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Focus on the Forum

Highlights of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

Almost 70 Lions from Indiana traveled to Louisville, Ky., for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum held Sept. 5 to 7.

While there, Lions could attend up to 10 sessions over the course of the weekend on topics ranging from marketing to disaster relief to artificial intelligence to creative service ideas and many more.

We enjoyed a Thursday night dinner while dressed in our Kentucky Derby finest and heard a keynote by Sam Glenn, an artist from Indiana who painted a lion while speaking to us on living life with courage. Friday lunch was an inspirational speech from Randy Pierce, who has continued mountain climbing after losing his vision. On Saturday, we heard from International President Fabricio Oliveira and from motivational speaker Lion Trish Wilson, who told us "you have one more day to do one more thing to change one more life."

Four Lions from Indiana received degrees from Lions University, including 25G 1VDG Jackie Kurley (masters), 25D GMT Jeff Kozicki (masters), 25G 2VDG Steve Weld (masters) and CC Julia



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(Top) Several Indiana Lions gathered to participate in the Strides Walk including PDG Mark Clark, IPDG Glen Georges, 25E CS Christy Nolan, 2VDG Brad Nolan, PCC Jim Query, PDG Pat Short, Peggy Bush, DG Jim Bush, DG Patty Cooke-Furlong, and PDG Charlie Short. (Above) Many of the Indiana Lions in attendance gathered after lunch Friday for a quick photo.

Kozicki (bachelors).

Lions University (lionsuniversity.org) is available to all Lions and is another great tool

for developing leadership skills and training for various Lions positions. Hoosier Lions had lots of great learning and fun –

we hope more will come with us to Atlantic City, N.J. Sept. 18-20, 2025 for the next Forum!

Leaves fall, expectations grow for Hoosier Lions

By PDG Jeffrey Locke
MD 25 GMT

By the time you read this, we will be in the fall season with hopefully cooler temperatures and maybe some rain.

Several of your Indiana District Global Membership Teams (GMT) and District Governors met in Chicago for a Membership conference in early August and several more Indiana Lions attended USA/Canada in Louisville in September. Great seminars were presented at both conferences.

It was announced at both conferences that New Club Seminars will be held for MD 25 in January and February of 2025. DGs and hopefully your Indiana Global Action Team will receive more info on these soon. These will be held in three one-and-a-half hour sessions. Our membership numbers as of Sept. 15 showed Indiana at a Plus 4 for the current Lions year.

District B GMT/PDG Roger Cash reported that the Ossian club is sponsoring a Branch Club in Warren, Ind. The paperwork will be sent to LCI in September. PDG Roger also said that four members of the old South Whitley Club have transferred to the Larwill Club. In 25 F, Williamsburg is working on a Branch Club that involves the Lions Little League Park. Other items that may be of interest.

Next year's Mission 1.5 conference may be held in May or June before the start of the new Lions year and hopefully will include 1VDGs and 2VDGs.

Our clubs need to market themselves better. Some suggestions were using a personalized LCI application. LCI app on one side. Your Clubs info such as meeting place, times, dates, and a list of the projects you support and projects you do in your communities on the flip side. Use yard signs or banners when working on a project so people passing by can see it's the Lions at work.

Social Media: Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram are ways to get the word out and reach the younger demographic we seek as members. Reach out to local churches, volunteer fire departments, and community centers for prospective members. Have an open house with light refreshments. Every Lion should be able to invite two prospective members to attend. Invite your state projects and district projects to come and explain what Lions do. Invite neighboring club members to come help. Find out what stage of life the prospective member is in, what their interests are, what they would like to see changed in your communities.

Highlighting Lionism basics

Council Chairperson's Corner
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Happy October! As I shared in August, my theme for articles this year is "Back to Basics," where I plan to highlight the basics of Lionism and share the joy of Lionism in Indiana.

This month, I want to highlight our International Objectives and how we are fulfilling those objectives in Indiana. A copy of the objectives is printed so you can clip it for ease of reference.

Objective 1 is to create a foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world. Last month, almost 70 Lions from Indiana attended the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville, Ky. We heard from Lions from the U.S., Canada, the United Kingdom, and International President Fabricio Oliveira from Brazil. A detailed article about the Forum is printed elsewhere, but please know that the Forum is an outstanding way to foster that spirit of understanding. Another option is to sponsor the Peace Poster contest. The deadline for ordering kits was Oct. 1, so hopefully you have kits in hand and are ready to sponsor students in your area in promoting "Peace Without Limits."

Objective 2 is to promote the principles of good government and good citizenship. The primary duty of good citizenship is to vote. The voter registration deadline in Indiana is Oct. 7. Absentee ballots must be requested by Oct. 24 if you request them by mail. Early in-person absentee voting is conducted from Oct. 8 through noon on Nov. 4, and

Election Day for offices from President to school board will be Nov. 5. Please exercise the privilege of citizenship and vote.

Objective 3 is to take an active interest in the welfare of your community. I encourage you to invite other organizations in your community to present information to your club. This is a great way to learn what's happening in your community, how your club can assist those organizations, and possibly gain some new members from those organizations.

Objective 4 is to unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship, and mutual understanding. Both in your club and among the clubs of your district and the state, look for opportunities to improve fellowship. Host a picnic in your zone, have a dress-up night for your club meeting (favorite college/pro team?) – find ways to partner together. Our Indiana district banner nights are a great way to encourage good fellowship – check out the fun had in the district pages that follow.

Objective 5 is to provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest, provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members. This objective ties to both 3 and 4 – connecting with your community leaders is a great way to have a discussion on matters of public interest, but avoid the discussions that will not unite your club in the bonds of friendship.

Finally, Objective 6 is to encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry professions, public works, and private endeavors. Let our clubs be encouragers of our own activities and of the other activities in our

LIONS INTERNATIONAL OBJECTIVES

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communities so that we can build our service to our communities and to the world.

I encourage all Indiana Lions to share the joy of Lionism and work to foster understanding and good citizenship in the coming months.

Yours in Lionism,
CC Julia



SAVE THIS DATE!

January 18, 2025

Have you ever needed "Help?" Do you feel like you are working "Eight Days a Week?"

Can you only get by "With a Little Help from Your Friends?"

Is it true that "All you need is Love?" If you have wondered about any of these questions, then have we got the Seminar for YOU! At the Mid-Winter Conference on January 18th, we will come together to explore Lionism through the music of the Beatles.

Will this happen "Any Time at All?" No, it's only at the MD 25 Mid-Winter Conference presented by Lion Jeff Kozicki.

The registration form is on Page 12.

Operation Cancer Hero first to raise \$100K

Submitted by Lion Bev Coombs
Decatur Central Lions Club & CCF Board President

At the June 9 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc. (CCF), Melissa Sexton, Community Fund raising Program Officer at Riley Children's Foundation and our liaison with the Foundation, confirmed that CCF is the first group to fulfill their commitment to raise \$100,000 for the Walther Cancer Foundation Matching Grant Program.

So ... that's \$200,000 for Pediatric Cancer Research at Riley Children's Hospital!

But wait, there's more!

We are also the first group to make a second commitment to raise another \$100,000! Don't ever underestimate the Power of Lions! INDIANA LIONS FIGHTING CANCER! Let's go and present another check at the 2025 State Convention!

As of June 11, CCF is one of seven organizations



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or event groups that are participating in the Walther Cancer Foundation Matching Grant Program for Riley Children's Foundation.

Roars from District A

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Banner night proves to be timeless fun



Photos provided
The 25A Banner Night was fantastic! Thank you Schererville and District 25A Lions for making it a great event celebrating the 50s and 60s! (Left) 25B DG Jim Bush, 25A DG Patty Cooke-Furlong, PCC Bob Hardy and Leader Dog Finn, and 25G DG Warren Allender. (Right) CS Robin Smith, VDG 'Jake' and our D.J.

Banner night proves to be timeless fun



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Crown Point Lions prepared 30 backpacks for foster children who enter the Crown Point Community Schools throughout the school year – 10 each for high school, junior high school, and elementary. High schools and junior high have Texas Instruments calculators, along with all the normal items like mechanical pencils, folders, spiral notebooks, and more. The elementary backpacks contain pencil boxes, tissues, glue sticks, crayons, markers, erasers, loose leaf paper, and more. (From left) Lions Louise Moore, Carla Smolek, Becky Sills, Dr. Amanda Sprehe, Julie Wendorf, Paul Sills, Phylis Porio, Sharon Thom and Alan Thom with Arthur Equihua at the Crown Point Community School Corporation. Not pictured: Greg Fabian.

