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One of the highlights of an international convention is the International Parade. The Indiana contingent was led by the district governors.

# G'day, Mates!

## Tales from the 2024 Melbourne Convention

Almost 30 Hoosier Lions and guests made the long trek to Melbourne, Australia, for the 106th International Convention of Lions Clubs International.

The purpose of the International Convention is to conduct the business of the organization, including election of international officers and approval of constitution and bylaw amendments, but the real reasons to go are to be inspired by great speakers and encouraged by the stories of Lions around the world embodying our motto: We Serve.

The convention began with the arrival of our District Governors Elect for their final day of training on Friday, June 21. On Saturday, the entire delegation participated in the Parade of Nations in the morning and then enjoyed the international show, an Elton John tribute group, on Saturday night.

Indiana had the honor of hosting the Midwest Breakfast on Sunday morning, with visits from the five U.S. candidates for International Director, the five candidates from India, First International Vice President A.P. Singh, and candidate for Third International Vice President Dr. Manoj Shah.

We then attended the first general session, which included International President Dr. Patti Hill's year-end report and the presentation of flags. Sunday night was the Indiana delegation dinner, organized by the International Convention Committee: PDG Al Arnold, PDG Mitch Semans, and PDG Ken Faulkner.

Monday brought a panel of great speakers at the general session and great news about the work of LCIF. On Tuesday, the election results were announced and our new International President, Fabricio Oliveira, encouraged us to "Make Your Mark," sharing that "everywhere we serve, every time we give, we bring kindness and compassion, change and hope. And we make our mark on the lives we touch, the communities we serve and the world we share."

Dr. Manoj Shah was elected Third International Vice President following a contested election, and the two constitutional amendments were approved:

- One, to Bylaws, Art. VIII, amends the approval process for consolidating districts within a multiple district.
- The other, to Bylaws, Art. IX, expands the number of positions that make one eligible to serve as district governor, to include service as a district global coordinator along with zone chair, region chair, and cabinet secretary or treasurer.

The 2025 International Convention will be held July 4 to 8 in Mexico City. We are looking forward to taking a great crew and hope you will join us!

# Beginning a new Lions year



Happy New Year, Lions of Indiana! With the ceremonial ribbon-pulling at the International Convention in Melbourne, Australia, the new year has begun for the 2024-25 Council of Governors. I am honored to serve as council chairperson for this Lions year and to have the privilege of this corner of the front page as my soapbox. My theme for articles this year is 'Back to Basics' and I will be highlighting the basics of Lionism as I share the exciting events happening around our Multiple District 25.

Since we're at the beginning of the year, it's a good time to look forward and think about our Vision. The Lions International vision, as stated in the Constitution and Bylaws, is "To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service." That's a big task, but one I'm confident the Lions of the world are ready for.

You may have heard about Mission 1.5, rolled out in Boston last year, which is the Lions' mission to increase our membership to 1.5 million members by July 1, 2027, so that we can serve more people at home and around the world. Lions International is putting its money where its mouth is, and holding Membership Summits in August for district governors, global membership chairs and global extension chairs around the world to discuss better methods for recruitment and retention of members and extension of new clubs. I'm excited to hear what our MD25 team brings back!

The International Convention in Melbourne was an awesome opportunity to appreciate the global nature of our organization. The Indiana delegation proudly marched in the International parade on Saturday, where we met delegations from around the world, including Nepal, Australia, New Zealand, India, Korea, as well as the Kansas and Illinois delegations on either side of us in the parade. Our new International President Fabricio Oliveira of Brazil encouraged us to Make Our Mark in 2024-25 on the lives we touch, the communities we serve, and the world we share.

In September, we'll have an international opportunity much closer to home, with the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum being hosted in Louisville, Ky., Sept. 5 to 7. The Forum is a great way to see the bigger picture of Lionism, meet Lions from across the country, and develop your leadership and Lions knowledge. I hope that the Lions of Indiana will have at least 100 Lions in our contingent and I look forward to seeing you there.

As you and your club begin this new Lions year, I encourage you to think about your vision for your club – who will you serve, who will you ask to join you in serving, and who will you encourage to take the next step in their Lions journey? I'm excited to see what the Lions of Indiana can accomplish this year!

Yours in Lionism,  
CC Julia



The Indiana Lions in attendance gathered for a photo at the Pan-Pacific Restaurant. Lions attending included (row 1) Julia Kozicki, Cheri Faulkner, Phil Baxter, Nancy Baxter, Patty Cooke-Furlong, and Bob Hrdy; (row 2) Erica Thomas, Vicky Hrdy, and Patti Foxx; (row 3) Ken Faulkner, Jim Bush, Rocky Simpson, John Waymire; (row 4) Carl Carson, Peggy Bush, Deb Kraemer, Jim Furlong, Mitch Semans, and Wendy Semans; (row 5) Paul Carson, Jeff Kozicki, Steve Weld, Sue Kaiser, and Al Arnold.



At the end of the last business meeting at convention, the new district governors are installed by having someone pull the "Elect" ribbon from their nametag. (Pictured) Peggy Bush assisting her husband DG Jim Bush, Johan Waymire assisting his father DG John Waymire, PDG Al Arnold assisting DG Erica Thomas.



The newly install governors gathered for a photo following the ribbon pulling. (Front) DG Patty Cooke-Furlong, 25A; DG Nancy Baxter, 25F; and DG Erica Thomas, 25E. (Back) DG John Waymire, 25C; DG David "Rocky" Simpson, 25D; and DG Jim Bush, 25B. (Not pictured: DG Warren Allender, 25G.)

## Trustees meeting

The trustees of the Indiana Lions Foundation and Indiana Lions Holding Corporation met at the state office building in Indianapolis on Saturday, June 8, 2024.

At this meeting, the trustees approved six \$1,000 matching grants for projects of the Auburn, Plainfield, South Haven, Decatur Central, Clermont, and Lafayette clubs. This brings the total of matching grants for the current fiscal year to \$17,368. Clubs may submit grant applications using this link.

A \$1,000 disaster assistance grant was given to the Union City Club to assist with needs caused by the storm damage earlier this spring.

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The Foundation annually sponsors the Indiana Distinguished Lion of the Year award. The 2024 recipient is PDG Merle Goldman, a member of the Washington Township Club in Indianapolis. Congratulations to PDG Merle and all the nominees for the award who were recognized with a plaque presentation at the Foundation luncheon at the recent state convention.

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There were 206 Indiana Lions Foundation license plates sold during the first four months of 2024. Plates may be ordered on the Indiana BMV website at this link.

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At the Holding Corporation meeting, trustees were apprised of the fact that all suites are now leased, which makes the building more attractive to potential buyers. The building is on the market at \$1.5 million.

# Lions Clubs International



# Roars from District A

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## Feeding the Lion



Photo provided  
Members of the Whiting Lions Club pose prior to marching in the Whiting 4th of July Parade. The Club collected \$900 for the local food pantry thanks to all who "Fed the Lion!"

