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A Message from District Governor Warren Allender

Ever have one of those days when you are sort of down in the dumps and yet you're expected to be upbeat, happy, and cheerful? Well, that's your District Governor today. Bear with me, we're going to go from the blues to the beautiful.



Last month I wrote about the amount of red ink in the monthly Health Assessment Report. The report captures membership growth and service reported. I know very few of you see that report, so it is irrelevant to you right? Wrong, it is relevant to you. You are the Lions who SERVE your communities with service projects. You are the Lions who invite new members to your meetings. How will others know what's going on if it's not reported? Yes, the red has continued unabated and yet some progress has been made. Generally speaking, that progress has been attributed to Lions who needed access to the portal finally getting it. Persistence pays off. Just ask the Akron Lions Club. So, if reporting is your responsibility and you are having trouble, reach out to PDG Ann Haffner, our District Administrator. If she can't help, she knows where to go next for help.

My next batch of blues came in the form of envelopes and then emails. What could possibly be wrong now? How about unpaid dues to the

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Have you scheduled the District Governor's visit to your club?

District Governor Warren Allender would like to attend one of your club meetings, share his vision for our district, and hear your concerns. Check his calendar in this newsletter, then give him a call at 574-361-7942, or send an email message to warrenallender@comcast.net.



"What does it mean to Make Your Mark? It means stepping up in our clubs and our communities and changing lives. It means amplifying the voices that may go unheard. It means showing the world that Lions care and we are here to stay." 2024-2025 Lions International President Fabrício Oliveira



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District, State, and International. Thankfully, there weren't many. It was just the constant reminders that this or that needed to be paid. To all, and that is the majority of clubs, thank you for meeting your responsibilities and paying dues on time. Those with a balance still due, please pay. As I write this, I think we are down to just a couple.

And my last batch of the blues for now deals with clubs closing. Clearly my goal states I seek no clubs to close and will do everything in my power to turn that desire around. So, if that has come up in club conversations, please take some time and follow some of the guidance provided by Lions International to revitalize your club. For example, you might want to do that SWOT analysis, you know, list your strengths and weaknesses. Then build on those identified strengths, kick the weaknesses out the door, and breathe new life and fun into your club. Don't think you can? I know you can! Besides, we've got a Global Action Team that is willing to help.

I'm going to transition with this short story. Years ago now, we were going to host a foreign exchange student from Germany. To do that we, as a family, had to attend "training". We needed to know what to expect from our guest and how to prepare. One of our responsibilities was to write out a list of "house rules". That way our guest would know what was expected of them. It was suggested that the list contain ten or more directives. OK, we came home and thought and thought about that ... "our house rules". We ended up with only one statement on our list: "Do the right thing at the right time, in the right way". Barbra, our student, had a great time and was a great addition to our family. The point is that if you have a leadership responsibility with your club, do the right thing, at the right time, in the right way. And for the rest of us Lions, we too need to do the same, participate in club meetings, be active in our projects, bring new members in and make being a Lion something special and fun.

Writing, they say can be therapeutic. I'm feeling better because now I'm going to write about some of my fun experiences with recent club visits.

Let's start with the Dunlap Lions Club. Probably the largest group of Lions I have spoken to so far. What a group, very active, with many members leading service projects, and taking leadership roles. Both the First and Second Vice District Governors, who also serve as Zone Chairs, and another member who serves as a Zone Chair, are members of this club. I forgot to mention they are the host club for the 2025 State Convention. I was handed their recruiting/membership application and on the front in bold print it proclaims, "**Quite Possibly the Greatest Lions Club on Earth**". How outrageous is that?! You know what? That's the way they see themselves and sell themselves. Nothing wrong with that.

So, on to North Manchester. What this club lacked in size was overpowered and overwhelmed by pure energy. What a hoot, one of the most fun visits Susi and I had in October. What made it so? Simple, a SERVICE project. Filling trick or treat bags for the kids at the elementary school. I'm talking about filling bags and bags and bags and more bags with candy. All while sharing conversation and concerns about those in their community. As for my presentation, "Well Governor, just go ahead and talk while we're working, it's ok...". I got more out of the service they were doing, than they got out of what I was saying. What fun, that is a club percolating over with energy. A fun one to join.

Let's end on a high note. Ever think the actions of a couple of Lions don't make a difference in your community? Think again. This time Susi and I traveled to the Laketon Lions Club. It was during conversations about projects that the club had completed that one jumped out and caught my attention. You know, severe weather has been on the minds of many people lately. The terrible hurricanes in Florida and the Carolinas. Severe weather in Indiana generally comes in the spring with tornadoes but that doesn't mean we shouldn't prepare now. Laketon has a severe weather warning

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siren, but it hasn't been working for some time. With the proper approval, it was agreed that the Lions could see what was needed to make it operational again. The expectation was an expensive list of parts or perhaps a new siren all together. Two Lions with a great deal of knowledge, one screwdriver and parts from a local store were able to make it fully functional. How about that!! How many people would you report as being served with that service project? How many people live in Laketon? According to Google, who knows everything, 294 people live there. That's how many would be served when warned of impending severe weather. Now that's SERVICE!

Now my blues are gone, and a beautiful fall day awaits. Thank you all for your SERVICE through Lionism.

Lion Warren Allender, District Governor

**Getting ready for a service project, club meeting,
district/multiple convention, etc.?**



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A Message From 1st Vice District Governor Jackie Kurley



Let me start off by clarifying that you should be scheduling the trustee or a representative from our State Projects to get the best explanation of what each of these projects entail and how they benefit from our help. So, please get your club to schedule a presentation of each of our state projects.

November is the month of Thanksgiving. We should be thankful for all that we have, and help those that do not have what they need. The whole idea behind Mission 1.5 is to get more members so we can serve more people in our communities. The goal is to be able to help one billion people by June of 2027.

So, the question is, how are we going to get more members? You must ask yourself, do our communities really know what we Lions do? The answer for most of us is probably "no." Most people have the impression that the Lions are a group of old people that serve pancakes and sell dinners.

How do we promote ourselves better to make our brand more recognized? I am happy to see many more posts on Facebook, but we must make sure the word is spreading to non-Lions. That happens when non-Lions read posts from Lions. I asked my own club how many of them are on Facebook. There were quite a few people who raised their hands. Then I asked how many of them "liked" our page.

