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A Message from District Governor Jackie Kurley

Welcoming Autumn as Lions

Fellow Lions,

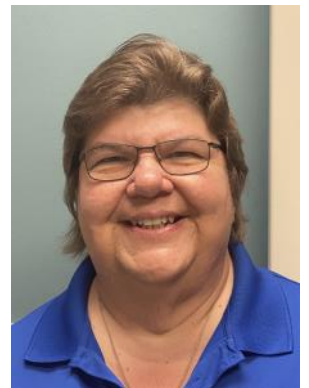
As we step into the beauty of autumn, let us embrace this season of change and reflection in our Lions journey. While summer may hold a special place in many of our hearts, autumn offers lessons that speak directly to who we are as Lions.

Just as the leaves fall to make room for new growth, we too can release what no longer serves us. This is a time to welcome fresh ideas, explore new ways of serving, and even “throw the box away” as we think beyond traditional approaches. Autumn reminds us that growth requires change—and that embracing change is the key to moving forward.

The harvest season symbolizes abundance following hard work. It is a celebration of the fruits of our efforts, much like the service projects and initiatives that bring results to our clubs and communities. It is also a season of gratitude. As Thanksgiving approaches, may we give thanks for the blessings, experiences, and opportunities we have as Lions to serve others.

Autumn’s slower pace invites us to reflect—not only on where we’ve been but also on where we’re headed. Now is the perfect time to set intentions for personal growth and for strengthening our clubs. Remember, we are not alone in this journey. District 25-G offers tools and teams ready to help:

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Have you scheduled the District Governor’s visit to your club?

District Governor Jackie Kurley would like to attend one of your club meetings, share her vision for our district, and hear your concerns. Check her calendar in this newsletter, then give her a call at 219-689-8424, or send an email message to kurmon@comcast.net.

A Message from District Governor Jackie Kurley

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Global Service Team – offering service project ideas both big and small.

Global Membership Team – encouraging us to invite others to experience Lionism through service.

Global Leadership Team – guiding us to discover and develop our leadership paths.

Global Extension Team – supporting the formation of new clubs.

I encourage every Lion to take full advantage of these resources and to share your ideas for what you would like to see our district accomplish this year. Together, as the seasons turn, let us continue to grow, to serve, and to prepare for the new beginnings ahead.

Energize Your Soul Through Service!

Lion Jackie Kurley, District Governor

A Message to our District 25-G Trustees & Committee Representatives

Strong Reports = Stronger Service!

Hello District G Trustees and Committee Representatives,

One of the greatest strengths of Lionism is the way we work together—sharing ideas, updates, and inspiration so we can continue to serve with excellence. **Your fellow Lions in District G are eager to hear the work being done around the state.** These updates not only keep us connected, but they also inspire new energy for service and ensure transparency in how we serve together.

As we prepare for our next District meeting on **November 1**, we are once again asking for your committee reports to be submitted to our Cabinet Secretary **at least two weeks before the meeting.** If your committee has not yet met since our last gathering, please send a brief note to CS Kim indicating there has been no activity. If you have not submitted a report yet this year, now is the time to bring us up to date.

Remember: **the only way to keep a strong district strong is through active involvement and representation.** Your voices and updates are vital to the growth and success of District G.

Here are the dedicated Lions serving as Trustees and Committee Members for our District:

- **Cancer Control** – Lion Beth Guth, PDG Paul Russell, PDG Warren Allender
- **VisionFirst** – Lion Duane Griner, PDG Ron Guth, PDG Tom Polk
- **Leader Dogs for the Blind** – PDG Warren Allender, PDG Brian Thomas, Lion Dave Frushour
- **Speech and Hearing** – 1st VDG Steve Weld, PDG Mary Klempay, Lion Jerry Wright
- **ISVBI** – PCC Dave Eisen, PDG Mary Klempay, Lion Brian Bussard
- **Indiana Lions Foundation** – Lion Al Beehler, PDG Marlyn Fast, Lion Rose Russell
- **Audit** – Lion Becky Wertz
- **Budget & Finance** – CT PDG Ron Guth
- **Constitution & By-Laws** – Lion Susan Arneaud
- **Credentials** – CS Lion Kim Polk

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- **Diabetes** – PDG Brian Thomas
- **Emergency Preparedness** – Lion Steven Downey
- **Environmental** – Lion Duane Griner
- **Eyeglass Recycling** – Lion John Krzyzanowski
- **Information & Technology** – PDG Paul Russell
- **Law Camp** – PDG Mary Klempay
- **LEO Clubs** – Lion Kori Fornunato
- **LCIF** – Lion Sopheap “Sophie” Long, DG Jackie Kurley
- **Liberty Day** – Lion Beth Guth
- **Long Range Planning** – PCC Dave Eisen
- **Marketing** – PDG Marty Juel
- **Newsletter** – PDG Paul Russell
- **Nominations & Elections** – Lion Sopheap “Sophie” Long
- **Parliamentarian** – PCC Dave Eisen
- **Protocol** – Lion Susan Arneaud
- **Publications** – PDG Paul Russell
- **Reading Action** – Lion Beth Guth
- **Resolutions** – PDG Paul Russell
- **Rules** – PCC Dave Eisen
- **Special Olympics** – Lion Dave Frushour
- **Vision Services** – Lion Judy Wells

Global Action Team:

- **Global Extension Team** – 1st VDG Steve Weld
- **Global Membership Team** – PDG Marlyn Fast
- **Global Leadership Team** – PCC Dave Eisen
- **Global Service Team** – PDG Tom Polk

Together, we are the heartbeat of District 25-G. Let’s ensure that our collective work is visible, celebrated, and impactful. Reports are more than just paperwork—they are the story of how Lions are serving, changing lives, and strengthening our communities.

Thank you for your commitment, your service, and your leadership. Let’s continue to lead with purpose and serve with pride!

District Governor Jackie Kurley

A Message From 1st Vice District Governor Steven Weld



Lions International developed the Global Membership Approach (GMA) to strengthen the capacity to grow at the Club and District levels, and is a fundamental building block for Mission 1.5. Here is a brief outline of this four-step process.