## Setting higher goals

**By Patty Cooke-Furlong**  
District 25A Governor

Hello from 25A!  
Just several weeks ago, I was in Australia with my fellow DGEs waiting for the signal to pull our ribbons. "Presto – Change-o" we became District Governors! But it really wasn't that quick – we had all gone through months of training, attended multiple Council Meetings to figure out the who's who and what's what, and worked with the

Lions in our districts to build our teams.  
We had already accomplished a great deal, yet we were just beginning.  
We all went home to our Districts to issue our first newsletters, have our first cabinet meetings, and attend our first Council Meeting as District Governors. We had set our goals and were ready to work hard to achieve them.  
Then came Mission 1.5.  
We all went to Chicago to an enthusiastic group of

Lion Leaders who challenged and convinced that us that we could achieve the goal of 1.5 million Lions! We set our goals higher!  
Now we are home again to add more members and build more clubs. But we can do that all while visiting our clubs and celebrating their service to their communities! It is by serving that we will attract others to become Lions and get to that 1.5 million goal.

## Crown Point Lions are all smiles



Photo provided  
Crown Point Lions were proud to march in the Crown Point 4th of July Parade alongside Emberly's Smiles, a non-profit organization who provides Communication Boards for parks in our community. Crown Point Lions have worked with this organization to place four boards in parks around the town. For more information, check out [EmberlysSmiles.org](http://EmberlysSmiles.org).



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(ABOVE) Winfield President Tim Clayton, Winfield Board member John Derwinski, Winfield Library Branch Supervisor Cindy Baumeister, Winfield Town Administrator Nick Bellar, Library Director Julie Wendorf, Lion Tom Snowden, Lion Roarie, Lion Juan Hernandez, Lion Yolanda Hernandez, Lion Charmaine Ganley, Lion Jim Campagna, and Lion Chuck Delascasas.

## Story walks begin here

The Lakes of the Four Seasons (LOFS) Lions Club donated funding to the Crown Point Community Library for a Story Walk in Winfield's Randolph Park. The Story Walk features pages from a children's story, each page placed within a glass covered signpost on the walking path around the

small lake pictured above. The story will change about six times per year.  
Randolph Park is within the town of Winfield and adjacent to LOFS; it features a children's play area, picnic shelter, walking paths, and cornhole boards. Winfield is part of a service area for the LOFS Lions Club

and has been supported by the Club since 1976. The LFOS Lions were pleased to be asked to be part of the Story Walk project, helping demonstrate the work the club does to support local parks and youth.  
The Story Walk project is expected to be completed this fall.



**Schererville Central Lions Club**  
Co-sponsored by **St John Township**  
Trustee **Cathy J Lareau**

**Annual Oktoberfest**  
**Friday, September 27, 2024**  
**5:00 PM – 7:30 PM**

St. John Community Center, 1515 Lincoln Hwy, (US 30)

**1 CHOP \$14.00 – 2 CHOPS \$16.00 (CASH BAR)**

**Smoked Pork Chops–Spätzle–Sweet & Sour Red Cabbage–Sauerkraut–Potatoes**

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## Lions invited back for second serving



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Crown Point Lions served hot dogs, chips, and beverages to vendors and visitors at the Goodfellow Coin Club Show held at St. Mathias Church Hall. The coin club requested a repeat of the Lions serving their show and fundraiser due to their prior success. (Top) Lions Louise Moore, Al & Sharon Thom, Carla Smolek, and Dom DiMichele. (Above left) Lions Al & Sharon Thom getting all those hot dogs ready. Who doesn't love a good hot dog? (Above right) Lions Al Thom and Carla Smolek are ready to serve some hungry numismatists!

## Rewarding scholars



Photos provided  
(Top) Monterey Lions Scholarship winners Gwen Gilley, Kaitly Stacy, Aleks Stacy, and Olivia Gilley with Pres. Doug Denton. (Above left) New Lion Josh Stacy with Pres. Doug Denton. (Above right) New Lion Tina Stacey and Secretary Kelly Denton.

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## The Buzz from B(ee)

By **DG Jim Bush**  
District 25B Governor

Happy new year Lions!  
I know that it's a strange thing to say in July, but for us it is the start of a new year. If you haven't already done so, it's a good time to reflect on our accomplishments and set our membership, service, and fundraising goals for the coming year. I just checked the numbers, and unfortunately, unless we add about 20 Lions in the next day or two, we're going to finish a little smaller than where we started this year.

The International Convention is over now, and we have been charged by our new International President with Making our Mark. In order to make our mark, we need to serve more people, and to do that, we need more Lions.

As you know, Mission 1.5 has challenged us to have 1.5 million Lions by July 1, 2027. To achieve that goal, we all need to bring more Lions into our clubs and grow our districts. To do this we need to talk to people – that's right, engage people in real conversation. Have a little fun with it.

First, it doesn't hurt to wear your Lions gear. It can be a conversation starter. I was recently purchasing a lemonade from a street vendor and shared a little about Lions and the reason for my visit, and he shared that 40 years ago someone had asked him to become a Lion, so I asked him if he had time to become one now. That was pretty easy. If he hadn't been 9,300-plus miles from home, I would've invited him to a meeting. I did encourage

him to look into a local club to join. He laughed it off, but not everyone will. The scary thing is that we may have to follow up our invitation with action.

Back to having some fun with it – you can always ask a person if they're a Lion and if not, "do you want to be one?" It can be that simple. It's probably not the best to jump right into the Lions hard sell, so you may want to learn a little more about the person before jumping right into the pitch. You may actually discover something they're interested in and be able to relate their story to ours.

We have to be ready to share our stories, especially stories of experiences that set us on fire for Lionism. We can't keep the joy we experience when serving others a secret forever.

Service Project Resources

Looking for a new service project? Why not take advantage of the member resources service project planning pages created for us by LCI? If you want to plan a project around Diabetes, the Environment, Hunger, etc., look no further than the project planning worksheets LCI has created for us to use and jump right in. Using these tools, it's easy to start planning a new project and not miss any critical details, from promotion to staffing to provisioning. Using the tools is a snap, and if you don't find exactly the project you're looking for, the worksheets should be easily adaptable to the project for you. Click here for project ideas.

Speaking of the right new project, be sure to look for the community needs

assessment worksheet and do a project based on community needs, not just what you've always done. You may just meet some new potential Lions and get them involved in a project they're passionate about. Good luck with your new project! Click here to see the community needs assessment worksheet.

For more information on getting started with service, click here to see the toolkit.

Club Excellence

With the new year, it's also a good time to review the criteria for a Club Excellence award. You need to submit your applications for 2023-2024 by August, and you may want to start planning to achieve your excellence award for the coming year.

I know all your clubs are excellent, so why not do the paperwork and reap the award? Some of you are already doing the things to qualify, and most are doing 80 percent or more of the things necessary. Why not do those extra couple things?

Again, I know you're all excellent, so let's make it official!

LCIF Donations & Grants

If you read my district newsletter, you already know that Indiana had a great year for LCIF donations. While District B fell a little short of our goal for the year, donations were up, and that's a good thing. This is a good time to consider budgeting your individual and club giving to LCIF. Indiana (MD25) exceeded the LCIF Chairperson's stretch goal, raising over \$310,000 thanks in large part to legacy gifts

from the estate of one of our Indiana Lions.