Unfortunately, several hands went down. Our editors put out a lot of pictures and information on our Facebook page, but we all attended those events. We are trying to reach the people who are not members yet. Also, most of us have interesting speakers at our meetings. Have we invited non-members to come hear what we are learning for the evening? That is another way to get people interested in what we do.

Some ways in which we can become stronger is to talk about the benefits of belonging to our Lions Club. Where else can you get exclusive access to learning resources? I am amazed at all the things you can learn on the Lions International website. Say what you want about the portal, but once you really start using it, you will appreciate the amount of useful content.

We can also share our stories about the remarkable things we have done for our cities and towns. We can talk about how we sent truckloads of supplies to the southern states that just survived the hurricanes. You can tell the story of how we helped pay for and build an all-inclusive playground when we saw the kids playing and noticed the child in a wheelchair just sitting, watching, and wondering if they will ever have that joyful feeling. We need to shout out all that we have done.

We can also promote upcoming events, webinars, or workshops that are exclusive to Lions members. Did you happen to go to the USA/Canada Leadership Conference in Louisville? What an experience! All the beneficial seminars and workshops were there just to help you be a better person. Also, it seems like there are an increasing number of webinars for Lions that teach us diverse topics of interest.

This is another benefit of being a Lion.

You know that good feeling you get when you can help your community? There is nothing that makes me prouder than being able to help my neighbor. As a Lion, you have that opportunity to have that natural high when you help someone else.

The other question we should be asking ourselves is how we will ensure our members do not leave our clubs. Team, if we do not express our appreciation for everything these volunteers do for us and our neighborhoods, we will certainly lose these members over time. Every single person has a skill that your club may need. The job of a good leader is to find what talent that may be. Then, make them feel wanted and figure out a task they could do to help the club in some fashion. They will feel appreciated, and you can take that task off your hands. We need to really engage our members, so they just do not get up and leave the Lions.

The other thing we need this month is to be very thankful for our Veterans. Thank you to every single Veteran out there. We appreciate what you have done for all of us. Happy Holidays to all of you!

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Jackie Kurley, 1st Vice District Governor

A Message From 2nd Vice District Governor Steve Weld



"We Serve". Lions Clubs around the world are dedicated to making this phrase a reality in their communities, committing their time, talent, finances, and attention to improve the lives of the people around them.

A comprehensive approach our Association offers for serving well is called the SERVICE JOURNEY. The four phases of the Service Journey are: Learn, Discover, Act, and Celebrate.

LEARN: The first step in the Service Journey is to add knowledge to our zeal for Service, and build insight and understanding of service opportunities to our instincts for service. The Global Causes—eight areas of service to which our Association and Foundation give particular care and attention (Diabetes, Environment, Hunger Relief, Pediatric Cancer, Vision, Disaster Relief, Humanitarian Relief, and Youth) are a great place to start. However, a Club's top concern should be local needs, so developing a solid understanding of the issues of real concern to the members of the community. Identifying local opportunities for service may require some work, but that learning can position a Club to be highly effective.

DISCOVER: The next step is allowing what was learned in the first step to help guide discovering the service opportunities which surround the Club. Additionally, this is the chance to build partnerships with other agencies, organizations, and individuals engaged with serving, identify available resources, innovate, and develop a refined focus on what, where, how, and why to serve.

ACT: The third step is the chance to marshal all the energy and zeal in which we take so much pride as Lions, and channel it into efforts to make a real difference in the lives of real people. The Association offers advice on selecting and executing service projects which are visible, measurable, and practical with a variety of Service Project Planners, which are available at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/service-journey/service-project-planners>.

CELEBRATE: Finally, a successful service project -- or even an unsuccessful project which offered learning and growth -- deserves a moment for sharing our stories with each other and with our community. Take this opportunity to analyze and report impact, reflect on ways to inspire continued service, and strengthen our capacity, motivation, and abilities to serve,

The steps of the Service Journey are not details of a recipe which must be followed exactly or that guarantee success, but are notes, ideas, and recommendations offered by fellow travelers, offered with the hope of enabling others to succeed. As stated in one of the recommendations, "Service is our Journey. Let's explore it together."

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Steve Weld, 2nd Vice District Governor



A Message From District Cabinet Secretary Lion Kim Polk

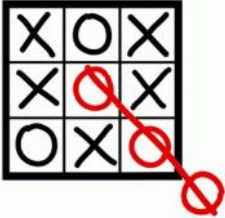


My gardening has come to an end. I picked the last of my tomatoes a week ago. My granddaughter helped me. She knows her colors, but even though I reminded her over the summer to only pick the red ones somehow green ones ended up in our basket! They were just too tempting to not pick, and they were so plentiful. Our tomatoes were slow to ripen, and I learnt from a horticulturist from Purdue that it was due to us not having cooler nights during the summer. I needed to keep an



open mind about those green tomatoes that my granddaughter picked. I needed to think "outside the box". I could put those green tomatoes on a tray and they will eventually ripen. I could make green tomato relish. Another option might be to make fried green tomatoes.

**THINK
OUTSIDE
THE BOX**



In reflecting on Lions, do we "think outside the box". We need to think of new ways to invite members into our club. We need to think of new ways to fundraise for our community projects. We need to think of new service opportunities for our community. That means that we need to have our ears open and be willing to support new efforts. Sometimes our new ideas take a long time to ripen. That does not mean we should not try them. Are we hesitant to voice a new idea for a service project? Are we hesitant to approach a person about joining our cause? Are we hesitant because we might get a negative response? We should be like my granddaughter and pick the green tomato, throw it in the basket, and hope for the best – a ripe, juicy tomato or explore a new recipe with a green tomato!

Reminder that if you follow the Lions Financial Year, your tax filings are due November 15. LCI sent a reminder to all Club Officers recently. If you have questions, please contact CT/PDG Ron Guth or myself.

PDG Tom & I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving,

Yours in service,

Lion Kim Polk,
District 25-G Cabinet Secretary

Random Thoughts From A Random Mind

What Would Melvin Jones Say?

What would Melvin Jones say if he came to our club today? That question was posed by a club president during a conversation about issues that arise in local Lions Clubs, and the challenges they present to Lions leaders.

