

Indiana goes to the Forum

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On September 18, Lions from Indiana gathered with approximately 1,700 other Lions at this year’s USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Atlantic City. During the three days of the Forum, Lions participated in a two-hour Speed Learning event with over 400 Lions, attended seminars on over 100 topics, and had a great chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones. More than 700 Lions participated in a Strides Walk for Diabetes which donated \$13,000 to a local Diabetes charity. They also heard keynote speeches from International President A.P. Singh, Warren Morris whose walk-off home run won the 1996 National Championship for LSU, and Lion BJ Blahnik and Leader Dog Jackson whose inspirational speech on dealing with going blind in his early 20’s and learning to see the good touched everyone there.

Three of the seminars were led by or included our Indiana Lions. PDG Charlie Short presented the seminar “Starting a Specialty Club for Targeted Audiences”, Lion Jeff Kozicki presented the seminar “All You Need Is Love: Understanding Lionism Through the Music of the Beatles”, and IPCC Julia Kozicki was a panelist for the seminar “How the Council Chair move the GAT to Action” along with the IPCCs from New York and California. These seminars were all well attended and well received.

During the Forum, three Lions from Indiana received degrees from Lions University. This program provides “Year-Round Training from the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum”. The University offers

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Photos provided

(TOP) Indiana Lions who attended the forum. (ABOVE) Several Indiana Lions enjoyed an evening meal together overlooking the marina in Atlantic City, including 1VDG Brenda Wilson, Lion Laura Doty, Lion Judy Gable, Lion Angela Mounsey, PDG Pat Short, PDG Jeff Locke, DG Angela Locke, PCC Julia Kozicki, Lion Jeff Kozicki, Lion Josh Kozicki, 2VDG Christine Woodward, PCC Billy Chastain, PDG Marlyn Fast, Lion Amanda Fast, and PCC Reed Fish.



Council Chairperson's Corner

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‘We Serve’ is a lifestyle, not a punchline

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Fall season is at our doorsteps and I’m happy to say the Lions of Indiana are doing well. Service is what we do and in October we have the first Service week for International President A. P. Singh.

From October 4 – 12, plan for your club to do service around Mental Health and Well-being. Document it in the Lions Portal for your clubs to get credit. Take pictures and write the story - maybe you can be in the Hoosier Lion for your District. This is a **Big Deal!**

I regularly talk to all the District Governors about New Members. Do we reach out our hands and ask our friends and neighbors if they would like to join Lions International?

Our communities and the world need them. More Lions means more help to complete service projects and fundraisers. We need to target new areas for new clubs as well.

I have asked our Districts to focus a fundraiser for Special Olympics. These athletes may not be going to the IHSA state finals, but they can compete with other athletes of their own level in bowling, in cornhole, in winter sports and summer sports. We can make that happen with financial donations to the Special Olympic fund that the Lions in Indiana have set up. Please find time and effort to raise money for these Special Olympics athletes so they can compete.

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Don’t wait for the perfect moment to become a Lion

By PDG Jim Bush
MD 25 GMT

Greetings to both our longtime members and our newest Lions! This month I have some good news – and a challenge – for us all.

The good news: as of September 20, Indiana is **up 15 Lions** for the year. The challenge: we’re still behind where we need to be if we want to see real growth in 2026. Right now, Indiana has **7,823 Lions**. A year ago, we had 7,987 – **124 more than today**. That means despite some positive gains, we’re still losing ground.

Here’s the truth: if we wait for the “perfect moment” to invite someone to join, we’ll keep waiting. And waiting leads to inaction. As someone who has battled perfectionism myself, I’ve learned a powerful mantra:

Done is better than perfect.

What can we do right now?

Start simple: **invite your friends, neighbors, and coworkers to join you at a service project**. Notice I didn’t say “Lions Club meeting.” Service is the heart of Lionism – it’s where people experience the joy, the purpose, and the fulfillment of being a Lion.

When you bring someone along:

- Take a minute to explain **what you’re doing, why you’re doing it, and who it helps**.
- Share the joy, not just the workload.
- If your service projects don’t feel meaningful, maybe it’s time to try something new.

Training for new Lions

We also have many new (and even seasoned) Lions who want to better understand what it means to serve. To help, we’re offering **New Lion Zoom Training sessions** throughout the year. These will be short, interactive, and designed to answer questions while building confidence.

Upcoming Dates:

- October 25, 2025 – 9:00 AM
- November 8, 2025 – 9:00 AM
- January 24, 2026 – 9:00 AM
- February 14, 2026 – 9:00 AM
- March 21, 2026 – 9:00 AM
- April 18, 2026 – 9:00 AM

Join on Zoom at tinyurl.com/bdycbua7.

A Call to Action

Let’s stop waiting for the stars to align. Invite someone now. Let them experience the joy of service. Let’s each sponsor just one new Lion this year—and imagine how much more impact we can make when we double the hands and hearts serving our communities.

Together, we serve. Together, we grow.

What is LCIF Empowering Service?

By PID Linda Tincher
LCIF CA1-C Area Leader

Empowering Service has been part of Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) for three or four years, but many Lions do not fully understand how Empowering Service benefits ALL the LCIF donation categories. In the past, Lions have been encouraged to select one of the LCIF causes such as Disaster Relief when making a donation, but now Lions are encouraged to **select Empowering Service, even if it is for Disaster Relief, because Empowering Service donations** go into the area that needs the most support. If Disaster relief is low, then it goes to Disaster Relief. If Hunger is low, it goes to Hunger or any other category. When requested during an emergency LCIF will see that the money goes to where it is needed! This is a major change from what Lions are used to doing but once Lions understand they agree it is a win for everyone.

Here is how Empowering Service works to help everyone: At the end of the Lions year, clubs that have selected Empowering Service and donated \$5,000 or more, have 15% of the total amount placed in a District Community Grant (DCG grant) which is kind of like a savings account for you at LCIF. Donations may remain in a club account and accumulate for up to 15 years or be requested through the LCIF Grants department for a project that better serves the club or area.

Since we all know some of our clubs are not financially able to donate \$5,000, if they donate something to Empowering Service, their donations are totaled together to benefit their district. Their district will be awarded 15% of the total and placed into a DCG grant where it can accumulate for up to 15 years or be used for the good of the district **or be used to meet the 25% match required when a club or district applies for an LCIF grant**.

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Leadership Lines: Guiding Lion training

By PCC Julia Kozicki
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Guiding Lion Training

Thank you to District 25G for hosting Guiding Lion training on Saturday, November 15, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (ET) at the Etna Green Community Building, 338 S. Walnut St., Etna Green, IN 46524.

The Guiding Lion Program equips Lions to mentor newly chartered or rebuilding clubs over a two-year period—orienting officers and members, jump-starting growth and engagement, and connecting clubs with key district and LCI resources. The course is ideal for Zone Chairs, Club Presidents and officers, and any Lion seeking practical tools to strengthen club operations. Lions from any district in MD-25 are invited to attend.

A second Guiding Lion course will be held in the southern half of the state later in the Lions year. **See the ad on Page 2 for registration information.**

GUIDING LION TRAINING

What: Guiding Lion Training (MD-25)
When: Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025 | 10:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m. (ET)
Where: Etna Green Community Building, 338 S. Walnut St., Etna Green, IN 46524
Who Should Attend: Guiding Lions, Zone Chairs, Club Presidents/officers, interested Lions
How much: \$20 to cover cost of lunch
Registration/Info: Contact GLT Julia Kozicki, julia@thekozickis.org or 317-294-8064

Midwinter Conference

Midwinter Conference is coming up January 16-17, 2026 at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport. Join us on Friday evening for dinner and fun fellowship and for great learning and fellowship on Saturday. **The registration form is on Page 10** and will be sent in district newsletters also.

There is a \$10 discount for first time attendees. As with everything in the world, food prices have gone up at the hotel and our prices have gone up as well, but the learning and fellowship are well

worth your investment.

Leadership Requirements for Club Excellence

To achieve club excellence for the 2025-26 Lions year, your club will need to have at least 10% of your club members take 3 classes each in the Learn section of the portal. Additionally, the club president and at least one other officer must complete officer training either in person or in Learn by December 31, 2025.

Yours in Lionism,
PCC Julia

How all Hoosier Lions can lead by example

By PID Linda Tincher
MD25 International Liaison

“Lead to Serve, serve to Lead” is the theme of our International President A.P. Singh and that really says it all. When we serve, we lead because we are stepping up to help others that truly need our help. How often have you been asked the question, “What do Lions do?” We do not do a particularly good job of reporting, and it truly is important that we do so. Therefore, please make sure your secretary has the information when you complete a service project so they can enter it timely.

Lions International also created the Club Excellence award to encourage growth and leadership in our clubs by creating specific requirements the president believes is beneficial for our organization. Each president

changes those requirements from time to time and President Singh has done just that. Here are the requirements for the 2025-2026 Club Excellence award.

Increase Membership by two or 20% whichever is greater (not including transfer, reinstated or charter members) of whatever the club’s membership was on July 1, or sponsor a new club.

Four Service projects must be reported in the portal. Three of those must be completed and reported during specific service weeks. They are:

1. Mental Health and Wellbeing Oct. 4-12, 2025,
2. Hunger January 3-11, 2026; and
3. Environment April 18-26, 2026.

The fourth can be any service project the club conducts and reports at any time.

Club Officers must be reported by May 15 of the current year and a minimum of two or more club officers (president, vice president, secretary or treasurer, (of which, one must be the club president) must complete Club Officer Training online with the Lions Learning Center or in person as reported by a GLT coordinator in Learn) between May 1- December 31.