If you haven't considered legacy giving, I'd love to talk about it with you one on one. All you need to do is ask me about how to set that up.

In CA1 last year, over \$865,000 in grants were awarded. Those grants were made possible through your generosity and changed a lot of lives. From Disaster Relief to our major causes, YOU made a difference. Thank you for your donation. Remember, 100 percent of your LCIF donation goes to grants, and that's as good as it gets!

Speaking of grants, I'm sure there are many of you planning projects that are greater than your annual budgets allow. Consider applying for an LCIF grant if your project qualifies and make your big dream a reality. Grants are simple to apply for and there's a team of experts at international that can assist you with your application. Get started at the member resources page and get your application in. The board meets four times a year to review grant applications, so don't delay. Get your project in the queue for the next meeting!

Also, don't forget about your Club and District Community improvement grants. These funds are based on a percentage of your giving and are placed in your club and district accounts to be used for club and district projects as approved. You need to apply for district governor approval, but it's a simpler process than an LCIF grant application. These funds roll over for 15 years, so they need to be before they disappear.

## A bench for Couches



Photo provided  
Members of the Roanoke Lions Club present a new bench outside their shop to supporters Roger and Sue Couch on May 24 in Roanoke. (Front row, from left) Roger and (Grandma) Sue Couch. (Back row, from left) Terri Edmiston – VP, Charlie Crawford, Jim Vachon, Jerry Anderson, Celia Bandelier – Secretary, and Lynn Nicholson. Grandma Sue has been a longtime supporter of Roanoke Lions fundraising.

## Well done, President Kevin McDermitt!



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On May 18, then-DG Terry Marker presented the LCIF Campaign 100 Model Club Award to President Kevin McDermitt of the Arcola Lions Club at the District Cabinet meeting, which was hosted by the Tri-Lakes Lions Club.

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# Park promptly proves popular



Union Township Lions dedicated new playground equipment at the Union Township Park on May 9. Many locals attended to celebrate the dedication. As you can see, no time was wasted placing it into service!

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## If they are 2, they are due!



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(Top) At the Aug. 7 Lafayette Lions Club meeting, PDGs Charles Roth and Charlie Short talked to club members about how the new Bliq and Plus Optix cameras were being used to screen pre-school children and provide detection of early childhood eye diseases. "If they're 2, they're due!" (Second from top) PDG Charlie Short (Club Membership Chair) and Club President Veronica Pickens congratulating Past Council Chair Bob Hrdy on receiving his 2-member key with Lion Leader dog Finn's assistance. (Above) Lion Ron Castleberry being presented his Past President pin by President Veronica Pickens for his service to the club during the 2023-24 Lions year.

# Time to make your mark

By **DG John Waymire**  
District 25C Governor

Hello, District 25C Lions and all Lions in the State of Indiana. Welcome to another Lions' Year and another opportunity to serve others.

The International Convention in Australia was both fun and inspirational. To be around so many service-oriented people was heartwarming. So many hands serving so many others. I was proud to be a LION!

I had the opportunity to hear International President Fabricio Oliveira deliver his message of servanthip. His theme is "MAKE YOUR MARK." And that is what Lions do every day: they make their mark by serving others. International President Fabricio is continuing Mission 1.5, which is a Journey of

Service to serve one billion people by June 30, 2027. We serve one billion people by bringing in more Lions members. The equation is simple: More Members = More Hands = 1 billion people served.

To implement his message, let's look outside our immediate club service area to the next town over to recruit new members and survey the town for needs that Lions can provide. Conduct a SWTO (Strengths - Weaknesses - Threats - Opportunities) analysis to see how you can be of service and bring in new members.

Thanks to all Lions who attended the first District Meeting and Banner Night. District Meetings are open to ALL Lion members, not just officers. Come see how your dues are spent and how your district is governed. Our next District



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**Johan Waymire, son of District C DG John Waymire, did the honor of pulling his father's Vice Governor blue ribbon off, signifying that he is now the District Governor. This ceremony took place at the International Convention in Australia.**

Meeting is Oct. 19 at the Lafayette Arts Federation Building.

I look forward to getting out and visiting clubs. That is the main job of a District Governor - to serve dis-

trict Lions clubs. How can I help you provide more hands to provide more service to your communities?

**Make Your Mark.**  
Yours in Lionism,  
DG John Waymire



(Above left) Indiana Lions Foundation Vice President John Wilkins presents the check to Plainfield Club President Tom Iles and other club members. The Indiana Lions Foundation provides matching grants up to \$1,000 for club projects meeting criteria as detailed on their website [at this link](#). (Above right) Hope Healthcare Services Executive Director John P. Mollaun and Lion Tom Iles in front of the new medical refrigerator.



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## Lifesaving help from Avon Lions

July 18, 2024, was a very special day for Hope Healthcare Services in Avon.

A new medical grade refrigerator to store insulin was made possible with the help of the Plainfield Lions Club and a matching grant from the Indiana Lions Foundation, whose focus is to support local Lions Clubs' community-based projects.

Hope Healthcare began as a ministry of the Kingsway Christian Church before becoming a non-profit organization that offers low-cost quality healthcare services to those in Hendricks County

without health insurance. Hope Healthcare Services is meant for people who have no private medical and dental insurance nor assistance from government programs such as Medicare or Medicaid. Patients are treated by both paid staff and medical and dental professionals who donate their time to help those members of the community who need it most. Many of our patients live with diabetes. Hope Healthcare provides insulin at no cost to the patient.

John Mollaun Hope Healthcare Services Executive Director informed

the Plainfield Lions that their refrigerator was failing and insulin is sensitive to both high and low temperatures. It needs to be refrigerated to prevent its degradation and becoming less effective over time. This can lead to a loss of blood glucose control, which can damage blood vessels, eyes, kidneys, and nerves over time.

"With thousands of dollars of insulin at risk, stored in a failing refrigerator, the Plainfield Lions recognized the dire need and made it possible to insure Hope Healthcare continues to provide insulin to those unable to

afford it," Lion Tom Iles said.

Diabetes contributes to more than five million deaths a year, making it the eighth-leading cause of death in the world - and numbers are rising. Lions recognize the need of the world is changing and have championed the cause of diabetes to better serve our communities.

For more information about the Plainfield Lion Club, please contact Lion Gary Lawson at (317) 979-5571 or email [plainfield.lions@gmail.com](mailto:plainfield.lions@gmail.com). You can also visit the Club's website at [plainfieldlionsindiana.weebly.com](http://plainfieldlionsindiana.weebly.com).

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# Good night to be a Zionsville Lion



(Above left) Congratulations to the New Member of the Year Award, Leo and now Lion Camille Sidebottom. (Above middle) Congratulations to Dennis Tackett, Zionsville's Lion of the Year. (Above right) On Zionsville's Award Night, Membership Chair PDG Tom Robbins managed to induct eight new members. (From left) Chris Stoller, Laura Davis, Brian Melvin, William Evanoff, Mike Peine, Shelia Peine, Karen Woodall, and PDG Tom Robbins. Not pictured: Jon Gilman.

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## Truly super Gala Prom



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Prairie Creek Lion Club member Kim Payton chaperoned a Gala Prom. We're not sure who had more fun – Kim or the guest. Lions continue to serve in so many beautiful ways.

