

# LIONS DISTRICT 25 A NEWSLETTER

*Coming Together to Serve*

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1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Jim Furlong, Governor Elect

## District Governor Jim Furlong

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*My District Gov Pin*

### Lions Clubs Mission 1.5 Summit: A Call to Attract New Members for Greater Service

The recent Lions Clubs Mission 1.5 Summit in Las Vegas was a resounding success, bringing together members from around the country to discuss the future of service and the importance of expanding our membership. Held in a spirit of camaraderie and shared purpose, the summit underscored the critical need to attract new members to better serve our communities.

#### A Gathering of Minds and Hearts

The Mission 1.5 Summit was more than just a meeting; it was a celebration of the Lions Clubs' enduring commitment to service. Attendees had the opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions, share success stories, and brainstorm innovative ways to address the challenges faced by our communities. The summit highlighted the diverse range of projects undertaken by Lions Clubs in this Country, from vision screenings and diabetes awareness campaigns to environmental conservation efforts and disaster relief initiatives.

#### The Need for New Members

One of the key takeaways from the summit was the urgent need to attract new members. As our communities grow and their needs evolve, so too must our capacity to serve. New members bring fresh perspectives, innovative ideas, and a renewed energy that is essential for the continued success of our projects. They also help to ensure the sustainability of our clubs, allowing us to expand our reach and impact.

#### Why Join Lions Clubs?

As we think about recruiting new members we need to reexamine why we joined. I believe each of us had a passion to serve. Perhaps we joined simply answering the clarion call to serve. Maybe we joined because we had a particular interest in one of our global causes like sight, or hearing or diabetes. Joining Lions Clubs offers individuals the chance to make a tangible difference in their communities. Members have the opportunity to develop leadership skills, build lasting friendships, and participate in a wide range of service activities. Whether it's organizing a local fundraiser, leading a health awareness passion. My late wife Jodi died from campaign, or participating in international service projects, there are countless ways for members to get involved and contribute.

#### A Call to Action

As we look to the future, it is clear that the success of our mission depends on our ability to attract and retain dedicated members. We encourage everyone who is passionate about making a difference to consider joining Lions Clubs. Together, we can continue to build a brighter, healthier, and more compassionate world.

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1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Jim Furlong, Governor Elect

## *Save the Date*

Just a reminder that on Tuesday, August 12, at 8:30 am join us for a District 25-A volunteer Day at the State Fair. Thanks to the Blind Social Center they are going to bus 19 people down to the State Fair to volunteer for an afternoon shift at the State Fair. We mostly take tickets in a nice covered area with cool breezes as Hoosiers from all over the state visit their Fair. We will gather at the Lakes of the Four Seasons Lakehouse parking lot leaving at 8:30am and returning immediately after our afternoon shift ends; expecting to arrive at Lakes of the Four Seasons around 9:30pm. The volunteers help raise money for the Indiana Lions Foundation. Our district has received funding from the Foundation. Just recently both Lakes of the Four Seasons Lions and Whiting Lions received funding to subsidize a StoryWalk in our communities. These are about 20 pedestals that tell a children's story for ages 3-12. These pedestals are placed usually in a park and young people learn of an intriguing story and get exercise while doing it. The Indiana Lions Foundation is always willing to help our local communities with co-funding some of our Club projects in the community.

Please volunteer by signing up at [www.indianalionsfoundationMD25.org](http://www.indianalionsfoundationMD25.org) and then send me a response at my email [jimfurl179@aol.com](mailto:jimfurl179@aol.com). Then email me at [jimfurl179@aol.com](mailto:jimfurl179@aol.com). Thanks everyone.

## **HAVE A GREAT 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY LIONS**

**JIM**

## First Vice District Governor David Dickinson

### Service Projects

We Serve - Lions, Leo, Family, Friends and Non-Lions.

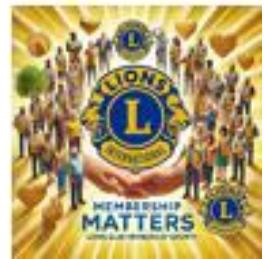
District 25A Indiana Lions Club's first ever event in the area.

District 25A to live with a great variety of activities. Service members are encouraged to participate at this location and to be involved with other local community's efforts.

Service Project: Lions and Leo's Club. District 25A and Zone Chairperson (8) are also encouraged to participate as part in the project; clean up park, water, fire, police, construction work, moving debris removal and other acting purposes for local communities.

SERVICE - DONATION - FUNDRAISING - MEETING Welcome - New Membership to join.

Lion VDGE Dave Dickinson



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## Second Vice District Governor Wendy Semans

Hello, District 25A,

I am Wendy Semans and I am very excited to be your 2vdg. I am married to PCC Mitch Semans. I have served as Vice and President of the Hamlet club, currently serving as tail twister. I have absolutely loved being Zone Chair for 4 years and I served as Woman's Membership and Development for 2 years, I am starting my 3rd year serving my passion, Leo's!!!



First, I would like to congratulate IPDG Patty Cooke Furlong on a great year and secondly, I want you to know how excited I am to be serving under DG Jim Furlong, I am sure I will be learning a lot from him. One thing I hope you will learn about me is I am truly excited about Lions, and I am very interested in your clubs. I want to hear about your projects and fundraisers; I will be your biggest cheerleader!!