Step 1 - BUILD A TEAM. Consider the skills, motivations, experience, networks connections, creativity, and such of the members of your Club. Then, start building a team who can take on the challenges of growing your Club, inviting them to commit a portion of their precious time and attention to this important work. Effective teamwork can be powerful and rewarding, but can also be very difficult. A team that can work well together improves the chance for success in the work ahead. Consider also if there are Lions in your

Zone or District, or non-Lions in your community who can provide assistance, advice, insight, resources, or support as extended team members.

Step 2 - BUILD A VISION. With your team, analyze your community and develop goals to best serve its needs. Tools like the Club and Community Needs Assessment and SWOT analysis can be very useful for understanding what your Club offers and where your Club fits within your community. This enables building an honest and accurate vision for where your Club is going, what you can offer new members, and where your Club can focus your efforts to grow and to serve your community.

Step 3 - BUILD A PLAN. Using your vision to guide you in building a detailed series of coordinated tasks to move the Club from where you are at to where you want to be, identifying all the resources needed.

Step 4 - BUILD SUCCESS. With a vision for where it wants to go and a plan to on how to get there, implement the plan, translating all your hard work in preparation into a reality benefiting your community and your Club . A famous military saying is, "No plan survives first contact with the enemy," so ensure the team stays engaged and focused on its goals, adjusting and adapting the plan to overcome obstacles and seize unexpected opportunities. As your team carries out your plan, make sure you capture lessons learned and observations for improving the prospects of success for future teams. Finally, celebrate the many successes you will have along the way, including simply for having worked together as a team.

Would you like to know more? Check out the Global Membership Approach page on the Lions Club website:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/global-membership-approach>

Lion Steve Weld, 1st Vice District Governor

An Opportunity for Learning & Service

Guiding Lion Course Announcement

The Guiding Lion Program is a program designed to assist clubs that are newly chartered or are rebuilding. Guiding Lions are assigned for a two-year term by the district governor in consultation with the sponsoring or established club president, and are limited to serving no more than two new clubs at any point in time.

Guiding Lions assist a club to:

- Be successful in its first two years of operation
- Orient and train club officers and members
- Motivate and support club growth and development
- Locate resources available to assist the club

On November 15th, our District will host a Guiding Lion course for Lions from District 25-G, as well as from Districts 25-A and 25-B. Past Council Chair (PCC) Julia Kozicki, the Global Leadership Team (GLT) chair for our Indiana Multiple District (MD-25), will lead the course, supported by Lion leaders from across the state. The course will focus on the role of the Guiding Lion, but is also a great course for Zone Chairs, Club Presidents, and any Lion who is interested in improving how their club operates. Details are still being worked out, but the class will be at the Etna Green Community Building, from 10 am to 2 pm. Please contact 1VDG Steve Weld by phone at 574-742-1357 or by email at smweld.AF@gmail.com if you would like to register, or if you are interested in more information.

Celebrating 325 Years of Service

This October, District 25G proudly recognizes the Lions Clubs whose charters date back to this special month. Together, these clubs have delivered a combined 325 years of dedicated service to their communities. Each one has made a unique contribution—locally and beyond—supporting district, state, and international initiatives. They continue to embody District Governor Jackie Kurley's inspiring theme: *"Energize Your Soul Through Service."*

Let's applaud their lasting legacy and ongoing commitment to making the world a better place.

CLUB NAME	CHARTER DATE	YEARS OF SERVICE
Peru	October 23, 1938	87
Atwood	October 6, 1954	71
Dunlap	October 19, 1955	70
Baugo Township	October 9, 1958	67
Roann Covered Bridge	October 11, 1995	30

A Message From District Cabinet Secretary Lion Kim Polk



Mattie, my granddaughter, and I are working on shape lessons. She has perfected drawing a circle. She is struggling with drawing squares, triangles and rectangles. The straight lines and corners are less than perfect. With practice she will get them mastered. She continually says, "I do it". Occasionally she will let me help. We then do hand over hand practice of drawing the shapes. By allowing Grammy to help, she is getting better at drawing those shapes on her own.



Let this Grammy share some thoughts with you about saving or finding money for your club:

Save Club Dollars: Non-profit Sales Tax Rules Non-profit organizations can save significantly by understanding and utilizing sales tax rules.

Indiana's Sales-Tax Rules for Nonprofits To maximize your funds, start by registering with the Indiana Department of Revenue in the INTIME system by filing Form NP-20A. The website is www.in.gov/dor. This registration confirms your club's non-profit status. To maintain this status, you need to file Form NP-20R every five years. This process is quick and ensures your records are up-to-date.

Requesting Forms for Vendors Indiana uses Form NP-1 as the nonprofit sales-tax exemption certificate. You need to request an NP-1 for each vendor your club uses, such as local hardware stores, printers, or online sellers. Note that Indiana has replaced the old blanket ST-105 for nonprofits, so be sure to use NP-1 moving forward. The approval process for NP-1 takes a day or two.

Amazon Account Setup for Tax Exemption If your club orders from Amazon, it's recommended to create a separate Amazon account for the club and apply for non-profit status. Once the account is set up, follow the instructions on Amazon's tax exemption page to get tax exemption. The website is www.amazon.com/atep/taxexemption. Remember, if you use a personal account, ensure that personal purchases are still taxed. Hence, a separate Amazon account is advisable.

Benefits of Setting Up Tax Exemption Although setting up tax exemption involves several steps; it ultimately means more dollars for service projects throughout the year.

Another tip for finding money for the club is:

Claim Unclaimed Property Recently I was on Indiana's Unclaimed Property's website and did a search for "Lions". It resulted in a list of Lions Clubs that have Unclaimed Property. Your club might be listed! Check it out – indianunclaimed.gov. Your club may have funds that could be claimed to be used in a service project!

As Lions, as we work together and take tips from each other, we learn from each other to improve our club, our community, our district and our organization. Plan to attend the District Meetings and conferences so that we can learn and support each other.

Remember to Energize Your Soul Through Service!

Lion Kim Polk, Cabinet Secretary

A Message From District Cabinet Treasurer PDG Ron Guth



Hello District Lions and a mighty ROAR to welcome you to October.

