



# District 25 C Newsletter

## DG Sir Paul Sheetz

Governor Paul Scheetz graduated from Pioneer High School, in Royal Center, IN. Shortly after graduation he enlisted in the United States Navy.

He was stationed on various ships as well as numerous shore commands. During his career in the Navy, he quickly rose to the rank of Chief Petty Officer. Retiring after 21 years of service he went back to school and earned a BS degree in Electronics and Computer Technology from ITT Lake Mary Florida. He began a second career as an electronic security technician at the Nevada Test Site. Throughout both careers he was a troubleshooter and repairman helping not only those he worked with but also anyone who needed that extra help.

September of 2015 Governor Scheetz was asked by the President of the Lucerne Lions Club to join their club. In July of 2016 he was elected President of the Lucerne Lions Club, a term he held for five years. During his time as President, the club received a Club Excellence Award. Several Past District Governors urged him to become a Zone Chair for Zone 2 of District C. He served as Zone 2 Chair for five District Governors. In 2023 Paul was elected to serve as a Trustee for the Indiana Lion's Foundation and Holding Corporation. That same year the Past District Governors urged him to run for Second Vice District and he was elected. In 2024 he was elected as the First Vice District Governor and in 2025 elected as the next District Governor

The Governor's goals for this year are: Not to lose any clubs, Strengthen all clubs, Add two new members to each club, Add two new clubs to the district, 100% Service Reporting and 100% Club participation in LCIF. The Governor's Theme is "Many Oars Make Light Work". When we all row in the same direction, it is easier to accomplish our goals.

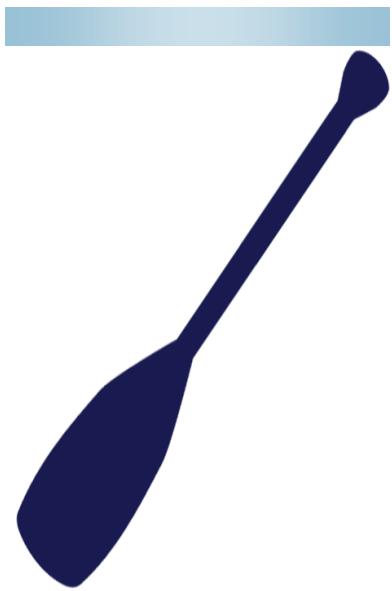


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- Link on page 4 to sign-up now to work at the Indiana State Fair and support Indiana Lions Foundation



## DG Paul's Goals

- TO: Not To Lose Any Clubs
- TO: Strengthen All Clubs
- TO: Add Two New Members to Each Club
- TO: Add Two New Clubs to The District
- TO: Have 100% Service Reporting
- TO: Have 100% Club Participation In LCIF

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## **LIONS MOTTO: We Serve**

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### Directory Update:

*Cancer Control Trustee- 3 yrs (2025-2028) replacing Kathryn Mellinger.*  
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## DG Sir Paul Sheetz Photo Collage

DG Paul Scheetz enjoying the 2025 International Convention in Orlando, Florida.

Pictured below : DG Paul with PIP Jimmy Ross, IPIP Fabricio Oliveira, DG Paul shining in his new year, PCC Julia Kozicki, and the 2025 Indiana Lions in the International Convention Parade .



DG Paul talking with ZLC Eye Screening Chair Dan Dumbauld during a training session in July.





Indiana State Fair

## Indiana Lions Foundation

Moonlight on the Midway ... one of my favorite sights at the Great Indiana State Fair.

Music from the Free Stage ... one of my favorite sounds.

The intoxicating aroma of deep-fried everything ... one of my favorite scents.

What are your favorite sights, sounds, and scents of the Great Indiana State Fair?

Refresh your memory and make new ones when you work for the Indiana Lions Foundation at the Great Indiana State Fair. Sign up today at

[IndianaLionsFoundationMD25.org](http://IndianaLionsFoundationMD25.org)

### 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 result 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 kitchens 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 cooker in their firehouse and by being able to have 'blue bags' available to treat autistic victims and traumatized children

## Leader Dog

Hello District C Lions,

At Leader Dogs for the Blind, we are always looking for people who want to make a real difference in someone's life. If you've ever thought about volunteering but weren't sure where to start, or if you love dogs and want to do something truly meaningful, I'd love to tell you about two amazing ways you can help!

You could spend about a year [raising a Future Leader Dog](#), teaching them the basic cues like sitting, staying and how to behave confidently in busy places. Don't worry if you've never trained a dog before, we'll pair you with an experienced counselor who will guide you every step of the way.

Or perhaps you'd be interested in [providing a loving home for one of our Leader Dog moms](#). She'll live with you as part of your family while she creates the next generation of Leader Dogs. Each of those puppies will grow up to transform someone's life, and you'll be there from their very first breath. It's an incredibly special experience.

Whether you're working or retired, both opportunities welcome you. The most important thing is having a caring heart and the commitment to help change lives.

If this sounds like something that might interest you, I'd encourage you to visit [LeaderDog.org/Volunteer](#) to learn more about these opportunities and apply. We'd love to talk with you about what this could look like in your life.