Cardboard Boat Race supports Challenger Baseball League

The Lakes of the Four Seasons (LOFS) Lions have set a goal to not only run their own projects but support other groups by actively participating in their event.

The LOFS Lions ran a hotdog concession stand and collected donations benefiting the Challenger League ... and they also built the most seaworthy cardboard boat of all the entries in the race.

Chairs Lion Jenn Niemeyer and Lion Linda Kroner put together the concessions and did a great job getting food donations from local and

national businesses.

Lion Tom Snowden and his team of Lion Joe DiSanto and Lion Dan Moynihan built an impressive boat made only of cardboard, tape, glue (two gallons!) and cardboard tubes. Lion Jim Campagna led the paint and decorating team; the result as seen in photos here is a Lion-themed boat named the USS WP Woods.

Lion Captain Sally Reagor called out the strokes during the race with team member Lion Jackie Katz in the front of the boat. The LOFS team did not



Photo provided
The WP Woods in the water during the race. As you can see, it was very competitive!

win the race, but that wasn't really the point – it was "We Serve." Best of the all, the boat survived undamaged to be reused next year!



Photo provided
Those present for the check presentation were (top, from left) Officer Neil Olson, K9 Raider, Lion Nancy Moneta (club president), Deputy Chief David Demeter, and Lion Wayne Pondinas.

Lions support K9

On Wednesday, July 24, a few members of the St. John Lions Club made a visit to the St. John Police Department. The Lions presented a check for \$1,000 to the St. John Fraternal Order of Police, earmarked to support their K9 program.

Raider's handler Officer Neil Olson was very excit-

ed to receive the donation and took the large presentation check to the police department break room for all officers to see.

Thank you to the St. John Police Department and our K9s Storm and Raider, for all that you do to keep our community safe. We truly appreciate you!

Recruiting and retaining new Lions

By DG Patty Cooke-Furlong
District 25A Governor

Hello MD25 Lions
VDG Jim and I started September at the USA Canada Forum in Louisville. This is a great event for all Lions! You get the chance to meet Lions from all over the United States and Canada! From talking to them you get new ideas for service and fundraising activities. Then there are all the seminars – about everything from building new clubs to using AI to determine the best location for a new club. The big topic was Mission 1.5 and why it is so important that we increase our membership.

At the end of the month, we headed to Branson, Mo., and a reunion of Lion Jim's fellow soldiers of the 25th Infantry Division and their wives. It was moving for me to realize that these people have stayed connected since 1969. Oh, the men still tell their stories of their time in service, but they all share other memories of their lives since then – getting married, having kids, losing a family member, growing older, etc. – and seemed to pick up where they left off at the last reunion two years ago. And all of them are still serving – not their country, but their families, towns, churches, and neighbors.

In ways it reminded me of the Lions – working together in our communities. In some clubs this bond is strong, and the club continues to thrive – bringing in other members who want to be part of the Lion "family." Other clubs do not build this bond, and members seemed to come and go over time.

I applaud clubs who are actively recruiting new members, but are you retaining them? Do you have a club mentor whose focus is to help new Lions become part of the pride? Do you get your new Lions in-

involved in a service project right away? Are your club meetings fun?

Check these five innovative ways to jazz up your meetings from Lion Mary-Jane DiMichele:

1. **Interactive Polls and Quizzes:** Use live polling or quiz apps to get instant feedback and keep everyone engaged. It's a great way to make discussions more interactive and fun.

2. **Themed Meetings:** Give each meeting a unique theme or dress code. Whether it's a retro day or a superhero theme, it adds a fun twist and makes meetings more memorable.

3. **Guest Speakers and Workshops:** Bring in guest speakers or host mini-workshops on interesting topics related to your meeting's agenda. It adds variety and fresh perspectives.

4. **Breakout Sessions:** Divide into smaller groups for parts of the meeting to tackle specific tasks or brainstorm ideas. This encourages more participation and keeps things dynamic.

5. **Gamify Discussions:** Turn discussions into games or challenges. For instance, use a point system for contributions or create friendly competition with problem-solving tasks.

These approaches can help keep meetings lively and engaging, making them something everyone looks forward to!

The ultimate goal of Mission 1.5 is to serve 1 billion people. We must succeed in this effort! We see this need for serving in the devastating effects of Hurricane Helene! I know that the Lions there are working around to clock to help their communities, that LCIF is there with emergency grants, and that all Hoosier Lions will be helping however they can.

Take care and thank you for all you do,

Lion Patty Cooke-Furlong

District 25A
WHITE ELEPHANT EVENT
Sunday, November 3rd @ 2pm
Seasons Lakehouse in the LOFS
(1048 N. Lakeshore Dr, Crown Point, IN)

Bring a wrapped gift to be auctioned off while enjoying the afternoon with fellow Lions, all while we help raise money for the District Convention

Items Must be:

- Functional
- Not Living or Dead



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Schererville Central keeping busy



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The Schererville Central Lions Club has had a busy summer participating in another year of the Lake County Fair Parking and National Night Out. Additionally, we honored our Dollars for Scholars winner and had the chance to participate in the Schererville town parade! We had another successful Candy Day as well as the annual Octoberfest Pork Chop Dinner on Sept. 27.

Walking & reading for healthy minds, hearts, families



Photos provided

The LOFS Lions Club attended the Story Walk dedication. LOFS provided the funding for Winfield's Story Walk, a program developed by the Crown Point Library to allow families to walk and read a story in an outdoor setting.

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Notes from the 1st Vice District Governor

By Pam Arnold
1st VDG 25B

Hello Fellow Lions!
I hope all of you had a great summer. It seemed to fly by faster than ever this year.

As we start a new Lions year, I feel it would be a good idea to take a moment and think about what being a Lion means to each of us. We live in a world that is disturbing to say the least. The Lions Pledge is what we need to think about and take to heart right now.

I pledge allegiance to my country

And to the cause of peace throughout the world.

I believe in the principles of Lionism as contained in the Code of Ethics.

I am proud to be a Lion. Dedicated to the service of others.

Let's do our part in serving others who need our support.

With all of the new members our clubs have joining, take time during your meetings to have a question and answer period. The new members have questions about different things regarding Lions and they need to learn as much as they can.

Remember to go over the Code of Ethics with your members. Talk about them and ask yourself, are you fulfilling them?

Code of Ethics

To show my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

To seek success and to demand all fair remuneration

or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

To remember that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

Whenever a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action toward others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

To hold friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

Always to bear in mind my obligation as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, as to give my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.

To aid others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

To be careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy. Remember when you are out and about in the community representing Lions, be sure you represent them in a proper manner. You do not want to do anything that would reflect on Lions in a negative way. Be proud to be a Lion and represent the organization with pride.

Burning desire to learn

The Hoagland Fire/EMS made a very interesting 45-minute presentation to the Heritage Lions Club's recent meeting. They brought two battery-powered extrication tools to show: a spreader and a "jaws of life" cutter, used in getting people out of crashed cars.

Volunteers Dale Rosene and Tony Bradtmueller explained how they use the extrication tools for auto accidents and fires. They also brought a compressed air tank that provides 45 minutes of breathable air and is worn when entering burning buildings. Volunteer Natalie Pierce demonstrated its use by strapping the air pack to her back.

The department might bring several of these tanks to battle a fire. The department practiced using the tanks by wearing them while playing dodgeball.

Volunteer Doug Yoder talked about the special radio he brought that uses encryption for communicating with all the other fire departments in Allen County.



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There was a thorough discussion of how the Hoagland Fire/EMS gets their funding, on their future needs, and on the future of volunteer fire and EMS in the county.

The Heritage Lions encourage the community to enthusiastically support your Hoagland Fire/EMS. These volunteers have dedicated their lives to protect our lives. The Heritage Li-

ons recently donated \$750 to Hoagland Fire/EMS. Contribute what you can during their fundraisers. Our community is stronger and safer because of their selfless dedication.



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(Left) The Hamilton Lions Club Charities Committee presented a \$500 to the Hamilton Fire Department to help buy equipment. (From left) 1st Vice President Steve Thimlar, Lion Caroljean Abraham, Fire Chief Chris Manahan, Lion Judy Jones, Lion Cheryl Westenkirchner, and Club Secretary Carol Church. (Right) Club Treasurer Lion Ginny Houlton cooks the pancakes, and Lion Cheryl Westenkirchner helps to serve the breakfast.

