

# LIONS DISTRICT 25 A NEWSLETTER

*Coming Together to Serve*

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## District Governor Jim Furlong

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*My District Gov Pin*

### **Save the Date-November 8**

Last month I mentioned the State was providing Guiding Lion Training. However, the training was scheduled for November 15, the same day as my 2<sup>nd</sup> Cabinet Meeting. Well, thanks to PID Bob Block, who is qualified to teach the training, we will be having training on November 8 at the Lakes of the Four Seasons Lakehouse Restaurant at 1048 Lake Shore Drive in the LOFS Community. It will start at 10:00 in the morning (coffee and rolls to be provided) and end about 3:00 in the afternoon.

This training is essential as we have only one Guiding Lion in the District—that being PDG Patrick Rodriguez. If you are Zone Chair or Club President or any Club or Cabinet Officer I strongly encourage you to attend this training.

The Lions Clubs International Guiding Lion program is an initiative designed to support and mentor new Lions clubs as well as existing clubs going through tough times, i.e. membership drop-off, low club participation in events and fundraising. This program plays a crucial role in ensuring the success and sustainability of these clubs by providing experienced Lions as mentors. These mentors, known as Guiding Lions, are tasked with offering guidance, support, and resources to new clubs during their formative years.

One of the primary benefits of the Guiding Lion program is that it helps new clubs navigate the challenges they may face in their early stages. Guiding Lions assist with administrative tasks, club operations, and membership growth strategies. Their experience and knowledge are invaluable in helping new clubs establish a strong foundation and avoid common pitfalls.

Moreover, the program fosters a sense of community and continuity within the Lions organization. By connecting new clubs with seasoned members, it ensures that the values and traditions of Lions Clubs International are passed down and upheld. This mentorship not only strengthens the new clubs but also reinforces the bonds within the larger Lions community.

The Guiding Lion program also emphasizes leadership development. Guiding Lions are trained to identify and nurture potential leaders within the new clubs. This focus on leadership ensures that new clubs are not only successful in the short term but are also equipped with the skills and knowledge to thrive in the long term.

In summary, the Lions Clubs International Guiding Lion program is essential for the growth and sustainability of new Lions clubs. It provides mentorship, fosters community, and develops leadership, ensuring that new clubs can successfully carry forward the mission and values of Lions Clubs International.

**Banner Night—it was a howling good time**



Thanks to all who attended my banner night. If you didn't have a good time, it was your own fault. I was knighted by Council Chair Rocky Simpson. This is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Helen Keller challenging Lions Clubs International to be "Knights of the Blind" at the LCI Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio. So all District Governors in MD25 were "Knighted" at their Banner Night by CC Rocky. I want to thank all who attended and I thoroughly was humbled by the event.

Yours in Lionism,

DG Jim



WE SERVE

We're on a mission .

Being a Lion means you're part of a compassionate community.

Benefits of joined: members can make a difference in their community, develop new friendship, build their network, gain leadership experience and receive the satisfaction of serving others.

What causes would you like to support?  
Empowering Service Fund - LCIF  
Disaster Relief Fund - LCIF

VDG Dave Dickinson

## Second Vice District Governor Wendy Semans

Greetings Lions, I have been so busy in October, I just finished up with my Leo's their biggest fundraiser, the Amish fried pies, also Cubs club is keeping me busy as I took the Cubs to a group home for disabled adults and they passed out goodie bags they made for the residents.

I also attended Banner night for District Governor Jim, it was a great night with fellow Lions, it was wonderful to see the support DG Jim is receiving from his club and Lions from the District. Following banner night we left for Branson to see my son Austin get married.



November already?? November starts my 2nd Vice district governor training, I will have 5 virtual training course and one in person training in Indy. I am looking forward to training and excited to learn all I can in anticipation of becoming your District Governor.

I know your clubs have been busy planning your holiday service projects, keep in mind when you do food baskets that food stamps do not cover personal needs items so you may want to consider those items in your baskets as well.