The club president also must not have served more than two consecutive terms; and a minimum of 10% of the club’s members must complete any three courses in the Lions Learning Center.

Finally, donate the equivalent of \$20 per club member to LCIF.

With a little planning none of these requirements are difficult. Let’s just do it one step at a time and try to Lead by Example when you can.

Harnessing AI to boost productivity in your Club

By **Eddie McKim**
District 25E SVDG

As Lions, we are committed to service, leadership, and community. In today's rapidly changing world, technology, including Artificial Intelligence (AI), can be a powerful tool to help us serve more efficiently and effectively. Whether you're a club president, secretary, service chair, or a new member looking to make a difference, AI can help lighten the load and amplify our impact.

What is AI, and why should Lions care?

AI stands for Artificial Intelligence – tools that can learn, adapt, and perform tasks traditionally done by humans. AI can write newsletters, analyze trends, automate repetitive work, and even generate creative ideas. Most importantly, AI saves time – giving Lions more hours to focus on what matters most: service.

5 ways to use AI in your Lions Club

1. Create better communication

Writing club newsletters, press releases, or emails can be time-consuming. Tools like ChatGPT can draft content, help brainstorm ideas, or edit your writing for tone and clarity. Just provide a few key details – like the event name, date, and purpose – and let AI give you a strong draft to work from.

2. Plan events more efficiently

AI-powered tools can generate checklists, suggest timelines, and even estimate budgets for events like fish fries, vision screenings, or service projects. You can also use AI to create promotional flyers and social media posts in seconds with platforms like Canva's AI assistant.

3. Analyze member engagement

Using spreadsheets or reports, AI tools can quickly

identify which members are most active, which events draw the biggest crowds, and where improvements could be made. This helps with planning more meaningful meetings and service opportunities.

4. Recruit & retain members

AI can help generate ideas for recruitment campaigns tailored to your community's demographics. You can also use AI chatbots or automated emails to welcome new members, share resources, or send reminders about upcoming meetings.

5. Save time on reports & forms

Need to submit your club's MMR or service activity report? AI can help organize your notes, summarize meeting minutes, and even draft text for MyLion reports, helping officers stay on track and stress-free.

Getting started with AI

You don't need to be a tech wizard to use AI. Many

tools are free or inexpensive:

- ChatGPT (chatgpt.com): Great for writing and brainstorming
- Canva (canva.com): Design flyers and social media graphics
- Grammarly (grammarly.com): Polishes emails, documents, and reports
- Google Sheets + AI plugins: Helps analyze data and automate tasks

Start small. Try using AI to draft your next club newsletter or to create a flyer for your next fundraiser.

AI won't replace Lions. It empowers us.

AI won't do the service for us, but it can handle the paperwork, polish the communication, and help us lead with excellence. The future of service is not just about working harder, it's about working smarter. Let's use every tool at our disposal to continue serving with pride and purpose.

We Serve – with the help of AI!

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I have a friend who made a mistake and he was very upset about the mistake he made as he was doing Lions work.

Another Lion was quick to point out, show me a Lion who doesn't make a mistake. Is that Lion even contributing or just a Lion by association. Lions that GO & DO will sometimes make mistakes. Forgive the mistake and thank them for their efforts.

Mistakes will happen, but the effort will not be forgotten.

Future Dates

October 11, 2025

Council Meeting:

Seasons Lakehouse,

Lake of the Four

Seasons, Indiana

January 16, 17 &

18, 2026

Mid-Winter Conference /

Council Meeting,

Crowne Plaza Indianapolis

Airport, Indianapolis

I ask all clubs to assist new and experienced

members in attending the Mid-Winter Conference to gain Lions knowledge. There will be a discount for members who are attending their first Mid-Winter conference. I am positive that the members will bring back information that will astonish and encourage other Lions members.

As Lions rolling through another year and looking back on all the effort you put towards Lions in general, I thank you for your efforts, pat you on the back and say, Job Well Done.

Looking forward, I ask, please continue your efforts and add a friend or two to help in your projects and fundraisers because Indiana Lions GO & DO so much for the Community, State, Nation and World as a whole. We lift up Humanity so others can SEE and HEAR, have food and clean water. "We Serve" is a lifestyle, not a punchline.

*Yours in Lionism,
Rocky
Council Chair*

EMPOWERING

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The ability to use DCG money for a match for an LCIF is a significant asset. Recently, one district learned they had \$9,000 in DCG monies. They decided to ask for \$6,000 to buy a trailer to deliver tornado supplies. The LCIF Grants department advised instead to apply for an Emergency \$15,000 Preparedness grant. Buy the trailer, and have it painted with Lions Logos. Then take rest of the money and purchase supplies to put

in the trailer. Sounded good, but the match for \$15,000 was \$3,750 which they did not have. The LCIF Grants dept suggested taking \$3750 from the \$9000 DCG fund. Money is still left in the DCG fund for another project or to continue accumulating; and the district will soon be ready for the next disaster response.

Donate to LCIF – Empowering Service and watch your District Community Grant grow!



FORUM

dozens of courses to empower community leaders. Lions can take one course or complete all of the requirements for three different degrees. This year, 2VDG Christine Woodward received her Bachelors of Lionism, IPCC Julia Kozicki received her Masters of Lionism, and Lion Jeff Kozicki received his Doctorate of Lionism. These degrees are only conferred at the Forum. For more information, visit lionsuniversity.org.

Next year's USA/Canada Forum will be held September 3-5 in Memphis Tennessee. We hope to see more than 100 Lions from Indiana in attendance as it is an incredible experience well worth the time and money. For more information on the Forum, visit lionsforum.org.



Photos provided

(ABOVE LEFT) International 1st Vice President Mark Lyon with Super Lion and PCC Julia during the Super Heroes of Service party on Thursday night. (ABOVE RIGHT) Lion University is an educational offering of the USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum. Lion Jeff Kozicki received his doctorate, PCC Julia Kozicki received her master's and 2VDG Christine Woodward received her bachelor's degree.

GUIDING LIONS TRAINING

Saturday, November 15, 2025

10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (ET)

Etna Green Community Building

338 S. Walnut St.

Etna Green, IN 46524

Cost - \$20 for lunch

RSVP to PCC Julia Kozicki

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by November 9



2025-2026

Roadmap to Success!
Club Excellence Award

2025-2026 Excellence Awards updates

Applications will not be necessary for the 2025-2026 award cycle. Awards will be distributed by Lions International to clubs that meet the updated criteria and eligibility requirements.

Club Excellence Award criteria

The Club Excellence Award acknowledges the dedication and legacy of service within individual clubs

MEMBERSHIP

- Induct a **minimum of two or 20% new members, whichever is greater** (not including transfer, reinstated or charter members). Eligibility is determined based on the club's membership count on June 30th of the previous Lion year.
- Or sponsor a **new Lions club**.

SERVICE

- Report a minimum of **four service activities** to Lions International.
- **Three** of these activities must show **participation in each of the three** International Weeks of Service

Amplify your club's impact during Weeks of Service

This initiative unites Lions and Leos worldwide to address the critical issues of mental health and well-being, hunger, and the environment. By participating, you'll be part of three impactful weeks dedicated to creating positive change and making a difference in communities around the globe – together. So get involved and help drive collective action for a better future!

Mark your calendars

Mental health and well-being
October 4-12, 2025

Hunger
January 3-11, 2026

Environment
April 18-26, 2026

LEADERSHIP

- Report **newly elected club officers** in **Lion Portal** by **May 15** of the current Lion year.
- A minimum of **10% of the club's members** complete any **three courses** in the Lions Learning Center.
- The **club president for the current Lion year** must **not have served more than two consecutive terms**.
- A minimum of **two or more club officers** (president, vice president, secretary or treasurer. Of which, **one must be the club president**) complete Club Officer Training (online with the Lions Learning Center or in-person as reported by a GLT coordinator in Learn) **between July 1 – December 31** of the current Lion year.

DONATIONS

- Contributed to LCIF a minimum of the club's **membership total on June 30th of the previous Lion year (2024-2025), multiplied by US\$20.**

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Addressing suicide among Veterans: causes, numbers & paths to hope

By DG Jim Furlong
District 25A Governor

Mental Health Awareness week is October 4-12. It's a good time to remember those who gave so much for their Country during times of conflict, often return home "changed" and sometimes struggle greatly until their only solution is to end their life.

Mental Health Awareness Week Spotlight

During Mental Health Awareness Week, our attention turns to a crisis that too often goes unseen: suicide among military veterans. These individuals, having faced unimaginable hardships in service to their country, often return home carrying invisible wounds. For some, the burden proves overwhelming, leading them to consider or attempt suicide — a tragic outcome that communities across the nation are striving to prevent.

Understanding the Causes

Veteran suicide is a complex issue, driven by factors both internal and external. After deployment, many veterans experience post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression, anxiety, and other mental health challenges. Exposure to combat, loss of comrades, and the transition from military to civilian life can create feelings of isolation, hopelessness, and a lack of purpose.

Physical injuries, chronic pain, and traumatic brain injuries add further layers of distress. Additionally, some veterans struggle with substance abuse as a coping mechanism. Social factors — such as difficulty finding employment, strained relationships, and lack of a support system — can amplify feelings of despair. Stigma surrounding mental health care may also prevent veterans from seeking the help they need, increasing risk.

Numbers That Demand Attention

Statistics highlight the urgency of this crisis. According to recent data from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), approximately 17 veterans die by suicide every day. Veterans

account for about 13.5% of all suicides in the United States, despite representing less than 8% of the adult population.

Rates are even higher among certain groups, including younger veterans (ages 18-34), those with recent deployments, and individuals experiencing homelessness. Firearm use is prevalent in veteran suicides, accounting for nearly 70% of these deaths, underscoring the need for targeted interventions.

