

# The Lions of Indiana now have a new home

The Lions of Indiana State Office Building located at 8780 Purdue Road in Indianapolis has been sold and we have vacated those premises.

The Lions of Indiana office is now located at 9002 Vincennes Circle, Suite 110, Indianapolis. This is one mile west of 8780 Purdue Road in the Fortune Park office complex. This building is the national headquarters of the Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority, a beautiful facility that will meet our office and gathering needs extremely well for the foreseeable future. The sorority leadership and staff have been extraordinarily welcoming to us as their one and only tenant.

The District F Eyeglass Recycling office will remain as a tenant at 8780 Purdue Road under the direction of PDG Ed Harper. Used eyeglasses may be dropped off there as in the past.

All Lions are encouraged to visit the new office during regular office hours from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Lions will access the building via the side entrance door marked with a Lions decal by activating the call button. State Secretary Lion Ann Ninness will respond and greet you at the door. Lion Ann can be reached at (317) 824-1024.

One of the transitional challenges for us is the closing of the brick plaza at 8780 Purdue Road, which contains about 400 engraved pavers that have been purchased as a fundraising project of the Indiana Lions Foundation. The Foundation plans to commission a display in the new office suite containing all

of the names of Lions, clubs, memorial tributes, and state projects who have purchased pavers over the years. The Foundation is working with a local awards firm on designing this display. If you have purchased a paver in previous years and want to have that paver given to you, please text Lion John Wilkins at (317) 408-7515 or by email at [jw6222@earthlink.net](mailto:jw6222@earthlink.net) and specify the name on the paver you wish to have retrieved.

It is anticipated that the paver contractor will complete the work in November and will store our pavers until March, so please make this known to Lion John prior to that date. Unclaimed pavers will be re-purposed in various Lions venues after that date.



### Council Chairperson's Corner

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## New year, new goals

By CC Rocky Simpson  
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2025 is coming to an end, so it is a great time to think about the great things you have accomplished so far. It is also a great time to set goals for the upcoming year and what you want to achieve by the end of the Lions year on June 30, 2026. The Council of Governors set our Lions Clubs International Goals at the beginning of the year. Are we ready to step up and be counted by attaining these goals?

### Service

Our Lions Club International President, A.P. Singh, designated three weeks as special service weeks. Oct. 4 to 12 was Mental Health and Wellbeing. Jan. 3 to 11 is Hunger and April 18 to 26 is the Environment. Does your club have a plan for participating in these serve weeks? Did your club report the Mental Health and Wellness service from October?

### Membership

Have you added a new project or fundraiser that you'll need extra volunteers to help? What a great time to include friends and family on a worthy project, and if you get them to assist, maybe they'll want to be a part of this organization. We must be more than meetings every other week. You won't know until you ask, "Hey, you want to be a Lion?"

### New Clubs

We have been losing clubs across the state for years. Now is the time to reverse this trend, but you may be wondering how to start the push to create a new club? The first step is come to the Midwinter Conference with trainings such as "Inviting Made Easy." Then plan to attend Guiding Lion training so you can support your new members and new club. When you get people excited about helping others, that is when they are ready to join.

### Reporting

We have lots of Lions doing many wonderful projects and fundraisers. Reporting is important so that clubs can document everything that's accomplished year after year. If you want to know more about Lions and all the wonderful things Lions Clubs do, please join me at the Mid-Winter conference. Everyone needs more friends; everyone needs to have more knowledge of what we do. Take that opportunity and come to the Mid-winter Conference in Indianapolis Jan. 16 and 17. Fill out the registration form in this issue.

Lions GO & DO so much year after year. I'm going to let our Legislators know what Lions do and why we're so important to the State. On Feb. 2, Groundhog's Day, we'll be at the Statehouse singing the praises of the Indiana Lions. Lions Clubs mean so much for their community and the State as a whole and I'm excited to show us off.

As we turn the page on 2025, we need a plan, we need to write it down and look at it every day. Put it on the mirror and then get others excited about it. When you complete it, celebrate! Start small and go Big! You can do it.

*Yours in Lionism,  
CC David "Rocky" Simpson*

## When kindness brings the world into focus

By Nnenna Kalu

There are moments in life when help arrives so unexpectedly that it leaves you speechless. For me, that moment came through the Lions Club.

As an international student, far from home and family, I've learned to navigate new challenges – new systems, new cultures, and sometimes, new struggles I hadn't anticipated. One of those struggles was something as simple, yet as vital, as being able to see clearly. My vision had become a barrier – reading, studying, even walking across campus felt harder each day. Then came the Lions Club.

With open hearts and no hesitation, they provided me with new glasses – restoring not only my sight, but also my sense of hope. I remember slipping on those lenses and realizing how much I had been missing: the crisp outlines

of leaves, the smiles on faces, the quiet beauty of everyday life.

But what touched me most wasn't just what they gave – it was how they gave. The Lions Club didn't just offer assistance; they extended community. They reminded me that service is love in action, and that compassion can bridge every distance, culture, and circumstance.

For over a century, Lions Clubs have lived by the simple but powerful motto: "We Serve." They have fought blindness, provided glasses, built schools, fed families, and lifted spirits around the world. I am now one of the many lives touched by that mission.

To everyone reading this – know that your kindness matters. A single act of generosity can change the way someone sees the world, and sometimes, quite lit-



Photo provided  
Nnenna Kalu is a PhD student studying Counseling Psychology at Purdue University.

erally, it helps them see the world again. Thank you, Lions Club, for helping me see the world with new eyes – and for showing me the heart of humanity.

## Leadership Lines: Last chance to register for Mid-Winter Conference!

By PCC Julia Kozicki  
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### Guiding Lion Training

Thank you to District 25G for hosting Certified Guiding Lion training on Saturday, Nov. 15, in Etna Green. We had an outstanding turnout and are looking forward to another session in the spring in southern Indiana.

### Mid-Winter Conference

Mid-Winter Conference is coming up

Jan. 16 and 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 5** 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.