[Pictures below from Door Village Installation.](#)



Dennis Fischer, Club Treasurer, Semans, District 25A 2nd VP.



Left to right: Lion Sue Kaiser, Club President Elect; Lion Wendy Semans, District 25A 2nd VP Elect; Lion

## Notes from Cabinet Treasurer: Sally Davis

### **Note from the Cabinet Treasurer, Sally Davis**

It has been a pleasure serving you as Cabinet Treasurer this past year. I look forward to another term serving under District Governor Elect, Jim Furlong.

In trying to simplify the process of clubs making donations to Lions projects and writing checks I have formulated a new plan. Instead of writing checks to each individual project you may now write one check to the district accompanied by the form that follows. Make your check to "**Lions District 25-A**" and list the amount donated to each project in the appropriate box. If there is a project that you wish to donate to that is not listed write it in one of the "Other" boxes. Total the amount and write one check for that amount. This should simplify the process, eliminate questions of "who do I write the check to?" and your check will be cashed immediately.

Contact me if you have any questions or concerns about this procedure.

**Form on the next page**

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**DISTRICT 25-A**  
**CLUB DONATION FORM**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Our Lions Club would like to make the following donations:



**STATE PROJECTS**

Cancer Control

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Leader Dog

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Vision First

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

IN School for the  
Blind & Visually  
Impaired

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$

Speech & Hearing

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**DISTRICT PROJECTS**

Diabetes

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ed Paine &  
Helping Hands

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Law Camp

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special Olympics

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**LIONS FOUNDATIONS**

LIONS CLUBS  
INTERNATIONAL  
FOUNDATION

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

IN LIONS  
FOUNDATION

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO LIONS DISTRICT 25A**

**TOTAL DONATION: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**CHECK NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**MAIL TO: Lion Sally Davis  
4767 East 61<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Hobart, IN 46342**

## Indiana Lions Foundation Matching Grants

### **The Indiana Lions Foundation's Matching Grants Benefit Many Lions Charitable Projects**

The Indiana Lions Foundation completed its fiscal year with \$24,652 in matching grants awarded to twenty-five clubs and Camp Woodsmoke as well as a disaster assistance grant awarded to District E.

These grants resulted in many benefits to our fellow Hoosiers through the enabling of these clubs in pursuing many charitable projects through the use of their charitable funds supplemented by Foundation matching grants. As a results of this club/Foundation partnership:

1. Children 1) learned to appreciate reading through listening to stories in their public parks, 2) received their own book and 3) accessed new books placed in their library
2. Children learned how to fish
3. Children were screened for vision abnormalities and dyslexia in their schools
4. Children received beds to sleep in when they had no bed and were given food on weekends when no food was available in their home
5. Children were able to attend Camp Woodsmoke with a working infirmary
6. Communities benefited by 1) receiving information through the erection of informational signs 2) being able to use ADA compliant restroom facilities and 3) being able to use modern plumbing systems and kitchen facilities in their community centers
7. The uninsured were able to receive medical care in a free clinic with updated exam lighting.
8. Communities were enhanced with new tree plantings and entertained by Fourth of July fireworks displays
9. First responders benefited by being able to use a working beverage cooler in their firehouse and by being able to have 'blue bags' available to treat autistic victims and traumatized children.

Lion Rose Russell, Trustee  
Indiana Lions Foundation  
Lakeville, Indiana, USA  
574-250-0125 (call or text)

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## Indiana Lions State Fair Project



Indiana Lions Foundation Indiana State Fair Project  
It's not too early to start thinking about fun and fellowship with other Indiana Lions at the 2025 Indiana State Fair. This is the Foundation's single largest fundraiser. Proceeds support the operation of the Indiana Lions State Office Building and provide funds for the Foundation's new Community Service Grants. The Fair will be held in Indianapolis, August 1-17, 2025, and we will need volunteers to work at six gates during the Fair. Scan the QR code above to go to:  
<https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/what-we-do/indiana-state-fair-volunteer/> Sign up to work for the Foundation at the 2025 Indiana State Fair. If you like our ferris wheel and carousel pins, you'll love

our new roller coaster pin. The proposed design is shown here. The only way to get one of these pins is to work for the Foundation at the Indiana State Fair. When you work for the Indiana Lions Foundation at the Indiana State Fair, you receive State Fair credits. Work an early morning shift and receive 1 credit; work a regular morning or afternoon shift and receive 2 credits. You may redeem 12 credits for a W.P. Woods Fellowship for yourself or another individual. This past July, the board of trustees of the Indiana Lions Foundation approved a proposal to allow State Fair volunteers to redeem State Fair credits for Community Service Grants to benefit Indiana Lions clubs, Indiana Lions districts, Indiana Lions state projects, or LCIF. For more information about Community Service Grants, visit the Indiana Lions Foundation website at <https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/>. If you need assistance signing up for this project, please contact Lion Rose Russell at 574-250-0125 or RoseWRussell@gmail.com. If you have questions about the Foundation, please contact one of the Foundation trustees in your district.



