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## News from the Top As I see it for 2026

By CC Rocky Simpson  
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My Fellow Lions,

I would like to start off by saying that this article is being composed after one heck of a Mid-Winter Conference at the Crown Plaza by the Indianapolis Airport. Festivities started Friday night with dinner and a very fun and exciting game night. It was outstanding entertainment for all who participated in the show.

The Mid-Winter Conference kicked off the next morning and the breakfast was a great start to the day. If you wanted to know anything about Lions, there was a seminar about it! Our lunch speaker was Amber Cox from the Indianapolis Fever front office who gave us insights into our pro team as well as into leadership and motivation. She also provided a WNBA basketball signed by Sophia Cunningham which was auctioned for \$500.

I want to thank the Clermont Lions for hosting the evening dinner and Bingo afterwards. The entire day was memorable from start to finish. Kudos on a great job to the entire MWC Committee and thanks to Clermont Lions Club.

We are now focused on 2026 and the remainder of this Lions year. In the next three months, each of the MD-25 Districts will have their Convention. If you are a Club President, Club Secretary, or Club Treasurer, I highly recommend you go to your District's Convention to learn more about what is happening. You might be surprised by all that is happening and how your club fits in. There will be lots of ideas to assist you in setting up your plans for the next year. Your club could lead the way in fundraising and service projects. If your club keeps doing the same thing year after year, this might be why people aren't enthused. Surprise: it's the writing on the wall if you fail to have your officers get involved.

Like everything else that Lions do, serving your community should always be at the top of the list. Making friends and having fun as a club should be a close second. If your club is having fun, new members will want to be a part of your organization.

Please focus this year on new members ... it will make a big difference how your club operates.

*Yours in Lionism,  
Rocky*

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# When it comes to growing our Lions Clubs, it's all about the ask

By PDG Jim Bush  
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Congratulations to our membership-leading clubs for the second quarter! These Lions are showing us what's possible when service, fun, and fellowship come together.

• The Selma Lions Club is in first place, adding 10 new Lions in Q2, on top of seven in Q1.

• The Urbana Lions Club added seven new Lions in Q2, building on an already impressive nine in Q1.

• The Milan Lions Club brought in seven new Lions in Q2, following one in Q1.

These three clubs have their foot on the gas – and they aren't letting up! Naturally, the question becomes: What are they doing that works? At the Mid-Winter Conference, I had

the chance to ask Urbana directly. I spoke with their President and Vice President/Secretary and asked the simple question: "What did you do?"

Their answer was refreshingly honest – and powerful. The club was on the verge of closing. It didn't look like Urbana was going to survive. Then someone got invited to help at a fish fry. They had a good time. They came to the next meeting. A husband and wife joined. Then they invited their friends. And those friends joined too.

That's it...No fancy formulas...No secret recipes...No complicated membership strategy. Just a group of people who care about their community and enjoy serving together. I know that other membership leaders across Indiana have grown after service projects where people

had fun and then wanted to join Lions. That's not a coincidence. People want to serve. They're just looking for something that excites them – and for an invitation.

So let me ask you this: What exciting service projects are you planning for the spring? Can you invite a friend – or several friends – to come out and serve with you? Will you invite them into a friendly, fun, and fulfilling experience that you enjoy? Give it a try and see where it goes.

The Urbana Lions said something that sums it all up – "It's all about the ask."

Is it really that simple? Maybe it's slightly more complicated – but not much.

Here's what does seem to be working:

1. Figure out what your friends and neighbors get excited about.

2. Invite them to come out and serve with you.

3. Talk with them after the service project.

4. Ask them if they might be interested in becoming a Lion. It's all about the ask.

As a state, we're down a little in overall membership – but there is still plenty of time to get back in the black. That starts with reviewing our membership growth plans, planning exciting service projects, and intentionally inviting our friends to experience Lions fellowship and service firsthand. Let's follow the example of the Selma, Urbana, and Milan Lions. Let's get out into our communities. Let's serve with joy. And most importantly – Let's ask.

Because the next great Lion might just be waiting for an invitation from you.

# Leadership Lines: sign up now for USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

By PCC Julia Kozicki  
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It's not too early to start thinking about attending the 50th USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, set for Sept. 3 to 5, 2026, in Memphis, Tenn.

The Forum is an exceptional opportunity to expand your Lions knowledge and network with Lions from literally around the world.

Memphis is only a seven-hour drive from Indy. We are looking at renting a charter bus – the approximate cost is \$180 if 35 people ride (less if more folks ride). If you are interested in the charter bus or in more information about the Forum, please scan the QR for more information.



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your club members take at least three classes each in the Learn section of the portal.

*Yours in Lionism,  
PCC Julia*



# Consider LCIF donation as an act of kindness

By PDG Ken Faulkner  
MD25 LCIF Chairperson

Lions of Indiana,  
Happy Day, we are halfway through Winter. In a couple months we will be in spring and the State Convention will be upon us. Did you know that you can have a Melvin Jones or Progressive Melvin Jones presented at the State Convention's Saturday Luncheon? Since it may take eight to 10 weeks to get an MJF Plaque or PMJF pin, now is the time to request one. If you want yours presented or someone you are giving this to, let me know. It will be up to you to get that person to the State Convention! You can type in the link [lionsclubs.org/en/give-how-to-give/melvin-jones-fellowship](https://lionsclubs.org/en/give-how-to-give/melvin-jones-fellowship)

or search for "Melvin Jones Fellowship application" in your favorite browser. Do you need assistance? Call or text me at (317) 847-7884.

Are you making a donation to LCIF? They make it easy now as you can donate online, or if you look at the MJF Fellowship application, it tells you there where to mail a check. You can do this at: [lionsclubs.org/en/donate](https://lionsclubs.org/en/donate).

You can be an LCIF hero by setting up a recurring donation. I do this by giving \$10 a month. This comes out of my bank account automatically and I get a nice letter from the LCIF Chairperson thanking me. If you make a donation of \$120 for the year, you

## Lions Clubs International



will get a nice pen from LCIF. You can set this up at with the same link: [lionsclubs.org/en/donate](https://lionsclubs.org/en/donate).

Before I close, I am going to ask each and every one of you to do an act of kindness. It doesn't have to be big and you don't have to be on the news for it. A smile and a thank you to the kid in the mega store who is stocking shelves will go a long way in making his or her day. If you can afford it, buy the coffee for the next person in line.

You don't know what is going on in the car behind you and you don't know the effect it may have. If you wear your Lions pin 24/7 like a lot of us do, SMILE at people. They will see your smile and your Lions Pin, and you may get a new member out of it. No one needs to know about your act of kindness, but your heart will and that is what matters.

Kindness Matters so make your Lions Kindness Heart show.



# Roars from District A

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A group of Leos walks into the luncheon while blindfolded to simulate being blind.



Photos provided

(LEFT) Crown Point Lions are ready to serve no matter the cause. (RIGHT) St. Mary's God's Grocery Food Pantry: (from left) Deacon Bill Grimes, Lion Jim Worst, Lion Donna Worst, and Parish Life Director Suzie Hartman.

## Why not share our fun?

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

If you enjoy being a Lion, why not ask a friend, relative, or coworker to join us? Being part of a Lions club isn't just about meetings and service projects – it's about the friendships we build, the laughter we share, and the difference we make together. Think about the moments that have made you smile: working side by side at a fundraiser, seeing the impact of a community project, or simply catching up with fellow Lions over coffee. Wouldn't it be great to share those experiences with someone you know?

District 25-A clubs thrive when new faces bring fresh ideas and energy. Every new member is another set of hands to help, another voice to inspire, and another heart committed to service. Inviting someone you know isn't just about growing our numbers – it's about strengthening our club's spirit and ensuring our legacy continues. Plus, it's a chance to show others why you're proud to be a Lion.

Maybe your neighbor has mentioned wanting to get more involved locally, or your coworker is looking for a way to give back. Sometimes all it takes is a simple invitation: "Come

check out what we do!" You never know who might be looking for a place to belong, a way to serve, or just a group of good people to spend time with.

### Mid-Winter Conference was a hoot

IPDG Patty and I just got back from another great Mid-Winter conference in Indianapolis. We attended several great seminars loaded with good information, a great keynote speaker in Indiana Fever General Manager Amber Cox, and, after the banquet, a fun time playing a 'team' game in a game show format with the Master of Ceremonies Lion Josh Kozicki. As an added bonus we also had dozens of Leos from all over the State (including District 25-A) in attendance.

They walked into the luncheon after being blindfolded to simulate being blind. One of the Leos said she walked into a wall only to find out she actually walked into one of the Harlem Globetrotters who were in Indianapolis and staying at our hotel.

All in all, a great time. If you ever think about taking on more responsibility in the Lions, go to a Mid-winter or State Convention and share the camaraderie with other like-minded Lions.

And finally, *Hoo Hoo Hoo Hosiers!!*

## Crown Point Lions Club: Feeding the hungry through community service

*Lions "Weeks of Service" project benefits local food pantries*

The Crown Point Lions Club has long been recognized for its commitment to serving the community. Recently, the club took decisive action to address the issue of hunger in Crown Point

by participating in the Lions "Weeks of Service" project. This initiative brought members together to collect non-perishable food items, directly benefiting two essential local organizations.

Hunger remains a persistent problem for many families in Crown Point and surrounding areas. Understanding the importance of supporting those in need, the Crown Point Lions Club mo-

bilized its members to gather food including canned vegetables, soups, pasta, rice, beans, and other staples. These make a meaningful

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## Providing the "Merry" for the kids



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The Whiting Lions Club celebrated the holidays at their 43rd annual Special Kids Christmas Party. Whiting Lions provided dinner, entertainment, and presents to 30 sick or disabled children and their families from the Whiting/Hammond area.

## Making the Season bright



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The Scherverville Lions have decorated their tree at the Town Hall with pink and purple ornaments, eyeglasses, and lions. The big lighting ceremony was held on November 28th. As part of this event donations were delivered to the Toys for Tots collection.