### Indiana Regional Leadership Institute

We will again be hosting a Regional Lions Leadership Institute in Carmel, Indiana April 10 to 12, 2026. If you are a Lion interested in becoming more involved or in learning more skills, please reach out to your district governor and let them know you'd like to be nominated.

*Yours in Lionism,  
PCC Julia*

## Should you go to the Mid-Winter Conference?

By Stan Doffish Lion

You have probably seen and heard about the Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference happening at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on January 16th and 17th. I have, and while a lot of people have told me how great it is, I am hesitant to go, so here, in my best David Letterman homage, are the top 10 reasons to not go to the Mid-Winter Conference:

#10. The motivational speakers will make you feel like you can change the world, and who needs that kind of pressure?

#9. There are chairs. You know what that means? **Sitting down.** It's exhausting.

#8. What if you discover an unused grant opportunity? Which means writing a proposal.

#7. You might bump into someone who has ideas on how to get more members of your community engaged in your club's service projects. That sounds like a lot of work.

#6. There is the risk of laughing so hard your face genuinely hurts the next day.

#5. You might learn a better way to run your club's meetings and lose your right to complain about them.

#4. The Ringmaster Lion might challenge you to a unicycle race. (He's very

competitive!)

#3. It could be that the Lions Mid-Winter Conference is actually just a sophisticated way to get people excited about serving their communities. **(It's a trap!)**

#2. You are already awesome. Why risk finding a new skill or perspective that makes you even more awesome?

And the number one reason not to attend the Lions Mid-Winter Conference is:

#1. Because if you attend, you will have to admit that you secretly love your Lions community.

Hmm, actually now that I read this over, I think I will go. I hope I see you there!

## We'll see you in Hong Kong

By PDG Brian Thomas  
*International Committee Chair*

NIN HO Indiana Lions, GANGLAN Hong Kong for the 2026 International Convention.

If my internet Chinese holds true, its WELCOME Indiana Lions, Visit Hong Kong for the 2026 International Convention.

Join with worldwide Lions from July 3 to 7, 2026, in exotic Hong Kong for the 108th International Convention. Your Indiana International Convention committee has put together plans for travel, an Indiana hotel, participation in the international parade and an Indiana dinner for those attending. The only missing puzzle piece is you!

Early registrations end on Jan. 30, 2026. Many details about the Convention and

additional trips and tours can be found at [lionscon.lionsclubs.org](https://lionscon.lionsclubs.org).

When else can you be offered the opportunity to visit a destination such as Hong Kong with thousands of your closest Lion friends? Come join us.

**Indiana International Committee**  
PDG Ken Faulkner  
PDG Brian Thomas  
PCC Julia Kozicki



# HONG KONG 2026

## 108th Lions International Convention





# Roars from District A

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## Who is the most important person in every Lions Club?

By **DG Jim Furlong**  
District 25A Governor

I've got a question. Who do you think is the most important person in a Lions Club? I'll bet many of you would say the President, others maybe the Secretary or Treasurer, but I think the most important person is the Membership Chairman.

Membership chairmen in Lions Clubs face several challenges that can impact their effectiveness and the overall success of the club. Here are some of the key challenges:

### 1. Recruitment

Attracting new members can be difficult, especially in areas with many competing organizations or where community engagement is low. The membership chairman must find innovative ways to showcase the benefits of joining the Lions Club and reach out to potential members.

### 2. Retention

Keeping existing members engaged and committed is another significant challenge. Members may lose interest or feel disconnected if they do not see the value in their participation. The membership chairman must continuously find ways to keep members involved and motivated.

### 3. Diversity and Inclusion

Ensuring that the club is welcoming and inclusive to people from diverse backgrounds can be challenging. The membership chairman must work to create an environment where everyone feels valued and respected, regardless of their background.

### 4. Communication

Effective communication is crucial, but it can

be challenging to keep all members informed and engaged. The membership chairman must use various channels and strategies to ensure information is disseminated effectively and that members feel connected.

### 5. Time Management

Balancing the demands of the membership chairman role with personal and professional responsibilities can be difficult. This role requires a significant time commitment, and the chairman must manage their time effectively to fulfill their duties.

### 6. Conflict Resolution

Addressing conflicts and issues within the club can be challenging. The membership chairman must have strong conflict resolution skills to handle disputes and maintain a positive club atmosphere.

### 7. Adapting to Change

The needs and interests of club members can change over time, and the membership chairman must be adaptable and responsive to these changes. This may involve updating recruitment strategies, organizing new types of events, or finding new ways to engage members.

### 8. Resource Limitations

Limited resources, such as budget constraints or a lack of volunteers, can hinder the membership chairman's efforts. They must be resourceful and creative in finding ways to achieve their goals despite these limitations.

By addressing these challenges effectively, the membership chairman can help ensure the growth and sustainability of the Lions Club.

## Munster Lions keep hungry families fed



Photo provided  
The Munster Lions volunteered at the Foodbank of Northwest Indiana on Nov. 1, 2025. Over 700 families were helped on this day. The Munster Lions presented a check for \$1,000 to the Foodbank of NWI to further assist this organization.

## St. John Lions never slow down on serving others



Photos provided  
The St. John Lions have been serving the local community through several local events. Along with volunteering at the Special Olympics Corn Hole Tournament (above), the Club passed out dictionaries to third graders at Kolling Elementary School (right).

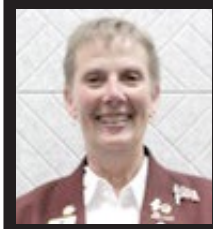
## Lake of the Four Seasons holds huge Car Cruise



Photo provided  
The Lake of the Four Seasons Lions held a Car Cruise for the first time on Sept. 29. Headed by Lion Joe DiSanto, the cruise featured over 115 cars, two local food vendors and a lot of happy spectators. The Valparaiso Lions came with their raffle vehicle, offering the crowd a chance to win a beautiful car. The pictures do not reflect the large scope of the event, but, be assured that the car cruise was so successful that the LOFS Lions will be holding this event again.







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## Let's show our excellence

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

Greetings Lions. I know we have excellent clubs across the state. It's time to let everyone know. Some very important information regarding the Club Excellence Award has been released by LCI. Please read carefully and notice there are **three** service activities that need to be completed. 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. You will find these listed below.

