

# LIONS DISTRICT 25 A NEWSLETTER

*Coming Together to Serve*

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**25-A CONVENTION IS ON MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup> TO 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**AT FAIR OAKS FARM**

Hello 25A Lions:

## Congratulations on our Increase in Membership!

A Call to Sustain and Grow our Clubs

**I am thrilled that District 25A is currently a Plus 21 in membership!**

This is a testament to people doing the 'Ask' to add those new members, while also working to sustain existing membership numbers. This involves both orientation of the new members plus keeping the current ones busy and active in your communities.

New members bring fresh energy, ideas, and enthusiasm to our clubs. Each individual who joins us enriches our community and strengthens our collective mission to serve and uplift those in need. We are proud of the diverse and dynamic group we have become and look forward to the incredible achievements we will accomplish together.

However, with this surge in new memberships, it is crucial that we focus not just on welcoming our new members, but also ensuring all members feel valued. The true success of our organization lies in our ability to retain and engage every member, old and new.

To achieve this, I ask all our clubs to take proactive steps in nurturing and supporting our new members. Here are some suggestions to help us safeguard the dedication and participation of our recent joiners:

- **Mentorship Programs:** Pair new members with experienced mentors who can guide them, answer their questions, and help them navigate their roles within the club.
- **Regular Communication:** Keep new members informed about upcoming events, meetings, and opportunities for involvement through newsletters, emails, and social media.
- **Inclusive Activities:** Plan events and activities that encourage interaction and collaboration among all members, fostering a sense of belonging and community.
- **Recognition and Appreciation:** Acknowledge the contributions and achievements of new members to make them feel appreciated and motivated.
- **Feedback Channels:** Create avenues for new members to share their experiences, suggestions, and concerns, ensuring their voices are heard and considered.



By implementing these strategies, we can build a supportive and inclusive environment where every member feels connected and committed to our shared goals.

Go to our website [Lionsclubs.org](https://www.lionsclubs.org) and search for Club Membership Chairperson for ideas on revitalizing your clubs with new members and re-motivating existing members. If your club has no one at that position, then divide and conquer. There is enough work for all in keeping your clubs strong.

We need to keep doing whatever we have been doing to add new members, while also ensuring that the existing members are happy in their service. This is the only way we can grow and increase our capacity to serve our communities.

Because that is what we do – We Serve!

Thank you again for all you do!

District Governor Patty Cooke-Furlong

District Governor Patty Cooke-Furlong 2024-2025 Goals

District 25A now has a single governing document! Yea! I want to thank the Constitution and By-Laws Committee – PDG Connie Roe, PDG Robin Smith and 2VDG Dave Dickinson for the many hours they spent compiling this document, constantly questioning each other – and LCI Legal – to ensure we have a Constitution and By-Laws that encompasses both LCI’s standard form LA-4 and and those specific to 25A.

This was one of my goals for this year so I will check it as done!

My other goal is to be positive in membership ( more new members than drops ) and to build one new club. We have been positive most of this Lions Year. In January we were a plus 23 – the best number of the 7 districts in Indiana. But we can’t get complacent, we must all continue to the Ask! and find those new members. The District Growth Team must also work to start that new club.

**Hear is a list of clubs who have added new members. Thank you very much!**

**Club Positive in Membership**

Bass Lake	4
Indiana Harbor East Chicago	3
Hamlet	1
Hebron	5
Koontz Lake	4
Kouts	2
La Crosse	2
Lowell	5
Monterey	2
Munster	4
Ogden Dunes	3
Portage	2
Star City	1
Westville	4

**And my unlisted goal is to see many of you at the District Convention at Fair Oaks Farm on March 8<sup>th</sup>! ID Steven Middlemiss from New Hampshire will be our guest. Come give him a big Hoosier Welcome!**



## 1st Vice District Governor Jim Furlong

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Ah, it sounds like you're thinking why one might choose to become a member of the Lions Clubs International. Perhaps you're thinking about asking that friend or neighbor to join you for a meeting or Lions event and you need a little "elevator" speech. Well, being a Lion is about embracing a commitment to community service, camaraderie, and making a positive impact in the world. Here are a few compelling reasons why people join Lions Clubs:

### **1. Passion for Service**

Lions Clubs International is renowned for its dedication to service. Members, known as Lions, are motivated by a genuine desire to help others and improve their communities. From organizing local food drives to participating in global health initiatives, being a Lion offers numerous opportunities to make a difference.