## Leos show how to serve



Photo provided

Oregon Davis Leos and Cubs made a Thanksgiving menu, shopped for the ingredients, made up two baskets and delivered baskets to two needy families. These are a great group of young service minded youth serving their communities. No matter how old, We Serve!

## Whiting recognizes Peoples Bank for community support



Photo provided

Members of the Whiting Lions Club presented the Lions President's Award of Appreciation to Peoples Bank Whiting Branch Manager Nadia Grisolia and VP, Director of Compliance Joe Shimala. Peoples Bank has generously supported the service activities of Whiting Lions Club for many years.

## Mill Creek distributes dictionaries



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The Mill Creek Community Lions Club provided a dictionary to each third grader at Indian Trail Elementary School. Pictured are representatives of each of the three classrooms



# Roars from District B

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## Reporting service helps all Lions

By DG Pam Arnold  
District 25B Governor

“Why should my club report service activities?” This is a question that I hear quite often. Let me share some reasons why it is important.

Reporting service projects provides tangible evidence of the positive changes that Lions clubs create in their communities. By submitting accurate reports, clubs help LCI showcase the collective impact of millions of volunteers working together. These reports are used to compile statistics, success stories, and annual results that highlight the breadth and depth of service performed globally. Without consistent reporting, the true scope of Lions’ humanitarian work may remain unseen or undervalued.

Service reporting is essential for acknowledging the hard work of club members. Clubs that consistently report their projects and achievements are eligible for awards, certificates, and public recognition from LCI. Such acknowledgment not only boosts morale among members but also motivates clubs to undertake new ini-

tiatives and strive for excellence in service.

Reporting service also allows clubs to share their successes and lessons learned with the broader Lions community. These reports are often featured in newsletters, on the LCI website, and at international conferences. By sharing innovative ideas and proven strategies, clubs encourage others to replicate successful projects, fostering collaboration and greater impact globally.

### What is reportable as a service activity?

There are four types of activities that can be reported: donation, meeting, fundraising project, and service activity.

For service activities, anything a member of your club helps with individually or with the club, and does not get paid, would be a service activity. Some examples that are not reportable as service are bringing a meal to a neighbor, driving a parent to a medical appointment, or volunteering at their place of worship. This type of work is important and commendable; however, it should not be reported as a service activity.

## New Haven donation



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Steven Stewart of the New Haven Lions Club presents a check for \$50,151.03 to Nick Goranson, director of the New Haven Parks and Recreation Department, and Irv Arnold, President of the New Haven Parks and Recreation Board. The donation is to provide an accessible playground for Werling Park in New Haven. The New Haven Lions Club has been raising funds for the playground since February 2024. It is the hope of the members of New Haven Lions Club that ALL children will play on and enjoy the new playground.

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difference in the lives of individuals and families facing food insecurity.

The collected items were distributed to St. Mary’s God’s Groceries Food Pantry and the Community Help Network Food Pantry – two organizations that provide critical resources to the hungry in Crown Point. These food pantries serve many residents each month, offering not only food but also hope and reassurance in times of need. By supporting these pantries, the Crown Point Lions Club amplifies its impact, ensuring that donations reach those who need them most.

Feeding the hungry is just one aspect of the club’s

service mission, which also includes supporting vision and health initiatives, education, and disaster relief. By participating in projects like the Lions “Weeks of Service,” club members uphold the core values of kindness, compassion, and community service.

Through its efforts, the club not only provided much-needed nourishment to local families but also strengthened the bonds that hold the community together. The fight against hunger is ongoing, but with dedicated organizations like the Crown Point Lions Club leading the way, hope remains on the horizon for Crown Point’s most vulnerable residents.

## Serving at the Trail of Lights



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Howe Lions were at the LaGrange Parks Department “Trail of Lights” at Delt Church Park south west of LaGrange on Saturday, Dec. 13 to help about 300 people enjoy the Christmas lights. Howe Lions members helped direct traffic and serve hot chocolate, coffee, and cookies. The public drove their vehicles or walked the trails to enjoy the Christmas lights.

## Monroeville inducts three new members



Photo provided

Monroeville Lions were excited to welcome three new Lions at their September Kick-Off Meeting/Guest Night. (From left) Sponsor Susan Hoffman and Cindy Hoffman; Sponsor Kevin House and Heather Daniels; Sponsor Judy Wagner and Judy Rothgeb; and PDG Jim Bush.

## Volunteers needed to raise Leader Dog puppies

We are expecting 65 puppies between December and January, ready to start their journey toward becoming guide dogs. Before these puppies can start formal training, they need volunteers to welcome them into their homes for one year and teach them the foundational skills they’ll need to eventually guide someone who is blind or low vision.

Puppy raisers are the beginning of every success sto-

ry at Leader Dog. They give our puppies love, structure and new experiences that shape who they become. Their impact reaches far beyond that first year; they help someone gain independence. No prior experience is necessary – just time, patience and a willingness to help. Leader Dog supports all puppy raising volunteers with expert guidance from a dedicated puppy counselor, starter supplies like toys and a leash and online

training modules with community support. We also offer flexible options like co-raising between households or dividing the year into two six-month terms, making it accessible for families, retirees and busy professionals.

The difference a puppy raiser makes can last a lifetime. Manny, a Leader Dog client, shared, “Leader Dog Ivy is really going to help me walk with confidence. That’s something I noticed

with my last dog. I’m able to get places faster, with more confidence. Other than being my best friend, she’s going to help me go through life as seamlessly as possible. We are going to travel the country and go everywhere together.”

If you or anyone you know might be interested in this meaningful opportunity, you can learn more at [leaderdog.org/volunteer/raise-a-puppy](http://leaderdog.org/volunteer/raise-a-puppy) or call (888) 777-5332.

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## Great ways to connect

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

Greetings District C Lions,

I would like to thank everyone who was at the Mid-Winter Conference. There was a lot of information given out and a lot of fun events as well. Consider attending next year. This is worth every Lions' time to learn and connect.

You should have downloaded or received your invoices for the dues for the second half of the year. If you are having trouble, please ask for assistance; I

am glad to help.

This time of the Lion's year is Convention Time. Each District holds their convention in February and March. Our District C Convention is on Feb. 28. I would like to see everyone there so please sign up.

The State Convention is May 1 to 3 at the Embassy Suites in Plainfield. District C is the host District and Plainfield Lions Club is the host Club. I encourage everyone to come to the State Convention.

Save the date on April 4 for the Plainfield Lions Club's 100th Anniversary.

## Zionsville hears from Notable Measures



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**Zionsville Lions Club held their Holiday Dish & Donation Dinner at their Clubhouse on Dec. 9. They bring a dish to share and make a donation to a local nonprofit. Their guest entertainment was the Notable Measures, a nonprofit started by two sisters. Notable Measures helps students and schools across Indiana get instruments that they can't afford. So far, they have donated over \$75,000 to see that children get to enjoy the magic of music in their lives. To hear them play is so uplifting! The individual Lions made donations adding up to \$4,275 to Notable Measures to continue to keep music in the hands and minds of students. (Pictured) Kate & Meg Dimmett, the founders of Notable Measures.**



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**The annual Newport Hill Club brings thousands and thousands of automobile lovers and festivalgoers to the small Vermillion County town each fall.**

## Get to know the Newport Lions Club

By **Andrew Clawson**  
Newport Lions Club

Newport Lions Club was chartered in 1968. We meet the first and third Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. We have roughly 50 members. The Hill Climb we sponsor is our main fundraiser. It's the first Sunday in October. This year's Hill Climb will take place

Oct. 2, 3, and 4, 2026.

We help our community by donating to the local school. We put on a Halloween party. We donate food baskets for Thanksgiving and give a Christmas party. That's just a few things we do. We also have many members who help out residents in need in the community in many different ways.

## Trivia & new members



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**District Governor Paul Scheetz had fun with his trivia session to challenge the Lions during his Governor's speech at Zionsville. While there, he inducted two new members. (From left) ZLC Membership Chair PDG Tom Robbins, Sponsor Lion Nancy Veazey, new member Lion Diane Anspach, DG Paul, new member Lion Donna Sargent, sponsor Lion Gail Robbins, and ZLC President Jason Baker.**

## Martinsville Noon Lions celebrate 100 years in style

By **Ross Drapalik**  
Martinsville Noon Lions Club

In October, the Martinsville (Noon) Lions Club recently celebrated its 100th Anniversary, culminating in the dedication of the "Lions Cabin" on the campgrounds of Indiana Youth Foundation of Indiana in Noblesville on Oct. 24, 2025, and the 100th Anniversary Celebration Dinner at Liberty Christian Church on Oct. 25, 2025.

Lions Clubs International Past President Brian Sheehan of Bird Island, Minn., served as the keynote speaker for the dinner with many Lions from around the state in attendance. The Mbassadors and Mprov music groups from Martinsville High School provided the evening's entertainment. As part of the program, the club received a Proclamation from the City of Martinsville and a Certificate of Achievement from the Indiana State Senate for the club's commitment of service for the past 100 years.

Lions Larry Maxwell and Dave Roloff were awarded Lions Clubs International Presidential Certificates for their commitment and service. This award is the fourth highest award that a Lion can receive from the International President.