**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 ([lionsclubs.org/node/18511](https://lionsclubs.org/node/18511))

**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 ([lionportal.org](https://lionportal.org)).
- 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 May 1 – December 31.

**Donations**

- Contributed to LCIF a minimum of the club's membership total on June 30th of the previous Lion year, multiplied by US\$20 ([lionsclubs.org/node/13261](https://lionsclubs.org/node/13261)).
- Club Presidents, please share this information with your clubs. If you all work together, we could have many clubs in the district and across the state receive this award.

*Thank you,  
DG Pam*

## Monroe Lions award two WP Wood Fellowships



Photo provided  
**Lion Candy Landis and Community Leader Pat Michaels received WP Woods award for their outstanding service to the Monroe Lions Club and the Monroe community. In the center, presenting the awards, is Monroe President and 2VDG Matt Morley.**

# Awards abound all over District 25B



Photos provided  
Recently, District Governor Pam Arnold presented several awards throughout the district. (TOP LEFT) Lion John Eastis accepting the Club Excellence Award from DG Pam Arnold for the Ligonier Lions Club. (TOP RIGHT) Lion Jim Ottjes accepting the Membership Retention Award for the Ossian Lions Club from DG Pam Arnold. (ABOVE LEFT) PDG Jim Bush, 2024-25 LCIF Coordinator, receiving a certificate for reaching the 2024-25 District goal for LCIF from DG Pam Arnold. (ABOVE RIGHT) PDG Terry Marker, 2024-25 LCIF Coordinator, receiving a certificate for reaching the 2024-25 District goal for LCIF from DG Pam Arnold.



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*Note: This image was enhanced with AI technology.*





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# Jamestown Club provide upgrades in town park



Photo provided  
The Jamestown Lions Club has partnered with the Jamestown Community Partnership (JCP) and the Indiana Lions Foundation to provide new Christmas decorations in the town park. This was accomplished with a \$1,500 matching grant from the Foundation. The club is also planning further park improvements by assisting the town to replace the park's flagpole. Pictured are ILF Vice-President John Wilkins, PDG John Waymire, Lion Ed Tebaugh, Jamestown Community Partnership (JCP) member Amanda Hankins, and JCP Vice-President Dave Smith.



Photo provided  
DG Paul sure does enjoy stirring the pot!

## Let's all give more of ourselves this time of year

**By DG Paul Scheetz**  
*District 25C Governor*

Greetings District C Lions,

In November, we honored our veterans and gave thanks for the blessings we received this past year. We are now in the spirit of the season where we wish our families, friends, and neighbors the joys of the season. We need to remember that this season could be a less than joyful for some. They may have lost some-

one, or they may not have anyone to celebrate the season with. This is a special time that we can perform meaningful service to others by spending extra time in our communities. If we have parades, invite them to attend. Offer to give a hand with their shopping needs. Some clubs offer food and fruit baskets to families. Let's give a little more of ourselves this season. May all Lions all over the world have a happy and safe Holiday Season.

# Newport's Up-Hill Challenge



Photo provided  
DG Paul Scheetz attended Newport Lions Club's annual Antique Auto Hillclimb. Club President Andrew Clawson, District Governor Paul Scheetz, and Lion Eric Turnbull are pictured here in front of a 1939 Chevrolet Master, which was raffled off during the weekend.

# Zionsville welcomes new Lions



Photo provided  
The Zionsville Lions Club welcomed nine new members at their Sept. 23 meeting. It's a pleasure to introduce (from left) ZLC President Jason Baker, new members Ted Kuhn, Carmen Maddox, Marlene Doney, Holly Peters, Chad Crowther, Matti Dougherty, Sandy Kuehl, and Membership Chair PDG Tom Robbins. Not pictured: John Lahren and Kristin Shelley.

## A gift to Speech & Hearing



Photo provided  
PDG Pat Short was advised that Balance MD/ Indiana Hearing Specialists was planning to close its Lafayette office in November, and they wanted to donate their inventory to the Lions. The group (led by Dr. Scott Sanders and Dr. Sandy Bratton) donated a large number of new hearing aids (19 premium-level aids, nine mid-level aids, and 16 basic hearing aids), their corresponding chargers, and hearing aid accessories. These will be handed over to our Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing State Project to loan to Indiana residents requiring hearing aid assistance.

**Check out the  
Indiana Lions  
Facebook page!**  
[Facebook.com/IndianaLions](https://www.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.



## 37<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>TH</sup>

**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

**37<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions of Indiana - Mid-Winter Conference**

Saturday, January 17, 2026

*(each attendee is asked to complete a separate form)*

- 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.

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( ☐ ) This is my first Mid-Winter Conference.

I was encouraged to attend by: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration:

( ☐ ) \$75.00 (after 12/1)

( ☐ ) \$35.00 Conference Only - No Lunch

( ☐ ) \$50.00 Friday Dinner

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( ☐ ) LESS \$10 for First Time Attendees!

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9:45 – 10:30	Seminar Session 1	1	2	3	4
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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.*



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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

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Please advise if electricity is needed

Please return completed form and payment by December 15, 2025

To:

Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos

849 Ironwood West Drive

Brownsburg, Indiana 46112

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

## Keep pushin' Lions! We can grow together

By PDG Jim Bush  
MD 25 GMT

Christmas is coming – and with it the halfway point of our year and the second installment of dues. Indiana Lions are currently in a strong position (well done!), but historically we take a hit in January. This is the year we change that pattern.

Retention isn't accidental; it happens because we choose to act early. If someone hasn't been showing up, don't wait – reach out. A phone call or, better yet, a face-to-face conversation can make the difference. It takes far less effort to keep an existing Lion engaged than to replace one.

At the same time, this season is full of opportunities to grow. Community events like Christmas parades make recruitment easier than ever. When you're out giving away hot dogs or serving in any holiday activity, invite potential members to join us. Even if you expect to hear "call me after the first of the year," ask anyway. Until you ask, the answer is already no.