## News Around the District—Whiting Lions Story Walk Dedication



**Whiting Lions Story Walk Dedication – 6/21/25 – Whiting Lakefront Park**

**Whiting Lions Club and Indiana Lions Foundation Matching Grant**

## News Around the District—

### Westville Lions Add Color to Summer Reading



Westville Lions Mike Schultz, Debi Ingram, and Lori Fagg joined Westville Public Library Director Bridget Kramer to help serve refreshments for the Westville Summer Reading program “Color The World” on Monday, June 16, 2025. (Now those are hats!)

The lions provided homemade cupcakes, Rice Krispie treats and served pizza individual chips and Oreo cookies provided by the library. 45 kids attended and enjoyed the refreshments and were entertained by Magician Matt Kalitia for over an hour, played outdoor games with their friends and picked up a summer reading log to fill out to turn in for prizes. If you missed the program, it's not too late to sign up. Please stop in and see Mrs. Kraemer or one of her assistants to get a summer reading log. Happy reading. 

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## News Around the District—Westville Lions

We Serve- District 25 (A and C) Indiana

Photo: PDG Doug Eversole - District 25C Indiana and VDGE Dave Dickinson.



Photo: Ben Dickinson-son, VDGE Dave Dickinson and Lion Brian Pagels. WELCOME ☺️❤️🙏



## News Around the District—Hobart Lions Club

The Hobart Lions Club recently made a sizable donation of excess handicap equipment to Mobility Ministries serving handicapped and amputees in Malawi Africa.

Bob & Arla Gabrielse from Wheatfield have been serving the ministry since 2011. Lions Clarence & Sally Davis along with Joe Larson selected 68 walkers, 35 pairs of crutches, 50 canes to fill the trailer that will transport items on the first leg of a long journey.

Lions from Lebanon IN have also contributed to the project. The main item produced is an “Action Trike” which is a 3 wheeled vehicle pedaled with hands for people with no legs. In the area of Malawi many residents suffer from cerebral malaria which paralyzes limbs. Others are victims of animal bites often by hippopotamuses or alligators. Scarce medical care for those wounded led to amputation.

Over the years modifications of the wooden carts have changed to metal and plastic with larger tires that are 20 pounds lighter and can be adapted to use by even a child. The carts help them to get around by themselves instead of being carried or hauled by a wheelbarrow.

Many volunteers have created 3,926 carts since its inception, no longer are woodworkers needed. New skills are being used to work with the new materials, many are recycled from bicycles. They also need volunteers to pack the containers bound for Malawi which is a very small country near Mozambique. Several other organizations besides Lions work together to provide other handicap equipment for residents.

Arla told the remarkable story of a 19-year-old girl who viewed her disability as no hindrance. She now attends a university with the goal of becoming a banker. Her positive attitude has inspired others to go for their dreams. Another product provided by the organization are birth kits. Over 1,000 bags of supplies have been put together. It consists of large garbage bags for the expectant mom to lay upon, a razor blade to cut the umbilical cord, and towels.

Along with every donation a bible is offered. It is written in the Chichewa language native to the area. Many of the children are now learning English and Math. This gives the individuals a sense of dignity as they become upwardly mobile in their community.

Each cart costs approximately \$400 which includes shipping expenses. 230 can fit into a container. The crutches, canes, and walkers will fill in vacant space in the huge boxes. It takes between three and one half to four- and one-half months for the equipment to reach their final destination. The journey takes the boxes by sea, train and over 1,000 miles by truck to reach the small country. No trouble has been reported with customs officials. There are many local churches that appreciate the combined efforts of those helping.

For more information see [www.mobilityministries.org](http://www.mobilityministries.org) or [www.malawaiproject.org](http://www.malawaiproject.org)

## News Around the District—Crown Point Lions Club

**CROWN POINT LIONS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS****CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025/2026  
CROWN POINT LIONS CLUB OFFICERS**

Crown Point Lions were honored to have District Governor Elect Patty Cooke-Furlong induct the 2025-2026 Officers. She was accompanied by her husband District Governor Elect Jim Furlong. It was a great evening of celebration. Lion Carla Smolek passed to gavel to new President, Lion Jennifer Bamrick.



Crown Point Lions partnered with Rotary to plant flowers at Wittenberg. A community beautification project.



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News Around the District—Crown Point Lion's Club Golf Outing

**Coming!!!**

**Crown Point Lions Club  
31st Annual Golf Outing  
Saturday, Sept 13, 2025  
River Pointe Golf Course  
Hobart, Indiana**

For more information contact  
Ed Schiesser – 219-680-6485

**10:00 AM Shotgun Start**

**Lunch and Prizes**

**\$110.00 per golfer**

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## News Around the District—Cedar Lake Golf Outing



### CEDAR LAKE LIONS CLUB ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

AUGUST 24, 2025

Location: Tuckaway Golf Club  
27641 S. Stoney Island Ave.  
Crete, IL

Time: Noon - Registration  
1:00pm - Start

#### Event includes:

- Lunch and dinner at the clubhouse
- Dinner follows golf
- 3 Beer tickets
- \$540 in cash prizes
- Goody bag / Door prizes / 50/50 Cash Raffle
- Driving range
- Skins game – optional

Donation: \$80.00 per player  
Contact: Lion Jay Sheehy, 219-313-5682  
Lion Jim Braner, 219-730-6099

## News Around the District—Cedar Lake Golf Outing

### CEDAR LAKE LIONS CLUB

#### ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Tuckaway Golf Club  
Crete, IL  
August 24, 2025  
1:00pm tee-off