Busy summer for Hamilton Lions

Summer went by so fast and Fall is upon us. In July, for our meeting program we learned more about home health care needs throughout the community from Jody Hill of Home Sweet Home Senior Care. In August, we were hon-

ored to have District Governor Jim Bush bring us up to speed on his goals and plans. A delicious potluck was shared. On Aug. 24, the Hamilton Lions Club, along with the Psi Rho Sorority, The Hamilton American Legion, and the Hamilton Fire

Department, prepared and served the community a pancakes and sausage breakfast at Summerfest. This is a freewill donation to benefit the Boomerang Backpack Program for Hamilton Elementary School. The breakfast is held annually at the Hamilton Fire Department.

It was very well attended and successful. In our September meeting, we learned more about the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) program for children in our community from Elizabeth Gilbert. This allows children to have an advocate

and a voice in the court system for all situations that may arise regarding abuse or neglect, etc. On Sept. 12, the Hamilton Lions Club Charity presented a check to the Hamilton Fire Department for \$500 to assist with fundraising for fire equipment.

Our annual raffle ticket sales are wrapping up to fund our programs. We are about to move into fruit/gift pack sales as our next fundraising project. We are looking forward to our next season of planning for what we can do for our community!

District Governor brings Roars from 25-B(ee)

By DG Jim Bush
District 25B Governor

Well, August and September have been busy for me, and I know it's been the same for the clubs around District B!

It's been a whirlwind of activity, and while I haven't personally attended every event, I know Lions of District B are MAKING OUR MARK! From Chicago to San Antonio to Indianapolis to Louisville, to many towns around District B I've had the opportunity to meet with, learn from, and celebrate with new and old Lion friends, and it is truly exciting to see what our association is doing.

We have fundraising, membership, and service goals that all support our goal of serving 2 billion people in our communities and around the world. Of all, the best is the CELEBRATION. Banner Nights, Strategy Sessions, and Leadership Conferences are great times to get together, do some business, and have a little fun. We've thoroughly enjoyed our Lionsing and I'd encourage all Lions to attend events around and outside their districts. Banner nights are behind us, but there are lots of opportunities ahead. Try out a District Cabinet meeting, Multiple District Council Meeting, or better yet, Mid-Winter Conference, District, and State Conventions.

There are still a multitude of opportunities to serve before the snow flies, which is great, so go out and serve, and don't forget to celebrate afterward! If you haven't already made plans to attend events outside your club, consider making plans to get out to some of the events above and level up on FUN!

We Serve!



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(Top left) No time like now to make a small Individual Donation to LCIF! (Top right) Roanoke Lions Celebrating Banner Night. (From left) President Terri Edmiston, Lion Harold Mallo, DG Jim Bush, Lion Charlie Crawford, Lion Jerry Anderson, and Lion Jim Vachon. (Back row) Lion Jane Wasmuth, Lion Chris Smith, and Lion Jon Perkins. (Above left) Old-ish friends reconnecting at the USA/Canada Forum: PCC Rosemarie Gabriel, PID Don Noland, DG Jim Bush, VCC Moni Segura, PCC Mike Eisenberg, PCC Breanne Liston, and an unnamed photo bomber! (Above right) LCIF Donors meet with IPP/LCIF Chairperson Patti Hill at the USA/Canada Forum. (From left) Lion David Martin, PDG Melinda Blaza, DG Stan Weitzman, IPP Patti Hill, Sharon Weitzman, DG Jim Bush, and Lion Peggy Bush. (Below left) Hoosier Lions having fun and representing in style at "Wear your Derby Hat Night" at the USA/Canada Forum. (From left) CC Julia Kozicki, Lion Cara-Jean Rayl, and Lion Peggy Bush. A good time was had by all at this themed dinner. (Below right) Lions from District 25B making Birthday Cake Kits for the food pantry at Banner Night. (From left) Elder Pastor Ron Lytle, Lion Peggy Bush, Lion Annette Eastis, Lion Judy Leonard, PDG Terry Marker, and DG Jim Bush.



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Lions are the best kept secret in town

By DG John Waymire
District 25C Governor

Hello Indiana Lions. Have you heard that “Lions are the best kept secret in town”? Well, the Lions of District C are spreading the news that Lions are alive and well and providing the service to their communities. They are doing this by inducting new members and starting new projects, and they are publishing their service in the local media.

Nobody knows we are here if we do not put ourselves and our service projects out there. Let the newspaper and social media hear the ROAR OF LIONS SERVICE.

That is exactly what IP Fabricio Oliveira means when he says “Make your mark.” We need to LEARN

about our communities; DISCOVER ourselves; create ACTION; and CELEBRATE our success. It is a simple formula: More Members = More Hands = More People Served. And District 25 C will do their part by June 30, 2027. Please refer to the district directory for Global Action Team (GAT) members to assist your club in membership, service, or leadership.

I look forward to getting out and visiting clubs. That is the main job of a District Governor – to serve district Lions clubs. How can I help you provide more hands to your communities so your club can Make Your Mark? Be the Service Difference.

Yours in Lionism,
DG John Waymire

Get to know your District C Clubs

Zionsville

Hello, Zionsville Lions Club!

Zionsville Lions Club is located in Zionsville, Ind. It is the largest Lions Club in the state and one of the largest east of the Mississippi. We are 190 members with at least six more waiting to talk to the Membership Chair. With such growth comes a lot of responsibility.

The Club was chartered on May 16, 1930. Our Sponsor was the Plainfield Lions Club – thank you, Plainfield.

ZLC started with 24 male members. In 1940, 7.97 acres were acquired; 51 citizens paid for the land. By 1949, Zionsville Lions sponsored the Whitestown Lions Club. In 1952, the Lions started Little League Baseball. In 1976, the Lions Den was built and dedicated. In 1977, 15 more acres were acquired, making the land 22.97 acres. In 1991, The Playground Association changed its name to the Zionsville Lions Park, Inc.

Another five acres were acquired in 2023, making Zionsville Lions Park, Inc. what it is today 28 acres of pure enjoyment. We have plenty of trees, three playgrounds, pickleball, tennis, basketball, volleyball, nine Little League baseball fields, a gazebo, two shelter houses, trails, and a creek.

Our Club and Park sit at the entrance of the Village, making it the ideal spot for all the huge events we put on for our community.

We start in the spring with our fabulous Free Egg-normous Egg Hunt and breakfast, drawing thousands to the Park to gather up our 25,000 eggs spread everywhere. June brings Stories in the Park with hundreds of children attending, then our spectacular fireworks for the July 4th Celebration – such a beautiful sight to see. We have Free Summer Concerts outside in the Park every Sunday Night in July and the first week of August. The Culture Club has concerts on every Wednesday night in our Park for the summer. Our growing Diabetes Awareness & Family Fun Day features fun games and bounce houses for the kids while adults get tested for diabetes. This event gets better each year.

Next would come our three-day Fall Festival. VIP Friday night is so important to us with our special needs families spending three totally-free hours playing games, carnival rides with the Buddies High School Club, and a great Chick-fil-A or hot dog meal. Saturday kicks off with our famous parade and ends with the Saturday Night Lounge with Live Music. On Sunday, guests can enjoy a car show, carnival rides, bounce houses, lots of food, and walk through all the vendors one last day.

We end the Park events with our free-to-guest Pumpkins and Hayrides in October. There are two tractors pulling guests



around the 28 acres on hayrides, bounce houses, games everywhere, 1,000 pumpkins to paint, s'mores, food, costume contests, and candy galore. It's a great way to say thank you to our community and surrounding areas for their support.

A SPECIAL Thank You to our Park Committee and volunteers who keep our Lions Park in top condition all season long.

In the Club, our volunteers are involved in a huge vision screening program, seeing over 20,000 students this year. We have Kids Sight preschool screening, we have more than 30 committees on Environmental, Safety, Diabetes, Reading (they read to students in schools), Book Club, Part-

ner in the Park, Social Media, Public Relationships, Cares & Concerns, Seniors, Financial, Park, and on and on.