I was looking over my paperwork that I use to report donations to the various state projects and looking back, I realized that I had received donations for multiple projects from 1 club in July, 1 club in August, and as of this writing, only 1 club in September!

Yes, I know we are only three months into the current Lions year, but we have had a summer full of fundraisers at the fairs, festivals, car shows, etc. so the accounts should be well on the plus side. Do not wait until the end of the year to support our state projects. I just bought a new book of stamps and need to send those check envelopes to our needy projects before the stamp prices go up Again!

Have you had enough help with that fundraiser or service project? Our club, like most of you, has been busy with SchoolSight screening at our local school districts and being a workday activity some Lions just can't help. We "just ask" recent retirees, church friends, and someone who know someone for help. Guess what, some of them can, and better yet, a few have become Lions.

Ok, we earned money from our fundraising, and we put it to beneficial use for our service project, so we are good, right? No, not if we did not report it on the portal. Please make sure you are reporting service projects, meetings, fundraising with a purpose attached to the event and others. Did you check in with your neighbor to see how they are doing, and did you cut the lawn while you were there, report it. As Lions, we do so much and so few know what we do. It is time to let them hear the Lions ROAR.

Got questions for your District Treasurer or PDG? Give me a shout!

Bite 'Em,

CT PDG Ron Guth, guthron@comcast.net, 765-460-7177

Global Membership Team

MISSION 1.5 * A Mission to Grow!



Lions of District 25-G: We do not grow together by acting alone.

"Mission 1.5 – A Mission to Grow" Let me first of all congratulate 21 Lions who have sponsored 37 new members so far this Lions year. We are on a mission to grow and are definitely doing it!!

I just returned from the USA/CANADA Lions Leadership Forum. This forum has a wide variety of presentations. My interest was and is 'retention of members'. I feel District 25-G can strengthen and grow if we close our back door. The district has an average number of 144 members who leave their clubs each year. One way to reduce this average is to make sure that all our members are actively involved. Active members will not leave. My challenge last month was to get someone from inactive to active in your club. Let me continue to challenge you, and myself too, again this month to get all club members to be active.

The goal for the 2025-2026 of District 25-G is to have a net gain of 50 members. As of September, we have a net gain of 19. A very good beginning. That is a start. Let's build on that.

Whatever you do in your club and community, have fun doing it.

WE SERVE

*THANK YOU FOR BEING A LION!

PDG Marlyn Fast, Global Membership Coordinator

Here We Grow Again

Since the start of the 2025-2026 Lions year, 12 district clubs welcomed 41 new Lions to the largest and greatest volunteer service organization in the world. We welcome these new Lions and thank their sponsors for offering them the opportunity to make a difference in their communities and the world.

The following new Lions were not previously reported in the district newsletter.

Akron Lions Club

New Member: Lion Bob Gagnon
Sponsor: Lion Faith Kamp
New Member: Lion Pam Gagnon
Sponsor: Lion Faith Kamp
New Member: Lion Steven W. Herrell
Sponsor: Lion Steven Herrell
New Member: Lion Orville Reese
Sponsor: Lion Faith Kamp
New Member: Lion Janice Shewman
Sponsor: Lion Harold Shewman

Laketon Lions Club

New Member: Lion Carolyn Grandstaff
Sponsor: Lion Diane Binkerd

Middlebury Lions Club

New Member: Lion Crystal Henderson
Sponsor: Lion Tam Stephens
New Member: Lion Cheryl Hoffman
Sponsor: Lion Cansie Witcher
New Member: Lion Erika Leisure
Sponsor: Lion Heather Cameron
New Member: Lion Steven Leisure
Sponsor: Lion Heather Cameron
New Member: Lion Allie Rogers
Sponsor: Lion Sopheap Long
New Member: Lion Amanda Scrogam
Sponsor: Lion Heather Cameron
New Member: Lion Chimmy Sharp
Sponsor: Lion Sopheap Long
New Member: Lion Brian Vance Smith
Sponsor: Lion Sopheap Long
New Member: Lion Carrie Spradlin
Sponsor: Lion Heather Cameron
New Member: Lion Tanya Trick
Sponsor: Lion Heather Cameron

Urbana Lions Club

New Member: Lion Brian Crabill
Sponsor: Lion Michael Snell
New Member: Lion Daniel Pierce
Sponsor: Lion Michael Snell
New Member: Lion Victoria Pierce
Sponsor: Lion Michael Snell
New Member: Lion Jonathon Plough
Sponsor: Lion Michael Snell
New Member: Lion Kyle Sparks
Sponsor: Lion Michael Snell
New Member: Lion Angie Stapleton
Sponsor: Lion Michael Snell
New Member: Lion Walter Stapleton
Sponsor: Lion Michael Snell
New Member: Lion Ervin Yoder
Sponsor: Lion Michael Snell
New Member: Lion Tonna Yoder
Sponsor: Lion Michael Snell



Global Leadership Team



Moses Started It All

Way back in the Biblical book of Exodus, Moses complains that he can't go back to Egypt to lead the Israelites out of slavery because he's afraid to speak in public. I invite you to read that story again and see if his excuses still sound familiar today. We still hear those same excuses when we ask people to speak in front of our Clubs, our Districts, or our special events. Some things never change.

The fear of public speaking has been said to be one of the top fears that people have. We imagine our voices quaking with fear, we imagine all sorts of wardrobe malfunctions, but mostly we fear people staring and laughing at us.

So, how do we conquer that fear? First, start by watching other speakers. Decide which speaking styles you like, the mannerisms they use, how often they refer to their notes, what they do with their hands, and how they vary the tones of their voice. Practice imitating them a few times in front of a mirror without anyone listening except the dog or your cat.

Second, be sure you have something to say., the prepare to say it with confidence. Do whatever research you need to do. Check your facts. If necessary, write out your entire speech so you can see where there might be weak logical connections or awkward phrasings. But please don't take your entire speech up to the podium and read it, whether it's a Zone Meeting report, a committee report, or a speech at Mid-Winter. Notes are fine, entire speeches are not. Or you could color code your major points to remind yourself not to skip certain parts.

Never start a speech with certain killer phrases like "I'm really nervous, so please bear with me", or "I don't know too much about this topic", or "I don't know why they picked me to talk about this", or even worse, "I hate public speaking". Stay positive, even if all of the above statements are true.