The Martinsville Noon Lions Club was chartered by twenty local businessmen on Oct. 16, 1925; and in the past 100 years, countless hours of service have been offered by its members with projects including:



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**(ABOVE) Members of the Martinsville Noon Lions Club in attendance at the banquet. (Front row, from left) Danielle Drapalik, President Jennifer Drapalik, Shirley East, Pam Roloff, and Betty Maxwell. (Back row, from left) Joe Gaunt, Richard Bray, Tom Paul, Jerry McGinnis, Larry Maxwell, Roger Maxwell, Bill Wehr, Tom Williams, Tim Magnus, Ed Edwards, Ross Drapalik, Dave Roloff, Dave Arnold, Keith Gray, and Steve Brown. (BELOW) The Chalkley family members (left) and Maxwell family members (right) unveil the dedication plaque.**

- Helping secure a Veteran's Hospital for Martinsville in 1930

- Constructing a dam for the Boy Scouts on Patton Lake in 1935

- Led an active role in opposition to the Federal Spencer Dam Project in 1945

- Secured the land contracts for the Martinsville City Park in 1945

- Constructed the Wilbur Kendall Room at the Morgan County Fairgrounds in 1977

- Partnered with other Morgan County Lions Clubs to construct a Habitat for Humanity house in 2000

- Purchased the U.S. flag pole at the Veteran's Memorial at the intersection of Washington and Jefferson Streets in 2004



- Started the Morgan County Vision Screening Program in 2008, screening K-3 and eighth-grade students in the MSD of Martinsville

"Lions Cabin" is a two-unit dormitory capable of housing a total of twenty campers and staff members. Attached to the cabin is a laundry facility capable of serving the entire campground. Funding for the

cabin was made available through memorial contributions and grants in addition to a \$150,000 grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). The cabin was constructed in memory of past Martinsville Noon Lions Club members Roger Chalkley and Dr. Terry Maxwell. Both of these Lions were afflicted by diabetes, and both had a deep love of children.

## Let's meet the Earl Park Lions Club

By **Lion Mark Flook**  
Club Secretary

As a member of the Earl Park Lions Club for over 29 years, many changes have happened, but the mission to help our community has been consistent.

Many of our key projects have been in place for years. In the month of July our club sponsors a Summer Program for the Kids at our town park. Two days a week, children can participate in organized activities to offset summer off from School. Those that meet the required days of attendance are rewarded with a day trip to a nearby Amusement Park or another fun event. One year, we went to a

Cubs Game! This is great for the children and offers opportunities to have young adults, our Scholarship Recipients for one, volunteer to help organize the activities. Our club funds any materials need for the program as well as the day trip which includes lunch.

For more than 35 years, our club has given 4 to 5 out scholarships, generally in the amount of \$1,000, to High School Seniors for their next level of education. These funds are generated from the sales of the recycling of aluminum cans through the user of our "Cans for College" cages around town. This is a great way to raise income as well as have the community in-

involved in the recycling efforts.

We also hold an annual Halloween Party in our Town Park Shelter with foods and snacks provided by our club as well as monetary awards for the costume contest. During the Covid year this was altered to a "Trunk or Treat Event" but the club still provides the food and costume contest awards. The community gets involved by creating decorated displays in the trunks of their cars and handing out candy.

Finally, one of our long-time projects is our "Bingo Shelter" which runs for three days over the Labor Day weekend. This is done in conjunction with the

town's "Fall Festival" at our Town Park which has thousands of attendees for Bluegrass Music, Tractor Pulls and the Demolition Derby, which is sponsored by our Club. The Bingo proceeds help fund many of our service efforts.

Recently, we renovated the Softball/Baseball diamond at the park. This includes makeovers for the field and concession.

We have been blessed with many amazing members over the years who poured their hearts out in an effort to promote our club and serve our community. "We Serve" is more than a motto around Earl Park because the entire community has bought into this idea.

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## This May, all roads lead to Plainfield

This May, the 105th Indiana Lions State Convention in Plainfield will welcome Past International President Joe Preston and Lion Joni for a weekend of Lions' fun and fellowship. On behalf of the 2026 Convention Committee, we invite you to make the trip to the "Heartland of Indiana" from May 1 to 3, 2026.

With construction of I-69 to Evansville now complete, all of our districts now have quick and easy access to the convention. Whether you are traveling I-69 or I-65, I-70 or I-74, or US-231 or even the Old Historic U.S. 40 National Road which runs right through downtown Plainfield, there is no reason not to pack up the car and make a weekend getaway to be with your Lions' family.

The weekend kicks off with tours of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) on Friday morning, and then a BBQ dinner hosted by the Plainfield Lions Club at Made@Plainfield before the opening plenary session at the Embassy Event Center. Many of our local community police officers have graduated from ILEA since the first class in 1969.

The Saturday luncheon will feature Dr. Dan Neely as the keynote speaker. Dr. Neely is the medical director for Indiana Lions Operation KidSight preschool vision screening program, has served as the team ophthalmologist for the Indianapolis Colts, and gives of his spare time with Orbis flying hospital.

Past International President Joe Preston, of Mesa, Ariz., will be the keynote speaker for the Saturday evening banquet, and will be presenting several Leadership and Presidential Awards to the Lions of Indiana along with is certain to be an inspirational message about being a Lion.

In between these events, are district caucuses, the second plenary business session, exhibit hallway, seminars, Strides Walk and much more. Voting happens on Sunday morning, along with a Memorial Service to remember all of those Lions who have ended their service to those WE SERVE before the closing session.

The Embassy Suites and Event Center is located just a couple of minutes from I-70, and your room reservations entitle you to complimentary made-to-order breakfast (a \$40 value\*) and a complimentary "Manager's Reception" each night from 5 to 7 p.m. (a \$40 value\*). There is ample free parking at both the hotel and the event center for those coming in for the day.

So why not make the trek to Plainfield from May 1 to 3, 2026 and celebrate being a Lion? \* Value based on double occupancy room.

## 2026 Indiana Lions State Convention

Hosted by District 25-C

May 1-3, 2026

Embassy Suites

6089 Clarks Creek Rd, Plainfield, IN 46168

Please reserve your lodging by March 31, 2026 by phone at (317) 839-1106 ext 0, or email at [Zoe.Garner@Hilton.com](mailto:Zoe.Garner@Hilton.com). Reference **Lions Convention Rooms Block--Code 918 and ask for the type of room you need (Single, Double, Queen, King)**

Room Rate: \$179.00 + taxes and fees per night

(includes breakfast buffet or made-to-order hot breakfast [\$20 value] and evening (5-7 p.m.) Manager's Reception with snacks and beer, wine and cocktails [\$20 value], included in the cost of the room)

**All Convention (Pre)Registrations must be received by March 31, 2026**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Lion Title \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your FIRST Indiana Lions State Convention: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Friday morning - Tour of Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (limit 30 per time slot) 9 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ 11 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_

Please note any dietary restrictions for alternative meals: \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Evening Dinner \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Double D's Southern BBQ (located off site at MADE@Plainfield), includes Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Dessert and drink

Select one: \_\_\_\_\_ Shredded Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Pulled Pork

Saturday Lunch \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Buffet style: Tuscan Lasagna with fresh vegetables and/or Italian Sausage

Hoagies with sauteed vegetables, Caesar Salad, Dessert Minis and drink

Saturday All-State Banquet \$55.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Plated dinner of Chicken Piccata and Roasted Pork Tenderloin, Strawberry

Fields Salad, Chef's Choice Potato, Vegetable Medley, Rolls/Butter, Dessert Minis and drink

Saturday Strides Walk

(pick up T-Shirt at Registration Table) (Please circle size needed)

Donation only (no walking or T-Shirt) \$ 5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Walk with T-Shirt (S / M / L / XL) \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Walk with T-Shirt (XXL / XXXL) \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL REGISTRATION DUE** \_\_\_\_\_

If Mailing: Mail form with check payment to: PDG Chloe Weyrauch, PO Box 94, Prairie Creek, IN 47869. Make check payable to **Indiana Lions State Convention**. On-line registrations payable by credit/debit card can be made by visiting <https://inlionsconvention.org> after February 1, 2026.

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105<sup>th</sup>  
**Indiana Lions State Convention**  
in the "Heartland of Indiana"  
May 1-3, 2026  
Plainfield, Indiana  
EMBASSY SUITES  
by Hilton

Lions Clubs International  
Past President  
**Joe Preston**  
Saturday Evening  
Keynote Speaker

Indiana Lions  
Operation KidSight  
Medical Director  
**Dr. Dan Neely**  
Saturday Luncheon  
Keynote Speaker

## 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 at [ann@indianalions.org](mailto:ann@indianalions.org).

**March 2026**

March 7: District A Convention - Fair Oaks Farms, 856 N 600 E, Fair Oaks  
March 7: District G Convention - Meadow View Golf Club, Middlebury  
March 8: Vision First - IN Lions Eye Bank  
March 14: District F Convention - Clermont Lions Club House, 3201 Tansel Rd., Clermont  
March 21: District E Convention, Gasthof Amish Village, 6659 E. Gasthof Village Rd., Montgomery  
March 28: District D Convention - Keystone Community Building, Howard Co. Fairgrounds, 610 E. Payton St., Greentown

**April 2026**

April 4: Salem Lions Club 100th Anniversary Celebration - 6 p.m.  
April 4: Plainfield Lions Club 100th Anniversary, 5 p.m., MADE@Plainfield, 1610 Reeves Road, Plainfield  
April 11: Lions Foundation Holding Corporation - Lions State Office, 9002 Vincennes Circle, Suite 110, Indianapolis  
April 12: Speech & Hearing Committee Meeting - 12:30 p.m. at Indiana Lions State Office, 9002 Vincennes Circle, Suite 110, Indianapolis  
April 17: Decatur Lions Club 100th Anniversary - St. Mary's Parish Hall, Kouts  
April 30: Council of Governors Meeting - Location TBD

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## 2026 State Convention Constitution and Bylaws Proposed Changes

**Note: The following amendments will be presented, each on a separate ballot, for a “YES” or “NO” vote, at the 2026 State Convention.**

**Strikethrough indicates text to be removed, while *italics* indicates text to be added.**

**Amendment #1 and Amendment #2** address the same item and should be voted on together. Recommend including both amendments on the ballot like below:

- vote for Amendment #1 (Assistant Comptroller shall not receive Per Diem)
- vote for Amendment #2 (Assistant Comptroller shall receive Per Diem)
- vote for no to both Amendment #1 and #2

**Amendment #3 and Amendment #4** address the same item and should be voted on together. Recommend including both amendments on the ballot like below:

- vote for Amendment #3 (\$3 dues increase)
- vote for Amendment #4 (\$1 dues increase)
- vote for no to both Amendment #3 and #4

**Amendment #5 and Amendment #6** address the same item and should be voted on together. Recommend including both amendments on the ballot like below:

- vote for Amendment #5 (voting before Banquet)
- vote for Amendment #6 (voting after Banquet)
- vote for no to both Amendment #5 and #6

**Amendment #7 and Amendment #8** address the same item and should be voted on together. Recommend including both amendments on the ballot like below:

- vote for Amendment #7 (up to \$10 registration fee)
- vote for Amendment #8 (up to \$25 registration fee)
- vote for no to both Amendment #7 and #8

**Amendment #9** is a stand-alone amendment to provide additional funds for State Convention.

**Amendment #10** is a stand-alone amendment to move the convention to at least 60 days prior to International Convention.