There are five State Projects: IL Cancer Control, Vision 1st, Leader Dog, Speech & Hearing, and School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. We proudly have a Trustee in each one of them. Plus, one of our Lions are on the Indiana Lions Foundation. We have five District Committee Chairs, two Zone Chairs, and our ZLC has two Past District Governors.

There is nothing we do that isn't done from our hearts to Serve our Community, District, State and across the world.

Eating blind



Photo provided
Experiencing the challenges a blind person has while eating dinner, First Vice District Governor Paul Scheetz attempts to eat blind folded to simulate being blind. FVDG Scheetz was touring the campus of Leader Dogs for the Blind on Aug. 24.



2024 LIONS MEMBERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

a.k.a. Women & Men Symposium Event

Theme: Lions “Lemon Up” to Make Lemonade to Serve the Community

NEW DATE: Saturday, Nov. 9, 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

RSVP by Nov. 1 to PDG Patti Foxx

Call/Text: (812) 201-0906 | Email: pafox31@gmail.com



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Photo provided

Amy Hartzell receiving snacks at the baggage level of the airport.

Plainfield Lions donate to USO

Our military works around the clock, 24/7, 365 days a year. Thousands of service members pass through the Indianapolis International Airport and spend time at the arrival level at the USO Indianapolis Airport Center, waiting for flights to take them and their families to their new duty stations.

The USO is a non-profit organization that serves active-duty service members and military families. They are asking for help in supplying water, a variety of snacks, toiletries, personal items, baby wipes, and diapers, along with other comfort items.

The Plainfield Lions Club heard the call loud and clear and was on a mission to support our military

members and their families. The Plainfield Lions donated a variety of snacks from the proceeds received from their fundraisers selling freeze-dried candy, Rada Cutlery, nuts, and brooms.

"This collaboration between the USO exemplifies a community coming together to show unwavering support for service members and their families, ensuring they remain connected and resilient through the trials of military service," Plainfield Lions Club President Worth Donaldson said.

To give, you can call Amy Hartzell, USO Center Operations Specialist at the Indianapolis Airport, at (317) 445-4286 or email ahartzell@uso.org.



Photo provided

Summer in Spencer

By Marj Schultz

Zone 7 Chair
Spencer Lions Club President

Spencer Lions Club members have been hard at work! Here is a small summary of our Summer Service Projects and pictures:

- 1 Club
- 2 hospital runs
- 3 projects
- 4 Lions working the Beach Bash
- 5 Lions working the Summer Food Service Program
- 10 weeks with the Summer Food Service Program

- 20 Lions working the Fair Booth
- 100 percent love of Service
- 7,753 lunch meals served to kids
- Endless memories

During this time period, the Spencer Lions also manned a booth at the Owen County Fair selling our famous cod fish sandwiches and Lions Tails for a week.

Over 400 Spencer Lions Club backpacks were given out at the Beach Bash and to the Summer Food Service Program kids.

Lafayette Lions love serving



Photo provided

Our state Trustees for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired met on Aug. 31 in Indianapolis. District 25C Trustees present were PDG Tom Robbins (vice chair), PDG Pat Short, Lion Bob Jessen (treasurer), and PDG Charlie Short (advisor). A Trustee would love to visit your Club and share what's going on at ISBVI.

Prairie Creek rewards local scholar



Photo provided

Camryn Goodroad was presented with a \$1,000 scholarship by Prairie Creek Lions Club President Kim Payton (right) and Lion Marvin Mericle (left). Goodroad plans to attend Indiana State University.

Trustees would love to visit your club



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Doggone good donation



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Lions Past Council Chair Bob Hrdy and Lion Leader Dog Finn smiling upon hearing that the Lafayette Lions obtained matching funds, so their \$500 donation to Leader Dog resulted in a \$1,000 gift. The Lafayette Lions' donation will now have twice the impact and bring independence and hope to even more people who need a Leader Dog and companion.

Poland pays it forward



Photo provided

Leader Dogs for the Blind was the subject of the night at the Poland Community Lions Club on Aug. 20. Trustee & Secretary for Leader Dog Gail Robbins and ILFLD Associate PDG Tom Robbins were welcomed by PCLC President Anna Long and the Poland Club, some Brazil Club members, and guests from around Poland. What an amazing group of Lions. The night ended with a pizza, beautiful flowers, a jar of yummy local honey and a check (actually two) to Leader Dog. Thank you Poland Community Lions! Thank you Randy & Christine Land! Need a Leader Dog speaker for your Club? Email Gail Robbins at gail45robbins@gmail.com. (Above) Thank you Randy & Christine Land for the delicious pizzas and \$100 for Leader Dog!

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Some views from around the district

Photo provided



Brownsburg Lions Club



DG John Waymire with Martinsville Noon President Keith Gray



Lizton Lions Club fish fry



Brookston Lions Club



DG John being presented with a gas card and flowers to take home to District 1st Lady Chris, presented by Lafayette Club President Veronica Pickens.



Riley Lions Club & Prairie Creek Lions Club came together to spend some time with DG John Waymire.

Lafayette Lions love serving



Photo provided

Paragon Lions Club has closed, but something wonderful has happened to the building. Former President Rhonda Smith is shown presenting the papers for the building to the Paragon Fire Department. Thank you, Rhonda, for all your years of service. You served your community so well.

Paragons of good will



Photo provided

Former Paragon Lions Club President Rhonda Smith presents Paragon Food Pantry Chair William Smith with first aid/hygiene kits put together by Indiana Lions as a service project at their recent State Convention.



Roars from District D

Governor David 'Rocky' Simpson

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Steaming along

By DG Rocky Simpson
District 25D Governor

The most noteworthy accomplishment this last month is getting ready to ship supplies down south. I have been sending out messages that the Greentown Lions Club will be collecting supplies for a trip south. The district received money, water, medical supplies, and the needed hand wipes for keeping clean. I'm sure all those left without their own homes are devastated and want to know when they can go back. Please remember the pet food, too!

Currently, our snowbirds who were thinking about heading south have taken a second thought for a cou-

ple extra weeks. It won't hurt to stay out of the way of the first responders and give them some space to get everyone safe. We have families caught on top of mountains and others looking for the homes. Please keep those there in your prayers.

The District Banner Night was a huge success. Fun was had by all.

Looking forward to the Council and Cabinet meetings this month and was hoping to be ahead of the rush for club visits. All in all, 25D has had a very successful month. Thanks to all the Lions that put forth max efforts.

Yours in Lionism,
Rocky



Photo provided by Westfield Lions Club
The "kitchen staff" includes Carrie Larrison and Kara & Rodney Benson.



Photo provided by Westfield Lions Club
Lions Mark Hallett, Linda Hallett, Jerry Kirby, and Steph Myers work the serving line.

Lions get fryin'

Event raises \$3,000 for Westfield High School scholarships

By JEFF LARRISON
Westfield Lions Club

After not holding a fish fry in 2023, the Westfield Lions Club brought back its annual fish fry on Sept. 6 and 7 at Christ United Methodist Church (CUMC) - making this the 92nd fish fry since the club was founded in 1930. COVID caused the Club to miss one fish fry and renovation work at the Lions' clubhouse and at CUMC forced them to cancel the 2023 event.

This year's event went off smoothly with energized Lions, some great weather, and a lot of support from the community. Over the years the Lions' fish fry has become just as much of a community gathering as it is a fundraiser. The customers rave about the quality of the fish - arguably the best fried fish in Hamilton County - and they enjoy getting a chance to see and talk to so many of their friends in the Westfield community.

This year's fish fry brought in approximately \$3,000, which will be used to help fund the growing annual scholarship awards the Lions announce each spring. The past two years the Club has set records with awards totaling over \$16,000 in 2022 and

\$16,500 in 2023.

The Westfield Lions want to thank their sponsors for this year's event - BMO Bank and Sunbelt Rentals. Their support of the Lions helped make this fish fry the success that it was.

The Lions also want everyone to know what a great partner CUMC has been to the Lions Club this year, as well as over the past several years. While the Club was searching for a new clubhouse, CUMC allowed the Lions to hold their meetings at the church. And during the times that the Lions' old clubhouse was unavailable due to the downtown redevelopment, CUMC let the Lions use the church for the past three fish fries.

Next year the Lions expect to be able to hold their fish fry at their new clubhouse, located at 1101 E. 169th St. The renovation work on the building should be completed in the next couple of months and will feature an expanded meeting room, conference room, ADA-accessible restrooms, and a full kitchen. The Club will hold an open house event once the project is completed so the public can see firsthand what Westfield's Lions have done to make the building an attractive (and affordable) option for event rentals.