The need for service doesn't slow down during the holidays – it ramps up. Every year I see unattended Salvation Army kettles and won-

der if they'll go empty again. Step in where help is needed. Ringing the bell is meaningful service, and wearing a Lions apron puts our values on display. It's also a natural way to start conversations and grow our ranks.

We offer something powerful: **Fun, Fellowship, and Fulfillment.** People want that. Let's stop keeping it a secret.

One more thing. We talk a lot about attracting younger Lions, and last weekend one of our young members made a point worth repeating: people his age want genuine connection with peers. Lions Clubs can offer exactly that – but only if we communicate it clearly. Many young adults don't even realize they're welcome to join. They aren't avoiding service; they just want to serve in ways that matter to them. When we align opportunities with their passions, they show up – enthusiastically.

Thank you for the exceptional work so far. Now let's push harder. Let's retain the Lions we have, break the cycle of January losses, and keep building toward a stronger, growing membership.

*Lead to Serve,  
Serve to Lead,  
Lion Jim*

## MD 25 Calendar

In an effort to better publicize Lions events across Indiana, the state office asks that clubs, districts, state projects and state committees please send notice of meetings and anniversary celebrations to State Administrative Secretary Ann Ninness as soon as they are scheduled. Please submit your calendar information by contacting Ann Ninness at [ann@indianalions.org](mailto:ann@indianalions.org).

### January 2026

- Jan. 10:** District B Cabinet Meeting, Pleasant Township Comm. Bldg. Angola
- Jan. 11:** Vision First – IN Lions Eye Bank, Carmel
- Jan. 16-17:** Mid-Winter Conference, Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport
- Jan. 18:** Third Council of Governors Meeting
- Jan. 31:** Indiana Lions for Leader Dog, Zoom only
- Jan. 31:** District D Cabinet Meeting, Greentown Lions Club

### February 2026

- Feb. 2:** Lions Day at the Statehouse
- Feb. 7:** District F Cabinet Meeting (Church at the Crossing, 9111 Haverstick Road, Indianapolis)
- Feb. 8:** Indiana Lions State Office, 9002 Vincennes Road, Indianapolis
- Feb. 13:** ISBVI Board Meeting
- Feb. 21:** District B Convention, 5C Farms Event Barn: 1261 N. 300 E., Albion
- Feb. 28:** District C Convention



## Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing

Dear Lions,  
The Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing Project has helped many Hoosiers who could not afford hearing aids be able to get them through one of our two hearing aid programs. We also give many scholarships and grants to our state universities and hearing camps.

We would like to come to one of your club meetings and give a 20-minute presentation on our project. If you have not had a trustee from Speech and Hearing recently, please take advantage of this opportunity.

For more information, contact any of your Project Trustees. They are listed in each District's directory. We look forward to hearing from you.



Join

the Great

GAT Team

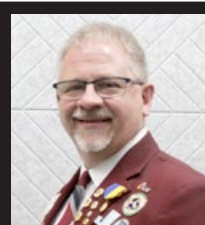
Next year's Governors, the current First Vice Governors, are required to select their Great GAT Team BEFORE **January 31st, 2026**. The Global Action team (GAT) consists of Global Leadership, Global Membership, Global Extension, and Global Service positions. Lions interested in serving in these positions should notify their District Leadership ASAP and communicate with their District's First Vice Governor no later than **January 5, 2026**. Lions interested in Serving at the state level should make arrangements to be interviewed on **Saturday, January 17, 2026** at the Midwinter Conference in Indianapolis. Also, remember that it is time to start filling the cabinet positions at the district level. Please let your district team know if you are able to share your talents to further the Lions Mission.

Lion Michael Careins, FVDG 25D



# Keep up to date with everything Lions online at [LionsClubs.org](https://LionsClubs.org)





## Roars from District D

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## The District is growing . . . thanks to you

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

Hello Fellow Lions,  
December is upon us, and 2025 is almost to an end.

November was a fantastic month with phenomenal growth in our clubs. A special shoutout to the Selma Lions Club for having great membership success.

This month I've been attending many different clubs and I still have a list of clubs to continue visiting. I'm thoroughly enjoying my visits and learning about each one of your clubs and what all you do. In November, the week before Thanksgiving, the Union City schools had a vision screening for students. Thank you to the Kokomo Lions Club for their assistance in making this possible.

The Union City Community Christmas at the Harter Park will run from Nov. 28 to Dec. 31. Come see our park decorated with lights for the Christmas season. This is the 20th year for the event which was started

by Lion Larry Amspaugh. Larry was a member of the Union City Lions Club and known around Union City as Mr. Christmas. He had a dream and a vision which has brought the community together. Larry passed away this fall and he will never be forgotten. To honor him, what project do you want to start to improve your community? Go for it.

Just a few reminders of upcoming event. On Jan 16 and 17 the Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Convention will be held at Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport and I hope to see all of you there. Also, mark your calendars on March 28 in Winchester, Ind. It is going to be a great time.

District 25-D has Our goal of 35 new members this year. We currently have 29 new members! This is fantastic! Keep up the great work!

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and I would like to wish everyone of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## Pendleton Lions Club celebrates 100 years

The Pendleton Lions Club celebrated its 100th anniversary by dedicating the new "Toddlers Playground" on Oct. 28. The playground was a gift to the community funded by the Club. According to Lions Clubs International (LCI), Pendleton was the first "small town" Lions Club, officially chartered on July 17, 1925. The playground dedication reflects a long tradition of serving local families.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony drew Lions members, town officials, parents, and children eager to try the new equipment. Laughter and cheers filled the air as toddlers climbed and explored the colorful play structures designed for their age group. The new playground sits in a central location and features a recognition plaque honoring the Pendleton Lions



Photos provided

Club's century of service. As children played, members reflected on past projects and looked ahead to future service in the Pendleton community.

## Westfield Lions celebrate 95 years of local service

On Oct. 4, the Westfield Lions held their 95th anniversary dinner and conducted a building dedication ceremony for their newly renovated community center. Chartered in October of 1930, the Westfield Lions are the longest running service club in Hamilton County and now have a community center that provides an affordable option for the public to rent for events.