Efforts to Reduce Veteran Suicide

Awareness, prevention, and support are at the heart of efforts to address veteran suicide. The VA and various organizations have launched initiatives to improve access to mental health care, reduce stigma, and offer support through community outreach.

Crisis intervention resources are vital for those in immediate distress. The Veterans Crisis Line provides confidential support 24/7 for veterans and their loved ones. Anyone in need can call 988 and press 1, chat online, or text 838255. Trained responders — many of whom are veterans themselves — listen, provide guidance, and connect callers with resources tailored to their situation. Community programs also offer peer support, counseling, and resources for employment, housing, and physical health. Public awareness campaigns encourage open conversations about mental health and the importance of seeking help.

Finding Hope Together

While the statistics are sobering, they are not insurmountable. Every effort to reduce suicide among veterans matters — from checking in with a friend to supporting local outreach programs. The path to healing begins with compassion, understanding, and action.

This Mental Health Awareness Week, let's honor those who have served by raising our awareness, addressing stigma, and sharing the resources mentioned. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those who sacrificed for our freedom.



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LOFS Lions hold Steak Fry on the Lake

The Annual Steak Fry on August 24 was a big hit in the Lake of the Four Seasons community. Lion Becky and her team put together a fun event which featured great food, a water

show and music by LOFS bartender Jenn and her partner.

The weather was fantastic, so a number of guests enjoyed the outside patio. Lions stepped up to cook

steaks as our guests requested, but many enjoyed cooking their own steaks and socializing around the grills.

Bartenders Trisha and Stacy kept the drinks flowing, and our Lions served

up corn on the cob, potatoes and salad. The event sold out at 6:15pm, but thanks to Lion Gary, more steaks were purchased, allowing us to serve more families. It was a great success!



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Lowell Lions Club members, left to right: Kevin Gray, Secretary; Jane Gray, Mel Goldman, Treasurer, Sue Kramer and Jennifer Cosenza, President.

Lowell Lions are proud & seeking new members

By Chuck Abraham
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Volunteers are the life's blood of any charitable organization, and the Lowell Lions Club is seeking new people to join their ranks.

President Jennifer Cosenza is in her 10th year as a member of the Lions Club. Her attraction to the Lions Club is summed up with one word: Service.

"I love the passion for people who want to volunteer and helping people in need," Cosenza explained. "Whether it's hunger, school

supplies, eyeglasses, you name it." To her, being a Lion means "having a heart for service." She said the most important aspect of the club for her is wanting to help others in need. "Hands down," Cosenza said.

Mel Goldman has been a member of the Lowell Lions Club for 45 years. Goldman, the club's treasurer, has served in many roles. He noted the organization has raised thousands of dollars that has gone right back into the community. He is a Melvin Jones Fellow, wears it well, and it shows. "I love my members,"

Goldman said. "I love this organization, and I love what this organization stands for."

Kevin Gray said it's an honor for him to be a member of the Lowell Lions Club. Gray admires his fellow Lions. He noted people like Goldman make the club the great organization it is today. Gray said giving back to the community is a core value of the organization.

"People like Mel are what make this club what it is," Gray said. "They give back to not only the club but to the people in the community, and that's what Lionism

is all about."

The Lowell Lions Club meets twice a month and volunteers their time working concessions for events around town, hiding eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt and even selling steaks for fundraising purposes. The club also volunteers with various service projects around the community.

For more information on the Lowell Lions Club, or to join, please call Cosenza at 219-806-5221, email her at jenncosenza@yahoo.com or visit them on Facebook at facebook.com/lowelllionsclub.

Westville serves up 'Soup-a-licious' community meal

The Westville Lions served a community meal at the Westville United Methodist Church at 541 W Main Street on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm.

The "Soup-a-licious" meal included salad, soup, rolls, coffee, water and desserts.

Fifty-two meals were served at this free event.

The Lions working at the event included: VDG Dave Dickinson, Lion Brian Pagels, Lion Dick Fagg, Lion Sandy Stein, Lion Connie Sobieski, Lion Russ McMoy, Lion Henry Haack, Lion Kayla & Ron Meyers, Boss Sandi Lee and Lion Richard Lambert.



At the August Membership meeting members and guests enjoyed the Annual Picnic and Steak Fry at the Scipio Township Park in Door Village. Newly elected President Lion Sue Kaiser welcomed spouses and 5 visiting Lions from the Madison Township Lions Club from Wyatt, Indiana. She also welcomed the spouse and family of our recently deceased fellow Lion Chuck Glen for the memorial brick laying in the Lions Memorial Walk. Immediately after the delicious carry-in dinner and steaks were eaten, Lions and guests all walked down to the Memorial Walk where Sandy Glen placed the engraved brick into the walk, and Lion George Morley offered a memorial to Lion Chuck Glen for his 30 years of dedicated service and good-hearted fellowship working together on building handicap ramps and countless other projects. Afterwards, Lion Sue

gave a very good, detailed report of her trip to Orlando to the Lions International Convention where Lions from all over the world meet once a year in July. It was extremely interesting to hear about the highlight of the convention the Parade of Nations where Lions from over 200 countries dressed in their native fashion participated in the parade in the extreme heat.

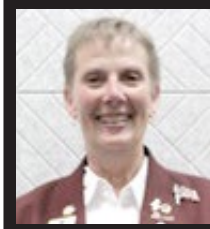
The address from newly elected president of Lions International, Lion A.P. Singh was also inspiring. He talked about his goal for all Lions Clubs to join him in three areas of service in the coming year, mental health and well-being, hunger and the environment. After Lion Sue's report she awarded door prizes with items she had collected at the convention. It was a great picnic and a good meeting with all Lion and guests enjoying their time together.



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Off to a great start

By **DG Pam Arnold**
District 25B Governor

Banner Night will be Saturday, October 25, at The Lighthouse Church in Monroe beginning at 6:00 pm. A fun evening is planned with door prizes, a silent auction, a trivia game, and a great speaker in Jim Platzer. See the September and October 25B newsletters for registration information. I would like to have at least 15 banners decorating the front of the hall. We will also be “passing the torch” among the past District Governors, so we would like as many of those at the event as well.

Please don’t forget that this year we have a goal of 50% of individual members making a donation to LCIF. Every dollar counts so if you can afford a \$10, \$20, or even more, that would be great. Also, for those that attend a Cabinet meeting and make a \$20 donation, your name will be entered in a drawing at each meeting for a special prize.

At the last Cabinet meeting, we decided to take part in a program that targets low vision and learning. We are making it possible for every school district in 25B to participate at no cost to

them during the first year. We will need to be training people on the Optix Plus vision screening device. This year, we will be targeting reading intervention classes in particular. If you would like to become involved in this project, please contact PDG Alan Arnold at 260-216-1101 or alanarnold899@gmail.com. We would like to get this project rolling early in 2026.

I have really enjoyed my visits to some of your clubs. Seeing all the projects and activities you are involved in reminds me of how great our Lions organization really is. If you have not yet scheduled a date for me to come to your club, please contact me soon.

Finally, is your club reporting your service activities? At last report, about 25% of the clubs in our district have reported at least one activity for the current Lions year. Our goal is 100%. If your secretary feels too busy to do this, you can appoint a Service Chair and they can report for the club. For more information on this, contact PDG Kaylene Souers, our district administrator.

Looking forward to visiting our club and hope to see you at Banner Night.

Heritage Lions donate beautiful new pavilion



The Heritage Lions Club, in collaboration with HAAA and Niemeyer Builders, contributed to a new park pavilion erected at the Hoagland Community Park. This will provide a shelter and shade for families as they visit the new playground. A celebration for the community was organized by the Heritage Lions Club with free ice cream for all ages on September 14. Those pictured from left to right: Nate Scheumann, HAAA; Joe Niemeyer, Niemeyer Builders; Tom Wolf, VP Heritage Lions Club; Cindy Wolf, President, Heritage Lions Club; Jon Niemeyer, Niemeyer Builders; Chad Scheumann, HAAA.

Monroeville welcomes three to the pride

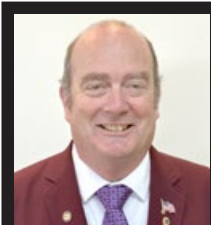


The Monroeville Lions were excited to welcome three new Lions at their September Kick-Off Meeting/Guest Night. (From left) Sponsor Susan Hoffman, Cindy Hoffman; Sponsor Kevin House, Heather Daniels; Sponsor Judy Wagner, Judy Rothgeb; PDG Jim Bush. PDG Jim inducted the new Lions and, also, shared a very interesting presentation on the Indiana Lions Eye Bank at their September Kick-Off Meeting/Guest Night.

Andrews Lions bestow W. P. Woods Fellowships on two great librarians



(ABOVE LEFT) The Andrews Lions Club presented a W. P. Woods Fellowship to Andrews-Dallas Librarian Nancy Disbro. Nancy has shown great Lionism for many years with her involvement in our Andrews Community. (From left) Lion Bev Morgan, Lion Don Morgan, presenting the fellowship is Lion Cheryl Okuly to Andrews Librarian Nancy Disbro, and Lion Mike Okuly. (ABOVE RIGHT) The Club also presented a W. P. Woods Fellowship to our Andrews-Dallas Assistant Librarian Dee Kochensparger. Dee has shown great Lionism in the Andrews Community by helping the Andrews community. (From left) Lion Bev Morgan, Lion Don Morgan, Lion Cheryl Okuly is presenting the Fellowship to Andrews Assistant Librarian Dee Kochensparger, and Lion Mike Okuly.