Noblesville, Carmel & Westfield Lions assist Gleaners for August



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll

On Aug. 12, the Noblesville Lions Club (NL), Carmel Lions Club (CL), and the Westfield Lions Club (WL) assisted Gleaners Mobile Pantry donating food to over 216 families. The pantry is normally held on the first Tuesday of each month at Grand Park in Westfield. However, due to extreme heat on Aug. 6, the pantry was postponed to the 12th. Even with the postponed date, a record number of families came through the line. (From left) Betty and Bob Yunker (CL), Jack Waldroup (WL), Ron and Linda Williamson (NL), Jerry Baker (NL), Kathy and Jim Kahler (WL), Gary Smith (WL), Bill Nesbitt (WL), Joe Connerley (NL), Carrie Larrison (WL), Gene Beck (NL), Rollin Cutter (NL), Bill Ryian (CL), Mark Bachar (NL), John Einsfeld (NL), Vicki Neddenriep (NL), Lane Sims (CL), and Judy Waldroup (WL).

Noblesville & Zionsville Lions test eyes at Hazel Dell Elementary



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll

On Sept. 23, the Noblesville and Zionsville Lions Clubs joined for forces to perform vision screenings on 225 students. Eye testing is a major goal of Lions Clubs. (From left) Lions John Einsfeld, Greg Barth, Gary Hipes, Dan Dumbauld, Josh Kozicki, Steve Shaw, Kathy Terrell, Walt Scheid, Ann Delpozso, and Jeff Kozicki.

Noblesville Lions help at Woofstock



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll

On Saturday, Aug. 10 at Woofstock, Noblesville Lions were course marshals, directing traffic and participants and cheering everyone on. (From left) Lions Steve Shaw, Vicki Neddenriep, Tomas Lopez-Pumarejo, Jen Carr, and Tim Baker.

Westfield Lions recognized for over 270 years of membership

13 Lions celebrate anniversaries with the Club

By JEFF LARRISON
Westfield Lions Club

At the Aug. 15 Westfield Lions Club meeting, 13 Lions received membership anniversary chevrons, with an accumulated total of over 270 years of service.

Members at the meeting who received their chevrons were Larry Clarino (10 years), John Wardlow (10 years), Keith Sanborn (20 years), Joel Davis (30 years), and Ted Engelbrecht (50 years!).

Year in and year out, the Westfield Lions Club serves Westfield, and surrounding communities, in a number of ways. Raising funds to donate to various charities, providing scholarships for Westfield



Photo provided by Westfield Lions Club

(From left) Westfield Lions Joel Davis (30 years), Larry Clarino (10 years), Keith Sanborn (20 years), and John Wardlow (10 years).

High School seniors, conducting vision screenings for elementary students, and serving in numerous capacities at events and activities are just a few of the ways impact our community.



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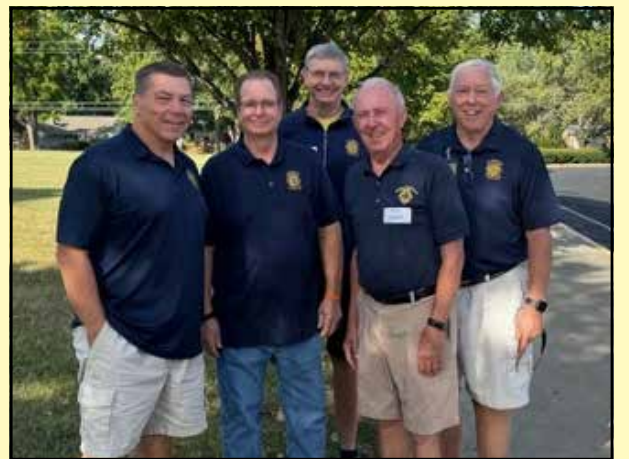
Kokomo jumps at chance to see Jackrabbits

On Friday, Aug. 9, the Russiaville and Kokomo Lions partnered for an evening of fun with the Kokomo Jackrabbits. We heard lots of excellent Lion-sounding roars from several of the Jackrabbits fans. Lions in Russiaville, Kokomo, Greentown, and around the world say ... "WE SERVE!" Indiana's Lion Council Chair (CC) Julia Kozicki taught us this very well: "Lions are F.U.N." i.e. "Friendly, Upbeat, and Nice!" Let's let our friends and neighbors hear us roar and invite them to join the F.U.N.-filled ranks in Russiaville.



Photo provided

Lions helping students 'see' their vision of serving others



Photos provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll

The Noblesville and Zionsville Lions Clubs were busy performing student vision screenings at local schools in September. (Above) On Tuesday, Sept. 10, Lions from both clubs were at Hinkle Creek Elementary in Noblesville. They screened around 275 students. (From left) Lions Walt Scheid, Lisa Tabor, Vicki Neddenriep, Donna Fisher, Gary Hipes, John Einsfeld, Ron Williamson, Kathy Terrell, Kathy Ravenstein, Dan Dumbauld, and Steve Shaw. (Top right) On Friday, Sept. 13, the Noblesville Lions screened around 200 students at White River Elementary. (From left) Lions John Einsfeld, Walt Scheid, Andy Luckey, Ron Williamson, Steve Shaw, and Julia Kozicki (not pictured). (Right) Finally, on Tuesday, Sept. 17, the Noblesville Lions Club was at Alphabet Academy. (From left) Lions Steve Shaw, Vicki Neddenriep, Dave McCord, and Dale Unger.



Roars from District E

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What's your legacy? Lions spotted in Medora

By DG Erica Thomas
District 25E Governor

What will you leave behind? What impact are you having now on others and the world around you?

If you were gone tomorrow, what story would be told about you? Would your family and friends be lined up waiting to tell about how you helped to do this or helped to do that? Will they talk about how you went out of your way to get that one something for someone because you knew they needed it but wouldn't or couldn't get it for themselves? Will they talk about the time when you were having a bad day, saw another person who was, too, and went to give a hug because you hoped it would help both of you feel better?

Service. It's what we do; it's who we are.

It can be defined as an act of helpful activity, help, aid ... to do someone a service. It comes and grows out of genuine love and concern for those we have opportunities and directives to help. Service helps alleviate problems, adds value,

makes things better, and achieves something greater than before. Synonyms of service include kindness, privilege, grace, courtesy, mercy, indulgence, blessing, and benefit.

Service is intangible, inseparable from emotions, variable, and while the service itself is perishable or finite, the emotions felt related to that service may go on for lifetimes, having a ripple effect.

Some of us are called for service by the types of jobs we hold, some of us choose to do things for others thoughtfully, and some of us do service by teaching and showing others how to do good things for others.

There are many, many different ways to serve. It doesn't matter what service you do for others, but by providing that service you have helped someone else, made something better, and you have made a positive and lasting impact on those around you in your community, your country, and the world.

What a mark to make and a legacy to leave for those yet to come.

Thanks to the warm welcome by the Medora Community Lions Club, Lions District 25E was able to hold a Cabinet Meeting at the Medora Christian Church on Saturday, Aug. 24.

The pride was low in number, but several clubs were participating in service projects that day ... which is a good thing! The Lion members who did get to attend enjoyed a good lunch provided by the Medora Community Lions Club and socialized between District discussions.

The meeting highlights started with Cabinet Treasurer Debbie Ellis going over the proposed District budget, which was approved, and reading of the financial report. DG Erica Thomas listed some of her goals, which include encouraging Legacy Giving, bringing diversity to the Lions Clubs, starting two new clubs in the District, and obtaining 185 new club members during her term.

After committee reports were given and a lunch break, PDG Mark Clark presented a slide show on LCI Insurance, which had some very noteworthy information.

Once the meeting adjourned, it is said that a couple of Lions were seen out at the Medora covered bridge, one of Indiana's few remaining said structures.



Photos provided

(Yop) District Treasurer Debbie Ellis presented the proposed budget. (Above from left) DG Erica Thomas, PDG Newell Clifton, Lion Judy Clifton, PDG Mark Clark, and Lion Julia Terry.

Batter up!



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During the trip to Louisville, Ky., for the U.S./Canada Forum, four Lions decided they were feeling a bit sporty when some free time became available. DG Erica Thomas, Keith Thomas, Dale Leffler, and Sue Leffler went to visit the Slugger Bat Museum. From the pics, we'd say they were batting a thousand! (Top from left) Dale Leffler, Keith Thomas, and Sue Leffler. (Aove) Dale and Sue Leffler.