Third, to get over the feeling that your zipper might be down or your shoes don't match, check them before you are called to speak. Be sure to look your best. Be well groomed. Make sure you aren't wearing a little bit of dinner on your mustache. Carry an extra handkerchief in case your nose drips or your hands get too clammy. If you are addressing your Club at its annual softball party, a three-piece suit probably isn't necessary. If you are introducing the District Governor at her annual visit, you will want to look a little more formal than your cleanest NY Mets t-shirt. Dress to respect, not overpower, your audience.

Similarly, along with dress and demeanor, leave the alcohol to others. You may want a small glass of wine to be sociable if it is offered, but otherwise, water, lemonade, or iced tea will certainly help your speech more than a handful of beers. I'm sure most of us have listened to a speech by someone who has had too much to drink. It may be funny, but it isn't pretty. Nobody really listens to what is being said. We all watch the speaker, trying to decide if he will make it to the end or not, especially when the speaker doesn't know his topic very well. Don't be one of those speakers who needs a designated driver to get back home.

Any questions so far? I welcome your comments. Part 2 will be in the next newsletter.

PCC Dave Eisen, Global Leadership Team Coordinator

Service with AI (no tech stress)



New to AI? You’ve got this. In a few minutes you can use ChatGPT—plus our LionsMarket2Grow helper—to plan and promote service that fits your club.

Step 1: Sign up. Open a browser, go to **chatgpt.com**, and click **Sign up** (the free plan is fine).

Step 2: Add LionsMarket2Grow. Visit **lionsvirtual.org**, choose **LionsMarket2Grow**, and enable it in ChatGPT.

Step 3: Try a prompt. Open a new chat, paste one of the prompts below, and replace the [brackets] with your details.

What is LionsMarket2Grow? It’s a “by Lions, for Lions” helper inside ChatGPT that turns your event info into press releases, Facebook posts, partner emails, and simple content calendars—fast—so you spend more time serving and less time formatting.

Copy, paste, and personalize:

- “We are a small Lions club in **[Your Town]** with **[number]** active members and a **[budget]** budget. Give us five **micro-service** ideas we can run in **[time frame]** minutes. For each, include: a 2-sentence Facebook post, a 150-word news release, and one impact metric.”

Find one of the ideas your club likes or say “Provide more alternatives” or “update **[number of member]**”. Until you find an idea your club likes.

Then put ChatGPT to work to help you build a complete plan.

- “Turn details on [name of chosen project] into a **promo kit**: headline, 200-word press release, two Facebook posts, one LinkedIn post, and a simple week-by-week content calendar (T-14, T-7, T-1, day-of, +48h thank-you).”

You can also use the tool to update existing projects or come up with other ideas.

- “Improve our existing **[event name]**: suggest three add-on services for 3–5 volunteers (e.g., vision screening, diabetes risk checks). For each, draft a 2-hour volunteer schedule, supply list, and outreach copy.”
- “List 8 community partners within 10 miles of **[club location]** (school, library, fire/EMS, pantry). For each, propose a joint mini-project and provide the email subject + 3-sentence invite.”

Pro tips: Talk to ChatGPT like a helpful assistant. Ask it to “make it simpler and cheaper” or “scale if five extra volunteers show up.” or “provide more options”. Pick one idea you **will** do in the next 30 days—then repeat.

Don’t forget to report! Log your service in the Lions Portal

(<https://lionsinternational.my.site.com>).

Let’s make Lions about SERVICE—invite people to help, and have fun doing it!

November Service in a Box



Here are three ready-to-run Diabetes Awareness projects for November, sized to your club and budget. Each has clear steps, simple supplies, partners, and what to report to LCI.

1) Small club (1–3 members, ≤ \$100)

Pop-Up “Know Your Risk” Table

What: One-hour table at a library, café, or pharmacy offering the ADA Type 2 Diabetes Risk Test, waist-measurement checks, and quick “smart swaps” handouts.

Supplies (\$30–\$80): Clipboards, pens, print risk tests, tape measure(s), handouts/recipe cards, a small bowl of sugar packets to visualize grams of sugar, blue ribbons/stickers.

Partners: Local library or independent café; pharmacist if available.

Steps:

1. Book a spot (1–2 hours).
2. Set up sign with “Free Diabetes Risk Test—2 minutes.”
2. Offer the risk test; measure waist (optional); share local resources and a recipe/“smart swaps” card.
3. Invite people to wear a blue sticker and post a selfie to boost awareness (World Diabetes Day is Nov 14).

Impact to track/report: # people engaged, # risk tests completed, # handouts given, volunteer hours.

Notes: Provide a friendly disclaimer: “Information only—not medical advice. Please see your clinician for diagnosis.”

2) Medium club (5–10 members, ≤ \$200)

“Step Into November” Community Walk & Talk

What: A 60-minute park or school-track walk with a 10-minute kickoff talk from a local clinician or fitness coach about diabetes prevention (movement, label basics, hydration). Include a quick ADA Type 2 Risk Test table before/after the walk.

Supplies (\$120–\$180): Check-in sheets, printed risk tests, lap cards + stickers or a stamp, simple pledge cards (“I’ll move 20 minutes/day in November”), bottled water/dispensers, blue balloons/signs, \$25 raffle gift card (optional), handouts with local resources.

Partners: Parks department or school (space/route), YMCA or physical therapy clinic, county health dept, local pharmacy.

Roles: 2 greeters/check-in + risk test, 1 talk lead (clinician/coach), 2 route marshals/timekeepers, 1 photographer/PR.

Steps:

1. Reserve a safe loop (½–1 mile). Mark start/finish and water table.
2. Promote via Facebook groups, churches, schools, city page; invite strollers and all ages.
3. At check-in: give lap card; offer risk test.
4. Kickoff talk (10 min) → group stretch (2 min) → walk (30–40 min).
5. Collect lap cards; hold quick raffle; ask participants to sign the 20-minute/day pledge.
6. Post photos (with permission) and thank partners.

Impact to track/report: # attendees, total laps/miles walked, # risk tests completed, # pledges signed, volunteer hours, partner orgs, social reach.