**Amendment #11** is a stand-alone amendment to adjust Credentials time.

**Amendment #12** is a stand-alone amendment to add the MD-GET position.

**Amendment #13** is a stand-alone amendment to correct verbiage and add MD-GET position.

**Amendment #14** is a stand-alone amendment to clarify who can be appointed as committee chair.

### APPROVED AND SUBMITTED BY THE SULLIVAN COUNTY LIONS CLUB: AMENDMENT #1

Amend ARTICLE V of the MD 25 Bylaws by adding to Section 3. Section 3 currently reads as follows:

The State Comptroller may request the State Council to appoint an assistant Comptroller to assist in the duties of the State Comptroller. Prior to the first Council meeting of the Lions year, the Council may issue a request to the membership for Lions interested in the position to submit their names. The Council shall consider the recommendation of the State Comptroller when selecting an assistant Comptroller.

ARTICLE V Section 3 shall be amended by adding the following sentence:

*The assistant Comptroller shall not receive Per Diem or reimbursement for attending Council meetings unless the Comptroller is incapacitated and unable to attend.*

As amended, ARTICLE V of the Bylaws shall read as follows:

Section 3. The State Comptroller may request the State Council to appoint an assistant Comptroller to assist in the duties of the State Comptroller. Prior to the first Council Meeting of the Lions year, the Council may issue a request to the membership for Lions interested in the position to submit their names. The Council shall consider the recommendation of the State Comptroller when selecting an assistant Comptroller.

The assistant Comptroller shall not receive Per Diem or reimbursement for attending Council meetings unless the Comptroller is incapacitated and unable to attend.

**Purpose:** The Comptroller gives the financial report at the Council meeting. The assistant Comptroller has no duties at the Council meeting and is not required to attend. Therefore, he/she should not be entitled to reimbursement for lodging, mileage and meals.

### APPROVED AND SUBMITTED BY THE CARMEL LIONS CLUB: AMENDMENT #2

Amend ARTICLE V Section 2 of the MD 25 Bylaws. Section 2 currently reads as follows:

Section 2. The State Comptroller shall be allowed payment of expenses in attending State Council Meetings and the State Convention on the same basis as members of the State Council. The State Comptroller's expenses to the International Convention shall be on the same basis the State Council authorizes for other Convention Committee Members.

Article V, Section 2 shall be amended as follows:

Section 2. The State Comptroller and Assistant State Comptroller shall be allowed payment of expenses in attending State Council Meetings and the State Convention. *The State Comptroller shall be reimbursed on the same basis as members of the State Council. The Assistant State Comptroller shall be reimbursed on the same basis as Second Vice District Governors.* The State Comptroller's expenses to the International Convention shall be on the same basis the State Council authorizes for other Convention Committee Members.

As amended, ARTICLE V of the Bylaws shall read as follows:

Section 2. The State Comptroller and Assistant State Comptroller shall be allowed payment of expenses in attending State Council Meetings and the State Convention. The State Comptroller shall be reimbursed on the same basis as members of the State Council. The Assistant State Comptroller shall be reimbursed on the same basis as Second Vice District Governors. The State Comptroller's expenses to the International Convention shall be on the same basis the State Council authorizes for other Convention Committee Members.

**Purpose:** If the Assistant Comptroller gives the financial report at the Council meeting, he/she should be entitled to reimbursement.

### APPROVED AND SUBMITTED BY THE MARTINSVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB AMENDMENT #3

Amend ARTICLE X, Sections 1(a) and 2(c) of the MD 25 Constitution. Section 1 (a) currently reads as follows:

The State per capita dues are sixteen dollars (\$16.00) per member each year, to be paid semi-annually according to the records of the June and December monthly membership reports and shall be payable within (30) days of the date of billing. The apportionment thereof shall be made in agreement with Section 2 of this article.

Section 2 (c) currently reads as follows:

One dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per year to the State Convention Fund;

Section 1 (a) shall be amended as follows:

The State per capita dues are ~~sixteen dollars (\$16.00)~~ *nineteen dollars (\$19.00)* per member each year, to be paid semi-annually according to the records of the June and December monthly membership reports and shall be payable within (30) days of the date of billing. The apportionment thereof shall be made in agreement with Section 2 of this article.

Section 2 (c) shall be amended as follows:

~~One dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25)~~ *Four dollars and twenty-five cents (\$4.25)* per year to the State Convention Fund;

Section 1 (a) as amended reads as follows:

The State per capita dues are nineteen dollars (\$19.00) per member each year, to be paid semi-annually according to the records of the June and December monthly membership reports and shall be payable within (30) days of the date of billing. The apportionment thereof shall be made in agreement with Section 2 of this article.

Section 2 (c) as amended reads as follows:

Four dollars and twenty-five cents (\$4.25) per year to the State Convention Fund;

**Purpose:** With the ever increasing costs of providing the Lion of Indiana with a quality and meaningful state convention to conduct the business of ALL Lions of Indiana, a dues increase for the sole benefit of the State Convention Fund is warranted and necessary to: 1) help defray the ever increasing costs of a State Convention; 2) to help limit the cost to the delegates and attendees conducting the business of ALL Lions of Indiana; and 3) limit the costs associated with attending the convention so as to not discourage Lions from attending.

### APPROVED AND SUBMITTED BY THE PETERSBURG LIONS CLUB AMENDMENT #4

Amend ARTICLE X, Sections 1(a) and 2(c) of the MD 25 Constitution. Section 1 (a) currently reads as follows:

The State per capita dues are sixteen dollars (\$16.00) per member each year, to be paid semi-annually according to the records of the June and December monthly membership reports and shall be payable within (30) days of the date of billing. The apportionment thereof shall be made in agreement with Section 2 of this article.

Section 2 (c) currently reads as follows:

One dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per year to the State Convention Fund;

Section 1 (a) shall be amended as follows:

The State per capita dues are ~~sixteen dollars (\$16.00)~~ *seventeen dollars (\$17.00)* per member each year, to be paid semi-annually according to the records of the June and December monthly membership reports and shall be payable within (30) days of the date of billing. The apportionment thereof shall be made in agreement with Section 2 of this article.

Section 2 (c) shall be amended as follows:

~~One dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25)~~ *Two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25)* per year to the State Convention Fund;

Section 1 (a) as amended reads as follows:

The State per capita dues are nineteen dollars (\$19.00) per member each year, to be paid semi-annually according to the records of the June and December monthly membership reports and shall be payable within (30) days of the date of billing. The apportionment thereof shall be made in agreement with Section 2 of this article.

Section 2 (c) as amended reads as follows:

Four dollars and twenty-five cents (\$4.25) per year to the State Convention Fund;

**Purpose:** With the ever increasing costs of providing the Lion of Indiana with a quality and meaningful state convention to conduct the business of ALL Lions of Indiana, a dues increase for the sole benefit of the State Convention Fund is warranted and necessary to: 1) help defray the ever increasing costs of a State Convention; 2) to help limit the cost to the delegates and attendees conducting the business of ALL Lions of Indiana; and 3) limit the costs associated with attending the convention so as to not discourage Lions from attending.

### APPROVED AND SUBMITTED BY THE NOBLESVILLE LIONS CLUB AMENDMENT #5

Amend ARTICLE I, Section 4 of the MD 25 Bylaws. Section 4, currently reads as follows:

State Convention Election balloting shall take place from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on the time prevailing in the Convention City on Sunday, the last day of the State Convention. The presiding Officer shall, at each business session of the State Convention, announce when and where the election will take place.

Section 4 shall be amended as follows:

State Convention Election balloting shall take place from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on the next to last day and 7:00 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on the time prevailing in the Convention City on ~~Sunday~~; the last day of the State Convention. The presiding Officer shall, at each business session of the State Convention, announce when and where the election will take place.

Section 4 as amended reads as follows:

State Convention Election balloting shall take place from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on the next to last day and 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on the time prevailing in the Convention City on the last day of the State Convention. The presiding Officer shall, at each business session of the State Convention, announce when and where the election will take place.

**Purpose:** To allow voting before the Banquet

### APPROVED AND SUBMITTED BY THE PETERSBURG LIONS CLUB AMENDMENT #6

Amend ARTICLE I, Section 4 of the MD 25 Bylaws. Section 4, currently reads as follows:

State Convention Election balloting shall take place from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on the time prevailing in the Convention City on Sunday, the last day of the State Convention. The presiding Officer shall, at each business session of the State Convention, announce when and where the election will take place.

Section 4 shall be amended as follows:

State Convention Election balloting shall take place from *immediately following the Banquet for no more than one hour* and 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on the time prevailing in the Convention City on Sunday, the last day of the State Convention. The presiding Officer shall, at each business session of the State Convention, announce when and where the election will take place.

Section 4 as amended reads as follows:

State Convention Election balloting shall take place from immediately following the Banquet for no more than one hour and 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on the time prevailing in the Convention City on Sunday, the last day of the State Convention. The presiding Officer shall, at each business session of the State Convention, announce when and where the election will take place.