#### LIONS CLUB CONTACTS

Lion Jay Sheehy: 219.313.5682  
Lion Jim Braner: 219.730.6099

### HOLE SPONSOR INFORMATION

- Previous sponsor - \$100
- New Sponsor
  - \$100.00 – 24" X 18" sign
- Cannot be a sponsor this year but would like to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_

#### Sponsor Information

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Make checks payable to:

Cedar Lake Lions Club  
PO Box 111  
Cedar Lake, IN 46303

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News Around the District— Munster Lions July 4th Parade

**Munster Lions Club & Town of Munster  
Proudly Present The Annual**

# ***Independence Day Parade***

**July 4 | 2pm**

**JOIN THE FUN!**

**REGISTRATION IS *NOW OPEN* FOR PARADE PARTICIPANTS!**

**REPRESENT YOUR BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION &  
BE A PART OF BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY SPIRIT!**

**PARTICIPATING IN THE PARADE IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY!**

- GROW YOUR VISIBILITY - BUILD AWARENESS OF YOUR BRAND!**
- SHOW YOUR SUPPORT - STRENGTHEN YOUR CONNECTION TO THE COMMUNITY**
- NETWORK - CONNECT WITH OTHER BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS**
- FUN, CAMARADERIE AND PRIDE IN OUR TOWN**

**HURRY, REGISTRATION ENDS JUNE 16TH**



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News Around the District— Munster Lions Club

# MUNSTER LIONS

SERVING MUNSTER SINCE 1938



## 40<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL STEAK & CHICKEN GRILL

**Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**3:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

**At**

**SOCIAL CENTER**  
**8751 LIONS CLUB DRIVE, MUNSTER**

### **Donations**

**Adult - \$20.00 • Child - \$7.00**  
Under 12

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# First Annual Raffle

**Sponsored by**  
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**Currie Motors**  
**FORD OF VALPO**

2025 Bronco with 2.3L ecoboost I-4 engine, Azure Gray Metallic with Black Onyx Interior Soft top cloth



Only 1,000 Tickets Available! ★ Price Per Ticket: \$100

## GRAND PRIZE DRAWING

**1st Prize** Choose a brand new Ford Bronco or \$40,000 cash!      **2nd** \$1,000 Cash      **3rd** \$500 Cash

**\$1,000 Early Bird Drawing! – August 7, 2025**  
**Grand Prize Drawing – October 16, 2025\***

**Currie Motors Ford of Valpo**

Complete the form below and mail with check/money order.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

Proceeds benefit future improvements in our community.

Make check/money order payable to:  
**Valparaiso Lions Vision Care Inc.**  
 P.O Box 64, Valparaiso, IN 46384

VOID WHERE PROHIBITED BY LAW

Stay tuned for more details! Follow Currie Ford of Valparaiso for updates.

License # 07908, Reference # 162685.  
 The Valparaiso Lions Club reserves the right to extend the raffle drawing date for the 2025 Ford Bronco. If all raffle tickets are not sold by October 16, 2025, the drawing will be postponed to December 16, 2025. This extension is to allow additional time for ticket sales and to ensure the success of the fundraising effort, with a goal of 1,000 total tickets sold. All purchased tickets will remain valid for the rescheduled drawing date. No refunds will be issued based on the change of drawing date. Winner is responsible for all taxes, fees, and associated costs. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a ticket.

## News Around the District— Valparaiso Lions Club

The Valparaiso Lions Club has a low vision charity: Valparaiso Lions Vision Care, Inc. which we founded in 1998. Its purpose is to provide devices to people who are visually impaired and reside in the seen counties of District 25-A. We have helped over 100 individuals at the cost of \$150-200,00 in that time.

This year we are teaming with Currie Ford in Valparaiso to have a CAR RAFFLE. Tickets are \$100 and only 1000 will be sold. The winner gets either a brand-new Ford Bronco or \$40,000. The drawing will be on October 16 at Currie Motors in Valparaiso. There will be an early bird drawing on August 7 for \$1000. That winner will still have a chance for the car. The October drawing will have a second prize of \$1000 and a third prize of \$500.

I have attached our flyer for this project and would appreciate it if you could publish it in all the upcoming District newsletter between now and October.

The proceeds will go to our charity to help the visually impaired in District 25-A.

Richard Ireland  
Secretary, Valparaiso Lions Club.

PS if you need any more information or want to purchase a chance to win, contact me at [lionireland@hotmail.com](mailto:lionireland@hotmail.com), or call me at 219 241 3496.

**See flyer previous page**

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

1. A \$500 donation for Hole Sponsor was made to the St. John FOP for their recent golf outing. Here are Lion Mitch and Lion Al from the St. John Lions Club attending said golf outing on one of the scorching June days!
2. Members of the St. John Lions Club held a Candy Day at Jewel. We were happy to showcase our new banner for things like this!
3. Members of the St. John Lions Club had a table set up at the recent Freedom Fest in St. John. We also volunteered in the Kid Zone area giving the kids prizes for the tickets they collected playing the various games.