### **2. Community and Fellowship**

Joining a Lions Club means becoming part of a global family. The sense of fellowship and camaraderie among members is a cornerstone of the organization. Lions share a common goal of service and often form lasting friendships through their shared experiences.

### **3. Personal and Professional Growth**

Lions Clubs provide a platform for personal and professional development. Members have the chance to take on leadership roles, participate in training programs, and develop skills such as public speaking, project management, and event planning.

### **4. Global Impact**

As a member of Lions Clubs International, you become part of a global network of volunteers. Lions clubs work together to address pressing issues such as vision care, disaster relief, environmental sustainability, and youth empowerment. The collective efforts of Lions worldwide contribute to significant, positive change.

### **5. A Legacy of Service**

Lions Clubs International has a rich history of service dating back to 1917. By becoming a Lion, you join a legacy of individuals who have dedicated themselves to serving humanity and making the world a better place.

## **6. Inspiring Future Generations**

Being a Lion provides an opportunity to inspire and mentor the next generation of leaders. Through programs like the Leo Club, Lions can engage and empower young people to take an active role in their communities.

In summary, being a Lion is about embracing a commitment to service, building strong community bonds, and contributing to a better world. It's a journey of personal fulfillment and a chance to leave a lasting impact.



**Lions Clubs International**  
**FOUNDATION**

An update from LCIF regarding the Wildfires in California:

January 2025

Dear LCIF Leadership,

I am writing to provide an update on the ongoing disaster relief efforts across California in response to recent wildfires. Attached is the latest Situation Report from Los Angeles County for your reference.

Below is a summary of key developments and actions being taken:

**1. Disaster Relief Grants**

- District 4-L3: Successfully granted a Disaster Relief Grant.
- District 4-L2: Submitted their signed request for an LCIF Disaster Relief Grant.
- District 4-A3: Previously received a Disaster Relief Grant and is consulting with LCIF staff on next steps.
  - District 4-A3 is in recovery from a wildfire, though another fire erupted last week. This fire was contained as of January 11, 2025.
  - The district remains under a Red Flag Warning from the National Weather Service.

**2. Coordinated Statewide Efforts**

- On January 12, 2025, MD-4 Council Chair convened a meeting with the full council, including Governors, 1st Vice District Governors (1VDGs), and 2nd Vice District Governors (2VDGs) from all 14 California Districts.
  - The council agreed to activate a statewide disaster command and control team to oversee relief efforts.
  - Each district is developing specific plans to support Districts 4-L2 and 4-L3 while remaining prepared for future impacts.

**3. Resource Deployment**

- Skilled Lions from previous wildfire responses are being mobilized to assist impacted districts.
- Equipment acquired through the LCIF Preparedness Grant, including disaster trailers (photo attached), is being deployed to affected areas.
- Lions are leveraging partnerships with key disaster response organizations, such as the Red Cross and other agencies, to strengthen efforts.

**4. Fundraising and Community Contributions**

- All districts have initiated LCIF fundraising efforts to support disaster relief operations.
- Donations of physical goods from community members are being coordinated to supplement LCIF grants.
- Lions throughout California are focused on both fundraising and delivering direct service, recognizing the long-term nature of this recovery process.

## 5. Current Challenges

- Due to continuous fire activity and changing winds, the exact count of destroyed or damaged properties remains uncertain.
- Residents are currently unable to return to their homes, with limited reentry expected by Thursday, January 16, 2025.

## Next Steps

- Districts will continue to report progress on their relief and preparedness efforts.
- The statewide disaster command and control team will oversee coordination and provide ongoing updates.
- LCIF's continued support and guidance will be critical as we navigate the complexities of this recovery effort.

Thank you for your emails of interest and your support for MD 4 with California wildfire relief. I just wanted to let you know that IP Fabricio and LCIF Chairperson Dr. Patti Hill awarded a Major Catastrophe grant for \$100,000 for Multiple District 4 earlier this week. The official award email was just sent to the Lions of MD 4. We have received no further updates yet as it is very early in the process of determining exactly what needs are at this point.

LCIF Coordinators are selling "I Love LCIF" pins they are \$10.00 each. Also, the ongoing fundraiser we are having is selling \$10.00 Squares on a Board similar, to a Super Bowl Board. The winner will receive a donation to LCIF in their name towards a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

**For more information, please reach out to your District 25A Coordinators:**

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**219-728-8432**

[lionrandy@yahoo.com](mailto:lionrandy@yahoo.com)

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Elections 25-A 2025

FROM THE DESK OF LION CAROLYN LAVIOLETTE,  
CHAIRPERSON NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Just a reminder that those of you that are interested in running for an office or re-election to your present position: your signed *Letter of Intent* must be received by me no later than FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>. (Those of you who are not sure if you are up for re-election, please refer to your 2024-2025 District 25A Directory) The Letter of Intent must state your wish to run, stating that you are in good standing with your Club which also is in good standing (owing \$0.00).