In closing, I want to wish you all a very Blessed Thanksgiving, enjoying time with family and friends.



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## Indiana Lions Matching Grant Application

**INDIANA LIONS FOUNDATION, INC.  
MATCHING GRANT APPLICATION  
8780 Purdue Road  
Indianapolis, IN 46268**

**CRITERIA:**

1. The Project must be a Lions project. For instance, if your club takes on the project of funding equipment for the local fire department and raises funds from club projects, grants from non-Lion sources and solicitations in the Lions Club's name, the application will be considered. It will not be considered if the request is for a grant to be given as a part of the fire department solicitation.
2. Grants will not be given for the direct benefit of any one individual.
3. To assist 400 clubs and 10,000+ Lions, we encourage not more than one grant per Lions year per organization.
4. The applying Lions Club must give direct financial support to the project.
5. Grants are to match Lions Club direct financial support up to \$1,500.00
6. Club operation and routine maintenance expenses are not eligible for a grant: Capital Expenditures will be considered. The grant may be used for initial start-up costs and associated expenses for equipment, real estate, or improvements to real estate.
7. The club must be in good standing with the District, State and Lions Club International

We encourage organizations that receive a grant to assist the Indiana Lions Foundation Inc by one or more of the following.

- A. Purchasing a W. P. Woods Fellowship
- B. Selling tickets at the Indiana State Fair
- C. Purchasing an Indiana Lions license plate
- D. Purchasing a Brick Paver at the State Office Building

**SECTION I**

Name of Lions Club making the request	District	_____
_____		
Project title	_____	Total project cost (attach copy of budget)
Amount requested (max of \$1,500.00)	_____	Title
Contact person	_____	City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Address	_____	Phone # _____
Email Address	_____	
Federal EIN	_____	
Briefly describe the project	_____ _____ _____	
Reason for the project. (Present the problems or needs that are to be met and how the project will meet those problems and needs.)		
_____ _____ _____ _____		

## Indiana Lions Matching Grant Application

### **Indiana Lions Foundation Matching Grants to Indiana Lions Clubs for Local Projects**

A major focus of the Indiana Lions Foundation is to support local club's community-based projects. Local clubs may apply for up to \$1,500 in matching grant funding for eligible projects. On-line application forms may be accessed at the Foundation's website ([indianalionsfoundationmd25.org](http://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org).)

All applications require the approval of the club president and the District Governor prior to submission to the Foundation. How are grant requests reviewed and approved? There are twenty-one trustees comprising the Foundation board: three from each of our seven districts in Multiple District 25. Those seven trustees in the second year of their three-year term make up the Grants Committee.

This Committee meets prior to each scheduled trustee meeting to review all grant applications submitted since the previous meeting. The trustees meet in February, April, June, July, September, November and December of each year.

Is there a limit to the amount of grants awarded each year? Yes, the trustees set an annual grant budget prior to each fiscal year. This budget is set based on the success of annual fundraising initiatives. The most recent grant budget was \$35,000. This amount may be adjusted upward depending on the number of applications received.

Are all clubs eligible to apply for a matching grant? Yes, as long as a club is current in meeting all of their financial obligations with their District, State and LCI. Also, each club will be limited to one grant per Lions fiscal year (July 1 – June 30).

What projects are eligible for matching grants from the Foundation? - - The project must be a club project where the club has committed funds from its fundraising activities up to \$1,500 to fund the project. For example, if your club takes on the project of funding equipment for your local fire department and raises funds for this project in the name of your club via club fundraising, grant applications and other solicitations; then a matching grant request would be considered.

If the grant is to be used only to match a monetary donation in response to fire department's charity campaign, then that request will not be considered. Grants may be awarded for initial start-up costs and associated expenses for the purchase of equipment, real estate or improvements to real estate.