3) Large club (10+ members, flexible budget)

Community “Diabetes & Wellness Expo”

What: A half-day event with education and screenings: blood pressure, BMI/waist checks, risk tests, vision screening, foot-care education, short cooking demos, walking challenge, kids’ “sugar detective” station.

Possible Enhancements (budget-dependent): A1C screening with a clinical partner, flu shots, raffle for walking shoes, free produce bags.

Partners: Local hospital/clinic, YMCA, county health department, pharmacy school, podiatrist, eye-care providers (perfect Lions tie-in), parks department.

Roles: Event lead, clinic/screening lead, education/demo lead, logistics, registration, hospitality, PR/social, data/metrics.

Flow:

- Welcome/registration → Quick risk test → Choose stations (BP, vision, foot-care, label-reading corner, 10-minute cooking demo) → “Walk a Blue Mile” loop for steps → Resource tables and sign-ups.

Impact to track/report: # attendees, # screenings by type, # referrals given, # partners/volunteers, funds/donations, media impressions.

PR: Ask mayor/school superintendent to read a Diabetes Awareness proclamation; light a public space in blue near Nov 14.

Don’t forget! - Report to LCI (Lions Portal)

- **Global Cause:** Diabetes
- **Activity Type:** Education/Screening/Health & Wellness
- **Count:** Attendees, screenings completed, volunteers, hours, partners, funds raised/spent, materials distributed
- **Outcome notes:** Any referrals made, pledges to increase activity, follow-up events planned
- **Photos:** With permissions; include partners’ logos in description
- **Reminder:** Click “Report to LCI” to finalize submission.

LCIF Coordinators Update



Hello, amazing Lions of 25-G!

I hope this message finds you well. Last month, I had the incredible opportunity to join DG Jackie Kurley at the LCIF CA I Strategy Session in Atlanta, GA. It was a truly inspiring experience filled with insightful workshops on how we can lead and serve more effectively. Among all the workshops, the one that resonated with me the most was about becoming a "Servant Hero."

This concept is so close to our hearts at Lions International, as it emphasizes leading through service and always putting others first. Here's how we can all embrace being a "Servant Hero":

1. **Lead by Example:** Dive into service projects and encourage others to join you. Your actions can light the way for others to follow.
2. **Empower Others:** Support and encourage fellow Lions and Leos to step into leadership roles. Empowering others is at the heart of being a servant hero.
3. **Focus on Community Needs:** Let's always keep our community's needs at the forefront of our projects. Listening and responding to these needs is what makes us true servant heroes.
4. **Celebrate Team Success:** Let's take time to recognize and celebrate the amazing contributions of our team members. It's all about serving and uplifting each other.
5. **Mentorship:** Share your experiences and knowledge with new members. Guiding them helps them grow and succeed, and it enriches our entire community.

By living these principles, we can truly embody the spirit of a "Servant Hero" within our district and beyond. Let's continue to make a difference together!

Warm regards,

Lion Sopheap Long, your LCIF District Coordinator



News from Around the District

Akron Lions Co-Host Autumn in Akron Car Show



The Akron Lions Club partnered with the Akron Chamber of Commerce to help host the Autumn in Akron Car Show at Pike Memorial Park on August 13th. We had a total of 65 car entries and raised a little over \$1500 for the Akron Lions Club. The Akron Lions have voted to donate all monies raised to the next Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build Day.

(Left: Back Row, l. to r.): Nancee Kay Ward with the Akron Chamber of Commerce, and Lion Faith Kamp; Front Row Left to Right: Lion Woodney Francois, Lion Chris Morehouse, and Becky Clark a local volunteer.



(Submitted by Lion Faith Kamp, Akron Lions Club)

Lydick Lions Welcome New Member



On Monday, September 8th, our club officially welcomed Mike Hardman as the newest member of our club! A special thank you to Lion Karen Trzaskowski for sponsoring him, and to our President, Lion Wendy Yuhasz, for performing the induction. Welcome, Lion Mike, we're so glad you've joined us!

Pictured here, left to right: Lion Wendy Yuhasz, Lion Karen Trzaskowski, Lion Mike Hardman

(Submitted by Lion Lori Ferro, Lydick Lions Club)

News from Around the District

Lion Volunteer Helps Bring Clear Vision to District's Mission Project

Each year, Lions of District 25-G collect an estimated 50,000 used eyeglasses through donation boxes placed in communities across the seven-county area of north-central Indiana. Once gathered, the glasses are carefully sorted. Those in good condition are prepared for the district's annual eyeglass mission to Mexico, while damaged or unusable pairs are recycled for metal scrap.



Among the many hands that make this work possible is Lion Marty Perry of the Elkhart Lions Club, who recently began working with one of three lensometers owned by District 25-G. With precision and care, she reads the prescriptions from donated glasses, recording three measurements for each eye and noting any additional power for bifocals.

After the prescription is measured, the results are entered into a laptop. A label with the prescription details is then printed and attached to a plastic envelope holding the glasses. This process ensures that when the eyeglasses arrive in Mexico, Lions on the mission can quickly and accurately match them to individuals in need.

Through the dedication of volunteers like Perry, the generosity of donors, and the commitment of District 25-G Lions, thousands of people receive the gift of better sight each year.

(Submitted by PDG Marty Juel, Elkhart Lions Club)

Roann Covered Bridge Lions Participate in Local Festival, Make Plans for Fall Events

The Roann Covered Bridge Lions Club did not have a September meeting but was very busy with activities for the three-day Roann Covered Bridge Festival, September 4-6, in downtown Roann. The Lions Club helps with setting up the stages and many of the events going on throughout the festival. To finish out the parade on Saturday, Lion Keith Ford, pulls a little covered bridge through the parade. The bridge was built by a local farmer Maurice Muselman many years ago and is quite an attraction for the parade.

On Saturday September 27th. the Roann Lions club will be making those delicious donuts at Raber's Country Store for their fall fling. Then in October the club will begin selling concessions at remote control races at the Brickhouse Racetrack in Roann once a month at the races.