Imagine the founder of Lions Clubs International sitting quietly in the back of the room at one of our club meetings, listening as we review recent activities and discuss proposals for future projects. Would he see our club as an embodiment of his dream – an organization focused on the betterment of our community and the world, or would he feel the need to remind us that "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else"?

A Message From District Cabinet Treasurer PDG Ron Guth



Good Morning Lions,

LCI will be sending out dues invoices in January based on your club's member count as of 12/31/2024. Please have your club's membership up to date with any changes/drops before the end of the month so you are not charged for members no longer with your club.

If your club has had any club president, secretary, or treasurer changes to email, address, or phone since July 1st, please make sure the changes are listed on LCI website and let me know so I can update my records prior to the next dues cycle.

You can expect a district dues invoice from me via e-mail in early January after I receive the member count from LCI. Invoices are sent to treasurer and/or secretary email address on record with LCI. If none is listed or your treasurer has contacted me with changes, they are sent via postal mail.

In the past year, some clubs have not received an invoice or dues notice from LCI in a timely matter due to portal changes and/or slow postal mail delivery. If you need to know your dues amount or any LCI invoice questions, please feel free to contact me and I will help you find them on line or I can send a copy to you.

We Serve,

Cabinet Treasurer IPDG Ron Guth
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Celebrating 243 Years of Service

District 25-G recognizes Lions Clubs chartered during the month of November. These clubs have been serving their local communities for a total of 243 years. Each has impacted its local community in its own unique way, and has supported district, state, and international projects. Each is an example of DG Warren's theme - "Cooking Up Service - Back to the Basics" and IP Oliveira's theme - "Make Your Mark".

Congratulations on your years of service and leaving your mark on your community and beyond!

CLUB NAME	CHARTER DATE	YEARS OF SERVICE
Claypool	November 16, 1936	88
LaFontaine	November 17, 1939	85
New Paris	November 22, 1954	70

Global Leadership Team



LEADING FROM BEHIND

I think it's time to let little Molly scrouge for hay in peace for a while. We still laugh at her. She has pawed a hole under the wooden divider between her and the next horse, and she works hard to drag bites of hay through that stall into her own. If you say something to her, she looks at you with those big innocent eyes as if to say "What? Who, me?" and gets back to hay mining. Whoever coined the phrase "dumb animals" obviously never owned one. And who was the first person who deluded themselves by thinking they "owned" a cat?

Similarly, we often delude ourselves by thinking someone is not a good Club leader if they don't "take charge" of the Club. But we all have different leadership styles. Some like to dominate. Some like to build consensus. Some like to have the members make all the decisions, and some really don't want to be leaders at all. Club members have the same range of thought patterns.

Books upon books have been written about being a dominating leader who really takes charge and isn't interested in sharing decision making. I'm going to ignore that type of leader here and concentrate on the other types of leaders. Consider that even if you never wanted to be a leader, you were elected to be a leader. Your Club believes in you and trusts that you can do the job, so it is important to do your best, regardless.

Delegation is an important tool for all leaders. Use it. Leadership has never meant that you must do all the work yourself. Nor does it mean that you can pass away all your duties except gaveling the meeting to order.

Leadership from behind means that you are confident enough in your Club that they are going to do the work you assigned or for which they volunteered. It also means that you are demonstrating your confidence and trust in them. Together you lead your Club or committee.

A few of you got an office despite not really wanting it. Please don't insult your Club by constantly complaining that you never wanted the job in the first place. That gets old in a hurry. And if you really aren't interested, then make good use of delegation. You are the shepherd and can keep the Club moving in the direction you want them to go without being out in front.

Some people are actually afraid of leadership roles. Try to figure out why. Perhaps the fear of public speaking? Perhaps the fear of having people staring at you? Afraid you'll make some silly error? All of us suffer from one or more of these fears, or something like them, at one time or another. But we can get over them if we try. There are the usual piles of books and articles suggesting how that can be done. Or pick a leader you admire and study their style. Just remember, you can be a leader.

You don't have to be a fire-breathing dominator. You can be a shepherd leader, keeping your Club members involved, happy, and creative.

And just remember, you never really own your cat.

PCC Dave Eisen

The greatest leaders are reluctant ones who lead because they realize that no one else seems willing to step up. — Orrin Woodward

Global Membership & Extension Team

MISSION 1.5 * A Mission to Grow



Lions of District 25-G: What does it mean to be a Lion Member? To be a member of a Great community of Lions around the world; the largest service organization in the world. A dictionary definition of a member is a person who joins with others in the same activity or endeavor. For Lions, this is summed up in our motto, "We Serve". We serve in our communities and work hard at doing something significant by helping others. There are more needs out there than what we can take care of alone. I encourage each of us to increase our membership so we can meet these needs.

Yes, **MISSION 1.5** will be promoted throughout the next years. As we strive to achieve this goal, encourage community members to join us in our humanitarian service, and remember to share how Lions Clubs

International Foundation enhances our impact.

Whatever you do, have fun doing it.

- Thank you for all of the time and energy you put into your club and your community.
- Thank you for helping others understand Lionism.
- Thank you for being a Lion.

PDG Marlyn Fast, Global Membership & Global Extension Coordinator

Here We Grow Again

Since the start of the current Lions year, 14 district clubs have welcomed 25 new Lions to the largest and greatest volunteer service organization in the world. We welcome these new Lions and thank their sponsors for offering them the opportunity to make a difference in their communities and the world.

The following new Lions were not previously reported in the district newsletter.