## Indiana Lions Matching Grant Application

For example, a club has initiated a project to purchase a used food truck to sell hot dogs and drinks at local events for fund raising, but it is known at purchase that the HVAC is inoperable and the tires unsafe. The foundation will consider a matching grant to purchase the truck and to make the truck safe and operational up to an amount of \$1,500. Perhaps the club receives a grant from a local charity to purchase the truck and then could receive a matching grant from the Foundation to make it operational.

What are some examples of projects NOT eligible for matching grants? - - - - Any project benefiting only one individual will not be considered. On-going operating and maintenance expenses are not eligible for matching grants.

Grants will not be awarded for improvements to existing capital equipment or for the normal operating expenses of that equipment. Capital equipment is defined as a depreciable asset. For example, if the food truck noted previously was already a club asset, then the purchase of new tires or upgrading of the HVAC would not be eligible.

Grants will not be awarded to maintain real estate assets or rolling equipment. Examples include: roofing, HVAC equipment, windows, electrical upgrades for real estate and brakes, tune-ups, paint, tires and engine and transmission repair or replacement for rolling stock.

Exceptions to this include replacement of equipment such as HVAC or windows if that replacement will result in energy savings exceeding 10% of past energy usage. A matching grant will not be awarded when it is intended to match a charitable monetary donation from a club to another local charity such as the fire department charity example used above.

Can a club receive two matching grants for the same project? Maybe. As an example, a club receives a matching grant for initial start-up costs for a new festival in their community. Grant requests to match a club's start-up costs for that festival in subsequent years will not be considered. However, another club took on a project to build new dug-outs at the local ball fields and received a matching grant to complete this project. The next year, the club took on a project to replace the fencing at the same ball field. This second project would be considered for a matching grant because it is effectively a new project even though at the same location.

When should a club apply for a matching grant? A club should apply during the planning and budgeting portion of the project, which presumably would be several weeks or even months before the execution of the project. The Committee may reject a request if the request is received more than six months after the project has been completed.



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Should a club give recognition to the Foundation for a successful grant? Yes. The Foundation would appreciate any local publicity such as a check presentation at a club meeting made by one of that District's Trustees. In the case of the food truck example, perhaps a small decal or marker on the side of the truck acknowledging the Foundation's participation in the project could be placed.

Is there any follow-up required after a matching grant is received? The Foundation greatly appreciates receiving photos or accounts in local media about the finished project. We would appreciate receiving these within six months of project completion.

How can a club assist the Foundation? - - - - Clubs can assist the Foundation's fund raising by selling tickets at the State Fair Lions may purchase Indiana Lions license plates through the BMV Individual Lions or clubs may purchase a brick paver placed at the Lions State Office Building Purchase a W. P. Woods Fellowship Donate to a Foundation project.

Are matching grants available for disaster assistance? Yes. Grants not to exceed \$1,500 for Districts impacted by a natural disaster that has affected at least 100 people, including tornadoes and floods, are available. The grant applications must be made by the District Governor of the affected area within 30 days of the occurrence with funds spent within 30 days of receipt of funds and may be used to help meet immediate relief needs such as food, water, clothing and medical supplies. Given the urgency of these situations, the process for approval is a verbal conversation between the District Governor and the Foundation President, who will urgently poll the Foundation Board via email for rapid action.

Please visit [www.indianalionsfoundationmd25.org](http://www.indianalionsfoundationmd25.org) for more information.

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## Leader Dogs for the Blind



Since 1939 Leader Dogs for the Blind had provided services to persons in need at no cost. The 2025-26 District fundraiser is reselling yearbooks. We have sourced a third party reseller who will offer \$CASH\$ for all high school yearbooks – the more signatures the better. So clean out those closets everyone! This low investment project will encourage less clutter at home for a great cause – supporting Leader Dog!