The club began with 21 members attending their charter event in 1930 in the community room at the Westfield Library. Membership now stands at its highest count ever — 73 men and women who work to live up to Lions Clubs International's motto, "We Serve."

The Westfield Lions typically pour back over \$50,000 per year into the community through donations to organizations like Open Doors Food Pantry, Heart & Soul Free Clinic, Westfield Youth Assistance Program, Westfield Education Foundation, scholarships for students, free eye exams, and glasses for those in need.



Photos provided

(ABOVE) Lion Tracy Rogers introduces International Director Ron Keller and his wife Kitty. (BELOW LEFT) Lion Ron Mangus was named the Roy O. Hadley Lion of the Year. (BELOW RIGHT) Bob Benson is a longtime member of the Westfield Lions Club.

Lions Clubs International sent International Director Ron Keller and his wife Kitty to serve as the keynote speaker. Club officers from all over central Indiana also attended the event. The dinner was prepared by Klink's Kreations and the evening's entertainment was provided by the Westfield High School Signature Sound Choir. Lion Dave Sobczak, owner of Sobczak Construction and the project manager for



the renovations, presented Westfield Lions Club board chairman Rodney Benson with a ceremonial key to the building. Lions also presented their annual Roy O. Hadley Lion of the Year

Award. Ron Mangus was this year's recipient.

The Club owes a huge thank you to Lion Bob Benson for leading the efforts to organize the successful dinner and dedication.



Photo provided

**First Vice President John Einsfled, Veteran & Lion John Grimes, Ed Sweetland IHF volunteer & board member, and Sherry Sweetland IHF volunteer.**

## Noblesville welcomes Indy Honor Flight

The Noblesville Lions welcomed Ed and Sherry Sweetland from Indy Honor Flight (IHF) on Sept. 10.

Veteran and Lion John Grimes participated in IHF's 45th trip to Washington, D.C., earlier this year. The program has a two- to three-year waiting list, but applicants are prioritized based on age and health status. The purpose of IHF is to celebrate veteran service through a trip to see the memorials built in their honor. The program is 100 percent free for veterans.

There are four hubs in Indiana and 128 across the U.S. The first flight out of Indy was Sept. 12, 2012. Since then, over 3,800 veterans have flown on 46 flights.

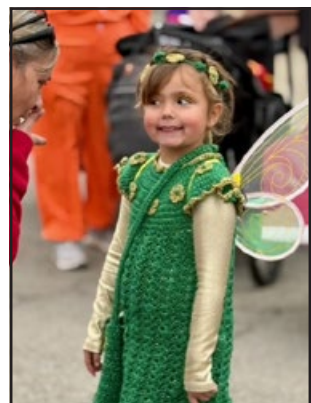
Veterans who wish to apply must have a DD-214 and fill out an application.

Each veteran needs a guardian to travel with them who donates \$500 to the cost of the flight. They always fly on Saturday. Each flight includes 86 veterans, 86 guardians, four paramedics, and 10 staff. They visit Arlington Cemetery for the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the World War II memorial, and the Vietnam wall. If time permits, they also visit the Air Force Museum and the Iwo Jima memorial. After the flight, the IHF volunteers plan monthly meals and an annual reunion for all who have flown.

Veterans who have participated are encouraged to recruit other veterans. The organization is run solely on donations and has no paid employees.



Photos provided



## Union City celebrates Halloween with family fun

The Union City Lions Club hosted its Halloween Parade on Saturday, Oct. 25 in downtown Union City. Families lined the streets as children, parents, and grandparents joined in the fun, many dressed in creative costumes that drew cheers and laughter from the crowd.

This year's parade fea-

tured a wide variety of spooky and whimsical outfits, including a sparkling fairy and a clever tornado that swirled with energy. Participants received prize money for standout costumes and plenty of candy, generously provided by the Lions Club. This is a favorite event for the club and community.

On Saturday, Nov. 15, the Russiaville Lions Club welcomed more than 300 people for its Fall Fish Fry.

The all-you-can-eat event was held at the Lions clubhouse and featured tenderloins and generous portions of fish prepared by Hawg Heaven, along with baked beans, French fries, coleslaw, applesauce, and a robust selection of pie slices for dessert. Meals were also shared with a local assisted living facility, Howard Haven, for its residents to enjoy.

Proceeds from the fish fry support the Russiaville Lions Club scholarship fund, which provides two \$1,000 scholarships each year to graduating Western High School seniors. Additional funds help the club sponsor community projects, vision and hearing support, and other local needs throughout the year.

Several 25D members



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(ABOVE) Russiaville Lions at the Fall Fish Fry. (TOP RIGHT) Lion Reba welcomes Lions 1st VDG Mike & Gloria Careins to RLC Fish Fry. (LEFT) PDG Rocky Simpson and Lion Cindy Hurst. (RIGHT) Lions PDG Eric & Deanna Schuman.



came out to support Russiaville. First DVP Mike Careins and wife, Gloria, Henry Rodriguez from Greentown, and PDG Rocky

Simpson to name a few. RLC is grateful to its community for a strong showing of support from families and long-time friends

who filled the dining room. The club extends a heartfelt thank-you to Hawg Heaven, volunteers, and everyone who attended.





# Roars from District E

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## Food insecurity is on the rise – We Can Help

By DG John Spurgeon  
District 25E Governor

*Christmas is coming;  
the goose is getting fat  
Please put a penny  
in the Old Man's Hat  
If you haven't got a penny,  
a half-penny will do  
If you haven't got  
a half-penny,  
GOD BLESS YOU!*

As we have traveled around these past several weeks, we have noticed that the Lions of 25-E are stepping up with assistance to Food Pantries, etc., giving food or money to buy food to put into the pantries, soup kitchens, etc.

With the talk around Washington of doing away with SNAP and Food Sub-

sidies, more and more people are going to be in dire need of sustenance to live.

Lions have been a good source of food and drink and will continue to do so.

We, as Lions, are out there as **WE SERVE**. So, continue to come serve with us.

Other service opportunities come around often, as Vision Screening (many are wrapping up these services) for 2025. Hopefully now we will be contacted regarding those who are needing assistance. We have several sources to aid in purchasing these glasses; we just need to know who needs the referrals.