## Zionsville Concert Band draws crowd of over 300



Photo provided by John Wilkins

The First Sunday Summer Concert in July in Zionsville Lions Park was a total success. We had over 300 guests enjoying the music of our hometown Zionsville Concert Band.

# Leos, Leadership & the Miss America Opportunity

By Sam Robbins  
Zionsville Lions Club

The Zionsville Lions Club has a unique (and perhaps unexpected) connection to an organization that, similarly, promotes service, community involvement, and leadership development. These wonderful organizations have been some of the most significant and influential forces in my life, and my personal story is intertwined with their intersection.

Growing up in Zionsville, the Lions are part of every family's life. Zionsville Lions Park is a cornerstone of the community, with the events hosted there being some of my most vivid childhood memories. Going to the Fall Festival is as essential as a homecoming football game or prom for our town's youth. I remember hunting for eggs, entering costume contests, and riding carnival rides, always with those friendly folks in yellow shirts around.

In 2005, the Miss Indiana & Miss Indiana's Teen competition (an official preliminary to Miss America) moved its home to Zionsville Community High School. Throughout its time in Michigan City and Terre Haute, the Miss Indiana program was connected with local Lions Clubs. That relationship continued in a new capacity again in Zionsville, with the club hosting a dinner for contestants, volunteering as ushers and ticket takers, and organizing a parade of contestants in classic cars down the main street each June. Throughout the year, you can find Miss Indiana, Miss Indiana's Teen, and several local titleholders attending Zionsville Lions events in their crowns and sashes.

In 2011, the Zionsville Lions Club announced in the newspaper that they'd be hosting a new local competition that would feed into the Miss Indiana's Teen program: Miss Fall Festival's Teen, open to girls 13

to 18 who live in Boone County. I showed the article to my parents, and despite it being very out-of-character, I asked to compete in the pageant.

Throughout the competition process, I became a lot closer with the Zionsville Lions Club and its members. I was excited to learn they'd be chartering an Alpha Leo Club the next year but was too nervous to immediately join the group.

After being selected as the second-ever Miss Fall Festival's Teen in 2013 and working with the Leos during their charter year, I decided this was the place for me. I went on to serve in the club for the rest of my high school career and was elected to the board. Being among other young, driven leaders who were dedicated to serving our community felt like home. My time in Leos and the Miss Indiana Organization gave me tools to overcome major social anxiety, and start to be a confident, capable leader.

Shortly after I became a Leo, my Gran (Gail Robbins) and then Pop (Tom Robbins) became dedicated members of the Indiana Lions community. In 2017 at 19 years old, I was inducted as a Lion; in 2021, I was offered the opportunity to serve as a Leo Club Advisor. It has been incredibly full circle to help the Leos develop their leadership skills in the same environment that I did.

In the time since the Lions introduced me to the Miss Indiana Organization, I've been on a life-changing journey resulting in immeasurable personal growth and finding my greatest passions. I have become the longest consecutive local titleholder in Miss Indiana's history. After serving as Miss Fall Festival's Teen, I've gone on to hold 10 more local titles, allowing me to compete for Miss Indiana's Teen three times and Miss Central Indiana and



Photo provided by Roger Manning

Things that change your life: Alpha Leos, Leo to Lion, and pageants. (From left) Fourth runner up Emma Schneider; 2nd runner-up Lion Sam Robbins, Zionsville Lions Club (Leo Advisor); Miss Indiana Karyn Melham; 1st runner-up Hadley Abram; and 3rd runner-up Kate Dimmett.

had my best placement yet as the 2nd runner-up to Miss Indiana 2024. I have one year of eligibility in the program left and plan to make the most of it! Over my time competing, I've earned around \$17,000 in scholarships that paid off my education at Ball State University.

In the Miss America Organization, contestants are required to have a Community Service Initiative that they are committed to developing as a titleholder. At 13 years old, while I already loved volunteering and did it regularly, I was challenged to carve out a unique path for one specific initiative, personal to me. This led me to substance-abuse prevention advocacy, and eventually, promoting safe partying and harm reduction.

I met my best friend Moe on the first day of college move-in at Ball State. We immediately bonded over a desire to live substance-free lives while still socializing. We loved dancing, doing karaoke, and meeting new people, but detested the stigma of going to social events sober. And we weren't alone; we found out that over 35 percent of the student body had been alcohol-free for the past 30 days or more, yet there was no organized

community for those seeking substance-free fun.

In 2017, we founded Party Smarty, an organization aiming to share education and host substance-free events to empower people to make healthier choices when socializing. We've since encouraged over 600 people to take our safer partying pledge, distributed educational resources on college campuses, and hosted five substance-free alternative events on major holidays, including our Soberlicious Music Fest held in Zionsville Lions Park, totaling about 150 attendees across all events.

At a club meeting this past July, Zionsville Lions Club celebrated its newest and past scholarship recipients. These young people, and those in the Miss Indiana Org, Alpha Leo Club, and my tap dance classes, remind me each day of the power of community. I see as they grow, learn, and give back by having a dedicated network of peers and mentors. I can't help but be eternally grateful for the way one community organization supported another, leading to the fulfilling life I get to enjoy, and that allows me to be a part of empowering our next generation of leaders.

If you or someone you

know is a young woman ages 14 to 27 living, working, or attending school in Indiana and would like to get involved with the Miss Indiana Organization, you can learn more on MissIndiana.org or contact me directly at sgrobbins23@gmail.com.

After Miss Indiana in June, I created a detailed

resource document with everything new competitors need to know to begin local competitions, earn scholarships, and grow in their community service leadership! Nothing makes me happier than seeing other young women succeed through this program and I would be honored to help you begin that journey.



## 2024 LIONS MEMBERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

*a.k.a. Women & Men Symposium Event*

Theme: Lions "Lemon Up" to Make Lemonade to Serve the Community

Saturday, November 16, 2024  
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Brazil YMCA Community Room  
225 E Kruzan St., Brazil, IN 47834

Cost: Nonperishable food items to fill local food pantry Thanksgiving baskets

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## Banner night in Jamestown for District 25C



The District 25C meeting was held on Saturday, July 27 in Jamestown. DG John Waymire introduced and pinned his new officers and handed out pins for his new District Chairs. Banner Night followed the District meeting. Photos provided

### Get to know your District C Clubs JAMESTOWN Kindness matters

I'm Lion Ed Henry, Tail Twister for the Jamestown Lions Club Charter member. I worked at Allison for 37.8 years. During the spring, I would plow and disc gardens. I did Phyllis Richwine's for years and when I would finish, she would come out with a glass of iced tea, and we would talk for a while about anything. She asked if I belonged to any organization, and I told her the Lions Club. She said she would like to do something for them. I asked what, and she said she wanted to give

them 10 acres. I said ... great! I got Lion President Cecil Florence and we went back and talked to her. After the paperwork, we started getting rent pay for the farm ground. Phyllis later sold land to a factory to build and manufacture auto parts. After a few years, the factory wanted more land, so we sold the 10 acres to them for \$25,000 per acre over 10 years with interest. This came to a sizable sum ... all due to a glass of iced tea and some conversation. Kindness matters.