[donorsupport@leaderdog.org](mailto:donorsupport@leaderdog.org)



<https://www.leaderdog.org>

**\*Please let us know if you are interested in collecting at an event**

If you have more than can be reasonably brought to a cabinet meeting, I am happy to pick up – also can send a nice flyer for posting or hand out

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## GLT District Coordinator-Global Action Team

### GLT District Coordinator

GLOBAL ACTION TEAM



GLT Pat Greer - 219-928-3618 - [patricia.agreer@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.agreer@gmail.com)

We have an opportunity to offer training to become a Guiding Lion in our District. If you are interested in this training, please let me or District Governor Jim know.

### **CERTIFIED GUIDING LION**

#### **Program Summary:**

The Certified Guiding Lion Program was designed to support the growth and development of new clubs during the clubs' first two years. It helps the participant understand the roles and responsibilities of a Guiding Lion, helps the individual develop a two year plan to assist the new club, and provides the tools to help the officers manage the club.

The course can be taken at your own pace as a correspondence course or in a group. Presenting the course in a group setting is preferred because it allows for lively and valued interaction and the opportunity to learn from others.

The course features three sections:

1. The Skills of a Successful Guiding Lion
2. Club Officer Training
3. Transition to Independence

Each section includes workbook exercises, checklists and materials for review and a pull out guide provides an outline for officer training.

#### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

##### ***Where can I find the course?***

The course materials are available on the LCI web-site and can be found by typing Certified Guiding Lion in the search engine.

##### ***When should I consider taking the course?***

When possible, complete the course before you are assigned to assist a new club. This will give you time to thoroughly understand the materials and create a development plan for the new club.

##### ***I have been a Lion for many years, why would I need to take the course?***

Even experienced Lions benefit from the course because it features the most current support materials and the latest programs available to the new club. It also gives you a structured and detailed approach for developing your support plan so nothing will be overlooked.

##### ***When I finish the Course, will I automatically be assigned to assist a new club?***

No, the Guiding Lion is assigned by the District Governor when a new club is chartered. However, the list of Certified Guiding Lions is available to the District Governor to aid him or her in assigning qualified Lions to the new club.

#### **Materials Available:**

To access the course materials, go to [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) and type Certified Guiding Lion into the search engine or you can request course packets, the instructors manual and the training PowerPoint Presentation by contacting District and Club Administration Division 630-468-6828 or [districtadministration@lionsclubs.org](mailto:districtadministration@lionsclubs.org)

#### **LCI Contact:**

District and Club Administration Division 630-468-6828 or [districtadministration@lionsclubs.org](mailto:districtadministration@lionsclubs.org)

LCIF Report for November 2025



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Hello Lions of District 25A

We are once again offering the chance to win a Melvin Jones Fellowship through the Raffle Board Contest. For \$10.00 a square you can put your name down, when we have sold all of the squares, we will draw one winner that will receive the award of \$1,000.00 in their name in LCIF. There are only 52 Squares Left!

Did you know that each club in the district should have an LCIF Coordinator?  
The responsibilities are listed below, and we will be having training soon!

**Club LCIF Coordinator Position Description:** The club LCIF coordinator will serve as an ambassador for Lions Clubs International Foundation in your club. This individual shares the stories of LCIF programs, motivate others to support LCIF, and enable the foundation to advance its humanitarian work in your community and around the world. Responsibilities will include: • Educating Lions about the mission and success of LCIF and its importance to Lions Clubs International • Implementing LCIF development strategies within your club • Collaborating with LCIF DC to promote LCIF in your area The club LCIF coordinator is nominated by the clubs nominating committee, elected as a member of the board and will serve a one-year term until re-elected the following year. The club LCIF coordinator works closely with local club leadership and communicates directly to LCIF DCs to ensure alignment with district goals.

If you are interested contact us at the cabinet meeting or email us!

We also have WE LOVE LCIF pins for \$10.00 and we have the new International Presidential Pin from A. P. Singh: Bronze \$50.00 Silver \$100.00 and Gold \$200.00. All of your donations go towards credit in your personal LCIF account.

District 25A has donated \$9,000.00 to LCIF so far this year with 35% of the clubs participating and have sent in 10 applications for Melvin Jones Fellowships.