Francisco Lions serve ... literally



Photo provided

Steve Davis and three other Francisco Lions Club members were more than willing to help out their neighboring Oakland City Lions Club during the Sweet Corn Festival, held the first part of August, by serving meals to the many festival goers who lined up inside the Oakland City Community Center, ready for some good food. Francisco Lions members not only believe in serving their own community, but when another nearby club needs assistance, they are a wonderful example of generous giving of time and effort. (From left) Oakland City Lion Sue Leffler and Francisco Lions Harold Everett, Sherrie Drew, and Nina Lloyd.

Lionism (verb): to serve others



Photo provided

Medora Lions presented the Lions dictionaries to 12 third graders of Medora Community School. The students were also informed about Lions and that Lions are here to serve their community.

Bedford Back to School Bash



Photo provided

Judy Newell reported that the Bedford Lions Club, with assistance from the Fayetteville Lions Club, participated in the Lawrence County Boys and Girls Club "Back to School Bash" by providing Eye and Diabetes screening on Aug. 3, 2024. (Pictured) Lynn Birch of the Fayetteville Lions Club.



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We Serve by using plastic grocery bags

By Carol Donner
Secretary, Oakland City Lions Club
District 25E Public Relations/Marketing

DG Erica Thomas played host to an informative and interactive First Quarter Celebration on Sept. 21, held at the Elks Lodge in New Albany, with members from several different clubs in attendance.

Discussions revolved around how to obtain a new club member, service projects, and partnering with different organizations/businesses in doing some service projects.

Before brunch was served, Donna Robinson and Angelita Silver from New Albany Lions Club introduced a partnered service project: sleeping mats made from plastic grocery bags and using a loom from Midwest Mission, another non-profit organization. These mats can be used for disaster relief, homeless shelters, daycares, camps, and numerous other ways to keep a human being from laying on a hard floor or ground.

In no time, people were grabbing their scissors, cutting grocery bags into loop strips, and assembling them together. Some then started braiding the strips to make handles while others began weaving at the loom. Overall, it seems to be a great service project that can be done right at your club and can be worked on long-term whenever you have time to do it.

A tasty brunch. Friendly talk. Learning we can serve by using plastic grocery bags. I'd say it was a successful and fun day!



Photos provided

58 ears ... I mean years ... of sweet corn

By Carol Donner
Oakland Lions Club Secretary
District 25E Public Relations & Marketing

Wirth Park in Oakland City was abuzz with excitement during the 58th annual Sweet Corn Festival, held Aug. 8 to 10, and hosted by the Oakland City Lions Club.

The midway was full of carnival rides, food trucks, bouncy houses, music entertainment, and best of all ... people having a good time. You could hear kids' laughter and excited voices throughout the park, while adults were seen smiling ear to ear.

Besides organizing the entire event, the OC Lions Club also served meals in the park's community center, selling out of most everything each day. Hats off to the cooks! Along with serving ears of corn drenched in butter with each meal, the club also sold bundles of fresh picked corn, starting the Monday before the festival until Sunday, the day after the festival ended. There wasn't a single ear left by the time cleanup started.

The theme this year was "Down on the Farm," and Lion Jessica Jerger Nieves had a blast with the kids while having sack races, a corn shucking contest, finding the "pigs" in loose straw, and crafts. Other kids' events included a baby contest and bike giveaway for both a boy and a girl.

Saturday morning was the parade and the community lined up on both sides of the road along the route, waving to ones they knew while kids raced to grab the candy being tossed from floats and firetrucks. District Governor Erica Thomas was the Grand Marshal for the parade.

Oakland City Lions Club knows none of this would have been possible if it hadn't been for all the great volunteers who stepped up to lend a hand. The club members realize how special it is when you are not only serving your community, but serving WITH your community as well.



Photos provided

(Above) DG Erica Thomas served as the parade Grand Marshal. (Below left) Lion Randy Howes. (Below right) Lion Todd Lynch. (Bottom left) Lion Dan James and Kay James



Medora, Seymour, Brownsburg Lions help kids see better



Photo provided

Medora Community Lions, assisted by Seymour Noon Lions and Brownstown Lions, performed vision screenings at Medora Community School. The members screened about 160 students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. These Lions are using the new chart vision screening this year. This screening is being used in all the Jackson County schools. (Top) ZC Karen Brock of Medora. (Above) Medora Lion Gene Beasley & Seymour Noon Lion Doug Ray.

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The Lions of Indiana

36th Mid-Winter Conference Saturday, Jan. 18, 2025

Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport

2501 S. High School Road, Indianapolis, IN 46241

(317) 244-6861

Conference Schedule

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

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Hotel Reservations must be made by 6:00 pm EST Thursday, December 26, 2024

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*Note: The Mid-Winter Conference Committee would like those attending for the first time to indicate who is sponsoring them to attend or who has influenced them to attend their first Mid-Winter Conference. There is a line on the registration form for this information.

Friday Night Dinner

January 17, 2025

Make your plans now to join us at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport Hotel for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship.

Menu: A plated dinner that will include Grilled Pork Chop or Chicken Marsala with Scalloped Potatoes, Garlic Green Beans, Fresh Garden Salad, Dessert, House Bread and Butter, Coffee and Tea.

Price: \$ 30.00

Social Time: 6 p.m.

Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Registration table will be open for packet and meal

ticket pick-up on Friday evening until 6:30 p.m.

Saturday Keynote Speaker

Tom, Rison, Executive Director National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association
Menu: BACKYARD COOKOUT

Grilled Black Angus Burgers, Bratwurst with Sauerkraut, Bourbon Brisket, Cole Slaw, Macaroni Salad, Baked Beans, Corn, Vegetable toppings for burgers and assorted condiments, Breads, Sheet Cake, Coffee and Tea.

Price: Included in Full Conference Registration

Service Projects

“Sock It To Me” - Please bring new socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, knit hats and blankets to be collected and divided among the district governors to distribute to needy people in their districts.

“Care-ing Cases” - Friday night after the dinner program, we will again assemble our Care-ing Cases, which consist of first aid kits using cleaned hard 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 districts.

Seminar Schedule

Morning

Seminar Session 1 (9:45 - 10:30)

Seminar 1

Title: ‘The Lions Portal
Presenter: TBD
Description: Help all Lions get used to the new portal.

Seminar 2

Title: Membership Orientation
Presenter: PDG Glen Georges
Description: If you’re a new member, or a seasoned member, come to this session to learn more about Lions

Seminar 3

Title: How to Take Care of Your Heart
Presenter: Lion Dr. Bob Robison
Description: Learn from a leading heart surgeon on ways to take care of your heart so we can serve better.

Seminar 4

Title: LCI Insurance and Retention: Not Just for Membership Anymore
Presenters: PDG Mark Clark
Description: Learn what Lions and Lions Clubs need to be protected

Morning

Seminar Session 2 (10:45 - 11:30)

Seminar 5

Title: Gaming Rules
Presenter: Mark Mason
Description: Do you host games? Learn what you need to stay legal

Seminar 6

Title: Cancer Control
Presenter: TBD from Riley Children’s Hospital
Description: Learn how the Cancer Control project is helping at Riley

Seminar 7

Title: All You Need is Love
Presenter: Lion Jeff Kozicki
Description: Understanding Lionism Through the Music of the Beatles.