### Take time to listen

Lafayette Lion Carl Landskron enjoyed talking to several of the Indiana Veterans Home residents on July 4. Lion Carl is shown here with Francisco. He served in the Korean War and now entertains his friends with his great voice and claims of having played trumpet with Frank Sinatra. Another vet we met flew a PBV off the coast of Cuba looking for submarines. One sad conversation was with a 99-year-old WWII vet who was a tank driver on Iwo Jima. He said he hit a land mine, then he started to remember more and became emotional. Lion Carl changed the subject and they then talked about Lions, free soft serve, the band, and the night's upcoming events and fireworks. Remember, service is not just about giving out free ice cream but also about listening to and appreciating another person's life and their services for others. We should remember and not forget their sacrifices.





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# District is Underway for Service

**By DG Rocky Simpson**  
District 25D Governor

When a Navy ship gets “underway” for a deployment, the ship leaves with all the equipment needed, as the ship has no idea when or if she’ll be ordered to respond to any crises out to sea. That’s why I chose “Underway for Service” as my motto for 25D this year, because we are postured for our year of “Service.”

## 1st Cabinet Meeting at Carmel

Great Meeting for all that attended the 1st Cabinet Meeting. I had the opportunity to recognize this year’s Cabinet, as I am so happy for all the stars that make up the 25D Leadership Team: 1st VDG Jim Dubeansky, Cabinet Secretary PDG Betty Weist, and our new Treasurer Christine Woodward. Returning favorites were Jeff Kozicki as our GMT, Mike Careins for GET, Anita Hines as our GST, and PID Doug Lozier as our newly installed GLT. Mike Careins was also elected as our 25D 2nd Vice District

Governor. Carmel President Matt Best and the rest of the Carmel Lions made the atmosphere at the Cabinet meeting joyful and served a great picnic lunch, including chocolate cake with chocolate frosting and vanilla ice cream. The meeting and meal were a hit!

## Special Olympics

District 25D Lions are being challenged to perform Service for the Athletes of the Special Olympics. Clubs have been given five-gallon buckets to take to an area high school football or basketball game, along with a letter to send to the school administration asking permission to pass the bucket to raise funds for Special Olympics. I appreciate the clubs’ efforts to support this wonderful organization.

## “We Serve”

Mission 1.5 is a three-year mission to get more Lions members for our clubs. Lions do wonderful service projects, and more hands make less work. In-

clude your friends to help in service projects. Most people will want to lend a hand to help others. My Mission 1.5 goals have already been submitted to Lions International, and I’ll be in Chicago in August for training to meet my goal of 25 more members for the District. Last year, District 25D was up nine members at the end of the year, and I’m trying to continue that momentum.

So, how do you get new Lions members? You ASK them!

## Banner Night

District 25D’s Banner Night will be on Sept. 14, 2024. Please be there for the social time at 5:30 p.m. at the Greentown Lions Club and come celebrate all that we have accomplished so far this year. New Lions are invited to attend and will have special seating so that mature Lions can meet them and share their experiences.

Let’s get Underway for Service!

Yours in Lionism,  
DG Rocky



Photos provided

(Top) W. P. Woods Fellowships were presented by CC Julia Kozicki to PDG Mike Imbler, Lion Cathy Stover, Lion Deb Kraemer, and District Governor Rocky Simpson. The four earned credits towards the W. P. Woods Fellowship by working at the Indiana State Fair for the past few years. (Above) Council Chair Julia Kozicki received the District Governor plaque from District 25D for her dedication and meritorious service as the District Governor for 2023-2024.

# Noblesville Lions Club elects new officers



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll

At their meeting on Wednesday, July 10, the Noblesville Lions inducted the new 2024-25 officers. The new Lion year began July 1 and runs to June 30 each year. New officers include: President – Jeff Kozicki, 1st VP – Hayden Parsons, 2nd VP – Julie Davis, Secretary – Steve Shaw, Treasurer – Cheryl Helton, Membership – Walt Scheid, Marketing/Communications – Jake Doll, Tail Twister – Josh Kozicki, Lion Tamer – Jen Carr, Chaplain – John Grimes, Service Chairperson – Kim Luckey, Fund Raising Chair – Jeff Kozicki, LCIF Coordinator – Julia Kozicki, and Board of Directors – Joe Arrowood, Joe Connerley, Krys Keller, and Mark Bachar.

# Noblesville & Carmel Lions continue to serve with Gleaners



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll

On Tuesday, June 4, the Noblesville and Carmel Lions helped with another Gleaners distribution at Grand Park. Over 60 cars and about 100 families for a total of 300 people were served. Gleaners has moved the mobile pantry to Grand Park, Lot F, in Westfield. This now occurs the first Tuesday of each month, and the time is still 4 to 6 p.m. (ABOVE) Noblesville and Carmel Lions and spouses who assisted Gleaners. Not pictured: Lion Joe Connerley.

# Noblesville Lions Club assists Teter Retreat Organic Farms



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll

On Wednesday, June 26, the Noblesville Lions were entertained by speaker Katy Rogers, Farm Manager at Teter Retreat Organic Farms. Teter Farms is an outreach mission of Noblesville First United Methodist Church; which grows mixed vegetables on five acres of land. Ms. Rogers outlined all the activities of Teter Farms for the club and was presented with a check for \$1,000 for a project the farm is working on. (ABOVE) Lion President Walt Scheid and Katy Rogers.



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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The American Council of the Blind of Indiana invites you to the ACBI-ACBO Convention this fall in Indianapolis.

**October 25-27, 2024**  
**Crowne Plaza Hotel**  
**2501 S. High School Road,**  
**Indianapolis**

For hotel reservations, call 1-877-227-6963 and use code "ACB"

to get the discounted rate of \$139 plus tax per night. There is a free shuttle from the airport to the hotel available.

The registration form can be found at:

[acb-indiana.org/2024-convention/registration](http://acb-indiana.org/2024-convention/registration)

**There are two attendance options:**

**In-person (\$80) and Virtual by Zoom (\$40)**  
**All attendees are included in the door prize drawings!**

Check out [acb-indiana.org](http://acb-indiana.org) to read the tentative program agenda to find out what the convention weekend will include. It'll be packed with fun and lots of information.

Kolby Garrison from the ACB Development Office will be the weekend guest and will begin the opening session by singing the National Anthem, as well as speaking at the banquet.

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(From left) The Crosser Family, Steve Shaw, two camp members, Cheryl Helton, Stanley the Lion (a.k.a. Stephen Craig), Becky Terry, Bob Minton, Duke Miller, Charlie McMillian, Joe Arrowood, and Marilyn Heath.

## Boys & Girls Club & Noblesville Lions Club cut ribbon at Camp Crosser

*New Irv Heath Amphitheater made possible by Lions Club*

### The REPORTER

On Friday, June 7, at the Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville's Camp Crosser, a ribbon cutting took place for a new amphitheater named after the late Irv Heath.

With Lions Club members, BGCN staff, board members and supporters, plus more than 50 Camp Crosser campers in attendance, Heath's legacy was remembered for his decades of support for the Noblesville community and local youth.