(Submitted by Lion Donna Harman, Roann Covered Bridge Lions Club)



Lion Keith Ford pulls the little covered bridge to end the parade.
(Photos from Roann Covered Bridge Festival Facebook page)



News from Around the District

Dunlap Lions Support HUGS Project

The HUGS project is a nonprofit organization that provides care packages and cooling "hugs" for service members stationed overseas. A HUG is a cooling tie that will keep a serviceperson cool for hours in the blistering heat of the Middle Eastern desert. It is made of sand-colored (for camouflage) cotton and filled with polymer crystals, which absorb moisture and swell when immersed in cold water. Our troops love tying cold HUGs around their necks before embarking on a mission in desert heat that can exceed 130 degrees!

The HUGS project is one of my charities for this year.

On September 23rd, Lion President Kori Fortunato took a donation to the HUGS Project headquarters. There were over 100 Christmas Cards included. Carol West, our contact, is planning on speaking at the second meeting on January 22. They have numerous volunteer opportunities available, and she will be sharing that information with you. Until then please continue to bring in donations.



Left: Shipping team Lion Linda Fry, Lion Kay Creech, Lion Chris Stack, Lion Kori Fortunato and Carole West, HUGS Project Secretary and PR representative with items donated by the Dunlap Lions Club.

(Submitted by Lion Kori Fortunato, Dunlap Lions Club)

Lydick Lions Collect Prescription Bottles



Between July 2024 and September 2025, the Lydick Lions collected, washed, and sanitized 2,629 used prescription bottles for donation to Matthew 25 Ministries in Blue Ash, Ohio. This past week, Lions Wendy and Paul Yuhasz delivered the bottles to the organization. Thank you both for making the trip! We have already starting collecting bottles for our next trip!

Matthew 25 Ministries is an international humanitarian aid and disaster relief organization. They serve the poor throughout the US and around the world. Matthew 25 collects excess products from corporations and manufacturers as well as the general public and ships

these donations to those in need. Regions served: North America, Central America, Caribbean, South America, and Sub-Saharan Africa.

(Submitted by Lion Lori Ferro, Lydick Lions Club)



News from Around the District

Lydick Lions September Service Project For The Students In Our Community

What a month!

We delivered 304 dictionaries to 3rd graders
at 6 schools in our community.

Our club loved sharing the gift
of learning with brand new dictionaries
to every student!
Smiles all around! 😊📖

We* also screened 294 kids for
KidSight Eye Screenings
at 10 schools!

Early checks help every child to see their best!
Bright eyes, bright futures! 😊👁️👁️

*assisted by Clay-Granger & Lakeville Lions

Lydick Lions Distribute Dictionaries, Pack Rescued Food



(Submitted by Lion Lori Ferro, Lydick Lions Club)

Previews of Coming Attractions



Bourbon Lions Club



Port-A-Pit Chicken & Pork Chops

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

11 AM to 5 PM

Bourbon Lions Den

510 Maplewood Avenue, Bourbon, Indiana

1/2 Chicken \$9 Pork Chop \$9 Pit-Tatoes \$5

Carry Out Only

For advance sale tickets, please contact:

Lion Peggy Zvalaren 862-268-1399

Publicize Your Club's Fundraiser or Community Event in Our District Newsletter

***** FREE *****

**Send a copy of your flyer or just the basic information about your event to:
pdgpaul25g@gmail.com**

**The normal deadline for submission of material for the
monthly district newsletter is the 25th of the month.**

25G REGION 3 ZONE 1

LIONS CLUB ZONE MEETING



NOVEMBER 4

6:00 PM

**ROCHESTER LIONS CLUB BUILDING
102 W Monticello Rd**

Special Guest Speaker:

Marlyn Fast

Topic: MEMBERSHIP



Updates from each club



District news & opportunities



Inspiring message from our PDG



Fellowship & pizza

**All Lions are welcome – let's come
together to share, learn, and serve!**

GUIDING LIONS TRAINING

Saturday, November 15, 2025

10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (ET)

Etna Green Community Building

338 S. Walnut St.

Etna Green, IN 46524

Cost - \$20 for lunch

RSVP to PCC Julia Kozicki

julia@thekozickis.org

317-294-8064

by November 9





Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference

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Opportunities for Learning

It's not too early to start planning for 2026.

Mark your calendar now for the 2026 Mid-Winter Conference.



Opportunities for Service



Opportunities for Fellowship

**Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport
January 16-17, 2026**

Silent Auction

2026 Mid-Winter Conference – January 17, 2026

We are in need of items for the silent auction at the 2026 Mid-Winter Conference. If you would like to donate something, please contact either Co-Chair Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos at liongretchen@att.net or PDG Linda Scott at lindamscott@comcast.net. Funds raised from this silent auction will go toward support of the MidWinter Conference, to better help defray the costs. Thank you for your willingness to make this event a success.

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Indiana Lions State Projects & Foundation



State Projects & Foundation Trustees

Contact one of our district trustees to schedule a program for your club.

Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc.

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PDG Paul Russell (Lakeville)	pdgpaul25g@gmail.com	574-250-2621

Vision First Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Inc.

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PDG Ron Guth (Peru)	guthron@comcast.net	765-460-7177
PDG Tom Polk (LaFontaine)	pdgtompolk@gmail.com	260-571-5123

Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc.

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Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc.

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PDG Mary Klempay (Lakeville)	maryrsb@comcast.net	574-286-4499

Indiana Lions for Leader Dog, Inc.

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PDG Brian Thomas (Elkhart)	brian10k@aol.com	574-596-7411

Indiana Lions Foundation

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PDG Marlyn Fast (Dunlap)	mafast1107@gmail.com	574-538-1090
Lion Rose Russell (Lakeville)	RoseWRussell@gmail.com	574-250-0125

State Project News: Leader Dogs for the Blind

Dear LD Chairs, Lion Brian and Lion David,

Thank you both for being a Leader Dog Chair and helping us share our mission and raise fund for Leader Dog.

As we start the new fiscal year, I wanted to share an update that I hope you can celebrate and share with your district.

In fiscal year 2024-25, Leader Dogs for the Blind served 323 clients. Of those, 18 clients were from Indiana, and over the past 85 years Lions have helped us serve 1,046 people from Indiana at zero cost to them!