Remember the Reason for the Season as we enter this Christmas.

# Congratulations on 60 years of service, Oakland City Lions!



Photos provided

On Nov. 1, the Oakland City Lions Club held a celebration for their 60 years of service. The gala took place at the Francisco Lions building, with tables full of food and several tables of memorabilia over the club's lifespan thus far. PDG Erica Thomas had the role of emcee for the evening and PID Linda Tincher was guest speaker. Oakland City Lions honored Lion John Bajzath with Club Member of the Year and 2VDG Eddie McKim inducted this year's club officers. Lion Shanna Hartley was present to be pinned as a new member. It was a nice evening to reflect on past members and to enjoy time with current members. (LEFT) OCLC President Jim Smith, Lion John Bajzath, and PID Linda Tincher. (RIGHT) 2VDG Eddie McKim, Jim Smith (President), PDG Glen Georges (Treasurer), Carol Donner (Secretary), and Dwayne Donner (Vice President).



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(From left) Lion Ken Schnaus, WITZ radio personality Gene Kuntz, and Lions Dave McGimpsey, Mark Fehribach, and Cory Mueth.

## Jasper Lions boast another successful Radio Auction

The 63rd annual Jasper Lions Club Radio Auction was held in September. It is the club's largest fundraising event. The money raised funds many community service projects.

The auction aired on WITZ radio Sept. 8 to 11. Some of the items auctioned

were office furniture, general merchandise, gift certificates and fresh baked goods. The items are provided from local factories, businesses, and individuals.

It's a spirited auction and bids can be submitted over the phone or in person at the Dubois County Museum.

## Odon Lions welcome community for family fun at Old Settlers Days



Photos provided

Odon Lions Club sponsored the annual Old Settlers Days this past August. It was a fun day for the community, including games and the largest inflatable water slide in the U.S. (LEFT) Odon Lions members presiding over a game for local kids. (RIGHT) Members manning the Odon Lions Club stand.

## Fayetteville presents Fall Poster Contest winner



Photo provided

Fayetteville Community Lions were excited to partner with Springville Academy to have a Fall Poster Contest this year to coincide with our Ham and Bean Supper. Participants from grades 1 through 6 submitted their entries for judging. The winner was McCoy Minton (3rd grade) who received the Winners Certificate and two tickets to the Bean Supper. The Runner Up was Rhett Smith (5th grade) received a Runner Up certificate. All posters were displayed at the supper for everyone to enjoy. A big thank you to Mrs. Sims for helping us coordinate the contest. (Pictured) Fayetteville Lions Rick Ferguson, Julia Terry, and Duane Terry with the winning children.

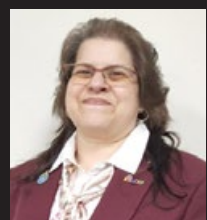
## Chandler Lions assist with National Night Out



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The Chandler Lions Club helped with National Night Out on Oct. 7 with both the Warrick County Sheriff's Department at Freidman Park and the Chandler Police Department at the Chandler Community Center. The club is so honored to support these departments and help those who also Serve. (Pictured) Chandler Lions members preparing to sell hot dogs, chips, water, and cookies.





# Roars from District F

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## The holiday season is upon us

**By DG Angela Locke**  
District 25F Governor

*"Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts."* —Janice Maeditere

Where has the year gone? I hope you and your family had an enjoyable Thanksgiving filled with laughter, good food, and time with loved ones. Hopefully, you are not buried under a pile of Christmas wrapping paper trying to find your way out! These holidays remind us how important it is to cherish family and friends, and I hope you were able to share those special moments together.

As we turn the page to a new year, let's carry that spirit of gratitude and togetherness into everything we do.

I am so proud of my fellow Lions in District 25F. As I travel the district and ask what their plans for future projects are, it's inspiring to see how their service reflects the true meaning of the season—giving and caring for others. While visiting with the Borden club, I met a 70-year member, AJ, who has had 65 years of perfect attendance. When I asked what their projects were, AJ proudly spoke of how their club gives gift cards to families in need, plus fruit baskets to others. This is just one example of the great works our clubs in 25F are accomplishing so far. Keep it up!

I visited the Clermont Lions Club where PDG Jeff and I enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast. It was a great

turnout, and they are doing wonderful things to grow their club to better serve their community. Santa will be there to give out toys to all the good little girls and boys in their community. They received a very generous donation of toys, so it will be a fantastic event.

As we celebrate Christmas and prepare for the new year, let's remember that these moments of joy and giving are what make our communities stronger. Whether it's sharing a meal, delivering gifts, or simply spending time with loved ones, these acts of kindness reflect the heart of Lionism.

We have several activities coming up during the month of January. The Winter Special Olympics will be Jan. 11 through 13. If you have not attended and helped with this event, I encourage you to attend this year. The event takes place at Perfect North Slopes close to Lawrenceburg. The opening ceremony is something to experience. I hope to see you there. The Mid-Winter Conference is Jan. 16 and 17, and offers learning activities for everyone — both new Lions and "experienced" Lions. This is a great opportunity to get together and share ideas and enjoy great fellowship with Lions from around the state.

Let's keep the warmth and generosity of the holiday season alive all year long.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from District 25F!**

*Yours in Lionism,  
DG Angela Locke*

## A look around District F



Photos provided

(Clockwise from top left) David Clashman, seated, was honored with the Doctor Richard T. Miyamoto Fellowship, along with other commendations from Lions Club International and the Indiana Lions, by District 25F representatives (from left) John Brown, Steve Winegardner, and Gary Perry. David was honored for his generosity in creating an endowment that will support Speech and Hearing projects for many generations to come. /// DG Angela Locke, with the help of President Joe Shead of Clermont, presented Lions Carole Jennings, Kent Hickson, and Samantha Grismore with W.P. Woods Fellowships for their dedication to the Clermont Lions Club and all of their hard work. /// Chapel Hill Lions' Appreciation Dinner for Vision Screening Volunteers. They have screened 4,368 kids so far this year! /// Decatur Central Lions serving Breakfast with Santa. /// DG Angela's Visit with IN Washington Twp. /// Lion Allan McKinley, a 70-year member of Borden LC. 65 years of perfect attendance.

