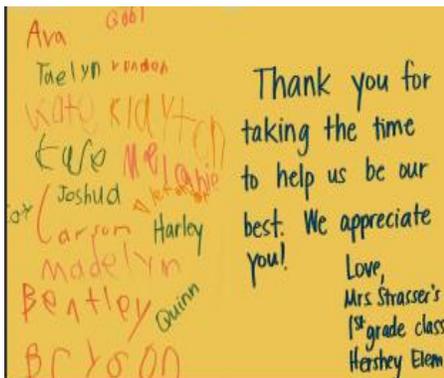
Spencer Lions gifted a hatch-back trunk full of goodies for a family of 11 for Thanksgiving. Cans of peas, corn, green beans, boxes of cereal, flour, sugar, a 27-pound turkey, eggs and a gift card for milk and fresh veggies were packed into Lion Linda Davis' car for delivery. She had a little help with packing the car by grandson (and Cub) LJ. Lion Linda said the family was thrilled that the Lions remembered them. (Picture by LJ Jenkins)

Lafayette Lions Club speaker Doug Polles talked about the Battle of Tippecanoe and how the military tactics used by General Tyler at that time are still used today in West Point Cadet training. He also taught about the history of the Indian tribes in the area and how this famous battle came to be. (Photo by PDG Pat Short)



Pictured are Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority sisters Kamri Smith and Jada Coleman. The sorority's vision mission involves their participation in an eyeglass initiative designed to prevent blindness, help restore eyesight, and improve eye health and eye care for millions of people around the world by donating used eyeglasses in partnership with local Lions Clubs and through donations to LCIF. (Picture provided by PDG Pat Short)

Members of the Lafayette Lions Club conducted vision screening of adults attending a lunch at the local Recovery Cafe. This center provides resources to those suffering from addiction, homelessness, trauma or mental health challenges. Approximately 30 individuals were screened, and one referred for immediate care. (Photo by PDG Pat Short)



The Lafayette Lions recently screened children at Hershey Elementary School. The following are some of the thank-you cards received from the students. This is what it's all about - helping children see and also teaching them about helping others in their community. One student said "I didn't know what you guys did til we made out these cards. Your club does amazing things. Without your club, bad things would be bad. But everything is good because of your club. So thank you for everything" On the inside of the card he states "ps don't eat the banana. I looked at it and it's fake!" LOL (Provided by PDG Pat Short)

Paragon Lions Club prepared free Thanksgiving Dinner for their community. Lions Randy and Rhonda Smith have been doing this for 15+ years now. They are the picture of a giving Lion! (Provided by Lion Gail Robbins)



Spencer Lions were at it again—bagging candy for Santa to give to children when he comes to town. The Spencer Lions will also host Santa on a week-long visit at their building nightly, where they will take pictures, give them candy, books and a toy. Spencer Lions have brought Santa to town for over 55 years. (Picture by CC Jim P.M. Query)

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