We received donations from 28 Lion Clubs from MD-25-G, amounting to \$7,791.00! Together, all clubs from MD-25 **helped us raise \$67,102.20!**

In fiscal year 2024-25 Lions Clubs both nationally and internationally helped raise over \$2.2 million for Leader Dogs for the Blind, serving around 1,400 individuals. This new fiscal year we are hopeful to serve even more people who are blind or have low vision and have a **goal to raise \$2.5 million**. We hope to also have one Indiana Club become a Top Dog Club this new fiscal year, so they can join our Summer Visits next year if possible.

With your continued support, we can help more clients like Ryan.



Ryan came to Leader Dog for Orientation & Mobility training last spring and came back this year for the Guide Dog program. He is a father who enjoys camping, hiking and swimming, and he does adaptive skiing through the National Sports Center for the Disabled. He said, "Leader Dog Lexie is going to help me travel to and from work and leisure activities I like to do. She'll help me go to the grocery store, the gym or the rec center. She's going to open up a lot of things that I wasn't able to do before."

It is because of your unwavering support that, together, we can serve so many people!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out, and let me know how we can partner in this new year and work together to reach more clients and help them be unstoppable.

Appreciate it,



Lion Claudia Gregory

Manager of Lion Engagement

Leader Dogs for the Blind

P: 248.339.2005 | LeaderDog.org

1039 S. Rochester Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Review giving options, request an event speaker, or order promotional items on our website.

(Submitted by Lion David Frushour, Leader Dog Trustee, Peru Lions Club)

Leader Dogs for the Blind Impact: MD-25



Together We Serve

Data as of February 2025



Funding Summary

\$9,083,769.71

MD-25 Lifetime Giving

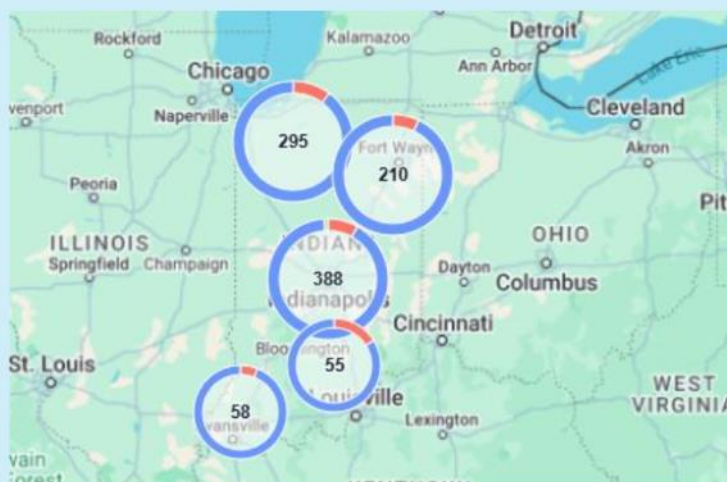
Leader Dog has served **1,041 clients** historically in **Indiana**. This includes **937** Guide Dog teams, **98** Orientation and Mobility clients, and **9** Teen Summer Campers.

This equates to **over \$93 million** in Leader Dog services provided to Indiana residents at absolutely no cost to them, or the state!

Acknowledgements

The support we receive from Lions has significantly enhanced the lives of our clients through essential mobility training and services as well as fostering confidence, independence, and more inclusive communities.

Map: Clients served historically in Indiana



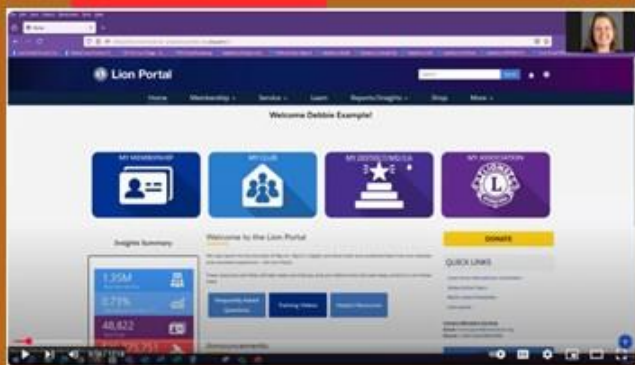
**SAT.
Nov. 1
2025**

2nd District 25-G Meeting

**First
Baptist Church
53 E. Main St.
Peru, IN**
Enter from the
Wabash St. entrance

Breakfast at 9 am - Meeting starts at 9:30
\$10* for breakfast includes biscuits &
gravy, fruit, doughnuts & drinks

\$11* After 10/24 or
at the door



Don't miss the great information that
will be presented, especially info
about the Lions Portal and how to
navigate the LCI site.



District Meeting Reservation

Name _____ Club _____

Name _____ Club _____

Name _____ Club _____

Name _____ Club _____

Mail this reservation and your
check payable to District 25-G to:

**CT PDG Ron Guth ■ 2386 W. Broadway ■ Bunker Hill, IN 46914
765-460-7177 ■ guthron@comcast.net**

Available credit card option: <https://register.lions25g.org/>



District Governor's Calendar

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Council Meeting / 25-A Banner Night
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 DG Visit Baugo Twp LC	21	22	23	24	25 25-B Banner Night
26	27	28	29	30	31	



District Governor's Calendar

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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District Global Action Team

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Mark Your Calendar

Oct 4-12, 2025, Week of Service: Mental Health
(Click [here](#) for more information)

Sat, Nov 1, 2025 District Meeting #2
1st Baptist Church, Peru, IN

Fri-Sat, Jan 16-17, 2026, Mid-Winter Conference
Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport, Indianapolis

Jan 3-11, 2026, Week of Service: Hunger
(Click [here](#) for more information)

Sat, Jan 31, 2026, District Meeting #3
Lakeville Community Center, Lakeville, IN

Sat, Mar 7, 2026 District 25-G Convention
TBD

Apr 18-26, 2026, Week of Service: Environment
(Click [here](#) for more information)

Fri-Sun, May 1-3, 2026, State Convention
Embassy Suites, Plainfield, IN

Sat, Jun 6, 2026, District Meeting #4
Fairview Grange, Goshen, IN



Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference

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Saturday, January 17, 2026

Crowne Plaza Airport Indianapolis

2501 S. High School Rd.,

Indianapolis, IN 46241

(317) 244-6861



KICK OFF DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY NIGHT - JANUARY 16TH

Price: \$50 Social Time: 6:00 PM Dinner: 6:30 PM

Menu: A plated dinner that will include CHOICE OF Beef Tips or Chicken Marsala with House Salad, Roasted Potatoes, Garlic Green Beans, Dessert, House Bread and Butter, Coffee and Tea.