**Purpose:** To allow voting after the Banquet

### APPROVED AND SUBMITTED BY THE PETERSBURG LIONS CLUB AMENDMENT #7

Amend ARTICLE X, Section 8 of the MD 25 Constitution. Section 8, currently reads as follows:

That part of the state per capita dues allocated to the State Convention Fund shall be disbursed by the State Comptroller for the use of the State Council in financing the next State Convention. The Convention shall be financed entirely from the State Convention Fund. There shall be no registration fees nor special assessments made for this purpose. Said Convention Fund shall be disbursed upon approval of the State Council. Ten (10) percent of the total of said fund shall be retained by the State Comptroller until twenty (20) copies of a complete report of the convention proceedings and an accounting shall be given to the State Council setting forth receipts and disbursements of the State Convention.

Section 8 shall be amended as follows:

That part of the state per capita dues allocated to the State Convention Fund shall be disbursed by the State Comptroller for the use of the State Council in financing the next State Convention. The Convention shall be financed ~~entirely~~ from the State Convention Fund *from registration fees not to exceed ten dollars (\$10) funds raised by the convention committee and other funds allocated by the State Council. There shall be no registration fees nor special assessments made for this purpose.* Said Convention Fund shall be disbursed upon approval of the State Council. Ten (10) percent of the total of said fund shall be retained by the State Comptroller until twenty (20) copies of a complete report of the convention proceedings and an accounting

shall be given to the State Council setting forth receipts and disbursements of the State Convention.

Section 8 as amended reads as follows:

That part of the state per capita dues allocated to the State Convention Fund shall be disbursed by the State Comptroller for the use of the State Council in financing the next State Convention. The Convention shall be financed from the State Convention Fund, from registration fees not to exceed ten dollars (\$10), funds raised by the convention committee and other funds allocated by the State Council. Said Convention Fund shall be disbursed upon approval of the State Council. Ten (10) percent of the total of said fund shall be retained by the State Comptroller until twenty (20) copies of a complete report of the convention proceedings and an accounting shall be given to the State Council setting forth receipts and disbursements of the State Convention.

**Purpose:** To provide additional funding for State Convention.

The Noblesville Lions Club moves to amend Article X, Section 8 of the Constitution.

The section currently reads: Article X Finance and State Funds

Section 8. That part of the state per capita dues allocated to the State Convention Fund shall be disbursed by the State Comptroller for the use of the State Council in financing the next State Convention. The Convention shall be financed entirely from the State Convention Fund. There shall be no registration fees nor special assessments made for this purpose. Said Convention Fund shall be disbursed upon approval of the State Council. Ten

(10) percent of the total of said fund shall be retained by the State Comptroller until twenty

(20) copies of a complete report of the convention proceedings and an accounting shall be given to the State Council setting forth receipts and disbursements of the State Convention.

The proposed changes would be as follows:

Article X Finance and State Funds

Section 8. That part of the state per capita dues allocated to the State Convention Fund shall be disbursed by the State Comptroller for the use of the State Council in financing the next State Convention. The Convention shall be financed entirely from the State Convention Fund, *from registration fees not to exceed \$25, funds raised by the convention committee and other funds allocated by the State Council. There shall be no registration fees nor special assessments made for this purpose.* Said Convention Fund shall be disbursed upon approval of the State Council. Ten (10) percent of the total of said fund shall be retained by the State Comptroller until twenty (20) copies of a complete report of the convention proceedings and an accounting shall be given to the State Council setting forth receipts and disbursements of the State Convention.

As amended, the section would read:

Article X Finance and State Funds

Section 8. That part of the state per capita dues allocated to the State Convention Fund shall be disbursed by the State Comptroller for the use of the State Council in financing the next State Convention. The Convention shall be financed from the State Convention Fund, from registration fees not to exceed \$25, funds raised by the convention committee and other funds allocated by the State Council. Said Convention Fund shall be disbursed upon approval of the State Council. Ten (10) percent of the total of said fund shall be retained by the State Comptroller until twenty (20) copies of a complete report of the convention proceedings and an accounting shall be given to the State Council setting forth receipts and disbursements of the State Convention.

Submitted by the Noblesville Lions Club as approved at its meeting on October 22, 2025.

### APPROVED AND SUBMITTED BY THE NOBLESVILLE LIONS CLUB AMENDMENT #8

Amend ARTICLE X, Section 8 of the MD 25 Constitution.

The Noblesville Lions Club moves to amend Article X, Section 8 of the Constitution.

The section currently reads:

Article X Finance and State Funds

Section 8. That part of the state per capita dues allocated to the State Convention Fund shall be disbursed by the State Comptroller for the use of the State Council in financing the next State Convention. The Convention shall be financed entirely from the State Convention Fund, *from registration fees not to exceed \$25, funds raised by the convention committee and other funds allocated by the State Council. There shall be no registration fees nor special assessments made for this purpose.* Said Convention Fund shall be disbursed upon approval of the State Council. Ten (10) percent of the total of said fund shall be retained by the State Comptroller until twenty (20) copies of a complete report of the convention proceedings and an accounting shall be given to the State Council setting forth receipts and disbursements of the State Convention.

The proposed changes would be as follows:

Article X Finance and State Funds

Section 8. That part of the state per capita dues allocated to the State Convention Fund shall be disbursed by the State Comptroller for the use of the State Council in financing the next State Convention. The Convention shall be financed ~~entirely~~ from the State Convention Fund, *from registration fees not to exceed \$25, funds raised by the convention committee and other funds allocated by the State Council. There shall be no registration fees nor special assessments made for this purpose.* Said Convention Fund shall be disbursed upon approval of the State Council. Ten (10) percent of the total of said fund shall be retained by the State Comptroller until twenty (20) copies of a complete report of the convention proceedings and an accounting shall be given to the State Council setting forth receipts and disbursements of the State Convention.

As amended, the section would read:

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Submitted by the Noblesville Lions Club as approved at its meeting on October 22, 2025.

**Purpose:** To provide additional funding for State Convention.

### APPROVED AND SUBMITTED BY THE PETERSBURG LIONS CLUB AMENDMENT #9

ARTICLE X, New Section 13 of the MD 25 Constitution.

Section 13 shall be added as follows:

The State Convention Fund shall receive \$10,000 annually from the MD 25 investments with the Edwards Jones Agency. The Host Convention Committee may submit a request for said funds at the second (2nd) Council meeting and the date to be received from the Comptroller.

This provision will sunset in five years or at the close of the 2031 Lions year.

Section 13 will read as follows:

*The State Convention Fund shall receive \$10,000 annually from the MD 25 investments with the Edwards Jones Agency. The Host Convention Committee may submit a request for said funds at the second (2nd) Council meeting and the date to be received from the Comptroller.*

This provision will sunset in five years or at the close of the 2031 Lions year.

**Purpose:** To provide an additional funding source for the State Convention.

This fund was transferred to Edward Jones Agency in Spencer, IN nine years ago with a principal value of \$120,000. That fund now has a value of \$215,000. Financial experts say that 4.7% can be taken from an investment account annually and it should not erode the principal amount.

It is proposed that this transfer be evaluated for five (5) years and then it shall sunset or expire. At that time the Budget and Constitution committees should review this section.

### APPROVED AND SUBMITTED BY THE NOBLESVILLE LIONS CLUB AMENDMENT #10

Amend ARTICLE VI, Section 1 of the MD 25 Constitution. Section 1, currently reads as follows:

A convention of the Lions of Indiana shall be held each year, at least thirty (30) days before the date of the International Convention. The State Convention shall be held at a place selected by the State Council and the host club(s) and shall be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Section 1 shall be amended as follows:

A convention of the Lions of Indiana shall be held each year, at least ~~thirty (30)~~ *thirty sixty (30 60)* days before the date of the International Convention. The State Convention shall be held at a place selected by the State Council and the host club(s) ~~district~~ and shall be held on ~~Friday, Saturday and Sunday~~ *the dates approved by the State Council.*

Section 1 as amended reads as follows:

A convention of the Lions of Indiana shall be held each year, at least sixty (60) days before the date of the International Convention. The State Convention shall be held at a place selected by the State Council and the host district and shall be held on the dates approved by the State Council.

**Purpose:** To 60 days before International Convention.

### APPROVED AND SUBMITTED BY THE NOBLESVILLE LIONS CLUB AMENDMENT #11

Amend ARTICLE I, Section 5 of the MD 25 Bylaws. Section 5, currently reads as follows:

To be entitled to vote, delegates shall have their credentials certified by the Credentials Committee. Credential certification shall be open on Friday, no later than 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The hours of certification shall be listed and shown on the Convention Program and published in the HOOSIER LION. Certification may include a break during lunch hour.

Section 5 shall be amended as follows:

To be entitled to vote, delegates shall have their credentials certified by the Credentials Committee. Credential certification shall be open on Friday, no later than ~~3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and Saturday~~ *the next to last day of the Convention* from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 3:00 p.m. The hours of certification shall be listed and shown on the Convention Program and published in the HOOSIER LION. Certification may include a break during lunch hour.

Section 5 as amended reads as follows:

To be entitled to vote, delegates shall have their credentials certified by the Credentials Committee. Credential certification shall be open the next to last day of the Convention from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The hours of certification shall be listed and shown on the Convention Program and published in the HOOSIER LION. Certification may include a break during lunch hour.

**Purpose:** To adjust Credentials time.

### APPROVED AND SUBMITTED BY THE NOBLESVILLE LIONS CLUB AMENDMENT #12

Add ARTICLE XII, Section 5 of the MD 25 Bylaws. Section 5 shall be amended as follows:

*The District Governors of each District shall appoint a District Global Extension Team (GET) Coordinator for the District and the District Coordinators shall collectively serve as the Multiple District Global Extension Team under the Multiple District 25 appointed Coordinator. At the expiration of the term of the Multiple District Coordinator, the State Council shall name a Lion to serve as Multiple District Coordinator.*

Section 5 as amended reads as follows:

The District Governors of each District shall appoint a District Global Extension Team (GET) Coordinator for the District and the District Coordinators shall collectively serve as the Multiple District Global Extension Team under the Multiple District 25 appointed Coordinator. At the expiration of the term of the Multiple District Coordinator, the State Council shall name a Lion to serve as Multiple District Coordinator.