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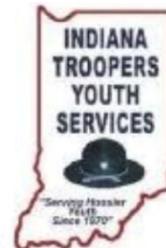
## News Around the District—St. John's Lions Club



## News Around the District—Indiana State Police Summer Camps



### Indiana State Police Summer Camps **2025 Dates:**



#### **PIONEER CAMPS ARE BY RECOMMENDATION ONLY: AGES 11-14**

Lincoln Pioneer Camp: June 23-26, 2025

Mounds Park Camp: June TBD, 2025

Mollenhour Camp: June 9-12, 2025

#### **LAW CAMPS: 6<sup>TH</sup>, 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

Columbus Law Camp (Columbus Indiana): July 6 - July 10, 2025

Anderson Law Camp (Anderson Indiana): June 29 – July 2, 2025

#### **CAREER CAMPS: HIGH SCHOOL AGE**

Vincennes Career Camp (Vincennes Indiana): June 22 – 27, 2025

Trine Career Camp (Angola Indiana): July 6 -11, 2025

Anderson Cadet Camp (Anderson Indiana): June 22-28, 2025

#### **SHIELD PROJECT**

Anderson College (Anderson Indiana): June 4-8, 2025

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**HTTP://TROOPER.ORG**

**GET INVOLVED AND FIND OUT HOW TO BE PART  
OF THE CAMPS AS A SPONSOR OR CAMPER!  
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HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/ISPYOUTHCAMPS/**

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Email: [itysinfo@trooper.org](mailto:itysinfo@trooper.org)

Phone: 1-317-951-3882

Indiana Troopers Youth Services, Inc.  
8660 East 21st Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46219

## News Around the District—Door Village Lions Install New Officers

With a great potluck dinner and a short business meeting, the June Membership Meeting took place in the fellowship hall of the Door Village United Methodist Church on Joliet Road in beautiful downtown Door Village. Lion Bonnie Olson, outgoing club president, called the meeting to order and welcomed all to the Officer Installation Meeting. She called on Lion Nancy Weaver to lead members in the pledge of allegiance and then led them in the Lions Pledge. Lion Pastor Sam Polito offered the invocation, and the group proceeded to fill their plates, with guests and Installation Officer Lion Wendy Semans, District 25A 2nd Vice President, leading the food line. The food was prepared by Lions Sue Kaiser, Cindy Polito, Carol Pahs, and Bonnie Olson, with most of the food being homemade and very tasty.

Immediately following the dinner and the short business meeting, which included a report on the delivery on June 3rd of the \$1,000 worth of food members bought from the proceeds from the Candy Day Sales in May being donated to the Salvation Army Food Bank and voting by members for Lion of the Year.

Lion Bonnie then gave control of the meeting to Lion Wendy Semans, who proceeded to install the 2025-2026 club officers who will be taking office on July 1, 2025. The board of directors, Lions Gene Flickinger, Bonnie Olson, Carrie Perra and Sam Polito; membership chair, Lion George Morley; club treasurer, Lion Dennis Fischer; the club secretary, Lion Cindy Fischer; Lion Tamer, Lion Cindy Polito, Tail Twister, Lion Dennis Fischer, Treasurer; 1st VP, Lion Carol Pahs; 2nd VP, Lion Matt Fischer and the incoming club president, Lion Sue Kaiser, were each installed in turn. Lion Bonnie thanked Lion Wendy for coming and conducting the excellent installation and concluded the meeting by calling on Lion Pastor Gene Flickinger for the Benediction. [See more pictures on page 5 under Lion Wendy's article.](#)

Left to right; back row, Lion Gene Flickinger, 1st year Director; Lion Sue Kaiser, President Elect; Lion Dennis Fischer, club Treasurer; Lion Matt Fischer, 2nd VP; Front Row: Lion George Morley, Membership Chair; Lion Carol Pahs, 1st VP; Lion Sam Polito, 2nd Year Director; Lion Cindy Polito, Tail Twister; Oioon Wendy Semans, District 25A 2nd VP Elect; Lion Cindy Fischer, Club Secretary and Lion Bonnie Olson, 1st Year Director.



## News Around the District—Door Village Lions

**Salvation Army Receives Extra Donation to Food Bank**

Every year for the past twenty or more years members of the Door Village Lions club have voted to donate all the proceeds of their Spring Lions Candy Day Sale to the La Porte Salvation Army Food Bank. And this year through the generous contributions of those patronizing the La Porte Post Office, was a record collection when all the containers of Lions Cindy Fischer, Sam Polito, Matt Fischer, Bonnie Olson, Nancy Weaver, Dennis Fischer, Gene Flickinger, Sue Kaiser, Karen Lindeman, David Renner and George Morley were tallied up with a total of nearly \$1,000. The club rounded it up to an even \$1,000, and Lions Bonnie Olson, Sue Kaiser and Cindy and Dennis Fischer got busy and purchased boxes and boxes of food to deliver to the Salvation Army. The delivery took place on Tuesday June 3 at 4:00pm when the \$1,000 worth of food items were carried into the delight of the staff that helped stack the many boxes in the storeroom.