Seminar 8

Title: Eyeglass Recycling (and Mission Trips)
Presenters: PDG Marty and Lion Jeanine Juel

Afternoon

Seminar Session 3 (1:30 - 2:15)

Seminar 9

Title: The Secret Sauce
Presenters: CC Julia Kozicki
Description: Learn what PIP Brian Sheehan calls the ‘secret sauce’ to achieve Mission 1.5

Seminar 10

Title: Building Fellowship in Your Club Through Ice Breakers and Recognition
Presenter: Lion Joy Robinson
Description: Learn how to connect your members and energize your meetings

Seminar 11

Title: Emergency Preparation/VOAD

Presenter: Lion John Wilkins and Lion Jane Cady

Description: Learn what to do before, during and after an emergency

Seminar 12

Title: Understanding Diabetes (without the big scary!)
Presenter: Lion Brandon Bischof
Description: understanding diabetes with screening and tests

Afternoon

Seminar Session 4 (2:30 - 3:15)

Seminar 13

Title: Artificial Intelligence in Promoting Lions
Presenter: PDG Jeff Locke and DG Jim Bush
Description: learn how AI can help promote Lionism

Seminar 14

Title: LCIF From Giving to Grants to Legacy
Presenter: PDG Ken Faulkner
Description: Learn how LCIF benefits our communities in Indiana and around the world

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Attendee

Registration Form

36th Annual Lions of Indiana Mid-Winter Conference

Jan. 18, 2025

(Each attendee is asked to complete a separate form)

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: \$40.00
EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR EMAILED BY NOVEMBER 29, 2024

Registrations received or postmarked after DECEMBER 1ST and ON-SITE \$50.00 Conference Registration with no meals included: \$25

Registration includes: morning coffee and pastries, buffet luncheon, use of hotel meeting rooms, audiovisual equipment, keynote speaker expenses, printing, and supplies.

To guarantee meal availability, Registration must be received by Monday, January 13, 2025

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations must be received prior to January 7, 2025 to receive a refund. CANCELLATIONS REQUESTED AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY REFUND.

Refunds will not be granted because of the weather.

Seminars and Workshops will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Send registrations early to ensure the seminars of your choice.

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND CORRECT REMITTANCE TO:

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This is my first Mid-Winter Conference.

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Registration:

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\$50.00 after Dec.1

\$25.00 Conference Only - No Lunch

\$30.00 Friday Dinner (Circle) Pork Chop or Chicken Marsala

= Total Amount Due Per Registration: _____

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 for each seminar.

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 - 3:15	Seminar Session 4	13	14	*SL	*SL

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Lions descend on Clermont

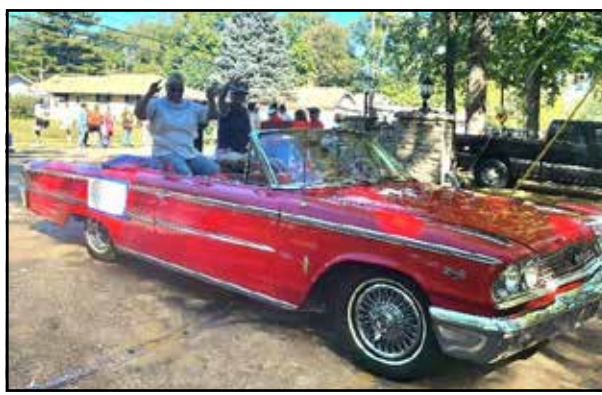


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 Lions from all over came for the Clermont Parade & Festival. We had our wagon filled with members and our IPDG Ed Harper drove our Grand Marshal in one of his classic cars. Chapel Hill Lions Irene & Joe Snyder and Toni Robbins drove a red convertible, Operation Hero not only had a truck in the parade, but they also had a fundraising table with the help of two "future lions" Ellie & Evan. The Washington Lions had their corn stand out and we even had OD Leos there selling Amish Fried Pies! Thank you Lions all for helping our festival be a success!

Times are changing

By DG Nancy Baxter
 District 25F Governor

Do you ever sit back and think what times were like when you were a young child?

I think about my dad working at the Ford Motor Co. to raise nine children. Mothers were stay-at-home moms and you all sat down to a home-cooked meal in the evening. We all had chores to do and you were taught morals, values, and respect for others.

Today we eat out at fast food restaurants, and it takes both parents working to make ends meet.

I remember having a party line on our home phone; now everyone has a smart phone. I even remember when gas was 32 cents a gallon and a loaf of bread was 23 cents. Now a gallon of gas is over \$3 and the average cost of a loaf of bread is \$2.50.

Well, life continues to change and so do we. Lions across the world have experienced changes. There are fewer clubs and fewer members in each club. This needs to change if Lions are going to survive.

I joined the Clermont Club in 2005 right after women were accepted into the club. I was so excited to be a member. I had been a Lady Lioness years prior, so I was familiar with what Lions did and couldn't wait to share that with all my friends and family. I knew part of my job as a Lion

was to bring in new members so that our organization would grow.

So what has happened? District 25F had 90 clubs at one time; now we have 52. It is getting harder and harder to get people to become members, and it is even harder to get those members to become leaders.

We need a new approach, and we need to change how we do things for our future.

So I ask you, do you want to be a part of the past or part of the future? I want to be part of the future and help our organization grow.

Maybe we need to change how we recruit members. Don't immediately say, "do you want to join our club" and give them a chance to say no before they learn what we are all about.

Maybe we need to reach out to new potential members and introduce them to the world of Lions by inviting them to a dinner or to an event so that they can see and hear what we are about.

Once they become members, we need to remember to educate them, encourage them, and make them feel needed by letting them help and accept their ideas, even if it is new to your club. Most of all, make them feel appreciated for all they do so they will want to stay!

We need to do something; we need a new approach so that we can continue to grow in the future.

Congratulations, Connersville Lions!



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 On Tuesday, Sept. 17, the Connersville Lions Club received the Non-Profit Excellence Award from the Connersville Chamber of Commerce. They had a wonderful gathering at the Grand Central Station railroad depot where they were presented the award. Their motto is "We Serve" and they do! Congratulations!

It's official!



Photo provided
 DG Nancy Baxter receiving the giant gavel. It made her official!

25F on the road



District F showed up for 25B DG Jim Bush's Banner Night. (From left) PCC Reed & Lion Janet Fish, DG Nancy Baxter, Lion Cheri Faulkner, and Lion Harold Mallo.

Fall is here!



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 2VDG Brenda Wilson & CT Pat Bigham with their beautiful mums!

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The rest of the story, Paul Harvey style

By DG Warren Allender
District 25G Governor

Louisville, Ky., 2024, the 48th annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum – that was memorable to say the least. Just as my last article for the Hoosier Lion was a first, so was the Forum my first.

Susi and I arrived there Thursday afternoon in plenty of time for the opening ceremony. We checked in at the Embassy Suite. It is located just a mere block away from the convention center. Susi did the check-in and I took care of the heavy lifting, unloading luggage and valet parking of our vehicle. Towne Park oversaw that. It was at that time that I noticed that there was a rather large, red Shop Vac in front of the valet counter. How nice they made sure your vehicle was clean when you picked it up.

Well, off we went to the Forum.

I sported a derby hat provided to me by PDG Ann Haffner, which simply said, INDIANA LIONS. I spruced it up with some long tail pheasant feathers and put our District Convention speaker, International Director Lion Marie Cunningham's pin on it. Very sporty indeed.

The opening keynote was by inspirational artist Sam Glenn. I never realized you needed so many colors to paint a Lion. Must say, it came out great and was later raffled off.

Friday started off with a Midwest Lions Breakfast and seminars followed directly after. One presented by Lori Sheehan – yes, she's as good as her husband, Past International Director Lion Brian Sheehan. Oh, don't worry, we were in his seminar as well. We learned about marketing strategies and how to get sponsorships.

Friday night dinner was with a bunch of Lions from Indiana. A great gathering and sharing of Lion tales. Here I need to point out that Towne Park valet provided excellent service in retrieving and reparking our vehicle. Odd, though, that they didn't sweep it out like I thought they would. Oh well.

Saturday: more seminars, how to attract new members, and Constitution and by-laws. Saturday luncheon we heard from International President Fabricio Oliveira again highlighting the importance of Making our Mark! Saturday also was a time for Lions University

Graduation. Congratulations to 1st Vice District Governor Jackie Kurley and 2nd Vice District Governor Steve Weld for receiving their Master Degrees. What an accomplishment. Job well done.

The closing dinner presentation was by Trish Wilson, an inspirational speaker focusing on how we have one more day to do one more thing to change one more life, so don't miss the opportunity. Sounds like Lions in action. We were charged up and ready to go! Home.

Sunday was a little more, let's say, stressful. Upon calling for our vehicle from Towne Park valet services, we were informed that it had been vandalized. What?! The passenger rear window kicked in, and broken glass everywhere and everything raffled through. A mess. We weren't alone; 13 others also broken into and one with the steering column torn apart.

Ah yes, the big red Shop Vac. Now I understand.

This was a repetitive activity for Towne Park – it wasn't their first rodeo with vandalism. Okay, they did say they were sorry for the inconvenience, and I was able to sweep the glass out of the vehicle and they did

put a plastic bag over the window, and they did place some black tape across it.