## Still looking for the perfect gift? Leader Dogs for the Blind has a few ideas!

Find the perfect gift for everyone on your list and make a difference with your holiday giving this year. To make it easier for you, we have laid out some ideas for all the ways you can give through Leader Dog.

Your gift makes a difference:

- \$10 can help provide a bag of training treats
- \$15 can help provide a leash for a Leader Dog in training
- \$25 can help provide new puppy and dog toys
- \$50 can help provide social activities for clients attending Teen Summer Camp
- \$100 can help pay for a long white cane

### Donate through our gift guide!

Explore heartfelt ways to give — from symbolic puppy sponsorships to personalized tribute bricks. Make an honorary gift and we'll send a holiday card to the person you honor. Or gift a shared experience with purpose by registering for one of our upcoming events ([leaderdog.org/events](https://leaderdog.org/events)).

Your gifts will help people who are blind receive our services — completely free of charge — long after the holidays are over.

Access the gift guide at [leaderdog.org/ways-to-give/giving-options](https://leaderdog.org/ways-to-give/giving-options).

Sincerely,

**Danielle Richards**

Director of Philanthropy, Annual Giving  
Leader Dogs for the Blind



**LEADER DOGS**  
FOR THE BLIND

## 25F District Convention

**Saturday, March 14, 2026**

at the Clermont Lions Club  
3201 Tansel Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46234

**Keynote Speaker ID Connie LeClerc-Meyer**

**Doors Open @ 9 am, meeting begins @ 10 am.**

**Morning refreshments:** Donuts and Danishes  
**Lunch provided by Hoosier Roots**

**Lunch Menu:** Citrus & Garlic Marinated Chicken Breast w/Bacon & Swiss, Hoosier Sloppy Joes, Creamy Mac & Cheese, & Country Style Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Dessert, Lemonade, Tea, & Water.

**\*\* Pre-Register by Friday, February 13, 2026 \*\***

**Registration Fee: \$25.00 in advance or \$30.00 at the door**

**Make Checks payable to District 25F**

Please mail registration and check to:

**Lion Angie Crouch**

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**\* If you need an exhibit table or if you or your club would like to donate an item to our Silent Auction Please contact Lion Angie Crouch @ [mwam2893@gmail.com](mailto:mwam2893@gmail.com) prior to March 12, 2026**

**\* All proceeds from the Auction will go to Camp Woodsmoke  
\* All proceeds from the 50/50 will go to Special Olympics**

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## Looking ahead: *Reflections as 2025 closes and a New Year beckons*

By **DG Jackie Kurley**  
*District 25G Governor*

As 2025 draws to a close, I find myself marveling at how quickly time has passed. They say time flies when you're having fun – or when you're getting older! During my District Governor training, mentors warned me that my governor year would feel like a million years away, yet here we are, and I'm already asking: where did the time go?

It's a fitting moment to pause and reflect. As we step into 2026, it's time for every club, district, and multiple district to ask themselves: Where are we headed? How are we tracking ourselves against the goals we set with such hope at the start of this year? Is it time to readjust, to tweak our approach, to find our way forward together?

### Celebrating what we've accomplished

I sincerely hope every club participated in our Mental Health and Well-Being Week of Service and reported it on the portal. But if you missed that particular event, please do not be discouraged. Look at all the incredible good you have done this year. Hold your head high. Celebrate those accomplishments. Then, strive for 100 percent participation next year.

The key is this: do not forget to celebrate everything you have achieved. That is what fuels us forward.

### Hunger Week: a new opportunity awaits

Speaking of moving forward, our next Week of Service arrives Jan. 3-11, 2026, and it is dedicated to addressing hunger. The need is real, and the oppor-

tunities are endless. Start planning now. Food pantries are hungry for help. Cultivate Food organizations need support. Meals on Wheels welcomes donations. Families need meal baskets. Elderly neighbors need care. Even developing a healthy meal recipe book can change lives. Whatever your club decides to do, remember to report it on the portal. Your service matters, and it counts.

### Reimagining our leadership

As we head into the new year, let's think deeply about leadership in our clubs. Yes, we want as many people on the bus as possible – but are they in the right seats? Things have changed dramatically in just the past decade. The world our clubs serve is different. The challenges are different. The solutions that worked ten years ago may not work today.

Are your clubs keeping up with the times? Are you producing the results you want? Have you launched new service projects? Are you exploring alternative fundraisers? What tools are you using to stimulate fresh ideas?

Elections are coming. This is your moment to consider switching officers around, getting more members involved in the business of being a Lion, and bringing bold new energy to your club's leadership.

### The Bottom Line

As we move into 2026, remember this: You energize your soul through service. That is what being a Lion is all about.

Cheers to a year of reflection, readjustment, and renewed commitment to our mission.

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*

# Dunlap Lions celebrate 70 years of service

This year marks a remarkable milestone for the Dunlap Lions Club – 70 years of service, friendship, and community pride.

Chartered on Dec. 8, 1955, and sponsored by the Elkhart Lions Club, the Dunlap Lions began with 36 dedicated charter members who met twice a month at the Fire Department Hall. The enthusiasm spread quickly – by January 1956, 20 new members and one transfer joined, bring-

ing the total to 57. By June, the Club had grown to 74 members, a testament to the community's strong spirit of service.

Since those early days, the Dunlap Lions have lived up to the Lions' motto, "We Serve." The Club has become well known for its annual Chicken BBQ, Candy Days, and Lions mints found throughout local businesses – all helping raise funds to support vision care, local families, and

community needs.

One of the Club's proudest ongoing efforts is its eyeglass recycling program. Each year, donated glasses are collected, sorted, and taken on a mission trip to Mexico, where they are given to people in need of improved vision – a beautiful example of Dunlap's local generosity making a global impact.

For 70 years, the Dunlap Lions Club has strengthened the fabric of our community

– lending a hand where it's needed most, supporting schools, and fostering fellowship among neighbors. As we celebrate this 70th anniversary, we honor those who came before us and look forward to continuing their legacy of service.