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Gosport gets gubernatorial visit



District Governor Paul Scheetz visited the Gosport Lions Club. During the visit the Governor was asked how many of the members present at the meeting were new members. The Governor guessed three, when in fact there were six new members. "Great Job Gosport, Keep Up the Great Work." At the end of the meeting the Governor was presented a T-shirt for the upcoming "Lazy Days Dash" Event.

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A great time of year

By DG Paul Scheetz
District 25C Governor

Greetings Lions,
We are entering my favorite time of the year. The trees are changing colors, temperature is very comfortable and there are a lot of lion's activities to choose from.

October 17 is the Riley Lions Club Jonah Fish Fry

from 4-7 PM. October 25 Prairie Creek Lions Club is having their Chili Dinner from 5-7 PM. Come out and show your lions' support.

Walking around the events with your lions' shirts, vests and/or hats, and talking to people in the communities about lions may encourage them to become lions.

A new cabin for the Diabetes Camp

Congratulations to the Martinsville Noon Lions Club. The Lions cabin that they have been working long and hard to raise the money to build is finished. An LCIF grant for the "Lions Cabin" project was instrumental in getting the cabin build. This new cabin is at the Diabetes Youth Foundation of Indiana (DYFI) Campgrounds in Noblesville and was used this summer as the camp helped hundreds of youth with diabetes learn to deal with their condition while having fun with others dealing with the same illness.



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There will be a formal Dedication Ceremony at the camp on October 24 in conjunction with the Mar-

tinsville Noon Lions Club's 100th Anniversary Celebration on October 25. Past International President Brian

Sheehan and Lion Lori are planning on being with us for the weekend. More details to come.

Leader Dogs impact our communities



Photo by Vicky Hrdy

Lion Bob Hrdy of the Lafayette Lions Club and an Associate at Indiana Lions for Leader Dog, with Lion Leader Dog Finn, and wife Lion Vicky (not shown) were at the Zionsville Fall Festival on September 6. They were there to tell the story of the Indiana Lions for Leader Dog and how these dogs change people's lives. Bob himself is a recipient of such dogs, with Finn being his most recent companion. After his talk to the crowd, a spectator said she was interested in raising a puppy. She had already contacted Leader Dog. Please reach out to a ILFLD Trustee or Associate in your District for them to talk at one of your meetings.

Lucerne Lions clean up



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Members of the Lucerne Lions Club hold a Maintenance Day at the Lucerne Lions Park. (From left) DG Paul Scheetz, Club Secretary Ruth Baker, Club President Rob Baker, and Club Treasurer Steve Thompson rake up downed limbs and pick up trash. They also checked the park equipment to ensure it is all in good operating condition.

Plenty of honor to go around in Young America



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Look who all received special recognition at Young America's Awards Night. (From left) Beth Collins, Lion of the Year! Paul Myers received a WP Woods Fellowship. Gary Butts and Jon Newlin both received well-earned Melvin Jones Fellowships. Congratulations to each of you for being such great Lions. The Young America Lions Club also received an AED from Cass County Community Foundation for their Ice Cream Building and their Ice Cream Trailer.

Making Spencer special



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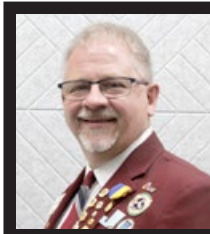
DG Paul Scheetz (second from right) and 1VDG Tom Schultz (far right) present PCC Jim Query, DS Charlotte Query, and Lion Doris Hammond with the Governor's Certificate of Appreciation for the outstanding work they do for the Spencer community. PCC Jim and DS Charlotte worked the summer in the club's Summer Food Program. All three recipients worked long hours to make the Community Apple Butter Festival a success.

Going looney in Zionsville



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The Zionsville Fall Festival was held Sept 5-7 in Lions Park in Zionsville. As part of the festivities, the Fall Festival Parade hosted 80 entries. Pictured is the ZLC float, put together by their very creative Float Committee. This year, the Fall Festival theme was Looney Tunes.



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Growing Lions’ influence as October rolls on

Russiaville Lions hand out 400 Constitution booklets

By **DG Jim Dubeansky**
District 25D Governor

Hello Fellow Lions,
Happy Fall and hope everyone is doing well. Been a busy month with club visits and attending my fellow District 25 Governor’s Banner Nights.

I had my Banner Night a couple of weeks ago and thoroughly enjoyed the evening and made great memories. October is going to be a busy month so time to get to work!

During the month of October, I would like to work on increasing our club membership. As a District, our goal this year was to gain 35 new members, but if we can exceed that number, that would be an awesome achievement.

Next is we would love to add a new club, which would also help us increase our membership numbers. We have some areas we are looking to try to open a club but as members, always be on the lookout or inquiring about an area that would have a need.

Now, as Lions, our objective is to serve. Clubs, get those service hours in and get your club out into the community. But I can’t stress enough to get in those service hours and I encourage clubs to brainstorm and come up with some new ways to serve your communities.

Everyone enjoy this beautiful Fall season!
*Your Fellow Lion,
Jim Dubeansky*

On Wednesday, September 17, the Russiaville Lions Club marked Constitution Day, also known as Liberty Day, by visiting Western Middle and High School to engage 8th and 11th grade students. The Indiana Lions Liberty Day initiative equips young people with essential background on the United States Constitution and places a complimentary copy of the document in each student’s hands.

Russiaville Lions distributed nearly 400 pocket-size Constitution booklets, printed through the statewide Liberty Day program led by PDG Bill Willis. Club member Lion Frank Faulkner delivered an overview highlighting the Constitution’s enduring role in safeguarding indi-



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Western Superintendent & WMS Asst Principal (pictured are Russiaville Lions Lori Seaman, Cindy Hurst, Reba Casler, Frank Faulkner, and Abe Rayle with Liberty Day speaker Daryl Maple, Middle School Principal Heather Yentes, and Superintendent Mark Dubois).

vidual rights, guiding civic life, and anchoring our nation’s promise of liberty under law. Howard County Councilman, Daryl Maple, was the guest speaker.

The Lions extend sin-

cere thanks to Western School Corporation administrators, educators, and board members for welcoming this convocation. Celebrating Liberty Day with Western’s students, the

Russiaville Lions affirmed a simple, powerful idea: when young people understand the Constitution, they are better prepared to participate in American democracy.



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DG Jim Dubeansky at 25D’s Banner Night.

Lions across 25D serve at State Fair

District 25D showed up in force to volunteer at the Indiana State Fair on August 9. Club members from Carmel, Greentown, Noblesville, Russiaville and others donned their vests and pitched in throughout the day, making sure fairgoers had a safe, friendly experience. The temperature was high and the sun was hot, but our Lions kept their cool!

Fair duty does more than fill shifts. It places our mission in front of thousands of neighbors who may never have met a Lion before. Every conversation, every small act of help and kindness, becomes an invitation to join us in “We Serve.”



Photo provided
Volunteers working during “25D Day” at the Indiana State Fair.

We are grateful to everyone who rearranged schedules, endured the heat, and represented 25D with such pride. Special thanks to the

Lions and fair staff who coordinated assignments, secured shade and hydration, and kept the day running smoothly. See you at next

year’s fair, with even more volunteers and even more reasons to serve. Thank you, Lions, for living our mission boldly.



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(From left) CC Rocky Simpson, DG John Spurgeon, DG Pam Arnold, DG Jackie Kurley, DG Jim Dubeansky, DG Paul Sheetz, and DG Angela Locke.

Banner Night for 25D

District Governor Jim Dubeansky hosted Banner Night for District 25D in Union City on Saturday, September 13. The proud Lions tradition recognizes clubs for service and renews our commitment to community.

Representatives from several clubs attended the annual celebration, including Upland, Saratoga, Matthews, Noblesville, and Greentown. Current Council Chair Rocky Simpson, Immediate Past Council Chair Julia Kozicki, and Past International Director Doug Lozier were in attendance along with four other current District Governors and many Past Council Chairs and Past District Governors.

This year’s theme, “Growing in Service,” framed the program and underscored how clubs across the district are expanding impact through volunteerism, partnerships, and leadership development. Attendees



Photo provided
DG Jim Dubeansky and CC Rocky Simpson at Banner Night.

enjoyed a social hour followed by dinner featuring chicken with potato wedges, corn, a roll, and dessert. The event also included DG Jim being knighted as a Knight of the Blind by CC Rocky, the passing of the “Scroll of Wisdom” from PDGs to DG Jim, and karaoke.

Throughout the evening, the spirit of Lion-

ism was on full display: humble service, gratitude, and a forward-looking vision for our communities. Many thanks to DG Jim, event organizers, and Lions who traveled to participate. Banner Night set an energizing tone for District 25D and reminded us that when we grow in service, we grow the good in every town we serve.



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(ABOVE) Noblesville and Zionsville Lions Club members screened eyes at Hinkle Creek Elementary in Noblesville. (BELOW) Noblesville and Zionsville Lions Club members screened eyes at Promise Road Elementary in Noblesville.

Screening elementary students for vision problems

Noblesville, Zionsville and Carmel Lions have been busy visiting elementary schools in Noblesville and Fishers to screen students for vision impairments. Using a high-tech screening device, the Lions check the children for visual disturbances. Children who are found to have a vision issue are then referred to an eye doctor for further

evaluation. Vision testing sits at the heart of Lions because clear sight changes lives. Simple screenings help identify issues like amblyopia, myopia, and astigmatism early, often before children or adults realize something is wrong. Catching problems sooner improves learning and behavior in school. For families facing

cost or access barriers, Lions-sponsored screenings create a bridge to follow-up care, eyeglasses, and community partners who can help. This commitment traces back to Helen Keller’s 1925 challenge that Lions become “knights of the blind,” and today it remains one of our most visible, measurable impacts.