District 25A LCIF Coordinators PDG'S Nick and Randy would like to wish all of you a  
**Happy Thanksgiving and a Very Merry Christmas!**

## Lions Recycle for Sight



### ***Calling All Lions-Can You Help?***

We make a living by what we get, but we help a life by what we give.

#### **But First, A Story...**

It was a chilly early morning when a family brought their little boy—about 8 or 9 years old—to our eyeglass mission worksite. It was clear he needed new glasses. The pair he wore was thickly taped together, the lenses scratched and thick like coke bottles. It was also evident that he faced some physical challenges. Still, he and his parents waited patiently, appearing hopeful we could help.

When it was finally the little boy's turn, we discovered his eyesight was extremely poor—legally blind. I feared we wouldn't have anything close to what he needed. But thanks to the generosity of the Lions in collecting and donating eyeglasses, we found a pair that worked for him! Seeing him leaving with his parents, relieved and smiling, was a reminder of why we do what we do: to serve, no matter who, how, or where.

**But the story didn't end there.** That afternoon, I glanced toward the waiting area and saw the little boy and his parents again. My heart sank. I imagined a dozen reasons why they might have returned—and feared the worst: that the glasses didn't work. Bracing myself, I walked over, unsure what I could offer next.

To my surprise, the little boy beamed at me. He tugged on my shirt, and when I bent down, he wrapped his arms around me and said, "Gracious, Señor. Gracious." Fighting back tears, I realized they had returned not with a problem, but with gratitude.

**This is why your support matters.** For over 20 years, the Lions of District 25A have served hundreds of thousands through eyeglass missions. Lions from across our district have experienced the joy of transforming lives—both here at home and around the world and have their stories too. Just ask them!

**Now, our mission needs your help to continue.** The equipment we rely on—autorefractors and lens meters—must be replaced to keep serving those in need. We are currently seeking a matching grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to purchase new equipment. To secure this grant, we must first raise roughly \$11,000.

***Here's how you can help:*** Your donation—of any amount—will help us reach this goal and touch even more lives. Every gift you give has twice the impact through the LCIF match, helping people see the world clearly for the first time, or perhaps in a long time.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to change lives. Your generosity will be felt around the world—by those who receive the gift of sight and by those of us who have the privilege to serve.

For questions, feel free to contact me and my information is listed below. Pledges are also welcome!

**Make checks payable to: District 25A Eyeglass Recycling**

**Mail to: PDG Kevin Roe, 701 S Huddleston Rd, Winamac In 46996**

Warm Regards,

Lion Kevin Roe, Chair, District 25A Eyeglass Recycling and Vision Services, Inc.

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News Around the District—Crown Point Lions



**Crown Point Lions Club Holiday Bingo**

**Thursday, November 20, 2025**

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM \* FIRST BINGO AT 6:00 PM

St. Elijah Church 8700 Taft Street - Merrillville, IN

Tickets are available at the door or presale from a Crown Point Lion

\$6.00/Person



Bingo and Door Prizes

Bring used eye glasses and receive extra Bingo cards

**Tip Boards for Bacon, Sausage, Hams, etc.**

**50/50**

**Money Bingos**

**Loads of Prizes and Fun.**

License #001729 - Event #163615

## News Around the District—St. John Lions Club

The St. John Lions have been serving the local community through some local events. Along with volunteering at the Special Olympics Corn Hole Tournament, the Club passed out dictionaries to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at Kolling Elementary School.

The Club is also holding BUNCO on November 1<sup>st</sup>, which is sold out.





## News Around the District— NICK Foundation Event

Lion Nancy and Lion Mitch missed out on Banner Night because a volunteering opportunity came up for NICK Foundation. The Crown Point Firefighters Association hosted a rather lively Dodgeball Tournament at the Sparta Dome on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. We helped out with checking in the teams and collecting money at the door for bystanders, as well as selling raffle tickets to a 3-day trip that was donated. All proceeds went to the NICK Foundation (Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids). Here are a few pictures from the event.