Akron Lions Club

New Member: Lion Harinder Singh Doel

Sponsor: Lion Faith Kamp

New Member: Lion Woodney Francois

Sponsor: Lion Faith Kamp

New Member: Lion Mike Gaines

Sponsor: Lion James Steen

New Member: Lion Darrel Manns

Sponsor: Lion Joshua Manns

New Member: Lion Iban Ruiz

Sponsor: Lion Faith Kamp

New Member: Lion Mellisa Steininger

Sponsor: Lion Faith Kamp

Argos Lions Club

New Member: Lion Danell Webster

Sponsor: Lion Eugene Cooper

New Member: Lion Shawn Webster

Sponsor: Lion Eugene Cooper

Dunlap Lions Club

New Member: Lion Rudy Yakym III

Sponsor: Lion Beth Stephenson

Leesburg Lions Club

New Member: Lion Shawn Whitaker

Sponsor: Lion Jason Bleile

New Paris Lions Club

New Member: Lion Keri Jo Silcox

Sponsor: Lion Joas Eash

New Member: Lion Kevin Dewayne Silcox

Sponsor: Lion Joas Eash

Peru Lions Club

New Member: Lion Allen Crist

Sponsor: Lion David Frushour

New Member: Lion Carolyn Crist

Sponsor: Lion David Frushour

Rochester Lions Club

New Member: Lion Steve Strycker

Sponsor: Lion Joe McCarter

Global Service Team



Good day Lions,

Halloween came and went with all the Superheroes, Beetlejuice, Sonic the Hedgehog, and Witches, just to name a few. I have seen all kinds of awesome costumes. I hope everyone had a blast with Halloween and all the kids who went out to enjoy some candy. Did you help with Trunk and Treat at your club, church, or home? If so, those are Service Hours.

Well, here we go with the leaves changing fast for the end of October. My leaves are about 70% done and with the wind, we are getting everyone's leaves. Fall colors are the most beautiful colors and I enjoy seeing all the colors come to life.

It's important that we Lions continue serving by thinking outside the box and not just relying on doing only what we have done in the past. There are many projects we can accomplish in our communities with limited funds. We can serve by building food baskets for those in need, supplying items, volunteering at local food pantries, or checking on our elderly neighbors, friends, or family members to ensure their safety as winter arrives.

Everyone is to be commended for their efforts in keeping our clubs as active as possible. All Lions members have the opportunity to help those in need, either as a group or individually. As we accomplish our projects, please report the activities so more than just your club members know what you're doing, and you can also show our district what your club is doing as well.

Our Club Health Assessment numbers are down. We have about 17 Clubs that have not sent in any Service Hours. I can help you add your service hours and PDG Ann Haffner is also able to help; all you need to do is ask.

The Lions Motto of "WE SERVE" is alive and well in District 25-G.

PDG Mary Klempay,
District 25-G GST Coordinator
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LCIF Coordinators Update



LCIF Disaster Relief Support Update

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We are pleased to provide an additional update to LCIF's ongoing support following the impact of recent hurricanes in the southeastern United States.

Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Between July 1, 2024 and October 14, 2024, LCIF awarded 147 grants globally totaling US\$2,828,653 under the cause of disaster relief. This includes refugee relief grants.

United States

Since September 27, LCIF has awarded 10 Emergency grants totaling \$150,000 for hurricane relief across Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee. We are still working with Lions in additional districts that are assessing needs, and we anticipate additional grant funding will be awarded soon. Lions in these districts are using Emergency grants first, and then will assess if additional LCIF funding is needed.

In addition to these 10 Emergency grants, LCIF has also awarded 2 Major Catastrophe grants. Multiple District 35 (Florida) and Multiple District 31 (North Carolina) were each awarded Major Catastrophe grants for \$100,000 each. Lions are working to develop a plan to use these funds.

As of today, LCIF has awarded 12 grants totaling \$350,000 for US hurricane relief.

Donations to the general disaster fund help us award these grants immediately to Lions who are impacted by natural disasters. We anticipate additional funding requests will be received and awarded to help support Lions continue hurricane relief activities.

We deeply understand the extensive damage across these states and are in ongoing communication with Lions in affected areas. We're continually reviewing new requests from districts that may need further assistance. Our commitment to supporting relief efforts is unwavering, and we truly appreciate the dedication of Lions actively helping in these devastated communities. Your enthusiasm for sharing the impactful work of YOUR foundation is incredibly inspiring.

If you have any questions about the relief efforts, please feel free to reach out to KaSondra Byrd (kasondra.byrd@lionsclubs.org) or Beth Smith (beth.smith@lionsclubs.org) directly.

Thank you for your heartfelt support and unwavering dedication. You are appreciated beyond words.

As of 10/24, we were told there should be another update within the next few days.

Please continue to give to LCIF towards the area of greatest need.

Your District 25-G LCIF Coordinators,

Lion Sophie Long

1st VDG Lion Jackie Kurley



News from Around the District

District eyeglass mission success

The district's eyeglass mission was held September 21-28 in Aguascalientes, Mexico. During the 5-day event, Lions provided eyeglasses to nearly 2,100 individuals. A total of 20 Lions, 18 from Indiana, Utah, Ohio and Massachusetts, and 2 from Mexico, tested and fitted eyeglasses from the 14,500 pairs that were shipped a few months earlier for this project. Lions from District 25-G work throughout the year to collect, sort, clean, read prescriptions, box and otherwise prepare the glasses for shipping to the city where that year's mission will be held.

The daily routine at the mission begins at 8 am and usually ends around 6-6:30 pm. On Friday, in order to serve all those who came for glasses, workers had to use the flashlight app in their phones in order to see the glasses in the numerous boxes. The main room at the mission site had no operating ceiling lights!

Members from the *Club de leones Aguascalientes Hidrocalido, A.C.*, were abundant and always ready to help the mission group. The local club provided snacks and meals during the mission as well as numerous translators to assist Lions when discussing the various pairs of glasses that were found to match a person's prescription. The district's eyeglass mission was last held in Aguascalientes in 2019.

Next year, a similar mission will be held September 27—October 4, 2025 in Puebla, Mexico, a city located about an hour from Mexico City. Plans for the mission are already being made, and a mission team is being recruited.

(Submitted by PDG Marty Juel, Elkhart Lions Club)



Left: Autorefractor operators Lion Laura Doty and Lion Lyle Gaff.

Right: Lion Camillia Clark works with a youngster to determine her needs.

(More eyeglass mission photos on next page)



News from Around the District

More Photos From District Eyeglass Mission to Mexico



Far left: At the end of the day, Lion Diane Savage uses her phone flashlight as she searches for glasses.

Center left: Lion Nina Iglesias from Irapuato, MX and Lion Terri Gaff search for glasses.

Center right: PDG Micheal Gibbs and Lion Georgia Tenney pause while searching for glasses.

Far right: PDG Micheal Gibbs with translators and person getting glasses.