"Our amphitheater will serve as a vital gathering space for our program within the backdrop of Camp Crosser's natural landscape," BGCN Director of Club Operations Abigail Stutesman said. "This latest addition not only enhances our camp but also aligns with our commitment to delivering high-quality programming. We can't thank the Lions Club enough for their contribution and are honored it will stand as a tribute to Irv Heath."

The Lions Club's generous \$15,000 contribution to Camp Crosser for an am-



Photo provided by Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville

**Community members and generous Lions came together for the new Irv Heath Amphitheater ribbon cutting presentation.**

phitheater and stage will enhance the outdoor programs that take place for more than 720 campers each year.

At Camp Crosser, campers can get out into the great outdoors, explore nature, soar through the sky on a zipline across the White River, experience the sport of archery, learn to cook over a campfire and so much more. The new amphitheater and stage will provide a needed space where announcements,

award recognition and performances can take place on a daily basis during spring, summer and fall break sessions.

"When Irv Heath passed at the age of 98, he had been a member of the Noblesville Lions Club for 70 years and always had a passion for helping kids," said Joe Arrowood, Lions Club board member and past president. "As the former director of the Boys & Girls Club, it

brought back many great memories as we cut the ribbon to this amphitheater that honors him, the Lions and the Boys & Girls Club – all three things close to my heart. Our Lions Club is grateful to have the funds able to make this investment possible at the beautiful Camp Crosser."

To learn more about the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville and Camp Crosser, visit [BGCNI.org](http://BGCNI.org) or [Facebook.com/BGCNoblesville](https://www.facebook.com/BGCNoblesville).



(ABOVE LEFT) New Lions and their sponsors (from left) Lion Carrie Larrison, Judy Waldroup, DG Rocky Simpson, Jack Waldroup, and Lion Jeff Larrison. (ABOVE RIGHT) New Club Officers include (back row, from left) Keith Sanborn, Tom Balchik, Rodney Benson, District Governor Rocky Simpson, Ron Mangus, and John Wardlow; and (front row, from left) Jeff Larrison, Bill Nesbitt, Craig Cooley, and Jerry Kirby.



Photos provided

## Westfield Lions swear-in new officers & add two members

At the Westfield Lions Club's July meeting, District Governor Rocky Simpson (Greentown Lions Club) inducted the Club's 2024-2025 officers. DG Simpson was also able to initiate two new members

into the Club, Jack and Judy Waldroup.

The meeting was held at the Club's clubhouse located at 1101 E. 169th St. The building is currently in the middle of a renovation project that includes an

expanded meeting room, full kitchen, ADA-compliant restrooms, a conference room, and added storage. Once the project is completed the building will be available for the public to rent.

The Westfield Lions Club, founded in 1930, is the longest-serving service club in Hamilton County. They are looking for men and women interested in helping make a difference in the community.

## USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum



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## Right Person in the Right Place at the Right Time

By **DG Erica Thomas**  
District 25E Governor

I want to ask you something. I want you to focus right now for just a moment ...

Why are you a Lion? Because you were asked.

Why are you a Lion? Because you want to help others.

Why are you a Lion? Because there are others

around you who also want to help others and you can do more together than alone.

We as Lions want to feel needed, that we belong, that we're making a difference. Do you feel needed, that you have a place in the club, and know in your heart that you are making a difference in the lives in the world around you? If you answered YES

to all three parts of the question, then you are the right person in the right place at the right time doing the right thing for you.

If you cannot answer a strong YES to all parts of the question, then there is work to be done. Let's get started ...

First off, it's about YOU. You are the only one responsible for how you feel. No event, thing or per-

son can change how you feel unless you empower those things or persons to do so. It is also no one else's job or responsibility to make you feel happy/needed/and belong.

I wonder how many times we have sat at the edge of the group or the back of the room stewing because someone else volunteered to do something that we wanted to do be-

cause we waited too long for the personal invitation that was never coming. Hello! You are already a volunteer! Step up, step in, help find a solution, give a hand up to the person beside you, and bring them along on the journey! The opportunities are endless, my friends, and now more than ever. You are the Right Person in the Right Place at the Right Time!

There is no better time than now! What we do affects the world! Michael Jackson's song "Man in the Mirror" says it well: "If you want to make this world a better place, take a look at yourself and make that change."

Moving forward, I challenge all of us to become the best we can be. That is the greatest legacy we can leave for those who follow.

## Banners galore



Photos provided  
A good time was had by all at the Lions District 25E's Banner Celebration, held Saturday, July 27, to welcome incoming District Governor Erica Thomas. Lions banners were on display at the Dubois County Museum in Jasper, while museum tours and a meal were part of the event. Lion Duane Terry was the emcee. (Top left) 25F PCC Ron Bigham. (Top middle) 25F DG Nancy Baxter, PDG Kathy Wilcox, and PCC Sue Topf. (Top right) Cabinet Treasurer Debbie Ellis and Cabinet Secretary Christy Nolan. (Second row left) 25F DG Nancy Baxter, 25E DG Erica Thomas, and MD25 CC Julia Kozicki. (Second row right) 25E DG Erica Thomas.

## We Serve ... by gardening!



Photo provided

Brittany Daugherty had an idea to plant a community garden to provide fresh vegetables for anyone in need who lived in the Chandler community. On April 3, 2023, the Chandler Town Council gave her approval to use a small plot of ground near the Community Center parking lot. The plants were donated by a local business. As the project grew, several Lions members took notice, invited Brittany to a meeting, made a monetary donation, and offered to haul mulch. Brittany was asked to become a Lion. She accepted, and the club continues to support the garden. The Lions Club also has signs they use around town to show support for various projects they support.

## Decades of service



Photo provided

At the June 29 new officer training session in Chandler, 25E District Governor Erica Thomas (left) presented both Chandler Lion Tony Rhodes (center) and Chandler Lion Karen Rhodes (right) with a chevron for 20 years of service. Thank you to both for their outstanding commitment to the Lions organization!

## Serving cool treats at a hot fair



Photo provided

The Oakland City Lions Club spent the week of July 7-13 at the Gibson County Fair in Princeton. In the Lions building amidst the fairgrounds midway, they served shakeups and ice cream floats ... as well as lots of tea and water. Per Oakland City Lion Sue Leffler, "It's a fun way to serve our community!" (LEFT) The Lions building at the Gibson County Fairgrounds. (RIGHT, from left) Oakland City Lions Jessica Nieves, Lilly Shultz, Dale Leffler, Jim Smith, and Sue Leffler.

## Sandborn welcomes new officers



Photo provided

Eddie McKim of Sandborn Lions Club has announced the club's new officers. They are Treasurer Mid Terrell (left) and Secretary Gayle Simone (right). Congratulations!

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# Make Your Mark

By Nancy Baxter  
District Governor 25F

What a beautiful weekend we had this past weekend! I hope everyone had a chance to get out and enjoy it.

On Saturday, I was at Riley Lions Club for a council meeting with many Lions from all over District 25. Thank you, Riley Lions,

for your great hospitality. On Sunday I was at Camp Woodsmoke for Organizational Day. If you have never been to Camp Woodsmoke, I urge you to take time to make a trip and visit this great park owned by Lions of 25F.