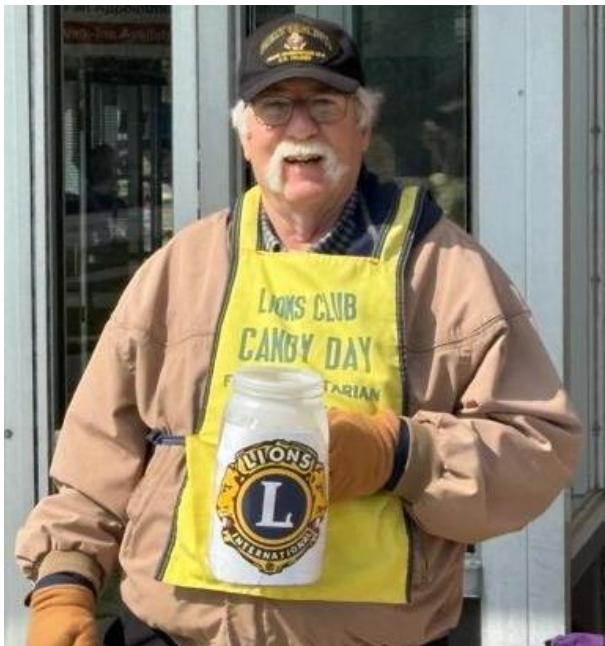


Right—Boxes and boxes of food items donated and delivered.



Left—Lion Matt Fischer, one of the record-breaking collectors at the Post Office

News Around the District—Door Village Lions



Lions Cindy Fischer and Karen Lindeman, Collectors at the Post Office.

Lion David Renner, one of the record-breaking collectors at the Post Office.



Left to Right  
Lions Bonnie Olson, Sue Kaiser, Dennis Fischer, Cindy Fischer and Sam Polito  
delivering the many boxes of food on June 3rd

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News Around the District—LOFS Lions

**LOFS LIONS IS PROUD TO PRESENT**



**CRUISE NIGHT**

**BRING YOUR  
FAVORITE  
CARS, TRUCKS,  
MOTORCYCLES OR  
GOLF CARTS**



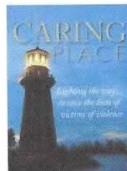
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 30**

**5:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**LOWER LAKEHOUSE  
PARKING LOT**

**BOX DINNEES WILL BE AVAILABLE  
FOR PURCHASE FROM THE SEASON'S  
LAKEHOUSE RESTAURANT**

## News Around the District—LOFS Lions



**2025 LOFS Lions  
25<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing**

**U501 C3    Tax ID 35-1387206**

**Date: August 8, 2025 – Friday (No Rain Date)**

**Place: Lakes of the Four Seasons Country Club**

**Time: 10:30 am Registration – Noon Shotgun Start**

**Format: 4 Person Scramble (Limited to first 120 players)**

**Event includes:**

Lunch 11:00 – 11:45 by Ken Dawgs  
 Dinner Follows Golf  
 2 Beer Tickets  
 Hole in One #17 \$20,000  
 Goody Bag / 50/50 Raffle  
 Driving Range  
 Skins game - optional  
 Silent Auction

**Donation: \$100 per player**

**LOFS Golf Members \$80**

Name (Please Print)	Phone:	Lofs Golf Club Member Yes/No	Dinner \$25.00	Have cart?

**Please mail or contact one of the Lion members listed.**

Contact: Lion Bruce Brankle  
 1556 Happy Valley Rd.  
 Crown Point, In 46307  
[Bruceb@mark-itSpecialties.com](mailto:Bruceb@mark-itSpecialties.com)  
 219-678-1171

Lion Chuck De Las Casas  
 5030 Spinnaker Ln. Unit A  
 Crown Point, 46307  
[cdelas@comcast.net](mailto:cdelas@comcast.net)  
 219-776-3031

## News Around the District—East Chicago Leos

I am incredibly proud to share a summary of the impactful activities of the East Chicago Leo's Club over the last year. Our dedicated members collectively contributed an impressive 333 service hours to our East Chicago community.

Our year commenced in March 2024 with our members volunteering at the Lions International Convention. This provided a valuable opportunity for our Leos to connect with young leaders from across the state and engage in insightful meetings with Lions members.

In May, we successfully hosted our annual East Chicago Leo's Garage Sale, a vital fundraising event for our club. Following this, we celebrated the achievements of our graduating senior Leo's with a special party, acknowledging their significant contributions and leadership.

During the summer of 2024, our Leo's actively participated in the East Chicago Police Department's Youth Citizens Academy, demonstrating their strong commitment to civic engagement. August saw us dedicating our time to the East Chicago Police Department's National Night Out, an annual highlight that allows our Leos to interact positively with the community and local law enforcement.

Our club also prioritized environmental stewardship by assisting The Nature Conservancy in East Chicago with a native plants event, where we actively planted native flora throughout the city and helped beautify our local parks. Furthermore, the EC Leos supported our parent organization, the EC Evening Lions Club, by volunteering at their steak sale fundraiser.

Continuing our community involvement into the fall, our Leos contributed service hours to the Mexican Independence Day Parade by assisting with sunglass distribution, a fun and meaningful way to connect with the East Chicago community.

In October, our Leos volunteered at the Salvation Army in East Chicago, enthusiastically assisting with a clothing drive. We collected donations, organized the distribution area, and helped community members find needed clothing, a truly impactful experience for all involved.

In early 2025, our eyeglass collection efforts expanded to Marian Catholic High School in Chicago Heights, Illinois, and Forest Ridge Academy in Schererville, Indiana. Through these efforts, we collected nearly 50 pairs of eyeglasses this year and are eager to increase this number next year. Throughout the year, our Leos actively participated in numerous planning meetings to ensure the success of our initiatives and dedicated time to creating and filling out cards for Phil's Friends Cards, offering support to those in need.