Lions District 25-G Awards Community Grant to Miami County Helping Hands



District 25-G has awarded a \$3,000 Community Grant to **Miami County Helping Hands, Inc.** The grant will be used to upgrade their telephone system, which is an integral part to communication with their clients. **Miami County Helping Hands** began in 2001 as a food pantry and assistance center and is an all-volunteer organization. The mission of Helping Hands is to attack poverty by providing assistance and critical services to low income children and families at risk in Miami County. Throughout its 23 year history Helping Hands has been supported by area Lions Clubs in **Denver, Mexico, Peru and Richvalley** and has had many Lions members volunteer to help the needy. Pictured (L- R) are Lion Ken Magers, CFO of MCHH, Past DG Ron Guth and Deb Borse, MCHH Board

member.

(Submitted by Lion Ken Magers, Peru Lions Club)



Your club news could be here. Send articles and photos to PDG Paul Russell <pdgpaul25g@gmail.com> by the 25th of the month.

News from Around the District

Lions of District 25-G Present \$3,000 Check to 85 Hope Free Medical Clinic

The Lions of District 25-G, utilizing a Lions International Foundation Community Impact Grant, have generously donated \$3,000 to the 85 Hope Free Medical Clinic in Wabash, Indiana. This donation supports the clinic's mission to provide essential healthcare services to uninsured and under-insured residents of Wabash County.



(l. to r.) PDG Ron Guth,
85 Hope Executive
Director Evyonne Smith,
PDG Tom Polk

The check was presented to Evyonne Smith, Executive Director of 85 Hope by Past District Governors Ron Guth and Tom Polk, who is also a board member of 85 Hope and President of the LaFontaine Lions Club. This contribution will help 85 Hope continue its vital work in the community, offering free medical care to Wabash County residents in need.

"We are incredibly grateful for the support from the Lions of District 25-G," said Evyonne Smith. "This donation will significantly impact our ability to serve our patients and fulfill our mission of providing compassionate and comprehensive healthcare."

The Lions of District 25-G have a long-standing commitment to community service and supporting local organizations that make a difference. Their donation to 85 Hope is a testament to their dedication to improving the lives of individuals in Wabash County.

For more information about 85 Hope Free Medical Clinic and how you can support their mission or volunteer, please visit www.85hope.org.

(Submitted by PDG Tom Polk, LaFontaine Lions Club)

Congressman Rudy Yakym Speaks at Dunlap Lions Club



On Thursday evening, October 3rd, the Dunlap Lions Club hosted guest speaker, 2nd Congressional District Representative, Mr. Rudy Yakym and his chief of staff, Griffin Nate. Congressman Yakym spoke about his experience of being asked to fill the Congressional seat vacated by Lion Jackie Walorski due to her untimely death in August of 2022. He discussed his role as the district's representative and champion for causes that are important to the 754,000 constituents in the 2nd District. He spoke of his work with veterans and mentioned two cases in which he was able to directly impact their lives. He spoke for about 20 minutes about his role, his family, his capable staff, and then took about 15 minutes of questions from the crowd of Lions and guests. One of his most impactful moments was when he was sworn in to Congress.

His three children held the Bible that he placed his right hand upon while giving his oath of office. During his question-and-answer portion he was asked if he knew that Jackie Walorski was a Lion? He answered in the affirmative and remembered a photo opportunity with Lion Jackie from 2012. When asked by Lion Beth Stephenson if he would like to be a Lion, he stood proudly and said, "How do I sign up? I would love to join your Club!" His chief of Staff filled out the membership application on the spot! It was evident that he is dedicated to helping Hoosiers and we are confident that he will become a great Lion as well! Welcome to our Pride!

(Submitted by Lion Duane Klein, Dunlap Lions Club)

News from Around the District

Syracuse Lions Head Back to the Classroom for Fall Service Projects

The Syracuse Lions Club has completed its annual autumn service projects, which focus on the needs of area elementary and middle school students.

In September, the club did its annual SchoolSight screening of students in grades 1, 3, and 8 at Syracuse Elementary and Wawasee Middle schools. The Lions vision team also screened new students in other grades. The state-mandated vision acuity screening has been provided by the Syracuse Lions since 2015, with the exception of 2020, when schools were closed because of the pandemic.

On September 11, two teams of trained Lions screened 120 first and third graders, and on September 17, the teams screened 171 eighth graders and new sixth and seventh graders. The teams included PDG Ann Haffner, Lion Tom Thornburg, Lion Marie Butler-Knight, Lion Karen Hartley, and Lion Barbara Grumme, working closely with District Health Coordinator Sarah Bauer and Syracuse Elementary School nurse Tisha Powell.

With this year's screening, the Syracuse Lions have screened or assisted in screening approximately 4,800 students in the Wawasee School District since they began screening. This year's referral rate of screened students increased slightly over the prior year, but remained low at 17%.

The club's second school service project took place on October 7, when Lion Jerry Wright, Lion Joe Hibschman, and Lion Marie Butler-Knight distributed a free book to all third grade students at Syracuse Elementary. The book chosen was *My First Book About Outer Space*, which combines reading-level-appropriate text about the wonders of space, with activities to complete and images to color. The Lions Club provides the books to encourage reading during third grade, when students must achieve reading proficiency in order to succeed in higher grades.

(Submitted by Lion Marie Butler-Knight, Syracuse Lions Club)



Left: Syracuse Lions Joe Hibschman, Jerry Wright, and Marie Butler-Knight prepare to distribute books given by the club to all third grade students at Syracuse Elementary.

We're Cleaning Out the Closet at the Elkhart Lions Club



The Elkhart Lions Club has two little libraries available to any club interested in promoting reading. One is in complete condition, the other needs some repair to the front door. Both are available for pickup in Elkhart or can be delivered at the next cabinet meeting.

Contact PDG Brian Thomas at 574-596-7411 or brian10k@aol.com.



News from Around the District

Fulton Liberty Lions & Grass Creek Lions Provide Vision Screening Assistance



Members from the Fulton Liberty Lions Club and Grass Creek Lions Club worked together at the Caston School Corporation on October 4 and October 11 to assist in the state-mandated vision screening of students in kindergarten, first, third, and fifth grades.

Left to Right: Fulton Liberty Lions Linda Fincher, Betty Jo Pugh, Linda Wade, Janet Tuley, and Grass Creek Lions Sandy Gates, Sherry Van Meter.