FOLLOWED BY GAME SHOW BATTLE ROOMS!

Get your teams ready for Wheel of Fortune, Family Feud and more!

PLUS - ANNUAL SERVICE PROJECT

We will again assemble our Care-ing Cases, which consists of first aid kits using new eyeglass cases and toiletry kits made up of personal hygiene items. These cases will be given to the District Governors who will share them with the needy people in their district.

LUNCH SATURDAY FOLLOWED BY KEYNOTE SESSION PRESENTED BY

AMBER COX, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

AND GENERAL MANAGER FOR THE INDIANA FEVER.

Menu: Siesta Buffet - Mexican Salad with Cilantro Lime Dressing, Latin Seasoned Ground Beef and Corona Marinated Grilled Chicken Fajitas with Peppers and Onions, Assorted Tortilla and Taco Shells,



SATURDAY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Registration & Continental Breakfast	8:00 am – 9:00 am
Displays & Silent Auction	Open until 3:00 pm
Opening Session	9:00 am - 9:30 am
First Session Seminars	9:45 am – 10:30 am
Second Session Seminars	10:45 am – 11:30 am
Lunch – Siesta Buffet	11:30 am – 12:15 pm
Program & Keynote Speaker	12:15 pm – 1:15 pm
Third Session Seminars	1:30 pm – 2:15 pm
Speed Learning	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Closing Session	3:45 pm – 4:15 pm

SPEED LEARNING TOPICS

Indiana Lions for Leader Dog,
Vision First/Indiana Lions Eye Bank,
Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Inc
Indiana Lions for ISVBI Presenter,
Cancer Control, Indiana Lions Foundation,
USA / Canada Forum and Lions University,
International Conventions- Hong Kong &
DC, Having Fun in your Club, LCIF—How
Our Foundation Helps the World,
Special Olympics, Lions Quest

COMPLETE NEXT PAGE TO SELECT SEMINARS AND COMPLETE REGISTRATION



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REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ District: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Club Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

_____ This is my first Mid-Winter Conference.

() \$65.00 early-bird (Before 11/30) () \$75.00 (After 12/1 or Onsite)

() \$35.00 Conference Only - No Lunch

() \$50.00 Friday Dinner (Circle) Beef Tips or Chicken Marsala

Total Amount Due Per Registration:

() LESS \$10 for First Time Attendees!

\$ _____

REGISTER ONLINE (www.indianalions.org) or send completed registration form with payment to:

Registrar Lion Cheri Faulkner, 1021 Woodpointe Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46234

E-mail: clermontlionlady58@yahoo.com or questions call: 317-271-3314

Make Checks Payable to: **Lions of Indiana, Inc.** OR Card Type: ☐ VISA ☐ MC ☐ Discover

Card#: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Security Code: _____ Signature: _____

Review the Seminars offered and note the session time each seminar will be offered. Please circle your selections for each session to help us plan sufficient seating and handouts.

9:45 – 10:30	Seminar Session 1	1	2	3	4
10:45 – 11:30	Seminar Session 2	5	6	7	8
1:30 – 2:15	Seminar Session 3	9	10	11	12
2:30 – 3:30		SESSION 4: SPEED LEARNING			

Seminar Session 1 9:45 - 10:30

Seminar 1 Lion Membership Orientation Presenter: PDG Tom Robbins Description: Whether you are new or “seasoned” Lion come and more about Lionism and how to help new Lions.	Seminar 2 Using the Lions Portal Presenter: TBD Description: As the Portal continues to expand and improve, learn the ins and outs of putting it to work for you.	Seminar 3 Inviting Made Easy Presenter: PDGs Jim Bush & Charlie Short Description: We all want to expand our membership and be able to do more service. Learn how to get past the fear of the ask.	Seminar 4 Serving your Club Presenter: PDG Mark Clark Description: Does the thought of being a club officer scare you? This informative session will go over the various positions and give you the tips and skills to do a great job and make your club even stronger.
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Seminar Session 2 10:45 - 11:30

Seminar 5 Zeffy and Your Club Presenter: Lions Dan Moynihan & Jennifer Niemeyer Description: Learn how Zeffy can be used by your club to take online payments with no fees and can do so much more. This session will show you how to start using it in minutes.	Seminar 6 Using AI to Promote your Club Presenter: TBD Description: Ever has issues writing an article or a follow-up letter? With finding corporate or work partners? Learn how AI can be used to help simplify these tasks.	Seminar 7 How to Build a Leo Club Presenter: 2VDG Wendy Semans Description: Leo Clubs are an exciting way to get younger people involved in service. Come learn how to start and grow a club with Leos from across the state.	Seminar 8 The GMA Approach to Revitalizing Your Club. Presenter: IPCC Julia Zozicki Description: The Global Membership Approach (GMA) can be used to revitalize a club. Come and learn what PIP Brian Sheehan calls “the secret sauce” of Lionism.
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Seminar Session 3 1:30 - 2:15

Seminar 9 Gaming Rules Presenter: Mark Mason Description: Does your club host games? Learn what you need to stay legal from the Assistant Director of the Indiana Gaming Commission.	Seminar 10 Creating a Great Newsletter Presenter: PDG Marty Juel Description: A well-crafted newsletter is a critical communication tool for all Lions. Learn how to create engaging articles for your own newsletter and for all media to tell the story of your club to your community.	Seminar 11 Creating a Club Google Profile Presenter: Peter Brown of Ash Interactive Description: Learn why your club needs a Google business profile and how to set it up.	Seminar 12 Pediatric Cancer Update Presenter: Dr. Jennifer Belsky Description: Last year, Dr. Belsky of Riley Hospitals gave an inspired talk on her work in pediatric cancer research. Join us for an update of this critical work.
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