## News Around the District—LOFS Lions Club Celebrate 49 Years

Lion Linda Kroner and her team organized a very successful Charter Night this year celebrating the LOFS Lion's Club 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Attending was an originating member of the Club from 1976, Lion Dean Ricci and his wife, Joanne.

Featured event of the evening was awarding a Melvin Jones Award to Kevin Grace from Strack and Van Til. Strack's has done a great deal for the LOFS Lions and in turn, our community, through their donations of food, gift cards and other products to help us defray the costs of our events.

Kevin has also been kind enough to reach out to the manager of the strip mall where the Winfield Strack's is located in order for our Club to place a refurbished mailbox to collect glasses and hearing aids. More news on the mailbox placement will be available soon!

Next year is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the LOFS Lions Club and planning is already underway. We hope that members of other clubs will attend our Golden Anniversary—look to the District Newsletter for updates.



Kevin Grace from Strack and Van Til with President Jenn Niemeyer (center) and his wife.



## News Around the District—Diabetes Awareness Month

November is Diabetes Awareness Month. In fact, 11/14/25 is World Diabetes Day.

If members simply encourage people to wear blue each Friday in November and use hashtag #bluefridays on social media to raise awareness.

District 25A Diabetes Awareness Chairperson  
LION CAROLYN TOOSLEY



## Calling All Lions

### **We need your support for the District White Elephant event.**

District 25-A is hosting a White Elephant Sale on Sunday, November 9, 2025, at 2:00 PM. The event will take place at Lakes of the Four Seasons Lakehouse, 1048 Lakeshore Dr., Crown Point, In. 46307.

### **How You Can Help:**

- Please bring a usable item, wrapped in any kind of paper. Each item should be worth at least \$15.00.
- You may bring as many gifts as you like.
- All gifts will be auctioned to raise money for the District Convention Dinner.

### **Why This Matters:**

- The funds raised will help lower the cost of the Convention Dinner for Lion members.
- Restaurant and banquet prices have increased, making this support more important than ever.

### **Benefits of Attending:**

- Meet Lions from other clubs and build new friendships.
- These connections can help you with future club events.

**We Appreciate Your Support!** Your attendance will make a difference. Have fun together and make the District Convention Dinner more affordable for everyone.

Thank you,  
Lion Chuck De Las Casas  
District Convention Chair  
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# ***District 25A WHITE ELEPHANT EVENT***

***Sunday, November 9th, 2p-5p  
Seasons Lakehouse in the LOFS  
(1048 N. Lakeshore Dr, Crown Point, IN)***

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

***\*Items Must be:***

- Functional***
- Not Living or Dead***



District Governor Jim Furlong's Calendar

November 8<sup>th</sup>: Guiding Lions Training at the LOFS Lakehouse (see DG Jim's article)

November 9<sup>th</sup>: District 25-A White Elephant

November 15<sup>th</sup>: Second Cabinet Meeting

January 17, 2026: Mid-Winter Conference

March 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 2026: Spring Conference at Fair Oaks Farms

## Hurricane Melissa—LCIF Funding



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**

# Historic hurricane devastates Jamaica and the Caribbean region.

LCIF grant funding will enable Lions to help victims recover and rebuild.

[LIONSCLUBS.ORG/DONATE](https://LIONSCLUBS.ORG/DONATE)

Photo by Ricardo MAKYN / AFP

Hurricane Melissa made landfall in Jamaica as a Category 5 storm, the strongest ever recorded on the island. The storm brought catastrophic winds, torrential rainfall and life-threatening flooding. It left entire communities in Jamaica's south and west submerged, destroyed homes and caused widespread power and communications outages, as well as severe infrastructure damage, including roads, bridges and hospitals. The hurricane continued to batter additional Caribbean nations with torrential rain, flooding and landslides.