Finally, in May 2025, our Leos spent the Memorial Day weekend volunteering by placing flags at the gravesites of our honorable veterans, a solemn and respectful tribute to their service.

With over 333 service hours completed by the East Chicago Leo's Club this year, I am filled with immense pride for the dedication and hard work of each and every member. It has been a privilege to lead such a committed and compassionate group.

The East Chicago Leo's Club is immensely grateful for Daniella Flores' significant contributions over the past two years. From the club's inception, Daniella has been an invaluable service member, dedicating over 73 hours to serving our community. Her commitment to our mission is clearly demonstrated through her leadership, having served as Acting President in 2024 and currently as Vice President in 2025.

Veronica Flores

## News Around the District—East Chicago Leos

As a high-achieving graduating student from Bishop Noll Institute, Daniella has consistently shown dedication and excellence in all her pursuits. Her remarkable achievement of securing over \$920,000 in scholarships to various universities speaks volumes about her hard work and potential.

This fall, Daniella will begin an exciting new chapter at Washington University in St. Louis, where she will study political science and business. The East Chicago Leo's Club is incredibly proud of all that Daniella has accomplished and eagerly anticipates the positive influence she will undoubtedly have on the world.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Daniella for her exceptional service to our club and the broader community. Her dedication and leadership have been instrumental to our success, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors.



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News Around the District—East Chicago Leos



## News Around the District—Operation KidSight Data



Congratulations Lions all on a fantastic year!

And a special shoutout to all who participated in any way with KidSight screenings in our state's schools and daycares.

Indiana Lions screened 15230 kids from August 2024 to June 2025.

I challenge all Lions in the month of July to integrate a screening into your schedule.

We are less than 300 kids served from exceeding 2023-2024s total.

Fairs, libraries, and other events are all ways to expose your community to the Operation KidSight program and your club!

If you need a camera, please reach out to Karlene Roe with Operation KidSight.

In late July the VisionFirst (Eye Bank) board and Indiana Lions Operation KidSight is inviting all Lions to attend a celebratory lunch to thank those involved with KidSight for their dedication and heroic work. We will also be using this time

to update and check on cameras owned by KidSight

and get a better accounting of which clubs and districts have their own.

Specific time and date TBD, location will be the VisionFirst offices in Carmel.

Having finished a full year as coordinator, I couldn't be in more awe and happy to work with such amazing Lions and this program.

I appreciate your patience & guidance and look forward to serving with you all for years to come.

## 2024-2025 COUNT BY CLUB

## DISTRICT A

Name	Count
Bass Lake	42
Chesterton	75
Crown Point	244
Door Village	314
Francesville	37
Hobart	185
Lakes of the Four Seasons	170
Lowell	91
Rensselaer	117
Schererville Central	200
South Haven	74
St. John	64
Union Mills	53
Wanatah	14
Westville	65
Wheatfield	229
Winamac	325
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Sum:	2299
Avg:	135.24

## Indiana Lions Operation KidSight

**Total Screened All Time: 291141**

**Total Screened 2023-2024: 15518**

**Total Screened FY 2024-2025 (August-June): 15230**

**Total Referrals FY 2024-2025 (August-June): 1618**  
(includes 87 uncooperative)

**Referral rate: 10.6%**

**556 screenings took place from August 2024 to June of 2025**  
**63 clubs reported screenings**

**District 25A**  
**Total Screened All Time: 42715**  
**Total Screened FY 2023-2024: 2154**  
**Total Screened FY 2024-2025 (August-June): 2299**

## 2023-2024 COUNT BY CLUB

## DISTRICT A

Name	Count
Bass Lake	46
Chesterton	78
Crown Point	246
Door Village	278
Hobart	423
Lakes of the Four Seasons	102
Lowell	67
Mill Creek Lions	7
Rensselaer	82
Schererville Central	161
South Haven	69
St. John	75
Union Mills	41
Wheatfield	286
Winamac	280
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Sum:	2154
Avg:	143.60

OKS Contact Info

317-213-3902

kidsight@att.net

www.visionfirst.org/operationkidsight

## Orlando Convention Event: Rock and Roar

Dear Lions/Leos of MD 25 -

My name is Teresa Pedroza, and I proudly serve with the **Oviedo-Winter Springs Lions Club in Florida**. I'm reaching out as the Local Coordinator for *Rock & Roar: A Dueling Piano Night for Sight*, a high-energy fundraising event taking place during the 2025 Lions International Convention in Orlando.

This exciting evening is a partnership with the Lions of Multiple District 111 – Germany. For the past seven International Conventions, they have teamed up with local Lions in each host city to raise funds for a Lions-supported cause. We are truly honored that, for 2025, they have selected Florida District 35-O's own **Project Right to Sight** as their beneficiary — a program providing free eye care and prescription glasses to underserved individuals across Central Florida.

We would be incredibly grateful for your help in sharing this event with clubs and members across **MD 25**. Whether by forwarding the flyer, including it in your district newsletter, or posting it on social media, your support will help ensure this fundraiser reaches Lions across the Southeast and beyond.