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Students and Lions in the Lawrence County Circuit courtroom. (From left) Lion Judy Clifton, Newell Clifton, and Lion Jan Allen in front of wall and Judge Nathan Nikirk in the back center left at the bench.

Bedford Lions help students celebrate Constitution Day

On Tuesday, September 16, Lawrence County Circuit Judge Nathan Nikirk and members of the Bedford Lions Club helped local 8th graders celebrate Constitution Day, the anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution in 1787. Lion Club members arranged the logistics, coordinating the event with local schools, and obtaining pocket sized copies of the Constitution for each student from Lion Bill Willis from West Baden, who is the Indiana State chairperson for this project.

Those 8th graders attending from the Lawrence County Independent School, Springville Community Academy, and Lawrence County Home Schools gathered at the Lawrence County Circuit courtroom for Judge Nikirk's informational presentation on this foundational document. 8th graders from St Vincent De Paul School enjoyed a similar presentation from Hon. Anah Hewetson Gouty, Lawrence County Juvenile Referee Magistrate.

Following the first sessions Judge Nikirk along

with the Lions moved to the Schafer Auditorium at Bedford Middle School and shared this great information with the 8th graders there.

A total of over 300 students attended the three sessions and received new pocket size booklets of the United States Constitution. The students were made aware of the Constitution's role in defining rights, responsibilities and the structure of the United States Government. Several students used their new Constitution booklets to answer questions posed by Judge Nikirk, citing which

articles and sections described protections afforded to us as citizens, the roles of the 3 branches of government, insights into the judicial system, and at what age they would be eligible to run for a federal office.

Lions Club members share Judge Nikirk's hope that these young people will share the contents of their Constitution booklets with their parents, maintain an interest in local government, and become informed voters when they are eligible. It was a great day with some very impressive students!

The Lion Year keeps flying

By DG John Spurgeon
District 25E Governor

Time is flying by and we are already a quarter of the way through the Lions year as this October Hoosier Lion comes out. Mary Ann and I have been attending club meetings, club activities, and meeting Lions all over the district where they serve.

We had an educational time at USA Canada Leadership forum in Atlantic City, New Jersey from Sept. 17 to 20. Next year's Forum will be a lot closer to home in Memphis, Tennessee. I encourage each of you to attend!

Our keynote speaker for Friday's lunch was Warren Morris. Warren was a baseball player for his little league, high school, LSU where he hit the walk-off homerun to win the College National Championship, and the USA OLYMPIC TEAM, before being drafted by the Texas Rangers. He also played for the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Detroit Tigers. None of these things

would have happened if a little league coach had not ASKED him to play. So, you never know what might happen until you ask!

My Calendar is filling up for the rest of the year, but there is still room for us to come visit your club. Call or email me to schedule your Official Visit. In October there is the 2nd Council Meeting and Banner Nights in 25A and 25B and at least 10 days of vision screening in my zone. October will be busy!

- Oct. 8 Official Visit to Oakland City Lions
 - Oct. 9 Zone Meeting in New Salisbury
 - Oct. 11 Second Council Meeting in Crown Point
 - Oct. 21 French Lick/ West Baden Official Visit – 75th Anniversary!
 - Oct. 24 Noblesville Diabetes Camp Cabin Dedication
 - Oct. 25 Martinsville Noon 100th Anniversary
 - Oct. 28 Official Visit to Sullivan County Lions
- COME SERVE WITH US!**

Seymour Lions go hog wild for service at Pig in the Park

As organizer Larry Jourdan put it, "We served the community, big style."

Jourdan and his wife, Sherry Jourdan, joined the Seymour Noon Lions Club earlier this year, and when the new Lions year started in July, they were chosen to spearhead the Pig in the Park committee.

The Lions have conducted the event for several years, and for the second year in a row, Pig in the Park & Family Fun Fair remained a free event open to the community. "We turned this from a fundraiser into a service project," Lion Dana Phillips said in an article that appeared in the local newspaper, The Tribune.

The event was held on Sept. 6 at Gaiser Park in Seymour. The highlight was a free meal with choice of pork burger or hot dog, baked beans, chips, cookies and a drink. Lions prepared and served the pork burgers, hot dogs and baked beans, chips, cookies and drinks that were donated by local entities. There was enough food for 700 meals.

Helping with that effort were volunteers from the Boys & Girls Club of Seymour, family members of Lions and Sey-

mour High School baseball players and coaches.

While in the park, local residents could visit one of ten booths with community resources, including organizations that help people with special needs and representatives from a local bank, a local insurance agency, Meals on Wheels, the city's parks and recreation department and the library.

They also could listen to live music by local band Fly By Night, and kids could explore two bounce houses, have their face painted and sit in the driver's seat of a city firetruck.

This event provided an opportunity for Lions to live out the motto of "We Serve," giving back to the community that does so much for the organization.

"We've got some of the greatest Lions in Indiana," said Phillips, who leads marketing and public relations for the club. "Seymour has some of the greatest people that I've ever met, and marketing gives me the opportunity to meet these people, share my views, hear their views. I get to hear where they feel the concerns are in the community because that's what we do. We help the community."



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(TOP) Seymour Noon Lions Club members Rosy Jennings, Larry Jourdan, Angie Hoevenner and Derek Garcia serve free meals during the club's annual Pig in the Park & Family Fun Fair on Sept. 6 at Gaiser Park in Seymour. (ABOVE LEFT) Curt Staley with the Seymour Noon Lions Club mans the grill during the club's annual Pig in the Park & Family Fun Fair on Sept. 6 at Gaiser Park in Seymour. (ABOVE RIGHT) The Seymour Noon Lions Club's annual Pig in the Park & Family Fun Fair was Sept. 6 at Gaiser Park in Seymour.

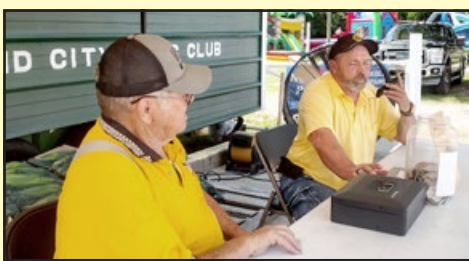
Fayetteville ready for New Year



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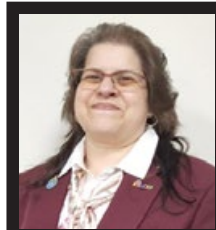
The Fayetteville Community Lions Club held their Officer Induction Ceremony on Thursday August 14 at Fayetteville Lions Club Park. They were excited to welcome Past International Director Nick Xinopolous and his Partner in Service Lion Gretchen Xinopolous from the Brownsburg Club to conduct the ceremony. Lion President Rick Ferguson was a member of the Brownsburg Club in the past with Lions Nick and Gretchen. The Lions provided a pitch in dinner to celebrate the occasion and look forward to the new Lion year. (ABOVE, from left) Gretchen Xinopolous, 1 Year Director Jim Burch, Secretary/Treasurer Lynn Burch, 1st VP Mary Barnes, 2nd VP Sean Ricketts(kneeling), Lion President Rick Ferguson II, Lion Tamer Neysa Mitchell, 1 Year Director Bud Mitchell, Past International Director Nick Xinopolous, and Membership Chairman David Pinnick.

Things got sweet in Oakland City



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The 59th annual Sweet Corn Festival was held on August 7-9 by the Oakland City Lions Club. The volunteering of local organizations, businesses and individuals helped to make it a large success. The community enjoyed food, a parade, nightly entertainment, amusement rides and, of course, the sweet corn. The club is looking forward to hosting next year's 60th festival and hopes to make it a special one! (TOP LEFT) PDG Glen Georges, Lion Cheri Williams, and Lion Todd Lynch shucking corn. (TOP RIGHT) DG John Spurgeon in the Sweet Corn Parade. (ABOVE LEFT) Lion Dale Leffler and Lion Jim Smith handling corn sales. (ABOVE RIGHT) Francisco Lions Club and PDG Erica Thomas helping to serve meals while PDG Glen Georges and Lion Sue Leffler handle collections at tables' end.



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Fall is in the air Time for festivals, fundraisers & district meetings

By DG Angela Locke
District 25F Governor

Although fall officially arrived on September 22, the warm days lingering into late September had us wondering if summer was trying to stick around a little longer. But you won't hear me complaining—I'm no fan of cold weather!

I had the pleasure of visiting four clubs recently, and as always, I left inspired by the dedication and generosity of our Lions. Each visit reminded me of the incredible impact we're making in our communities, and the following is just a small sample of the great work each is doing.

• **Liberty Lions** hosted their annual *Smokin' on the Water* festival in August, raising funds for their *Christmas for Children* project. Thanks to their efforts, and coordination with local churches, 50 to 100 children will receive not only Christmas presents but also essential winter hats and gloves. What a beautiful example of service in action!

• **Sulphur Springs Lions** brought the community together with an Ice Cream Social and their beloved Chicken BBQ during *Community Days*. Proceeds support their local park and building - true gems in this small but mighty town.

• **Centerville Lions** are gearing up for the town's *Fall Festival* on October 11 and have generously offered to host our *Fall District Meeting* on October 18. Thank you, Centerville Lions! I hope to see many of you there.

• **Bright Lions** continue to shine with their medical equipment lending program, a vital service that truly embodies our motto: *"Where there is a need, there is a Lion."*

I had the honor of judging the King and Queen contest at the *Versailles Pumpkin Show*—the oldest pumpkin show in Indiana! It was a wonderful time full of community spirit and tradition.