**Purpose:** To add the Global Extension Team (GET).

### APPROVED AND SUBMITTED BY THE NOBLESVILLE LIONS CLUB AMENDMENT #13

ARTICLE XII, Section 5 of the MD 25 Bylaws. Section 5, currently reads as follows:

Chaired by the Council Chairperson, a Multiple District Global Action Team (GAT) shall be comprised of the Multiple District Global Leadership (GLT) Coordinator, Multiple Global Membership (GMT) Coordinator, and Multiple District Global Service (GST) Coordinator.

Section 5 shall be amended and renumbered as follows:

Section 5 6: Chaired by the Council Chairperson, a Multiple District Global Action Team (GAT) shall be comprised of the Multiple District Global Leadership (GLT) Coordinator, Multiple District Global Membership (GMT) Coordinator, *Multiple District Global Extension (GET) Coordinator,* and Multiple District Global Service (GST) Coordinator.

Section 6 as amended reads as follows:

Section 6: Chaired by the Council Chairperson, a Multiple District Global Action Team (GAT) shall be comprised of the Multiple District Global Leadership (GLT) Coordinator, Multiple District Global Membership (GMT) Coordinator, Multiple District Global Extension (GET) Coordinator, and Multiple District Global Service (GST) Coordinator.

**Purpose:** To correct verbiage and add the MD-GET position.

### APPROVED AND SUBMITTED BY THE NOBLESVILLE LIONS CLUB AMENDMENT #14

Amend ARTICLE XII, Section 8 of the MD 25 Bylaws. Section 8, currently reads as follows:

Each Governor shall appoint one Lion from his district to each State Committee. The State Council shall designate one member of each committee to be the Chairperson. No Lion holding a State Office position, State Committee Chairperson, State Project Chairperson, or an appointed GLT or GMT Multiple District Coordinator, shall hold more than one (1) chair at the same time.

Section 8 shall be amended and renumbered as follows:

Section 8. 9. Each Governor shall appoint one Lion from his district to each State Committee. The State Council shall designate one member of each committee to be the Chairperson. No Lion holding a State Office position, State Committee Chairperson, State Project Chairperson, or an appointed GLT or GMT Multiple District Coordinator, shall hold more than one (1) chair at the same time.

Section 9 as amended reads as follows:



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## Cold weather can't chill our dedication to service

Dear Lions,  
I trust this message finds you well, despite the lingering chill of winter. With spring just around the corner, I share your anticipation for warmer days ahead.

I want to draw your attention to a crucial upcoming event – The District 25 D Convention which is scheduled for March 28 in Winchester, Ind.

Please ensure this date is marked on your calendars. Further details regarding the agenda, registration procedures, and specific venue information will be circulated shortly. We eagerly anticipate a strong and engaged turnout from our dedicated Lions members.

It is commendable to see the significant progress many clubs in District 25D are making, particularly with the timely submission of service reports to Anita Hines. Your diligence in this regard is greatly appreciated and absolutely vital for our district's operational efficiency and collective impact.

Beyond this, I urge each club to prioritize and actively engage in membership recruitment. There are countless individuals in our communities who would undoubtedly benefit from, and profoundly contribute to, the esteemed Lions organization. Let us actively

seek out and welcome new members, thereby strengthening our collective reach and influence.

Due to unforeseen issues, I was unable to attend the recent Midwinter Conference and Council Meeting. However, I have been in communication with other Lions about both events and have heard that they were highly productive and informative, as they invariably are, and I truly value these opportunities for fellowship and learning.

On a reflective note, I hope all clubs had the opportunity to commemorate the birthday of our esteemed founder, Melvin Jones. His profound vision and enduring legacy continue to inspire our service worldwide.

My sincere gratitude extends to every Lions Club within District 25D for your unwavering hard work and dedication. Your commitment is the cornerstone of our district's strength and continued vitality.

Finally, it was a distinct pleasure to attend the 80th Anniversary celebration of the Russiaville Lions Club recently. Their consistent activity and profound community engagement serve as an excellent example for us all.

Thank you for your continued commitment to service.

# All the Lions are saying is give peace a chance

By **LISA DICK**  
Noblesville Lions Club

Noblesville Lions voted at their November meeting to select the artwork created by Noblesville East Middle School student Addison Thomas for this year's Lions International Peace Poster competition.

Thomas and her parents were guests at our December meeting. In addition to recognizing her talent at the local level, Past District Chair Lion Julia Kozicki announced that her poster had been presented to Lions District 25D where it was chosen to compete at the state level. Lion Julia then shared that Thomas' work was then

designated to represent District 25 (the state of Indiana) at Lions International.

Lions International is sponsoring the program to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere. One international grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners will be selected. The grand prize includes a cash award of \$5,000 and will be recognized at a special Lions International awards ceremony. The 23 merit award winners will each receive a certificate and a cash award of \$500.

For additional information about the Lions International Peace Poster Contest, go to [lionsclubs.org/peaceposter](http://lionsclubs.org/peaceposter).



Photo provided by Lisa Dick, Noblesville Lions Club  
(From left) Lion Stanley, Peace Poster Artist Addison Thomas, Past District Chair Lion Julia Kozicki, and Noblesville Lions President Walt Scheid.

## Russiaville celebrates 80 years

The Russiaville Lions Club celebrated its 80th anniversary on Sunday, January 11, 2026. The club hosted an open house party with more than 150 people attending. Distinguished guests included Kokomo Mayor Tyler Moore, IUK Chancellor Mark Canada, and leaders from Western School Corporation. Past presidents were honored throughout the event, sporting gold "President" crowns. More than 40 current members, friends, and family members attended as well.

Past President Darlene Homkes was presented with the W.P. Woods Fellowship at the meeting. This prestigious honor was given to Lion Darlene for her hours of work and support for Lions Club, including vision screening, new environmental club projects, increased club membership, and always pitching in. Congratulations and love to Darlene from RLC!

The Russiaville Lions Club is a community-centered organization. The history includes hosting the community for roller skating and dance parties in the 1950s -1960s. Many people in Russiaville remember the critical role the Lions played after the 1965 tornado. The



Photos provided

(ABOVE) Russiaville Lions celebrate their club's 80th anniversary. (BELOW) DG Jim Dubeansky & RLC President Reba present the ILF W. P. Woods Fellowship to Lion Darlene.

building, which survived the storm, served as a community hub in the aftermath. The anniversary celebration planning team displayed photos, new articles, and even a few artifacts from the RLC's rich history.

The club is active with the youth in Russiaville. The club sponsors youth ball leagues and scouts, and awards two \$1,000 scholarships to Western high school seniors in the spring. RLC members present Constitution Day every September for Western students in grades 8 and 11. Members help the local library throughout the



year with events like movie nights, Bike Rodeo, and Dance Across Russiaville. RLC has collected food, coats, and other items for community drives. Many thanks to the many RLC members who made the celebration possible!



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(From left) Jeff Boller, Logan Reiff, and Jeff Larrison.

## Westfield initiates Reiff into the pride

By **JEFF LARRISON**  
Westfield Lions Club

At the Jan. 15 Westfield Lions Club meeting, Logan Reiff, 22, born and raised in Westfield and a graduate of both Westfield High School and Indiana University was initiated into the Club.

Reiff was sponsored by Lion Jeff Boller, one of the Club's top recruiters. This brings the Club's roster up to an all-time high of 75 members.

Reiff returned to the area after graduating from IU and now works with Shepherd Insurance as a Commercial Insurance Advisor. He said he is looking forward to getting out into the

community, having a positive impact, and recruiting future Lions. Giving back to the community that has given him so much, along with providing opportunities to others less fortunate, are his motivating factors for becoming a Lion.

The Westfield Lions Club has been serving the citizens of Westfield and beyond since 1930. They are part of the world's largest service organization, Lions Clubs International, and are the longest serving service club in Hamilton County. If you are interested in being part of an organization that serves those in need, go to [WestfieldLions.org](http://WestfieldLions.org) to find out more.

## Westfield Lions' Poker for Sight raises over \$25K for local charities

By **JEFF LARRISON**  
Westfield Lions Club

The Westfield Lions' semi-annual Texas Hold 'em poker tournament, "Poker for Sight"®, welcomed more than 200 players from around Indiana at the Nov. 14 and 15 event at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville.

The Lions paid out \$25,100 to the winners and raised well over \$25,000, which they will use to fund their numerous projects, grants, and scholarships.

This tournament's winner, Marcus Ellison, took home the \$10,000 check for first place, making him one of the few two-time winners in the tournament's history. Rounding out the top three were Marlena Evans in second place, collecting a \$4,000 check, and David Myers in third place receiving a \$2,000 check. Myers is also a past tournament champion.

The two-day tournament features three qualifying sessions and a cham-



Photos provided by Westfield Lions Club

Two examples local nonprofits who received donations following the Poker for Sight Tournament included HVAF of Indiana and Open Doors Food Pantry of Westfield. (LEFT, from left) Lion Ron Mangus, Andrea Carlile of HVAF, and Lion Brian Abraham. (RIGHT, from left) Lion Tracy Rogers, Carrie Larrison of Open Doors, Lion Steve Hall, and Lion Brian Abraham.

pionship round on Saturday night. The qualifying sessions took place Friday morning at 10 a.m., Friday evening at 6 p.m., and Saturday morning at 10 a.m. The top 15 percent of each of the players in the qualifying sessions advanced directly to the championship round. (Players only have to qualify in one session to make the championship round.)

The Westfield Lions will hold their next tournament in April 2026. The tournaments are held at the newly



remodeled Hamilton County Fairgrounds 4-H Building. For more information on the tournament and how to register for it, go to [LionsPoker.org](http://LionsPoker.org).

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.

  
**Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing**

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.