When a humanitarian crisis of this magnitude strikes, we, as Lions, are ready to help. Right beside us is Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), our global foundation. LCIF is mobilizing funds, including a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe Grant for relief in Jamaica, to empower Lions in the impacted areas to help their communities recover.

**Your donation can make a difference.**

[HELP NOW](#)

Your generous donation to LCIF's Disaster Relief Fund, specifically reserved for all disaster relief, helps Lions continue to serve!

To learn more about LCIF Disaster Relief grants, visit [lionsclubs.org/disastergrants](https://lionsclubs.org/disastergrants) or email [LCIFGlobalGrants@lionsclubs.org](mailto:LCIFGlobalGrants@lionsclubs.org).

*100% of donations benefit grants and programs and qualify for Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) or Progressive MJF credit.*



# Silent Auction

2026 Mid-Winter Conference – January 17, 2026

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



All of this information is on the home page of the [MD 25 website](#).

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## Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference



**Saturday, January 17, 2026**

**Crowne Plaza Airport Indianapolis**

**2501 S. High School Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46241**



**For overnight reservations Friday or Saturday night, CALL (317) 244-6861 and mention LIONS OF INDIANA — or book online here. Overnight rate is \$126 plus tax.**



### **KICK OFF DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT**

**FRIDAY NIGHT - JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**Price: \$50    Social Time: 6:00 PM    Dinner: 6:30 PM**

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

### **FOLLOWED BY GAME SHOW BATTLE ROOMS!**

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

### **PLUS - ANNUAL SERVICE PROJECT**

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

### **LUNCH SATURDAY FOLLOWED BY KEYNOTE SESSION PRESENTED BY**

**AMBER COX, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**

**AND GENERAL MANAGER FOR THE INDIANA FEVER.**



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

### **SATURDAY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

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

### **SPEED LEARNING TOPICS**

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

**COMPLETE NEXT PAGE TO SELECT SEMINARS AND COMPLETE REGISTRATION**



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## Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference

### REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ This is my first Mid-Winter Conference.

( ) \$65.00 Early-bird (Before 11/30)	( ) \$75.00 (After 12/1 or Onsite)	Total Amount Due Per Registration: \$ _____
( ) \$35.00 Conference Only - No Lunch		
( ) \$50.00 Friday Dinner (Circle) Beef Tips or Chicken Marsala		
( ) \$20.00 Friday Entertainment Only (No Friday Dinner)		
( ) LESS \$10 for First Time Attendees!		
Any food allergies or special requests? <input type="checkbox"/> Gluten Free <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian Other (Specify) _____		
REGISTER ONLINE ( <a href="http://www.indianalions.org">www.indianalions.org</a> ) or send completed registration form with payment to: Registrar Lion Cheri Faulkner, 1021 Woodpointe Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46234 E-mail: <a href="mailto:clermontlionlady58@yahoo.com">clermontlionlady58@yahoo.com</a> or questions call: 317-271-3314		
Make Checks Payable to: Lions of Indiana, Inc. OR Card Type: <input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> MC <input type="checkbox"/> Discover		
Card#: _____		
Exp. Date: _____ Security Code: _____ Signature: _____		

Review the Seminars offered and note the session time each seminar will be offered. Please circle your selections for each session to help us plan sufficient seating and handouts.

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

#### Seminar Session 1 9:45 - 10:30

<b>Seminar 1</b> Lion Membership Orientation Presenter: PDG Tom Robbins Description: Whether you are new or "seasoned" Lion come and more about Lionism and how to help new Lions.	<b>Seminar 2</b> Using the Lions Portal Presenter: Lion Anita Hines Description: As the Portal continues to expand and improve, learn the ins and outs of putting it to work for you.	<b>Seminar 3</b> Inviting Made Easy Presenter: PDGs Jim Bush & Charlie Short Description: We all want to expand our membership and be able to do more service. Learn how to get past the fear of the ask.	<b>Seminar 4</b> Serving your Club Presenter: PDG Mark Clark Description: Does the thought of being a club officer scare you? This informative session will go over the various positions and give you the tips and skills to do a great job and make your club even stronger.
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#### Seminar Session 2 10:45 - 11:30