(Submitted by Lion Linda Wade, Fulton Liberty Lions Club)

Fulton Liberty Lions Upgrade Local Park

This summer the Fulton Liberty Lions undertook a major project to excavate, dismantle, move, and then install in our Fulton Park all of the pieces in the Caston School Corporation playground. The gifted pieces were due to a new grant-covered play area for the school. As a result of incredibly long hours of work, use of members' tractors, augurs, and much more, Fulton has added five great pieces to their existing playground and other pieces went to Grass Creek.

During a Grand Opening ceremony of September 29, school superintendent Angie Miller and Liberty Township Trustee Jim Sutton spoke words of admiration and thanks to the club members and many community volunteers who worked tirelessly.



Left: Grand Opening of upgraded Fulton Park (l. to r.): Lion Wendell Burton, Trustee Jim Sutton, Superintendent Angie Miller, Lion Dave Fincher, Fulton Town Board President Tim Strasser, and Lion Beth Burton.

Below left: Community volunteers and Lions guide the crane operator to place the silo posts into premade holes.

Below right: Working on the slide are (l. to r.) Community volunteer Diane Zimpleman, Lion Beth Burton, Lion Wendell Burton, and community volunteer Danny Taylor.



(Submitted by Lion Linda Wade, Fulton Liberty Lions Club)

News from Around the District

Laketon Lions Raise Money For North Manchester Jr-Sr High School Music Programs

On September 19, 2024, the Laketon Lions Club held a Fish Fry Fundraiser at Warvel Park in North Manchester. Assisted by Mr. Jeff Huber and Ms. Sharon Lehman, teachers in the North Manchester Music Department, parents and students in the music program, they sold tickets, breaded fish, and helped collect money and deliver takeaway meals at a drive-thru. The event was a huge success and helped raise money to defray costs of some music programs that have in recent years gone unfunded or underfunded. As a result of their participation and leadership, the music teachers were presented a check to the music program for \$900 at an evening band concert at North Manchester High School Auditorium in front of the many parents and guests on the evening of October 2, 2024. The Lions will donate remaining proceeds to other organizations and charities in the local community.



Left: Laketon Lions and parents from North Manchester Jr-Sr High School breaded fish

Right: Presentation of fundraiser fund check at evening concert. From left to right: Lion Carma Foster, Mr. Jeff Huber - Instrumental Music Teacher, Ms. Sharon Lehman - Vocal Music Teacher, Lion Denny Unger, Lion Diane Binkerd, and Lion Tim Bochard.

(Submitted by Lion Tim Bochard, Laketon Lions Club)

Laketon Lions Distribute Dictionaries to 3rd Graders at North Manchester Elementary School

On September 16, 2024, the Laketon Lions Club distributed dictionaries with thesauruses to all 124 3rd grade students at North Manchester Elementary School. For the first time, Spanish-English dictionaries were also distributed to native Spanish speaking immigrants at the school - to help them learn the english language faster and to facilitate their integration into the local culture. Funding for the dictionaries this year came from a generous donation by Beacon Credit Union, North Manchester, IN.

(Submitted by Lion Tim Bochard, Laketon Lions Club)

Laketon Lions Work to Restore Community Severe Weather Alert Siren



Laketon's community severe weather alert siren is being returned to service. The final test will be conducted along with other Wabash County sirens during their regularly scheduled test on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 10 am. The siren, located on Woodring Road adjacent to Pierceton Trucking, had served for decades to alert residents to potential severe weather, but has been inoperative for the past several years. Noting this, the Laketon Lions spent weeks working to identify and coordinate repair and testing among several government agencies. As a result, the technical issues were addressed and the siren is expected to return to normal operation after the final, county-wide test.

(Photo provided)

(Submitted by Tim Bochard, Laketon Lions Club)

News from Around the District

Lydick Lions Distribute Dictionaries to 272 Third-Grade Students

Well done Lydick Lions!! Our club has visited 6 schools with 272 third grade students in our community. Each student was presented with their own dictionary! At each school, a short informational talk about the dictionary was given and we explained the mission of the Lions Clubs, to help the students understand why we are there. The kids were always excited to see the longest word, which is 1,909 letters, and nobody has been able to pronounce it! Several Lions members - Jim and Cathy Day, Mike and Teckla Lane, Christine Bella, Lori Ferro, Wendy and Paul Yuhasz, Leroy Wise, and Karen Trzaskowski - helped at each school volunteering their time. A special shout out to Christine Bella for organizing our dictionary project with the schools! Thank you to St John the Baptist School, Wilson School, Conquillard School, Resurrection Lutheran School, Success Academy, and Holy Cross School for letting our club meet your excited three graders!

(Submitted by Lion Lori Ferro, Lydick Lions Club)



Left: Lion Jim Day & Lion Teckla Lane deliver dictionaries.

Right: Lion Cathy Day, Lion Jim Day, Lion Teckla Lane, Lion Mike Lane



Left: Lion Karen Trzaskowski, Lion Leroy Wise, and Lion Wendy Yuhasz

Right: Lion Leroy Wise



Roann Covered Bridge Lions Club Works on Landscaping at Club's Caboose



Roann Covered Bridge Lions Club members, Joe Menna and Keith Ford worked on landscaping near the Lions Club caboose the Lions Club members restored. A load of dirt was hauled in by Phil Dale and landscape timbers were donated. Annual flowers were planted. Supervising the job was Keith's dog, Colt.

(Submitted by Lion Donna Harman, Roann Covered Bridge Lions Club)

News from Around the District

Madison Township Lions Hold Fundraiser, Support School Fundraiser, Welcome Visitors

The Madison Township Lions Club sold over 3100 pork chops at our October 5 sale at the Fire Station in Wyatt, Indiana and the following week. Also, approximately 90 pints of baked beans were sold, We had an early start and were done cooking around 11:00 a.m., so we were able to keep the serving lines to a minimum. The club sends a huge note of appreciation to everyone who supported our sale and to those volunteers, both members and non-members, who helped us have a successful event. It takes around 40 people and 300 hours to complete this project.

As there were over 3300 chops to sell, the remaining chops were donated to the Wakarusa Lions Club which, in partnership with the Wakarusa Fire Department, sold them in a joint fundraising event for an area heart patient. This is a great example of how the service organizations work together for the good of our communities.

The funds raised are used for service projects and other donations throughout the year by the club. We appreciate the support from the community.