And I need to say that when we got on the interstate traveling at 70 mph the inside of the vehicle sounded like we had our head stuck in the snare drum of Ringo Starr! Head pounding, plastic snapping, and air sucking. Only 230 miles to go.

When we reported it to our insurance agent, they reminded us of our deductible of \$500. When we had the window fixed, the cost was \$25 less than the deductible. And I need to say that we got a nice email from Towne Park saying, "Our company is not responsible, nor does it cover theft or vandalism..." from Daniel H. So yes, the trip to Louisville was memorable.

Yet like Paul Harvey used to say, here's the "rest of the story..."

Yes, the plastic snapping and air sucking was unbearable. We got just across the Ohio River back into Indiana and had to stop. Something had to change that Sunday afternoon for the better. It did in New Albany, Indiana. I had the idea of putting plexiglass in the window and taping it shut. To do that we ended up at

Holmes Ace Hardware in New Albany. The first thing I noticed when we went in and talked to the clerk was an Eyeglass Collection Box from the New Albany Lions Club. Nice. Better yet a nice young man came out and measured the window and cut the plexiglass. The only thing missing was the tape, extra wide Gorilla tape. Got it, let's check out.

Sort of "budget" in front of another customer, who asked, "You a Lion"? seeing my Lion emblem on my sweater. "Yes" was the answer with a short explanation of our trials. "I am too, let me help" was his answer, and so he did.

We both went out to our vehicle, ripped off the plastic bag, tape, and cleaned out a little more glass shards. He then held the plexiglass in place as I taped it on. Job done. He said he wasn't real active in his club. I thanked him for his services and he said he didn't do anything.

What do you think? I think there was and is a Lion who SERVED. That Lion is Neal Brewer. Can't thank him enough. The drive home was uneventful after that. No plastic snapping, head pounding, or air sucking.

There's an old saying that

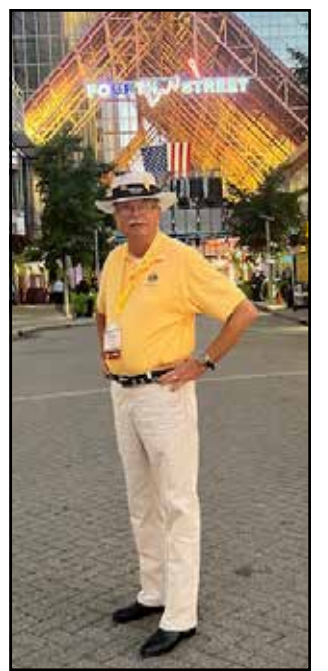


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goes like this: "Life's not fair so get over it." We're over it. Window fixed; bills paid. Yet I'll never forget how Lion Neal Brewer stepped up and helped his fellow man/Lion. That's what we Lions do – WE SERVED. I'm sure he would have done the same even if I wasn't a Lion. He took the time to do one more thing ... to change one more life for the better.

My hope is that all of us Lions can follow his example.

Fighting food insecurity in Lydick Cooking up Service

By Lori Ferro
Lydick Lions

The Lydick Lions Club was busy once again at Cultivate Food Rescue on July 30. We had 16 volunteers who helped pack 1,591 meals. Our evening started out packing meals of chicken, potatoes or macaroni and cheese, and asparagus. We ended the evening packing meals of pizza, broccoli, and blueberries.

Thank you to all the volunteers for pitching in their time and volunteering!

- Lydick Lions: Bernie Ferro, Lori Ferro, Duke Downey, Wendy Yuhasz, Paul Yuhasz, Jim Day, Cathy Day, Barbara Kidd, Elaine Gaulin, Christine Bella, Karen Trzaskowski, Cindy Finney, Howard Morse, and Leroy Wise

- Lakeville Lions Club: member Lloyd Mehaney and our Lion friend Marcia Labelle.

The good work continued on Aug. 22.

What can three Lions Clubs achieve in one night at Cultivate Food Rescue? How about packaging 1,421 meals to support 236 kids



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(From left) Cultivate Volunteer, PDG Lana Wilson, Bernie Jones, Stephanie Szczepankiewicz, Mike Lane, Teckla Lane, Jim Day, Cathy Day, John Pangani, Barbara Kidd, Elaine Gaulin, John Krzyzanowski, Leroy Wise, and Christine Bella.

in Cultivate Food Rescue's backpack program at schools in our community?

A huge thank you to the Lydick Lions, Clay Granger Lions, and Lakeville Lions for their efforts. The evening was filled with teamwork as we packed breakfast sandwiches, breakfast casserole, biscuits and gravy, and sides of sausage and blueberries.

Thank you to the following Lions for making a difference!

- Lydick Lions: Bernie Ferro, Lori Ferro, Elaine Gaulin, Christine Bella,

Howard Morse, Cindy Finney, Jim Day, Cathy Day, Karen Swisher, along with their friends Marcia Labelle and Ann Shopmeyer.

- Clay Granger Lions: John Krzyzanowski

- Lakeville Lions: Lloyd Mehaney, Darlene Shock, and Jim Shock.

The Lions kept going in September!

What does it take to package 1,183 meals to feed approximately 200 kids? Three Lions Clubs with 16 volunteers! Hats off to the crew

of volunteers who helped accomplish this on Tuesday, Sept. 24 at Cultivate Food Rescue. Great job Loins!

- Lydick Lions: Bernie Ferro, Stephanie Szczepankiewicz, Mike & Teckla Lane, Jim & Cathy Day, John Pangani, Barbara Kidd, Elaine Gaulin, Leroy Wise, and Christine Bella, along with our friends Marcia Labelle and Vickie Jones.

- Clay Granger Lions: John Krzyzanowski

- Mishawaka Lions: PDG Lana Wilson

By DG Warren Allender

In this article we're going to have a salad.

Susi and I had the opportunity to visit the Lafontaine Lions Club recently. What an honor. What a club and what a clubhouse. The clubhouse was spacious and immaculate. Outside was a partnership with the veterans, as a memorial was constructed recognizing all branches of the Armed Services. Beautiful. Truly, a testament to their connection with their community.

There was a "carry in" of light snacks for the meeting. I'll tell you it was a full meal deal. Of course, I tried as much as I could, and what I liked the best was the apple salad. The apples had that just right tang to them.

The pineapple, grapes, and pecans came together in a creamy mayonnaise dressing.

This one comes from Cabinet Secretary Kim Polk who gives credit to Jeanne Mills (old Amish Recipe).

INGREDIENTS

- 1 20 oz. pineapple tidbits
- 2qts chopped red apples (skin on) tart Jonathon/

McIntosh

- 2 cups green grapes halved
- 1 1/4 cup toasted pecans
- 1 cup chopped celery

DRESSING

- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons of cornstarch
- 1 cup mayonnaise

DIRECTIONS

1. Toast pecans in 350° oven for 10 minutes.
2. Drain pineapple, reserve juice.
3. Prepare dressing. In a small saucepan combine juice, butter, sugar, and lemon juice and bring to boil over medium heat. In a small bowl combine cornstarch and enough water to make a smooth mixture; add to the bubbling juice. Reduce heat and cook until mixture is thick and smooth. Chill. Wisk in the mayonnaise.
4. Toss pineapple, apples, celery, and grapes with dressing. Excess dressing can be kept for a while to make a smaller salad later.
5. Garnish salad with pecans when serving. Enjoy. I know I did.

Literacy help at Holy Cross Grade School



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It's dictionary season for the Lydick Lions! Our club's distribution of dictionaries to third graders in our community has begun! On Sept. 10, Lions Wendy Yuhasz, Leroy Wise, Christine Bella, and Karen Trzaskowski handed out 21 English dictionaries and 25 Spanish/English dictionaries to the third graders at Holy Cross Grade School in South Bend. We received a huge welcome and a big thank you from some excited kids! Along with presenting each student with their own dictionary, Lion Leroy shared facts about the Lions Club and some tips on using the dictionary. Thank you to Holy Cross Grade School for allowing us to meet your third graders!

Lions step up



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Lydick Lions Christine Bella and Marie Briggs had an idea to help their friends Mike and Sandy. They explained to our club their friends were in need of some help getting into their house. Our Lions members, Mike Lane, Leroy Wise, Mark Perkins, and Chris worked together to construct a new step and handrails for their front porch. It's now much easier for them to get in and out of their house. Well done, Lydick Lions!