<b>Seminar 5</b> Zeffy and Your Club Presenter: Lions Dan Moynihan & Jennifer Niemeyer Description: Learn how Zeffy can be used by your club to take online payments with no fees and can do so much more. This session will show you how to start using it in minutes.	<b>Seminar 6</b> Using AI to Promote your Club Presenter: TBD Description: Ever has issues writing an article or a follow-up letter? With finding corporate or work partners? Learn how AI can be used to help simplify these tasks.	<b>Seminar 7</b> How to Build a Leo Club Presenter: 2VDG Wendy Semans Description: Leo Clubs are an exciting way to get younger people involved in service. Come learn how to start and grow a club with Leos from across the state.	<b>Seminar 8</b> The GMA Approach to Revitalizing Your Club. Presenter: IPCC Julia Kozicki Description: The Global Membership Approach (GMA) can be used to revitalize a club. Come and learn what PIP Brian Sheehan calls "the secret sauce" of Lionism.
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#### Seminar Session 3 1:30 - 2:15

<b>Seminar 9</b> Gaming Rules Presenter: Mark Mason Description: Does your club host games? Learn what you need to stay legal from the Assistant Director of the Indiana Gaming Commission.	<b>Seminar 10</b> Creating a Great Newsletter Presenter: PDG Marty Juel Description: A well-crafted newsletter is a critical communication tool for all Lions. Learn how to create engaging articles for your own newsletter and for all media to tell the story of your club to your community.	<b>Seminar 11</b> Creating a Club Google Profile Presenter: Peter Brown of Ash Interactive Description: Learn why your club needs a Google business profile and how to set it up.	<b>Seminar 12</b> Pediatric Cancer Update Presenter: Dr. Jennifer Belsky Description: Last year, Dr. Belsky of Riley Hospitals gave an inspired talk on her work in pediatric cancer research. Join us for an update of this critical work.
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District Directory Corrections

DISTRICT DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

Please note the following corrections to our 2025-2026 District Directory. An updated copy will be placed on our district website:

Pg. 16 – ZC Carlyle Edwards address should be 532 Riga Place

Pg. 18 and 25 – the DeLasCasas address should be 5030 Spinnaker Lane #A

Pg. 31 and 42 – Brian Westgate address is 305 E Indiana Street

Pg. 34 – East Chicago Evening Lions Club meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday each month at 6:00 pm. Meeting location is Good Fellows Club, 502 Penryhn Place, East Chicago, IN 46312

Pg. 42 – Kouts Lions Club meets 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday only, and the correct address for the Parish Hall is 601 S. Rose Street.

If there are any other corrections to our district directory, please email CS Robin Smith, [mswolfen@aol.com](mailto:mswolfen@aol.com), and also, ensure your information is correct in the Lions Portal.

**Members Who Have Completed Their Service**

**Chesterton**

Lawrence Wojnarowicz                      10/17/25

**Welcome New Members!**

**East Chicago Evening**

Poluma Luso Badillo    sponsored by   Benjamin Flores

**Kouts**

Brandi Kneifel sponsored by James Drang Jr.

**Lowell**

Greg Belizaire sponsored by Jennifer Cosenza

Nicole Belizaire sponsored by Jennifer Cosenza

Tammy Kuzda sponsored by Cassandra Early

**Munster**

Gabriel Mcelwain sponsored by Ronald Robbins

Charles Ramirez sponsored by David Speckman

Robin Ramirez sponsored by Cindy Speckman

**Ogden Dunes**

Greg Armstrong sponsored by Daniel Barnum

Raj V Patal sponsored by Thomas Kinola

**St. John**

Gail R. Magsaysay sponsored by Mitch Moneta

**Union Mills**

Jennifer Principe sponsored by Penny Battista



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