The Madison Township Lions Club donated funds to the Bike-a-Thon at Madison Township Elementary School. The Bike-a-Thon is the school's event to participate in Riley Children's Hospital's Kids Caring and Sharing program.

District Governor Warren Allender made his official visit to our club on October 8. There were five Baugo Township Lions who visited us as well. We had a very nice meeting.

(Submitted by Lion Alan Beehler, Madison Township Lions Club)



Getting an early start at the pork chop sale.



Madison Township Elementary School students participate in the annual Bike-A-Thon to raise funds for the Kids Caring and Sharing program for Riley Children's Hospital.



DG Warren Allender addresses the club members.



News from Around the District

Mishawaka Lions Donate to SJC Humane Society, Participate in Local Trunk R Treat

The Mishawaka Lions Club collected pet supplies for the St. Joseph County Humane Society, and participated in a Trunk R Treat event at Mishawaka High School for the Mishawaka Education Foundation. Members distributed treats to 3,000 children.



Lion Colleen Hesch presents a \$200 check and pet supplies to a representative of the St. Joseph County Humane Society.

(Submitted by Lion Becky Wertz, Mishawaka Lions Club)



Left to right: Lion Barry Wertz (Lion), PCC Dave Eisen (Farmer), Lion Colleen Hesch, Lion Becky Wertz (Witch), and Lion Trellis Porter.

Culver Lions Club Hosts Community Halloween Party

The Culver Lions Club held their 70th(?) annual community Halloween Party at the Culver Depot on Saturday, October 26th.



Left: Participants at the Culver Lions Club community Halloween Party.

(Editor's note: Children's faces have been blurred.)

Below left: Culver Lions Club members prepare for the community Halloween Party.

Below right: Lion Jill Neidlinger, Monterey Lion Doug Denton, and Lion Dan Adams



(Submitted by Lion Jill Neidlinger, Culver Lions Club)

News from Around the District

Lakeville Lions Participate in Local Trunk or Treat Event at Newton Park

The Lakeville Lions Club participated in the Trunk or Treat event at Newton Park on Saturday, October 19th. ABC57 reported:

Around 1000 kids showed up to the event according to Cindy Brooke, the Social Event Coordinator. The kids were decked out in their Halloween costumes and over 70 cars were parked there so kids could get candy.

Several members of the club worked at the event including Lion Lloyd Mehaney, PDG Paul Russell, Lion Darlene Shock, club president Lion Jim Tibbs, and Lion Anne Weber.



(Photos by Lion Anne Weber & PDG Paul Russell)



Tell Us About Your Club's Signature Service Project

Does your club have a signature service project ... an ongoing or recurring project that wouldn't be done if it weren't for your Lions Club ... a service project that everyone in your community associates with your Lions Club? Write a short article about your club's signature service project and send it, with photos, to PDG Paul Russell <pdgpaul25g@gmail.com> for publication in the district newsletter.

Make Your Mark In Indiana!

Mark Your Calendar

Make plans now to attend the Indiana Lions 2025 Mid-Winter Conference, Saturday, January 18, 2025, at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport Hotel.

Holding the Line on Costs

It seems like the price of everything has been going up lately. That's why we've decided to hold the line on the prices for the 2025 Mid-Winter Conference. The prices for the Friday night dinner and the conference on Saturday will be the same as they were in 2024.

Best Place for Learning

Some Indiana Lions say the Mid-Winter Conference is "the best place for learning" about leadership, service, and all aspects of Lionism. The following seminars will be offered:



The Lions Portal	Eyeglass Recycling (and Mission Trips)
Membership Orientation	The Secret Sauce
How To Take Care of Your Heart (Which allows us to serve better)	Building Fellowship in Your Club Through Icebreakers and Recognition
LCI Insurance and Retention: Not Just For Membership Anymore	Emergency Preparation / VOAD
Gaming Rules	Understanding Diabetes (without the big scary!)
Cancer Control	Artificial Intelligence In Promoting Lions
All You Need Is Love: Understanding Lionism Through the Music of the Beatles	LCIF From Giving To Grants To Legacy

New This Year: Speed Learning

During the last two seminar sessions, we will offer several "speed learning" sessions—short sessions that will give you an overview of a specific topic. Speed learning gives you the opportunity to learn about a number of topics in a very short time. When you arrive at this session, you will select a topic that interests you. After approximately 12 minutes, everyone will switch to a new topic. At the end, you will have received an overview of four topics that interest you.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum	Indiana Lions for Leader Dog
International Convention 2025 Orlando Florida	Indiana Lions for ISBVI
Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Inc.	Vision First Indiana Lions Eye Bank
Indiana Lions Foundation	Having Fun In Your Club

Rewarding Service Projects

"Sock It To Me" – Please bring new socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, knit hats and blankets to be collected and divided among the district governors who will share them with individuals in need in their districts.

"Care-ing Cases" – After the dinner program on Friday evening, we will assemble our Care-ing Cases, which consist of first aid kits using cleaned hard eyeglass cases and toiletry kits made up of personal hygiene items. These cases will be given to the district governors who will share them with individuals in need in their districts.

Registration Form Available Now

Download the registration form and information packet from the Indiana Lions website at indianalions.org.

Indiana Lions State Convention

Indiana Lions State Convention

From the first of November to the end of April seems like a long six months away. The time is filled with Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, Easter, etc., but when you are planning a Lions State Convention on April 25-26-27, six months to go seems short!

- Our hotel is the Farmstead Inn in Shipshewana- rooms will be \$159 a night- you can book your room now by calling the hotel.
- Registration covering meals is around \$25 to \$80 depending on your choice of meals on Saturday- registration forms will be available on January 1.
- Still looking for help in securing sponsorships for the Convention and ads in the Convention booklet. Sponsorships are pegged at \$10,000, \$5,000, and \$2,000 with proceeds covering Convention costs. Naturally, this is geared to the larger companies with a statewide presence. If you are affiliated with or know of such a company, please let us know. Ads in the booklet are \$75 to \$300 which could be used by your club to highlight your activities. Again, please let us know of your interest.
- We want to strive to make your Convention as informative and entertaining as possible. If you have a suggestion for an activity and/or hour-long seminar, please contact us.
- One of the highlights of any State Convention is the Silent Auction. If you or your club have any Lion-related items you would like to donate to the committee, we would be happy to start collecting them. Any home-crafted items with a Lions theme or baked goods are also sought after.