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## Let's keep up the good work

By **DG John Spurgeon**  
District 25E Governor

With this writing, we have completed 58,333... percent of the 25-26 Lions year.

We just had a successful and educational meeting of fellow Lions from around the state at the Mid-Winter Conference. There were service projects and classes on **Using the Lions Portal, Inviting Made Easy, Serving Your Club, Lion Membership Orientation** ... naming just four of the 12 sessions.

We have made good strides, BUT we are lagging in the **NEW MEMBER CATEGORY**. Remember to ask your co-workers, neighbors, fellow church members, or other organizations you may belong to. **REMEMBER WITH MORE LIONS WE CAN SERVE MORE PEOPLE.**

If you have an organization that you can ask, you could bring in that organization as a **CLUB BRANCH** and they could utilize the "Liability"

Insurance that the Lions International provides.

We also have time to form **NEW CLUBS** across our district, with a reminder that our District reaches from Brown County west to Sullivan County in the north and Floyd County west to Posey County in the south. Loogootee is possibly a new club location as a meeting was held Jan. 26.

Dates to remember:

- The District 25E Convention March 21 in Bedford with Lion International Director Chris Carlone (24-26).

- Have your Club Elections turned in by April 10.

- The Indiana Lions State Convention is April 30 to May 3 in Plainfield. Plan to be there.

- Look for upcoming officer trainings at various locations and dates.

- The District 25E Picnic will be at Lincoln State Park on June 20.

- The Lions International Convention will be in Hong Kong on July 3 to 7!

Let us keep up the good work as **WE SERVE!**

## Jasper celebrates 75 years of service



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During a December lunch meeting with the Jasper Mayor, the Jasper Lions Club was presented with a proclamation in honor of celebrating 75 years of service. The club's anniversary date was Dec. 1.

## 100 people flock to Elizabeth for chili

The Elizabeth Lions Club hosted its 14th annual Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, December 6th at the South Harrison Community Center, drawing a crowd of approximately 100 attendees. Sixteen chili entries competed for top honors, with cash prizes awarded to the top finishers. First place received \$100, second place \$75, third place \$50, and fourth place \$25. A tie for

fourth place resulted in two fourth-place prizes being awarded this year.

The Chili Cook-Off is one of the club's two major annual fundraisers. In addition to supporting the club's charitable efforts, the event also collected canned goods for the local food pantry and monetary donations for Jude's Jingle Tree benefiting the Home of the Innocents. WDRB's Mike Marshall



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served as one of the judges role every year since the and has participated in that event began.

## Bedford, Fayetteville & Mitchell Lions clubs complete 2025 vision screenings for 1,833 local students

Members of the three local Lions Clubs (Bedford, Fayetteville Community, and Mitchell) joined together in vision screening teams of five to 12 trained Lions for two weeks in October and one week in November.

Lions conducted vision screenings on students at 18 Lawrence County schools, screening one school in the morning and one school in the afternoon each day. Working with the principals and nurses, the Lions helped complete the 2025 school year's State of Indiana required mandated school vision screenings for each school.

This was the 16th year the local Lions have volunteered to do vision screenings in all schools. A total of 32 different Lions from the three clubs volunteered to help this year. The Lions complete a certification-training program and donate all their time per-



Photo provided

**Lions Jim Fisher, Newell Clifton, Lynn Burch, Gail Burger, and Jan Allen perform vision screenings at JC Christian Academy.**

forming screenings at the schools.

Each student's eyes are screened for distance and near visual acuity using Optec optical testing machines for first-, third-, fifth-, and eighth-graders. The total number of students screened at North Lawrence Elementary and Middle School, Mitchell Elementary and Junior

High Schools, St. Vincent de Paul School, Lawrence County Independent Schools, Springville Community Academy, Stone City Christian Academy, JC Christian Academy, and Orleans Elementary School was 1,833, with 342 students or 18 percent being referred for vision problems to seek additional professional eye exams.

## Oakland City Lions welcome Santa Claus for breakfast



Photos provided

Santa Claus was the star of the show at the annual Breakfast with Santa hosted by the Oakland City Lions Club on December 6. Kids 9 and under got to eat free and others could make a monetary donation then get a meal, which consisted of scrambled eggs, bacon and sausage, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, juice, and milk. After eating, the kids were thrilled to visit with Santa then receive a toy of their choice. (LEFT) OCLC President Jim Smith presenting the boys bike to the drawing winner. (RIGHT) Santa with some young admirers.

## Ramsey Lions make matching donation to Harrison County Community Services



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The Ramsey Lions Club was proud to donate a \$2,000 check to Rick Cooper of Harrison County Community Services. The check was matched dollar-for-dollar by the Harrison County Community Foundation, totaling \$4,000 put into the Harrison County Community Services Fund. (From left) Lion Norman Swarens, HCCF President/CEO Julie Moorman, Lion Glen Wuest, Rick Cooper, and HCCS Director of Development/SHIP Counselor Kym Wilkinson.

## Healthcare caroling in Ellettsville



Photo provided

The Ellettsville Lions Club visited the Richland Bean Blossom Healthcare Facility for their annual Christmas Caroling event on Dec. 16, 2025. The caroling ensemble included eight current Lions club members, four members of Girl Scout troops #2272 and #2448, one member of the high school choir, and two non-members. Pictured with the donated gifts are (from left) Lions Sarah Reyman, Monica Clemons (Club President), Wally Myers, and Jane Locke.

## Odon Lions present Melvin Jones award

Photo provided  
Lion Tom Schaffer, Odon Lions Club Secretary, was presented the Melvin Jones Fellow award at the club's annual Christmas dinner. He is a very active member and recently completed a huge project for the town of Odon. Tom was able to form a pickleball league for the town.



Then having managed that task, he was able to obtain private donations to resurface and paint stripes on the tennis courts for the league to use, a project that cost several thousand dollars. (From left) Travis (son), Tom Schaffer, and Elizabeth (wife).



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## Serving our communities . . . It's what Lions do

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

The Lions Clubs of District 25F have been hard at work making a meaningful impact in the fight against hunger. Our clubs are demonstrating what it truly means to live out our motto: "We Serve." From taking families grocery shopping to partnering with local pantries and community organizations, their efforts are helping ensure that families in need have access to nutritious meals. Hunger is a challenge that affects countless individuals, and our clubs are stepping up in a big way to make a difference.

Looking ahead: District Convention – March 14

Mark your calendars! Our District Convention is coming up on March 14, and we look for it to be an inspiring event. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow Lions, share ideas, and celebrate the incredible work happening across our district.

We are thrilled to welcome PID Connie LeCleir-Meyer and her husband, Lion Mike, as our special guests. Their experience and passion for service will undoubtedly make this convention a great one.

**Consider serving as Second Vice District Governor**

Have you ever thought

about taking your leadership journey to the next level? Serving as Second Vice District Governor is a rewarding experience that allows you to travel throughout the district, visit our amazing clubs, and hear firsthand about the incredible projects they are undertaking. It's an opportunity to grow personally and professionally while making a lasting impact on our organization.

If you have a passion for service and leadership, this could be the perfect role for you!

### Keep growing your membership

Strong clubs start with strong membership. As we continue to serve our communities, let's also focus on inviting new members to join us. Every new Lion brings fresh ideas, energy, and enthusiasm that help us expand our reach and strengthen our ability to serve. Growth isn't just about numbers – it's about building a team that shares our vision and commitment to making the world a better place.

Together, we are making a difference. Let's keep the momentum going – through service, leadership, and fellowship. See you at the District Convention on March 14!

*Yours in Service,  
DG Angela Locke*

## Ben Davis & Clermont Lions Clubs do their part to combat hunger

The Ben Davis Lions Club took two families from Garden City Elementary shopping for groceries. The Club allotted \$500 and we received a very generous additional donation of \$100 from Lion Phyllis Lewis, bringing our total support to \$600.

The first family was a grandmother and granddaughter who had recently been robbed. Grandma had to make the heartbreaking decision to pay rent instead of buying groceries and household items. After shopping, Grandma expressed appreciation and stated that the grocery and household items that were purchased would get them by until she received her next check at the beginning of February.

The second family was equally appreciative of the help because Mom and Dad had recently welcomed Mom's 8- and 11-year-old siblings into the home. Additionally, they recently gave birth to a set of preemie twins born eight days prior to shopping. The twins require a special (and expensive) calorie-heavy formula and Mom and Dad were worried about covering grocery bills for the other children.

Clermont Club bought two \$200 gift cards and gave them to two families in need. One family is a grandma that is currently raising four of her grandchildren and the second family is a single mom with a six-year-old who is really struggling to make ends meet.

## Meet our Past International Director

DG Angela Locke is pleased to introduce you to Past International Director Connie LeCleir-Meyer who will be the guest speaker at the 25F District Convention.

PID Connie LeCleir-Meyer of Mondovi, Wisconsin, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 100th International Convention held in Chicago, Ill., USA, June 30 through July 4, 2017. She is a senior training program manager. A member of the Altoona Lions Club and a Lion since 2000, she has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chairperson, district governor, and district and

multiple district GLT coordinator.

In recognition of her service to the association, PID LeCleir-Meyer has received numerous awards, including an International Leadership Award and an International President's Award. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lions activities, PID LeCleir-Meyer has been active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the American Legion, National Association of Professional Women, Boy Scouts of America, and her church choir. PID LeCleir-Meyer's husband, Michael, is also a Lion. We look forward to meeting them both!