From humble beginnings in the Fire Department Hall to decades of dedication, the Dunlap Lions Club stands proud – 70 years strong, and still roaring with heart.

## Eyeglass Mission to Teziutlán achieves outstanding success

The District 25G Lions celebrated another milestone in their long tradition of international service during their annual eyeglass mission. Held Sept. 27 to Oct. 1, they travelled to Teziutlán, Puebla, Mexico, which is four hours east of Mexico City at an elevation of 6,500 feet.

A total of 21 Lions participated in this year's project, including 17 from Indiana, two from Ohio, one from Massachusetts, and one from Mexico. Over the course of five intensive days, the team provided 2,283 individuals with properly fitted eyeglasses, restoring clearer vision and improving the quality of life for countless residents. Earlier in July, the district had shipped 14,500 pairs of glasses to Teziutlán in preparation for the event.

"This year's mission was extremely well organized in terms of support from the local Lions in Mexico," said PDG Marty Juel, who led the mission team. "Every detail was carefully planned and executed by the Lions in Teziutlán, including transportation from the Mexico City airport, hotel accom-



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(ABOVE) Taken from above, this photo shows most of the operations in the Lions building in Teziutlán. (BELOW) Lion Nancy Thompson (left) and TPDG Mike Imbler work with a local translator and recipient of a pair of glasses.

modations, three wonderful meals each day, and a few special surprises that made our time exceptional."

The host club, under the leadership of PCC Victor Osbaldo González, ensured that the mission ran smoothly by providing translators and on-site coordination throughout the week. Their efforts allowed the visiting Lions to work efficiently, serving nearly 500 people each day.

District 25G has been conducting eyeglass missions for more than 45 years, at one time operating three separate missions



annually. Today, the district continues one large-scale mission each year, managing every aspect of the process – from collecting and repairing used eyeglasses to sorting, labeling, and shipping them to Mexico.

With growing interest from other cities across Mexico, the district expects to continue this vital service for many years to come – proving once again that the Lions' vision of service truly knows no borders.

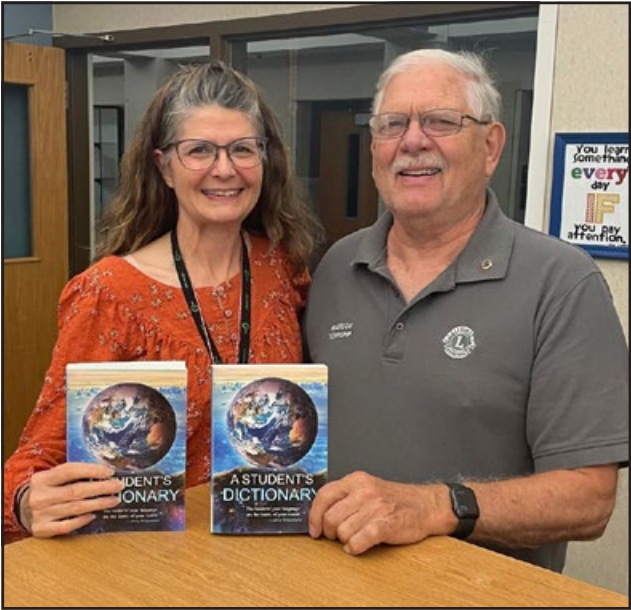


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**Ms. Gena Cook, Madison Twp. Elementary school representative, accepting dictionaries from Lion Al Beehler.**

## 180 dictionaries donated to local third graders

The Madison Township Lions Club proudly continued its tradition of supporting education by donating 180 dictionaries to third-grade students at three local schools: Elm Road, Meadows Edge, and Madison Township Elementary.

Seven dedicated Lions Club volunteers helped prepare the books for delivery. This annual literacy initiative aims to promote reading, learning, and curiosity among young students, helping them discover the joy of expanding their vocabulary and exploring new ideas.

"Our club believes that

building strong communities starts with empowering young minds," said a Madison Township Lions Club representative. "These dictionaries are more than books — they are tools for lifelong learning."

This project reflects Lions International's global cause of supporting youth and education, demonstrating how local clubs make a direct impact in their communities.

For more information about the Madison Township Lions Club or to learn how to get involved, please contact [mtlsecabee@aol.com](mailto:mtlsecabee@aol.com).

## LaFontaine Lions: safety you can see ... and take home

At the Fire & Ice event, the LaFontaine Liberty Volunteer Fire Department parked a fire truck at the Community Building, giving families a close-up look at lifesaving equipment and a chance to ask questions.

Inside, members of the fire department shared clear, take-home materials on smoke-alarm checks, home escape routes, and cooking safety.

Each household left with a fire safety blanket – an everyday tool that can

help a family respond to a kitchen fire.

And yes, the "ice" mattered: ice cream was served and enjoyed by all, creating a relaxed, family-friendly vibe that kept conversations going and drew steady foot traffic throughout the event.

Impact highlights: curious kids learning around the truck, parents leaving with specific next steps, and neighbors talking about preparedness on the way out.



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**Lion Kyra Polk and the emergency fire blankets that were purchased by the LaFontaine Lions for distribution.**

The visible partnership, purposeful setup, and tangible giveaways showcased what Lions do best.

## Lydick Lions observe Veterans Day

On Veterans Day, the Lydick Lions Club, in partnership with Dunes Hospice, participated in a pinning ceremony at Wellbrooke of South Bend to honor veterans for their service to the nation.

The program began with an opening prayer from the chaplain. The Lions led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Lion Mike Lane reciting In Flanders Fields and Lion Elaine Gaulin reading Gratitude for Our Veterans. Each branch of

the U.S. military was recognized as its official song was played.

Several veterans were formally pinned during the ceremony, including Lydick Lion member Howard Morse. Following the observance, attendees gathered for cake, apple cider, and fellowship.

The event was held to acknowledge and thank those who have served in the armed forces and to express the community's appreciation for their dedication.



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**Lydick Lion member Howard Morse being pinned by Laura Vincent.**