International President Fabricio Oliveira's motto is "make your mark." As a Lion we "make our mark" in

our clubs, communities, and the world in which we live. We reach out to people who need our help and with every life we touch we make our mark that will change their lives.

This year as District Governor, one of my goals is to fill all the positions of Zone Chairs. It has been a long time since all these positions have been filled. A

Zone Chair is the eyes and ears of the clubs and reports to the District Governors any problems the club may have. This could be a great asset to clubs that may be thinking about closing. I want to be proactive while I can still do something to help the club from closing.

It is not too early to sign up to make your mark with Special Olympics. If you

have never volunteered for Special Olympics, you will be glad you did. It is so rewarding to put a smile on these participants' faces. They are so grateful and proud of their accomplishments.

You can also "make your mark" by signing up to work the Indiana State Fair. You can sign up online to work a morning shift, afternoon

shift, or both. No matter what shift you work, you will be "making your mark" in the community. Please sign up at indianalionsfoundationmd25.org or contact your District F Trustees:

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# Life and Lionism bring many firsts

By Warren R. Allender  
District 25G Governor

If there's something I've learned as a District Governor, it is the fact that there are many firsts. This would be one of them: my first article for the Hoosier Lion.

As many of you know, my theme is "Cooking up SERVICE, Back to the Basics." It's SERVICE that sells and what we are selling is SERVICE to our communities. That equates to new members.

It was a great honor at my second club visit to be present when a new member was inducted into the Elkhart Lions Club. Additionally, I look forward to visiting the Roann Covered Bridge Club for their annual picnic in August and induction of new members there. As Lions International says, "We're on a Mission 1.5." District 25G's contribution hopefully will be 91-plus. That's an attainable goal when we all do our part: each club just two new members. Better yet, each member just invites one guest.

Besides cooking, perhaps my other most favorite thing to do is gardening. For me, spending time outside in a garden gives

me time to reflect. It's quiet time, time when I can be witness to miracles in abundance. Back in February, I tilled the vegetable garden for the first time this year. The leaves from the fall that had collected needed to be turned under. Not a lot, just a little to get those microbes working on decomposition. April, I did it again and there was more soil than leaves visible. May, I did it again and the garden—well, it looked like a garden. Seeds were planted, onions, peas, potatoes, beans, tomatoes, and of course corn to name a few of our vegetables. What a miracle. Wrinkled, dried up, nasty looking seeds sprouted and here we are in August with an abundant harvest well underway. Makes me think of Lions and recruitment. You've got to cultivate a relationship, expose those interested to the service of Lionism, and watch what grows.

Let's be honest, SERVICE isn't possible without the proper resources. Sometimes those resources are as simple as volunteer manpower. I'm thinking about those Lions who serve as volunteers at hospitals, and nursing homes, or those who sort and hand out food at food pantries.

I had the opportunity to participate in an eyeglass washing session recently. The only requirement was a pair of willing hands. My job was to sort and place the packaged glasses in boxes ready for shipment to Mexico. It was rewarding just knowing that someone unknown to me would benefit from my small act of volunteerism.

That's what we Lions do: WE SERVE.

Other times our service requires purchased materials and resources. A good example is the building of a wheelchair ramp. The manpower is easy to come up with, but there's no free ride on the material.

That is what makes fundraising such an important part of our service. All our clubs have and continue to engage in fundraising.

Syracuse Lions recently had their annual Fish Fry. My club, Baugo Township, will be selling corn and sausage at the OC Music Festival. Peru Lions worked Circus Days, Lakeville Lions worked the St. Joe County fair, North Webster just completed their Dixie Days, and Green Township is having a Paddle Auction in September. These are just a few of the events we Li-



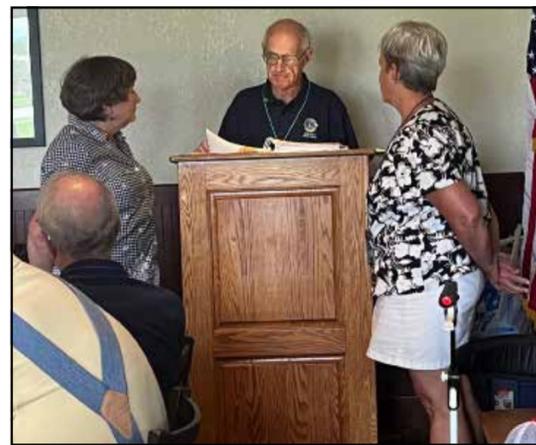
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(Above) The small act of volunteerism of washing and packing eyeglasses for people in Mexico leads to big rewards. (Below) The newest member of the Elkhart Lions Club is Lion Teri Cooper. She was sponsored by Lion Linda Choler. Club President Lion Richard Trowbridge performed the ceremony.

ons participate in to raise funds for service.

With that in mind, I would encourage those who can, work a shift or two at the Indiana State Fair. That work generates funds for OUR Indiana Lions Foundation. That foundation supports our local causes and commitments.

As I started off with a statement of firsts, well, working the State Fair will be a first for me, too. Hope to see you there.



## Greene Township Lions provide train rides for campers at Camp Millhouse



Photo provided by Lion Stephen Eddy

Greene Township Lions pose for a photo on the last day of Train Rides at Camp Millhouse for 2024. The Lions provide train rides for campers every Tuesday for eight weeks during summer camp. Camp Millhouse is a non-profit residential summer camp for children and adults with varying disabilities located in South Bend, Ind. (From left) Lions Bob Swank, Ruth Shearer, Keith Shearer, Brandon Sawdon, Laura Sawdon, Mike Sawdon, Dave Whitesel, Jim Fisher, Stephen Eddy, Ron Whitesel, and Gary Ort.

# More Roars from District G

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## Cooking up service

By DG Warren Allender

In that my theme is “cooking up service,” I thought it would be fitting to share a recipe.

This one comes from the Riley Lions Club Favorite Recipes. I found this cookbook at the Council Meeting hosted by the Riley Lions Club. We’re going to start off with dessert first ...

### Rum Cake

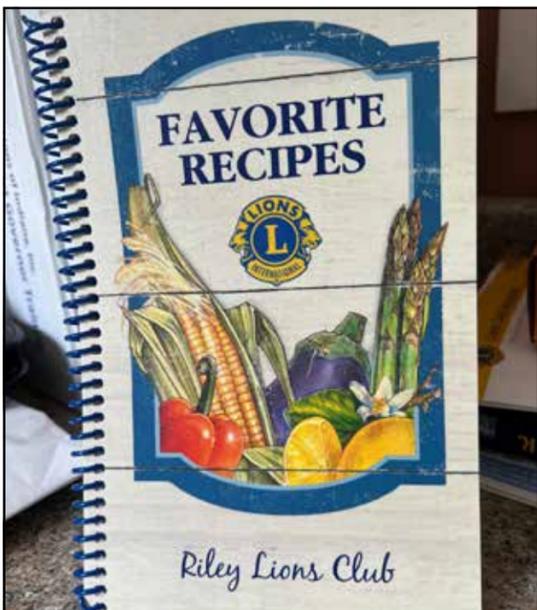
- 1 yellow cake mix
- 1 package of vanilla pudding
- ½ cup applesauce
- ½ cup dark rum
- 1 cup nuts

Make the cake according to package directions, but then add additional ingredients to prepared cake batter. Bake at 325 degrees for 60 minutes.