**P.S.** Not the right time to volunteer as a breeding host or puppy raiser? Please consider forwarding this email to someone who might be a perfect fit!

With gratitude,  
Vijay Joshi  
Manager of Raiser and Host Experience  
Leader Dogs for the Blind



**LEADER DOGS  
FOR THE BLIND**

On Wednesday, July 23, the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (“ISBVI”) received a delivery of 25 Dell laptops. This was thanks to the generosity of the Lions of Indiana. At the last meeting of the Lions for the ISBVI trustees, the school Superintendent (James Michaels) shared his goal of providing every ISBVI student with a laptop. The Trustees voted to allocate \$15,000 to make this a reality. Actions like this cannot happen without the support of everyday Lions and their Clubs throughout the state.

A special thanks to 25C clubs for their very generous giving —the district was #1 in the state for funds donated (\$6,960) during 2024-2025.

Photo of thanks from ISBVI: 23 laptops lined up to spell “LIONS” + 2 in foreground (total 25)



## Zionsville Lions Club



### Dining with the Contestants.

District Governor Elect Paul Scheetz joined the Zionsville Lions Club, Dignitaries of Zionsville and Boone County, the Miss Indiana Board, plus the only Miss America that Indiana has, Katie Stam-Irk in welcoming the 37 Contestants, all Miss Indiana Title Holders from all across the State of Indiana. DGE Paul had a chance to hear their Social Impact Story and enjoy a great meal.

Pictured are: ZLC Lion Harry Koch, Kate Dimmett : Miss Capitol City, Emma Schneider : Miss Ball State, DGE Paul Scheetz.

## Brownsburg Lions Club

I (Gretchen Xinopoulos) had the distinction and honor to present DG Shari Neidhart (Kansas) her WP Woods Fellowship at our International Convention. She accompanied International Director Hans Neidhardt at our District Convention and spoke about her passionate project, Hand knitted breast prostets. Thank you DG Shari for sharing your passion.



As a representative of the Brownsburg Lions Club, PID Nick Xinopoulos presented a \$500.00 donation to our Brownsburg Police Department for their Community Engagement Program. Police Chief Grimes and Captain Bullock are pictured accepting our donation. Thank you Brownsburg Police Department for all that you do for our community!

## Lafayette Lions Club



At the Lafayette Lions meeting on July 16, Lion Carl Landskron (Chief Soft Serve Captain) modeled his new serving apron. And yes, we do provide sprinkles on our soft serve - for both children and adults!

Thanks to our amazing crew and local love of soft serve, the Lafayette Lions allocated \$500 to go to the Texas Lions Foundation for disaster relief.



Photos taken at the Indiana Council meeting on July 26 in Zionsville. PDG Charlie Short (Lafayette Lions Club) was presented with a Project Award for being the US National Coordinator for WICTU 3 ("winter is coming to Ukraine") aka the Ukraine

Stove Project. This joint project between the Ukraine and Finland was supported by 31 other countries. In 2024-2025 funds raised went to produce 15,000 wood stoves for emergency heat and cooking. Thanks to everyone who donated to ensure there was warm food and toasty toes through the harsh Ukrainian winter when there was no power. (Side note: PDG Charlie is not hurt, but as this was his birthday, it was thought appropriate to provide him w/additional support due to his "advancing age and decrepitude".)



PDG Charlie Short working with Tri-Kappa volunteers taking orders and having FUN!

## Clinton Lions Club

The Clinton Lions Club received a grant of \$3,500 in October 2024 to assist our clubs effort to replace our existing camera that is over ten years old which is used in our Pre School Vision Screening Program. In addition to this grant we also received a \$1,000 matching grant from the Indiana Lions Foundation thanks to the efforts of Lions Past International Director Nick Xinopoulos and Lion John Wilkins, Vice President of the Indiana Lions Foundation. The remaining cost of the camera of \$7,390 will be made up by funds within the clubs budget(\$2,890) for the new Pulse-Optic S-20 Camera System.

This camera will be put into use beginning with the up coming 2025-2026 school year as we visit day care centers and schools with Vermillion, Parke , and Fountain Counties. At the present time we visit ten school corporations and twelve day care centers to provide free vision screening services to the students. With the use of our new camera system we expect theses number to increase as we will be able to expand our services to additional day care centers and schools.

So far three of our club members have been trained on the new system but this number will increase as additional training will be held for other club members, It is very important to identify eye disorders at the earliset age possible and this camera will allows us to accomplish this task.

Pictured below is a photo of the camera and the three club members who are now trained on the proper use of the system (Garry Dal Ssso, Larry Rardin and Jeff Williamson)

We appreciate the grant from the Vermillion County Community Foundation and The Indiana Lions Foundation and all who have partnered with us to improve and expand our Vision Screening Program. Together we will make a difference in our youth who may be experiencing vision problems.



## Monon Lions Club



On July 20, PDG Charlie responded to call for assistance from the Monon Lions. They were short on help for the evening at their fair food booth (burgers, dogs etc) at the White County Fair in Reynolds. Pictured is Monon Lion George Wood (LHS) running the grill.

## Brookston Lions Club



On a beautifully hot July summer day, the Brookston Lions Club participated in the Brookston Fire & Lights Parade.