**LeCleir-Meyer**

## Speedway Lions help feed nearly 400 families

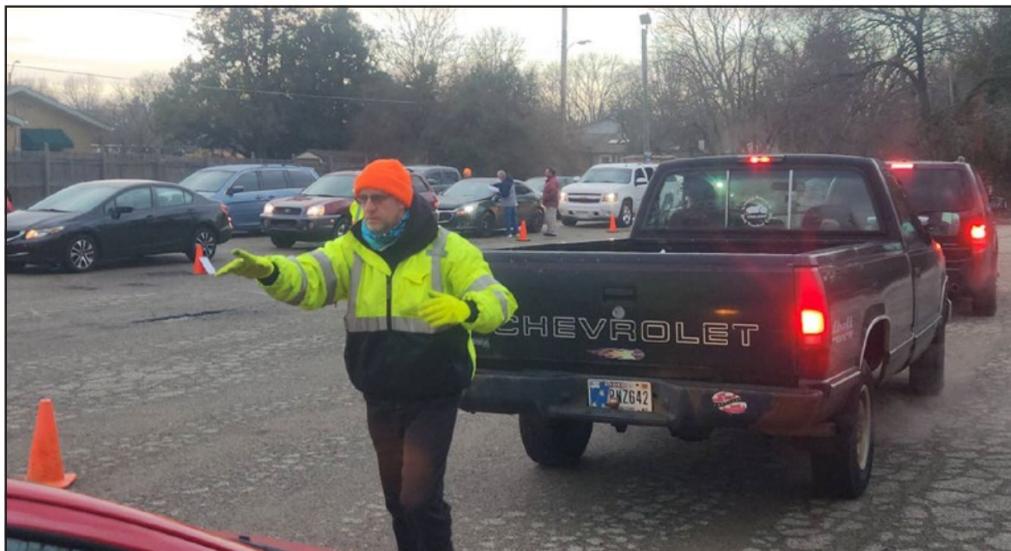


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A total of 380 families were helped on Jan. 14 as the Speedway Lions assisted Storehouse Pantry in distributing meals in support of Lions Week of Service: Fighting Hunger. It was by far the longest line of vehicles that has been seen at the pantry, stretching four blocks from the entry door. Fellow Lions Jeff Hammer, Jeff Berghoff, Brock Brown, Mary Chalmers, and PCC Reed Fish worked in different stations as our part of contributing to this worthwhile program.

## Volunteers from multiple Lions clubs spread the Christmas spirit

In December, the Ben Davis Lions Club (and a couple special Lions from Clermont and Decatur Central Lions Clubs) visited the Breann Leath Maternal Care Unit at the Indiana Women's Prison. The Leath Unit exists to keep mothers and babies together during incarceration, because early bonds shape strong futures. Protecting that connection helps reduce recidivism, break cycles of separation, and nurture healthier families and communities.

The jolliest of elves joined us for this visit and mothers were given the opportunity to have their children take their first pictures with Santa. Mem-

bers provided clothing items and holiday pajamas for all the children as well as books, coats, baby supplies, baby bags, toys baby books and many other items that will be used by both new and expecting mothers. Mothers were also supplied with supplies to wrap Christmas gifts for their children to open on Christmas Day.

Lions shared reflections of motherhood, wrapped presents and offered words of encouragement and support to the new and expecting mothers. Lions also had the opportunity to share knowledge about Lions Clubs causes locally, nationally, and internationally.



Photo provided

Lion Mikeal Gordon served as Santa during the event.

The Leath Unit was founded in 2008 and is one of only nine prison nursery programs in the US. The Leath Unit is an entirely donation-based program and

has the capacity to host 26 mom and baby pairs at any given time. To date, over 350 incarcerated individuals and babies have been served within the Leath Unit.

## 25F District Convention

**Saturday, March 14, 2026**

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

**Keynote Speaker ID Connie LeCleir-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:  
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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 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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## Winter can't stop us

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

Hello Lions,  
I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful holiday season and are staying warm as we face Old Man Winter together. As I write this, the temperatures remind us that winter is still very much in charge, but our Lions spirit is stronger than ever.

We are coming off a fantastic Mid-Winter Conference weekend filled with learning, sharing, and camaraderie, and it was truly energizing to see so many dedicated Lions together.

We are now halfway through the third quarter of our Lions year, which makes this a perfect time for a goal check. Have you made progress on your short-term goals? Completed a learning path? Added one more service project than last year? Made your personal donation to LCIF? How are your long-term goals coming along?

If adjustments are needed, that is okay. What matters most is having goals and keeping them visible. When we write them down and see them daily, we are far more likely to achieve them.

As March approaches, we enter Convention season. Perhaps this is the moment to step forward and have a greater voice in your club or district. I am incredibly proud of those who have said "yes" to serving as District

Officers, Zone Chairs, and Guiding Lions. Now let's keep that momentum going by thinking creatively about growth. Leo-Lions, Club Branches, and Specialty Clubs are exciting opportunities. Did you know a club can be built around shared interests like biking, fishing, or walking? All it takes is five members doing something they love while serving their community. Our only limits are the ones we place on ourselves.

On the membership side, if a Lion is drifting away, please do not wait. Reach out now. Make the calls. Let them know they are needed and valued. We are closer than we have been in a very long time to a positive membership turn in District 25G, and with just a little more effort, we can make it happen.

Please be sure to get your tickets for the District Convention on March 7, 2026, at Meadow View Golf Club in Middlebury. It promises to be a meaningful and memorable day. Also, think about attending the State Convention in Plainfield from May 1 to 3, 2026.

Thank you for all you do for your communities. Please call on me anytime for a visit or support. You are the reason we can proudly say District 25G is "Quite Possibly the Greatest Lions District on Earth!"

*Yours in Service,*  
*DG Jackie Kurley*

## Lydick Lions participate in Weeks of Service for Hunger



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The Lydick Lions held a canned fruit drive to help stock the shelves at the local food pantry. The Lydick Food Pantry's fruit shelves are now well stocked thanks to the generosity of the Lydick Lions and the Saint Joseph County Fire Territory firefighters. By working together, they are creating positive change and supporting their community in a meaningful way.

## MID-WINTER CONFERENCE 2026

*Leos prove they're ready for leadership*



Photo provided

(Front row) Mike Lane and Barb Kidd. (Back row) Christine Bella and Mark Perkins.

## Lydick Lions keep KidSight commitment

On Jan. 20 and 21, members of the Lydick Lions Club volunteered their time to conduct KidSight eye screenings at First English Lutheran Preschool. Participating Lions included Barb Kidd, Christine Bella, Mike Lane, Mark Perkins, Cindy Finney, Howard Morse, and Vicki Jones.

During the two-day screening, Lions screened 25 children on Tuesday and 19 on Wednesday, with no referrals identified on either day. The positive results were welcomed by both the Lions and preschool staff, including Ms. Gleissner, and rein-

forced the value of early vision screening in supporting children's readiness to learn.

Since the start of the 2025 school year, Lydick Lions have conducted KidSight screenings at 20 schools, screening a total of 576 children. Of those screened, 146 referrals were identified for children who may require further eye care.

Through their continued commitment to the KidSight program, the Lydick Lions are helping ensure that children across their community have the vision support they need to succeed in the classroom and beyond.

## Madison Township Lions start community initiatives

The Madison Township Lions Club has announced a series of significant donations aimed at supporting local families, children, and community programs. During the club's November meeting, members approved contributions to Camp Millhouse, Cultivate Food Rescue, and a local child with Type 1 diabetes in need of a service dog.

The club approved a donation to support a camper at Camp Millhouse, a non-profit camp serving individuals with special needs from across the Midwest. Executive Director Diana Breden

shared how the camp provides accessible summer programming for participants ages 7 to 75, relying heavily on community support and scholarships to ensure all campers can attend.

In support of Cultivate Food Rescue's "No Empty Table" Thanksgiving initiative, the Lions donated funds to help provide complete Thanksgiving dinners to ten local families.

The club also approved a donation to assist a family with a diabetic alert service dog for their five-year-old daughter. The dog is needed for the girl to attend school.



Photos provided

What a turnout of Leos across the State of Indiana at the Mid-Winter Conference this year! While they had their own track of activities, they also help host the seminar "How to Start a Leo Club." Also, during the day, they were blindfolded before walking to the dining room for lunch to understand why we are, in Helen Keller's words, "The Knights of the Blind." They worked in teams in a Chant Contest with a mix of different Leo clubs. All Lions in attendance picked the winning group. Congratulations to team 2! Special thank-you to Second VDG and State Leo Advisor Wendy Semans for taking charge of guiding them for the day.

## MWC leaves lasting impression on Hoosier Lions

After attending the January 2026 Lions of Indiana Mid-Winter Conference, District Governor Jackie Kurley of District 25G described the weekend as one of the most engaging and impactful conferences she has experienced in more than a decade of attendance.

While the venue remained the same, DG Kurley noted that the energy and atmosphere were noticeably different. The Friday evening dinner and entertainment featured an interactive game-night format that successfully engaged the entire audience and set a positive tone for the weekend.

Educational sessions

focused on both membership growth and leadership development. Seminars such as Ideas to Make It Easy to Invite Others to Become Lions offered practical, relaxed approaches to recruiting new members. Understanding Lions Offices and the Training Available helped demystify leadership roles, while Lions Member Orientation: History, Facts, and Key Data emphasized retention through strong onboarding and mentoring.

Modern tools were also highlighted, including sessions on Zeffy as an online payment option and the use of artificial intelligence to promote

Lions Clubs, bringing clubs firmly into the 21st century.

The keynote address by Amber Cox, Chief Operating Officer and General Manager of the Indiana Fever, was another highlight. Cox's candid responses and willingness to answer audience questions resonated with attendees. She also donated a signed basketball, which generated a significant donation and further energized the crowd.

Following a full day of seminars, Lions gathered that evening at the Clermont Lions Clubhouse to celebrate Melvin Jones' 147th birthday. The event combined fellowship,

themed food stations, games, and fundraising for LCIF, creating a memorable and meaningful celebration. Both players and the Caller had a somewhat difficult time remembering the game was L-I-O-N-S and not B-I-N-G-O. That highlight was awarding the last game winner a Melvin Jones Fellowship! The Council Meeting was held the following day, rounding out a weekend filled with learning, service, and camaraderie.

District Governor Kurley encourages Lions to mark their calendars for the 2027 Mid-Winter Conference, promising it will be an event worth anticipating all year.