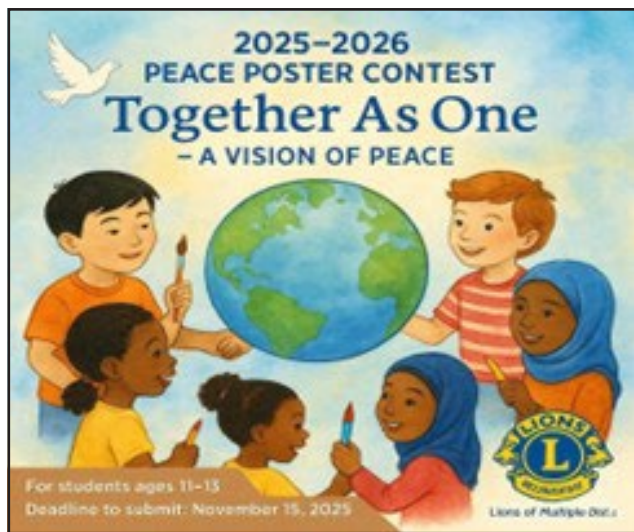
Meanwhile, Lions across the district have been hard at work conducting **vision screenings** as the school year kicks off. These screenings are a crucial service, and school nurses are very appreciative of the time and care our Lions dedicate to this effort. Keep up the amazing work!

I'm looking forward to visiting several clubs in October including Indy Washington Township on the 13th, Beech Grove on the 16th, and Ben Davis on the 23rd. And don't forget, the **Fall District Meeting** is **Oct. 18** in Centerville!

Also on the horizon is the **2nd Council of Governors Meeting** on **Oct. 11** in District A at the Lake of the Four Seasons clubhouse. That evening, we'll celebrate **DG Jim Furlong's Banner Night**—a costume party that promises to be a fun-filled event!

If your club hasn't scheduled a visit yet, please reach out to **CS Angie Crouch** at mwam2893@gmail.com. I'd love to hear all about the great things you are doing for your community!

*Yours in Service,
DG Angela*



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Encouraging Peace Worldwide

PDG Linda Scott
Peace Poster
Committee Chair

The Lions Peace Poster Contest is an annual international competition sponsored by LCI for young people ages 11, 12, or 13 to visually express a global theme of peace and understanding through their artwork. Get your Peace Poster Kits now! Then present this project to school groups, church groups, scouts, 4-H Clubs, or Boys and Girls club, or grandchildren. Get them to

design their poster and enter the contest.

I would love to see lots of entries from District F and the entire Multiple District this year. Let's find those artists. Your club will need to order the kits from the LCI Store. Be sure to read the rules (found inside the kit) then find those creative kids. Kits are available January 15 to October 1.

If you have any questions or need help please reach out to me. I am here to help! Contact me at 317-697-2039 or lindamscott@comcast.net.



A Camp Woodsmoke update

By Lion Andy Schwier
CWS Chair

For those that don't know, Camp Woodsmoke is located on 264 acres near Greensburg, In and offers a special opportunity to campers with special needs. Camp Woodsmoke is an ongoing project of the Lions of Indiana District 25-F, and is funded entirely by donations from Lions clubs, individuals, and benevolent organizations.

Camp Woodsmoke depends on our volunteers

to help keep our camp and events great. With your help we can provide an amazing atmosphere for the people we serve and create memories that will last a lifetime.

The camp is celebrating its 60th anniversary with a pin. Contact a trustee to purchase your pin. All proceeds support the camp.

The infirmary still needs donations to complete renovations after the storm damage. There have been lots of recent repair costs with a new well pump, water heat-

er, and water softener, and down tree removal. If you can help financially send to Lion Owen Menchhofer 1970 N. County Road 300 West, Holton, IN 47023. When you donate to Camp Woodsmoke please note in the check memo where the donation is to go. If not noted in the memo donation will go to general funds for operational costs or where most needed. The monthly cost to operate the camp is \$3,000 to \$3,500.

I want to invite Lion members & others to come

and visit the Camp. It needs more awareness in the community and in District 25F. It truly is a hidden treasure. Spread the word! Many thanks to the Clubs and individuals who continue to support Camp Woodsmoke financially as well as participation in Camp events. **THE BEST!**

Also, a big thank you to all Camp Woodsmoke trustees and our camp caretaker Belinda for all that you do. If you are interested in being a trustee, contact your District Trustees.

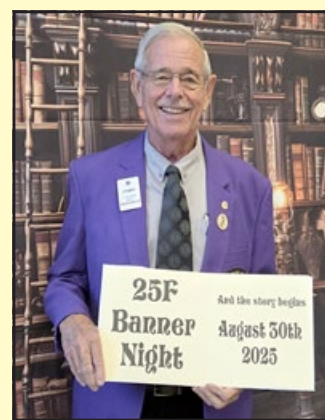
Clermont Rodeo returns



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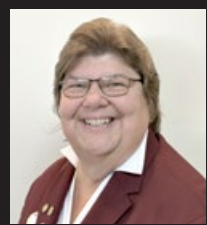
The Clermont Lions Club hosted its 70th Clermont Rodeo after being on hiatus since COVID came to town. It was a wonderful event that started with the Parade that ran through town and ended inside our park where the festival of vendors began. The night was topped off with the Rodeo that had a packed house with standing room only! Photos include Lions from several clubs ... It takes a family of Lions to put on a show this big! (TOP LEFT) Opening Ceremony of the Rodeo. (TOP RIGHT) Clermont Lions Theresa & Sylvia working in the concession stand. (CENTER LEFT) Leos and Lions riding in the Clermont Wagon. (CENTER RIGHT) Clermont Lions Brian and Joe (2VDG) working the grills. (ABOVE LEFT) Lion Toni Robbins of Chapel Hill working at the festival. (ABOVE RIGHT) Lion Sam Goldsberry of the Lizton Lions driving his tractor.

Bring out the banners!



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District 25F held its Banner Night on August 30. (TOP) 2025-2026 District Governors pictured with CC Rocky Simpson at DG Angela's Banner Night. (ABOVE LEFT) The head table at DG Angela's Banner Night (from left) 2VDG Joe Shead, 1VDG Brenda Wilson, DG Angela Locke, PDG Jeffrey Locke, and PDG Ed Harper. (ABOVE RIGHT) PDG Ed Harper, who served as emcee at DG Angela's Banner Night.



Roars from District G

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Led by Charles Buller, the Africa Leadership Coaching Network helps distribute the glasses in the DRC.

District 25G expands vision efforts around the world

District 25G Lions have long been known for their commitment to eyeglass recycling, and their impact is now reaching far beyond local communities. Each year, the district's collection efforts produce a surplus of reading glasses. Rather than let those glasses sit unused, District 25G shares them with organizations that can put them to work—helping people who otherwise might not have access to such a basic, life-changing resource.

One of these partnerships is with the Africa Leadership Coaching Network, which works alongside Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission in Goshen, Indiana, and Africa Enterprise DRC in Kinshasa, Congo. Through this collaboration, reading glasses from northern Indiana are finding their way to Central Africa, specifically the Congo (DRC) and Angola.

Locally, this effort is guided by Charles Buller, who travels to the region to support empowerment programs designed to build



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Locals who benefited from the recycled eyeglasses collected by Lions.

leadership skills and improve living conditions. A major part of that work involves literacy classes with textbooks and other printed materials. But for many in these communities, especially women, poor eyesight makes reading nearly impossible. That's where District 25G's surplus reading glasses step in, providing an essential tool for learning and personal growth.

The district's gener-

osity doesn't stop in Africa. Reading glasses are also supplied to Native American reservations in Arizona and Wyoming in cooperation with other Lions and partner organizations that request assistance.

Of course, District 25G's eyeglass mission work has deep roots. Since the early 1980s, the district has been at the forefront of eyeglass recycling and continues to sponsor annual missions to

central Mexico. Each year, more than 20 Lions travel to distribute prescription eyeglasses, serving around 3,000 people over the course of a five-day clinic.

From Mexico to Central Africa to Native American communities here in the U.S., District 25G Lions are proving that something as small as a pair of glasses can open the door to opportunity, learning, and a brighter future.

Dunlap supports HUGS Project

The HUGS Project, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting U.S. service members, continues to make a difference for troops stationed in some of the world's hottest climates. The group provides care packages and "HUGS," which are cooling ties designed to help service members cope with extreme desert heat.

A HUG is made of sand-colored cotton, allowing it to blend with desert camouflage, and is filled with polymer crystals that absorb water. Once soaked in cold water, the tie swells and provides cooling relief for hours. Soldiers often wrap them around their necks before heading into missions where temperatures can climb well above 130 degrees.

The Dunlap Lions Club recently contributed items to be included in ship-



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Items donated from Dunlap Lions and HUGS shipping team, Linda Fry, Kay Creech, Chris Stack, Kori Fortunato (Dunlap Lions president), and Carole West who serves as the HUGS organization's secretary and public relations representative.

ments for deployed service members. This partnership between the Lions and the HUGS Project highlights

the shared commitment to service, whether across the street or across the globe. By working together, Lions

continue to extend care and gratitude to those who serve in challenging environments far from home.

Pencils & Pancakes: a sweet success for Southwood students

By PDG Tom Polk

The LaFontaine Lions Club's Pencils and Pancakes Breakfast on Saturday, August 9, was both a community gathering and a service project with lasting impact. While attendance at the breakfast was steady, the real highlight of the morning was the incredible outpouring of generosity from our community.

Guests enjoyed scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, and sausage — all by freewill donation — while also bringing in much-needed school supplies to benefit Southwood Elementary School. Items such as #2 pencils, glue sticks, washable and dry-erase markers, wipes, class-

room snacks, paper plates, and more were collected in abundance.