### Rock & Roar – A Dueling Piano Night for Sight

 **Wednesday, July 16, 2025**

 **6:00 PM – 8:30 PM\***

 **Howl at the Moon Orlando | 8815 International Drive**

 **[Get Tickets [Here](#)]** (*Group seating options available for Lions who wish to sit together*)

\*PIP, PID, DG, PDG Banquet is the same evening from 8:00 pm -10:00 pm.

### Your Ticket Includes:

- Entry to the venue
- Appetizer buffet (6:00–8:30 PM)
- Cash bar (open until midnight)
- Live dueling piano show
- Karaoke with a live band
- 50/50 cash raffle

This is more than just a fundraiser — it's a celebration of service, music, and fellowship. After a full day of convention activities, Rock & Roar is the perfect way to relax, connect with Lions from around the world, and have fun for a great cause.

Flyers are attached and ready to be shared. Friends and guests of Lions are also welcome — this is a public event open to all who support our mission of service.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved further, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your support and for the incredible work you continue to do across New York, Bermuda and beyond.

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Rock and Roar Orlando



Lions International

6.00 PM – 8.30 PM

**JULY 16TH, 2025**

Howl at the Moon Orlando

**LIONS ROAR — PIANOS ROCK — VISION WINS!**

**ROCK & ROAR!**

**A DUELING PIANO NIGHT FOR SIGHT**

A FUNDRAISER BENEFITING

**FLORIDA DISTRICT 35-O: PROJECT RIGHT TO SIGHT**

Join Lions from around the world for a fun filled  
evening full of music, food and fellowship

[www.projectrighttosight.com](http://www.projectrighttosight.com)

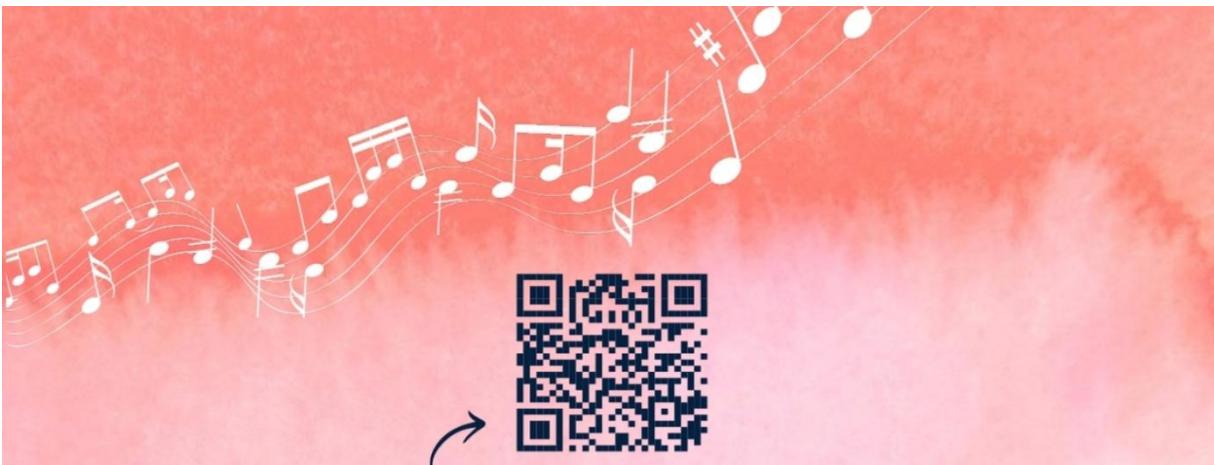


8815 International Drive  
Orlando, FL 32819



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## Rock and Roar Orlando



### GET YOUR TICKETS HERE:

[RockAndRoar.eventbrite.com](https://RockAndRoar.eventbrite.com)

A quick 12-minute walk from the Convention Center

Sponsorships and Group Tickets Available



### YOUR TICKET INCLUDES:

Entry to the Venue / Cover Charge  
Appetizer Buffet / 6:00pm – 8:30pm  
Cash Bar / 6:00pm – 12:00am Dueling  
Piano Show – Best Show in Town!  
Karaoke – Accompanied by Live Band  
50/50 Cash Raffle, Pull-Tabs and More

#### Hosts:

Florida District 35-O Lions Clubs  
Multiple-District 111-Germany  
Project Right to Sight  
Lions of Massachusetts MD33



## SAVE THE DATES

July 13-17	International Convention, Orlando, FL
August 16	25A Cabinet meeting, Location TBD
October 11	Council of Governors meeting hosted by 25A at Seasons Lakehouse
October 11	Banner Night. Theme Halloween costumes. Seasons Lakehouse
November 15	25A Cabinet Meeting, Location TBD
January 16-17	Midwinter Conference
January 24	25A Cabinet meeting Location TBD
March 7-8	25A District Convention, Fair Oaks Farms
April 30-May 2	State Convention, Plainfield, IN Embassy Suites
Jun 8	25A Cabinet meeting, Location TBD

## June 8<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting, Hosted by LOFS Lions

At the last cabinet meeting held on Sunday, June 8th hosted by Lakes of the Four Seasons Lions Club. Lions grilled steaks, played an ice breaker game, and celebrated the accomplishments of the 2024-2025 Lion Year and Governor Patty. The East Chicago Leo's were also in attendance and had a very active year!



East Chicago Leos and DG Patty at the District Meeting

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June 8<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting, Hosted by LOFS Lions



District 25-A Meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup>