Thank you in advance for your help and for your attendance at our 104th Annual Lions State Convention

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Indiana Lions State Projects & Foundation



State Projects & Foundation Trustees

Contact one of our district trustees to schedule a program for your club.

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Working for a
sound quality of life

Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc. Annual Holiday Luncheon

You are invited to attend! The Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Inc. Board of Trustees will have our annual holiday luncheon on Sunday, December 15, 2024, at the Indiana School for the Deaf Brown cafeteria, 1200 East 42nd Street, Indianapolis, across from the State Fair Grounds. Activities will begin at 12:30 p.m. Plan to arrive early to check in at the registration table and visit with friends. The cost per person is **\$25 in advance and \$30 at the door.**

Our special guests will be the deaf high school students, your donations helped sponsor, who attended the Deaf Youth Leadership Camp for four weeks in Stayton, Oregon last summer. As a highlight of the luncheon program, the students will report on their experiences while attending the Leadership Camp.

Also attending will be staff members of the Indiana School for the Deaf, staff members from the Riley Children’s Hospital Audiology & Speech Department, and Riley Children’s Foundation. Faculty representatives from our four state universities as well as scholarship recipients will be in attendance.

In support of your project, the Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing trustees hope you will join us for this inspiring occasion. We encourage you to bring other Lions and friends to experience the excellent work we do in fulfilling our motto “We Serve.” **Please complete the form below and return it with your check to arrive at the address shown below no later than** December 7, 2024. Thank you for your support.

We will be having a silent auction, if you have an item you would like to donate, please bring with you on December 15th.

Please reserve _____ dinners at \$25.00 each. (Children under 4 no charge)

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ Make check payable to Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc.

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GREENE TOWNSHIP LIONS CLUB



Holiday

CRAFT MARKET

NOV. 2 | 10AM
2024 | 3PM
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SMOKED PULLED PORK DINNER

Saturday, November 2 , 4:00—7:00 pm

LaFontaine Community Building—103 West Branson Street, LaFontaine

Smoked Pulled Pork Dinner:

Choice of Pork Sandwich or Pork Loaded Fries &
Choice of 2 sides: French Fries, Baked Beans or
Cole Slaw —\$12.00

Smoked Pulled Pork Child's Dinner:

Choice of Slider Pork Sandwich or small Pork
Loaded Fries & 1 side. Cost—\$6.00

Desserts available for donation.



We Serve

LaFontaine Lions Club – proudly
serving our community for 85 years

Saturday

Nov 9

Breakfast: 9-9:30 am
Meeting 9:30 am-Noon

Hosted by
Argos Lions
B&R Building
152 S. Michigan St.
Argos, IN

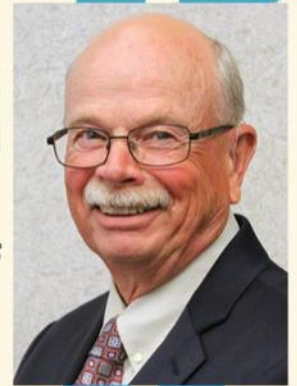
\$8⁰⁰ each

Menu: Fruit bowl,
rolls, juice, coffee.

2nd
DISTRICT
25-G
MEETING



Don't miss DG Warren Allender's second district meeting!
Another great opportunity for a great breakfast, and
OUTSTANDING fellowship.
There will be lots of handouts for and a chance to help fill LCIF
containers with your loose change.



2nd District Meeting Reservations

Name _____ Club _____

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Name _____ Club _____

Mail this reservation and your check payable to District 25-G to:

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PERU LIONS CLUB



November is:

“DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH”

November 16, 2024 at Peru YMCA
9:00-12:00a.m.

- Walk a mile and receive a gift
- Test your sugar/glucose level
- Buy a Raffle Ticket - \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00
- Make a donation

MD-25 LIONS

2026

International Pin Design Contest!



2024



2025



What
will be
2026?

YOU COULD BE THE NEXT DESIGNER CHOSEN!

**The International Convention is heading to
HONG KONG, CHINA JULY 3-7, 2026.**

Pins **MUST** include: **Design must be NO larger than 1 ¼ inch to 1 ½ inch
in diameter when made!**

- MD 25 Indiana (as text)
- The Intl Convention year – 2026
- Lion Club Intl Logo
- Intl Convention Host City representation

*MD 25 graphic representation of MD-25 usually includes a race car and/or the outline of Indiana.

Each Club can submit one design. If there are multiple designs submitted by one district, one design will be selected by the District Governor. All District designs need to be submitted to your District Committee chair by January 3, 2025. You can scan and attach it to an email and send it to _warrenallender@comcast.net __. Each District's selected design will be presented to the State Council on January 19, 2025. You will be notified if your design was chosen. Remember: pin designers do not have to be (a) Lions, you do NOT need to be professional designer and jewelers can clean it up your drawings.

Be creative and have fun!

District __G__

State Pin Committee Contact: __DG Warren Allender__



District Governor's Calendar

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 DG Visit New Carlisle LC	5	6 DG Visit Mentone LC	7	8	9 District Meeting, Argos
10	11 DG Visit Lydick LC	12	13	14 DG Visit Greene Township LC	15 Peace Posters Due to DG	16 DG Visit Claypool LC
17	18 DG Visit New Paris LC	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 DG Visit Urbana LC	26	27	28 Thanks- giving	29	30



District Governor's Calendar

December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Baugo LC Xmas	3	4	5	6	7 Council Xmas
8 Speech & Hearing Luncheon	9 DG Visit Millersburg LC	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 DG Visit Grass Creek LC	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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Mark Your Calendar

Sat, Nov 9, 2024 District Meeting
B&R Building, Argos

Fri-Sat, Jan 17-18, 2025 Mid-Winter Conference
Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport, Indianapolis

Sat, Mar 8, 2025 District Convention
Oakwood Resort, Syracuse

Fri-Sun, Apr 25-27, 2025 State Convention
Farmstead Inn, Shippshewana

Sat, May 17, 2025 District Meeting
Roann Christian Church, Roann

Directory Updates

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Meeting location:
Lydick United Methodist Church
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Happy Thanksgiving!