### Rum Sauce

- ¼ cup water
- ½ cup butter
- 1 cup white sugar or brown sugar
- ½ cup dark rum

That’s sure to be a crowd pleaser. Give it a try and serve up a piece of SERVICE.



## Club Spotlight Baugo Township

By DG Warren Allender

I would like to spotlight one club in each issue of the Hoosier Lion. I’m going to start off with my home club for two reasons. First, I’m proud to be a Baugo Township Lion. Second, I actually have information about our Lions Club. The information was compiled by Lion Wayne Cook, a charter member of the Club, for our 40th anniversary. Here is what he wrote.

The organization meeting to form a Lions Club in Baugo Township began in the spring of 1958. The late Lion George Bormuth of Ft. Wayne was the organizing representative of the State of Indiana. The instigating Lion in forming the club was Lion Lowell Sheets. His purpose was to bring about better communication and unity throughout the township, as well as to create the Lion purpose of Service. He was greatly assisted by Lion Bruce Martin and Lion Gaylor Miller, who were past members of the Elkhart and Goshen Lions Clubs, respectively. The first meetings were held in the old Jimtown High School cafeteria. After several meetings it was decided to proceed with the organization and officers were elected.

The first official meeting of the Board of Directors of the Baugo Township Lions Club was held Thursday evening, October 30th, 1958, at Lion President Bruce Martin’s home (now my home). Lion Bormuth, of Lions International, assisted as chairman. Meeting dates were set for 7:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. The initiation fee was to be \$15.00 and dues were set at \$15.00 per year.

A charter was issued to the Baugo Township Lions Club on November 5th, 1958. Our Charter Night Presentation Banquet was held Saturday, December 6th, 1958, in the old Jimtown High School gymnasium. There were 26 charter members present. Also in attendance were 21 members and wives of the sponsoring Dunlap Lions Club, 54 from 11 other visiting clubs. Forty-two from our Baugo Township Lions Club and 11 other guests for a total of 128 participating at our banquet.

Lion Ollie Link, the 25G District Governor, and other guest speakers gave very inspiring talks and left us enthusiastic about Lionism. Fortunately, that enthusiasm has carried on to this day to make Baugo Township Lions Club one of the best Lion Clubs on Lions International.

### Activities (SERVICE) listed:

**1958-59:** Leveled ground for baseball diamond and erected backstops at the playground. Assisted in Summer Recreation programs. Held light bulbs sales and netted \$99.00

**1960-61:** Held family picnic. Had annual chicken barbecue at Jamestown High School. Held Ladies night Christmas party. Sponsored Osceola Lions Club and attended their Charter presentation. Held annual light bulb sale. Signed up 200 boys for summer baseball program. Provided glasses for needy children.

**1965-66:** Tornado fund of \$1215.00 was given to 20 families. Had work night at football field. Purchased glasses for children. Held family picnic. Sponsored fishing contest. Bought four sets of air splints for two schools and two fire stations. Held pancake-sausage supper with turkey raffle and made \$485.00. Held ladies night Christmas party. Contributed \$50.00 to Cancer Control, \$50.00 to Eye Bank, and \$10.00 to CARE. Gave \$100.00 to Elkhart County Boy Scouts. Paid \$40.00 for a girl to Girls State and a boy to Boys State plus \$10.00 for transportation and spending money. Held light bulb sale. Donated \$250.00 to Baugo Summer Recreation.

### Baugo Township Lions now

We have 49 members. We meet the first and third Mondays of the month at OC Café in Osceola, Ind. The meetings start at 6:30 with a meal and fellowship. We continue to support all the State Projects as well as support our community. When in the neighborhood, come join us.

One needs to know their history as we forge forward into our future.

If you would like your club spotlighted, please contact DG Warren Allender at warrenallender@comcast.net.

## Dunlap Lion is no stranger to hard work for the community

Jan Robinson, a member of the Dunlap Lions since 2020, has taken community service to heart.

Currently, she serves as a director of the Elkhart County 4-H Fair in charge of the recycling efforts for the largest county fair in the country.

She helped the club sponsor “Green Day,” where members of the Dunlap Lions collect used eyeglasses for use in the District 25-G eyeglass recycling program.

Lion Jan recently logged 174 total hours of service – 103 of those leading up to the opening of the fair and 71 hours during the fair’s nine-day run. She also worked two shifts at the entrance gates, representing the Dunlap Lions Club.

One day she met at 4:30 a.m. with a local TV weatherman for ABC57, Kolton Woods. In addition to other duties, at 7:45 p.m. she starts collecting recyclables from bins throughout

the fairgrounds and doesn’t finish until after the last grandstand performance. Her days end around 11 to 11:30 p.m.

She is also very active in other club activities, most notably with the club’s involvement in eyeglass recycling. Lions from clubs throughout the district collect, inspect, sort, clean, read prescriptions, file, and box over 20,000 eyeglasses annually for the Mexican mission project.



Lion Jan Robinson

## Mexico Lions dedicate new playground equipment

By Lion Richard Phillips  
Mexico Lions Club

The Mexico Lions Club meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at the Community Center concluded with the dedication of our new playground equipment. This was one of the most significant projects we have ever undertaken.

We want to take this opportunity, once again, to thank the many people who contributed, attended, supported and/or labored to help this project. You have really blessed us!

Remember: “With GOD, nothing shall be impossible.” May each of you be blessed!



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(Front row, from left) Dee Greer, Jim Alwine, Richard Phillips, and JJ Frye. (Back & middle rows, from left) Pastor Chad Chamness, Jeff Shrock, Linda Shrock, Rena Oliba, Landon Love, Marvin Reed, Malan Culp, Terry Brooks, Andy Whitaker, and Charles Stout.

## Your change can make a change

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District 25G is committed to funding Lions International Foundation, commonly known as LCIF. This year we have a goal: 100 percent of our clubs making a donation to Lions Foundation. It’s the big picture foundation you know reaching around the world impacting and affecting lives making it a better place for all of us. International President Fabricio Oliveira has declared that we should “make our mark.” Donations to LCIF do just that. In order to achieve our 100 percent goal, we are adopting the “Change for Change” campaign. Each club will receive a collection cup; pass it around at your meetings. Once full of change, take it to the bank, count it, deposit it, and either contact 1st Vice District Governor Jackie Kurley our LCIF Coordinator, or simply write a check to LCIF. That was easy, and you made your mark!



## USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum



# Lions love to serve at Indiana State Fair



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(Above) With scanners ready, these Lions are willing to scan your ticket to get into the State Fair! (From left) Sophia Coombs, Lion Bev Coombs, Lion AJ Johnson, and Karson Blackwell. (Right) Lion Robin Nicoloff relaxes while waiting to stamp the hands of exiting fairgoers. (Far right, top) 2nd VDG Brenda Wilson selling tickets at Gate 1W. Always smiling for our guests! Far right, bottom) PDG Paul Russell guards the ATMs. Actually, he is a monitor ready to assist those who need help at the ticket kiosks.