The collected supplies will stock the classroom pantry at Southwood Elementary, giving teachers and students quick access to essentials throughout the school year. These donations were delivered to the school on Tuesday, ensuring that classrooms are better prepared for the year ahead.

The LaFontaine Lions are grateful for the community's support, both from those who joined us for breakfast and from those who contributed supplies. Every notebook, marker, and snack will make a difference in helping kids feel ready to learn.



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As the basket of donations overflowed, it became clear that Pencils and Pancakes was more than just breakfast — it was neighbors coming together to

give Southwood students a strong start to the school year. The Lions are proud to serve a community that continues to show its heart for helping others.

Embracing the season of change

By DG Jackie Kurley
District 25G Governor

As autumn arrives, Indiana Lions are reminded of the lessons this season brings. While summer carries warm memories, fall speaks directly to the heart of Lionism — growth through change, gratitude, and service.

Just as leaves fall to make way for new life, Lions can use this time to release what no longer serves their clubs and communities. It is a season to welcome fresh ideas, to think beyond traditional approaches, and to explore new ways of serving. Growth requires change, and autumn encourages Lions to embrace it.

The harvest season also symbolizes abundance after months of dedication. For Lions, this reflects the service projects and initiatives that bear fruit in communities across the state. It is a moment to celebrate results and to give thanks. As Thanksgiving approaches, Indiana Lions are grateful for the blessings, experi-

ences, and opportunities to serve.

Autumn's slower pace invites reflection — on past efforts and on future goals. This is an ideal time for Lions to set intentions for personal development and for strengthening their clubs. District G provides resources and support to help:

- **Global Service Team** — sharing project ideas of all sizes.

- **Global Membership Team** — encouraging invitations to new members through service.

- **Global Leadership Team** — helping Lions discover and grow as leaders.

- **Global Extension Team** — guiding the formation of new clubs.

Indiana Lions are encouraged to take advantage of these resources and to share their own ideas for the district's future. As the seasons turn, Lions across the state continue to grow, to serve, and to prepare for new beginnings — proving once again that District G is "Quite Possibly the Greatest Lions District on Earth!"



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Lydick Lion Paul Yuhasz delivering prescription bottles to Matthew 25 Ministries.

Lydick Lions collect prescription bottles for Matthew 25 Ministries

Between July and September 18, 2025, the Lydick Lions Club gathered, washed, and sanitized 2,629 used prescription bottles for donation to Matthew 25 Ministries in Blue Ash, Ohio. On September 19, Lions Wendy and Paul Yuhasz personally delivered the bottles to the organization, ensuring that the club's service project reached those in need. The club has already begun collecting bottles for its next delivery.

Matthew 25 Ministries is an international humanitarian aid and disaster relief organization dedicated to serving the poor across the United States and around the globe. The nonprofit

collects excess products from corporations, manufacturers, and the general public, then ships these items to regions experiencing poverty or crisis. Areas served include North America, Central America, the Caribbean, South America, and Sub-Saharan Africa.

Through this ongoing project, the Lydick Lions demonstrate how small items, when gathered with care and purpose, can contribute to global humanitarian relief. By partnering with Matthew 25 Ministries, Lions extend their impact far beyond local communities — proving once again that service knows no boundaries.

**Check out the
Indiana Lions
Facebook page!
Facebook.com/IndianaLions**

We need YOU at the Mid-Winter Conference!

By **PCC Keith Thomas**
*Mid-Winter Conference
Committee Chair*

With the cost going up on **EVERYTHING** this year, the Mid-Winter Conference Committee researched and negotiated with various hotels and conference centers trying to find the best place to hold the upcoming 37th Mid-Winter Conference. The Crowne Plaza Airport was

easily the best value for the Lions. On Friday, Jan. 16, starting in the afternoon, we will again assemble our Care-ing Cases, first aid kits using eyeglass cases and toiletry kits made up of personal hygiene items. These cases will be given to the District Governors to distribute in their districts. Social time begins at 6 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be a choice of beef tips or chicken marsala. Shortly following

dinner, the former Jeopardy! winner of the committee suggested Game Show Battle Rooms! Game Show Battle Rooms hold various game shows as seen on TV, like Wheel of Fortune and Family Feud. Various Lions will be selected from the audience to play! Sounds like a fun evening, for a bargain price of \$50 per person for the entire evening. Registration on Saturday starts at 8 a.m. with project displays, ven-

dor tables and silent auction going until 3 p.m. The Seminar Committee has worked hard to bring you interesting and informative seminars and speed learning sessions. At lunch, we will be having the Siesta Buffet. Sorry, no time for napping! The Keynote Speaker will be Amber Cox, the chief operating officer and general manager for the Indiana Fever! We have tried to hold the line

of costs down as much as possible. The Early bird Registration for all of Saturday until the end of November is \$65. Starting Dec. 1, the price will increase to \$75. First times attendees will receive a \$10 discount. Attending the conference, but not eating any meals rate is \$35. The committee is excited to be presenting a great conference and are looking forward to seeing **YOU** there.



37th Mid-Winter Conference Saturday, January 17, 2026 The Lions of Indiana

Make your plans now to join us for a weekend of food, fun, and fellowship.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE

KICK OFF DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT FRIDAY NIGHT - JANUARY 16TH

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

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

FOLLOWED BY GAME SHOW BATTLE ROOMS!

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

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

Saturday Conference Schedule

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

LUNCH SATURDAY FOLLOWED BY KEYNOTE SESSION PRESENTED BY AMBER COX, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER AND GENERAL MANAGER FOR THE INDIANA

FEVER. Menu: Siesta Buffet - Mexican Salad with Cilantro Lime Dressing, Latin Seasoned Ground Beef and Corona Marinated Grilled Chicken Fajitas with Peppers and Onions, Assorted Tortilla and Taco Shells, Lime Rice and Refried Bean, Churro Doughnuts and Dulce De Leche Cheesecake, Coffee and Tea

SEMINAR SCHEDULE

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

Seminar 1

Title: Lion Membership Orientation
Presenter: PDG Tom Robbins
Description: Whether you are a new or “seasoned” Lion come and more about Lionism and how to help new Lions.

Seminar 2

Title: Using the Lions Portal
Presenter: TBD
Description: As the Portal continues to expand and improve, learn the ins and outs of putting it to work for you.

Seminar 3

Title: Inviting Made Easy
Presenter: PDGs Jim Bush & Charlie Short
Description: We all want to expand our membership and be able to do more service. Learn how to get past the fear of the ask.

Seminar 4

Title: Serving your Club
Presenter: PDG Mark Clark
Description: Does the thought of being a club officer scare you? This informative session will go over the various positions and give you the tips and skills to do a great job and make your club even stronger.

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

Seminar 5

Title: Zeffy and Your Club
Presenter: Lions Dan Moynihan & Jennifer Niemeyer
Description: Learn how Zeffy can be used by your club to take online payments with no fees and can do so much more. This session will show you how to start using it in minutes.

Seminar 6

Title: Using AI to Promote your Club
Presenter: TBD
Description: Ever has issues writing an article or a follow-up letter? With finding corporate or work partners? Learn how AI can be used to help simplify these tasks.

Seminar 7

Title: How to Build a Leo Club
Presenter: 2VDG Wendy Semans
Description: Leo Clubs are an exciting way to get younger people involved in service. Come learn how to start and grow a club with Leos from across the state.

Seminar 8

Title: The GMA Approach to Revitalizing Your Club.
Presenter: IPCC Julia Kozicki
Description: The Global Membership Approach (GMA) can be used to revitalize a club. Come and learn what PIP Brian Sheehan calls “the secret sauce” of Lionism.

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

Seminar 9

Title: Gaming Rules
Presenter: Mark Mason
Description: Does your club host games? Learn what you need to stay legal from the Assistant Director of the Indiana Gaming Commission.

Seminar 10

Title: Creating a Great Newsletter
Presenter: PDG Marty Juel
Description: A well-crafted newsletter is a critical communication tool for all Lions. Learn how to create engaging articles for your own newsletter and for all media to tell the story of your club to your community.

Seminar 11

Title: Creating a Club Google Profile
Presenter: Peter Brown of Ash Interactive
Description: Learn why your club needs a Google business profile and how to set it up.

Seminar 12

Title: Pediatric Cancer Update
Presenter: Dr. Jennifer Belsky
Description: Last year, Dr. Belsky of Riley Hospitals gave an inspired talk on her work in pediatric cancer research. Join us for an update of this critical work.

Session 4 (2:30-3:30)

Speed Learning

Back again this year! Speed learning provides the attendee the chance to learn about 4 topics in a fun and fast format. Come one come all to the greatest circus of Lion Learning available for one day only!

Attendee Registration Form

37th Annual Lions of Indiana - Mid-Winter Conference

Saturday, January 17, 2026

(each attendee is asked to complete a separate form)

- EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION:** \$65
MUST BE POSTMARKED OR EMAILED BY NOVEMBER 29, 2025.
- REGISTRATIONS POSTMARKED OR RECEIVED AFTER DECEMBER 1 and ON-SITE:** \$75
- CONFERENCE REGISTRATION - NO MEALS:** \$35
- FRIDAY 1/16 – DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT** \$50

ALL FIRST TIME ATTENDEES RECEIVE A \$10 DISCOUNT!

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations must be received prior to January 7, 2026 to receive a refund.

NO REFUNDS AFTER January 7. 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.

PAY ONLINE BY GOING TO WWW.INDIANALIONS.ORG
(No credit card processing fees).

OR SEND COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND CORRECT

REMITTANCE TO: Lion Cheri Faulkner,

1021 Woodpointe Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46234

clermontlionlady58@yahoo.com (317) 271-3314

Make Checks Payable to: Lions of Indiana, Inc. OR

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Name: _____

Club: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ District: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

() This is my first Mid-Winter Conference.

I was encouraged to attend by: _____

Registration:

() \$65.00 early-bird (Before 11/29)

() \$75.00 (after 12/1)

() \$35.00 Conference Only - No Lunch

() \$50.00 Friday Dinner

(Circle) Beef Tips or Chicken Marsala

() LESS \$10 for First Time Attendees!

= 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.

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

SPEED LEARNING TOPICS

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

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE INFO

Vendor/Exhibitor Application

If you'd like to be a vendor or exhibitor at the Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference in January 2026, simply cut out and fill in the application below.



INDIANA LIONS MID-WINTER CONFERENCE



January 17, 2026
Crowne Plaza, Indianapolis Airport

Lions or Project Exhibitor

6'x30" table

3' space = \$15.00

6' space = \$30.00

Commercial Vendor

6' x 30" table = \$50.00

Plus 10% of sales

Please advise if electricity is needed

Please return completed form and payment by December 15, 2025

To:

Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos

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Brownsburg, Indiana 46112

liongretchen@att.net

Make checks payable to : 2026 Mid-Winter Conference

Name _____

Organization/Club _____

Email _____ Phone _____

_____ Lion 1/2 table \$15.00 _____ Lion full table \$30.00 _____ Commercial Vendor \$50.00

Total Enclosed _____



Special Olympics Indiana Indiana Lions & Special Olympics Partnership

By Zach Spicer
District 25E

Lions of Indiana makes an annual donation to Special Olympics Indiana, a nonprofit organization that offers sports training and competition for individuals with intellectual disabilities ages 8 and up.

In turn, Lions of Indiana has a committee dedicated to encouraging participation in local, regional and state Special Olympics events by providing assistance and volunteers.

The committee recently met to update the partnership with Special Olympics Indiana. The goal is to develop long-term support for the state program through this partnership, which is reviewed annually.

Each member of the committee is tasked with spreading the word throughout his or her district and beyond to let fellow Lions know about opportunities to volunteer at Special Olympics events and also promote and support the partnership.

There are more than 70 Special Olympics programs in Indiana, some focused on one county and some for two or three counties. Each offers a variety of Olympic-type sports, including track and field, bocce, powerlifting, cornhole, bowling, softball, volleyball, basketball and more. For several of the sports, there are local, area and state competitions, and these are perfect opportunities for Lions to get engaged.

In September, Lions were invited to volunteer at

cornhole sectionals in each of Special Olympics Indiana's 10 areas and the state tournament in Westfield.

Upcoming competitions include bowling area tournaments on the first weekend of November, the Unified volleyball state tournament Nov. 15 and the bowling state tournament on the first weekend of December.

The committee has a new contact at the Special Olympics Indiana office, Trevor Hill. He said SOI will develop a yearly calendar of events, feature the Lions of Indiana partnership in literature and multimedia and provide Special Olympics athletes as speakers upon request.

Also, the committee is promoting participation in the Premier Medal Program, which includes a gold-level minimum donation of \$500, a silver-level minimum donation of \$250 or a bronze-level minimum donation of \$125.

For information about this partnership, email committee chairman Bill McDonald at lionmcdonald53@gmail.com. Other members of the committee are Nicolas Gonzalez from District A, Roger Cash from District B, Pat Short from District C, Zach Spicer from District E and advisor Charlie Short from District C.

To learn more about volunteering with Special Olympics Indiana, visit soindiana.org/volunteer or reach out to county programs in your area. Information can be found online at soindiana.org/find-your-local-program.

Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

By State Chairman
Glen Georges

Thank you for everything Indiana Lions do for the ISBVI! A lot is happening with this state project. We ended the last Lions year with the approved purchase of 25 new computers for the school.

August 23rd was the most recent meeting of 12 out of the 19 Trustees. We did a small service project, stocking the Teachers Closet with much needed school supplies and hygiene products. This was a huge success!

Meeting discussions included Bryans Trike Race and the Disc Golf Race. We have a place to do the trike races but the disc golf is still undecided. We talked about the disc golf possibly being a remote type event that is held in each district. More on this to come.

We will be manning a booth at Mid-Winter Conference and hope you will

come to see us! We would like to remind you that we have a fellowship you may purchase - a beautiful vase. For a \$500 purchase, you can obtain this fellowship.

We also approved the purchase of goals for goalball, a dynamic team sport created for athletes with visual impairments, played in complete silence to enhance the use of hearing for locating a ball containing bells.

Our Trustees would love to come visit your club or Zone meeting and discuss all the great things going on with Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Feel free to reach out to a Trustee and get a visit scheduled.

And lastly, I would like to personally ask that if you have not made a donation to ISBVI, please do so. We cannot keep supporting this school without your continued contributions. We appreciate all your assistance!

Items needed for Silent Auction



2026 Mid-Winter Conference – January 17, 2026

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



Wanted:
Puppy Raisers
for Leader Dogs
for the Blind

For more information
or to have a speaker
come to your club,
contact your Indiana
Lions for Leader Dogs,
Inc. Trustees or visit
LeaderDog.org

Lions at the Indiana State Fair

By Rose M. Russell, ILF Trustee
Indiana State Fair Chairperson

The Indiana Lions Foundation (ILF) provided manpower to staff six gates at the 2025 Indiana State Fair for the 15-day run of the fair. Between 90 and 95 volunteers were required each day to meet the staffing obligation.

Our day at the Fair began at 5:15 AM and ended between 8:30 PM and 9:00 PM. The day was divided into three shifts. The early morning shift began at 5:15 AM and ended at 9:00 AM. The morning shift began at 7:15 AM and ended at 3:00 PM. The afternoon shift began at 1:30 PM and ended between 8:30 PM and 9:00 PM depending on the day. This is the largest fundraiser for the Indiana Lions Foundation.

In return for volunteering, the Foundation offers State Fair Points to all those who volunteer. One point is earned for the shorter early morning shift and two points are earned for each of the longer morning and afternoon shifts.

How to use the credits
1. Apply for a W.P. Woods Fellowship (12 credits). The application for the Fellowship may be found on the Foundation website. The form may be completed online or printed. When the printed form is completed, email it to PCC Sue Topf at JimandSue1@comcast.net or mail it to her at 9152 Key Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46234.

2. Apply for a Community Service Grant. The Grant may be used to donate to individual Clubs, State Projects, each District, ILF, LCIF, or to request money for a special project. Special projects need to be approved by ILF. 10 points are needed for a grant of \$200.00 with an individual limited to using a total of 20 points per year.

Points accumulate if not used in a single year. If points are donated to an individual's club, the club may apply for the grant and use the money for any project (no project approval by ILF necessary). The only restriction is that the grant may not be used for administrative funds. In-

dividuals may also pool points to make a donation and points may be transferred to someone else.

Send the Community Service Grant request to the ILF Treasurer, PDG Marlyn Fast. His email address is mafast1107@gmail.com and his mailing address is 24261 County Road 126, Goshen, IN 46526. The check will be made payable to the designated recipient and mailed to the individual requesting the donation. It is the individual's responsibility to present the check.

On behalf of the Indiana Lions Foundation, I want to thank the Council, District Governors, Vice District Governors, Lions, LEOs, Lions family members, and Lions friends for their support, and a special thank you to our Gate Supervisors for all their hard work. In all, 314 individuals filled 1,293 shifts. The Indiana State Fair pays the Indiana Lions Foundation for our volunteer hours.

This year, the ILF will receive more than \$86,000 from the Indiana State Fair. This is the largest payday the Foundation



has ever earned for participation in the Indiana State Fair.

Thanks to PID Doug Lozier who put together a slide show of pictures taken at the Fair this year. Use the QR Code above to go directly to the ILF Facebook to view the slide show or go to [Facebook.com/IndianaLionsFoundation](https://www.facebook.com/IndianaLionsFoundation) to visit the ILF Facebook page.



(ABOVE LEFT) Oregon-Davis LEO Club members and advisor at ILF check-in booth. (ABOVE RIGHT) Lion Joann Hunter scans tickets at Gate 3.



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(ABOVE LEFT) PDG Kathy Lozier and Lion Rose Russell at ILF check-in booth. (ABOVE RIGHT) Lion Mike Rowe, Lion Judy Jordan, PDG Ed Harper, Lion Mark Crouch at Infield SW.



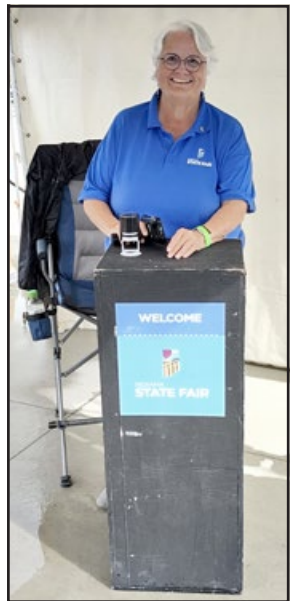
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(ABOVE LEFT) PCC Reed Fish, PID Nick Xinopoulos, and Lion Steven Lattimore at Gate 1W. (TOP RIGHT) PID Doug Lozier and Lion Angela Himes at Gate 3 ticket booth. (ABOVE RIGHT) Lion Jim Tibbs, PDG Paul Russell, and Lion Rose Russell at the ILF check-in booth.



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(ABOVE, from left) Lion Cheri Faulkner sells tickets at Gate 1W. 1VDG Brenda Wilson sells tickets at Gate 1W. Lion Eric Russell sells tickets at Infield NW. PDG Ron Guth sells tickets at Gate 3. Lion Cindy Russell scans tickets at Infield NW.