For those interested in the top three District offices, you must accompany the signed Letter of Intent with a letter from your Club stating their endorsement of you. IF THIS IS THE CASE, CALL ME IMMEDIATELY AS THERE IS A CHECKLIST THAT YOU MUST COMPLETE & RETURN, ALSO BY FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>.

These documents may be returned to me with contact information as follows:

Email: [lioncarolynlaviolette@outlook.com](mailto:lioncarolynlaviolette@outlook.com)

Text: 1-219-741-2340

If you have any questions, call me. (c 1-219-741-2340)

Yours in Lionism,  
Carolyn Laviolette, Chair  
Nomination & Election Committee

Conferences and Conventions 2025



2025 Indiana Lions 104<sup>th</sup> State Convention

Hosted by District 25-G  
April 25-27, 2025



Farmstead Inn and Conference Center, Shipshewana, Indiana  
With Special Guest PIP Jimmy Ross

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR LODGING BY APRIL 1, 2025  
Farmstead Inn and Conference Center, 370 S Van Buren St, Shipshewana, Indiana 46565  
Call (260) 768-4595 and reference LIONS  
Room Rate: \$159 + taxes per night (includes hot breakfast)

Please use one form per person

Deadline: All registration forms must be postmarked by April 7, 2025  
Please clearly print name and Lion title as desired to appear on Name Badge:

Name and Lion Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Is this your FIRST Indiana Lions State Convention? (please circle one) YES NO

Please list any Special dietary needs here: \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Evening Dinner	\$15	_____
Authentic Amish Haystack Dinner, hosted by Dunlap Lions Club		
Saturday Lunch	\$25	_____
Buffet: baked pineapple ham, meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad, pie		
Saturday Strides Walk T-Shirt:	\$20	_____
Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL		(please circle one)
Saturday Dinner:	\$35	_____
Plated: roast beef & poppy seed chicken, mashed potatoes, noodles, green beans, salad, pie		
<b>Total Registration Due:</b>		_____

Mail this form with payment to:  
**Lion Jeanine Juel, 3204 Village Ct, Goshen, IN 46528**  
[Jeanine@martyjuel.com](mailto:Jeanine@martyjuel.com) or (574) 370-2475  
Registration must be postmarked by Apr 7, 2025  
Make checks payable to: **Indiana Lions State Convention**



# 25-B District Convention



**ATTENTION: District and Club Officers,  
you are encouraged to attend the 2025  
District Convention.**

**Location:**

**Huntington University  
502 Lake Street, Huntington, Indiana**

**Date: March 1, 2025 Registration starts 8:30 AM**

**Call to Order: 9:00 AM**

**International Guest: ID John A. Lawrence**

**Bring Non-Perishable Food for Food Bank  
Bring your Door Prizes.**

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RSVP by February 15, 2025 Cost:    \$30    per person.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special meal request: Diabetic  Vegan  Gluten Free

Make checks out to:    Roanoke Lions Club - Convention   

Mail to:

DG James Bush

706 W 800 N, Huntington, IN 46750    25b.dg.2425@gmail.com

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Conventions 2025



Click on **Convention** at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) for more information **and to register**.

**Early Bird Pricing of \$190 Ends on March 1<sup>st</sup> !!!**

**Come join your fellow Hoosier Lions and march in the Parade of Nations!**

## **Be inspired and entertained**

At LionsCon, you'll be treated to unforgettable entertainment and engaging seminars.

## **Connect with fellow Lions**

You'll have plenty of opportunities to get together with Lions and Leos from around the world. So be ready to share your experiences and your ideas, and learn from one another.

## **Get involved**

Lions don't just attend LionsCon—they get involved in it. There are so many opportunities for you throughout the convention.

**DON'T FORGET TO SCHEDULE YOUR OFFICIAL VISIT  
WITH GOVERNOR PATTY FURLONG-COOKE.**

**GOVERNOR PATTY'S CALENDAR IS ON PAGE 25**

## District Growth Workshop

**Your District Needs Your Skills, Expertise & Enthusiasm to Grow!**

As a **Multiple District Leader** or **District Leader**, your clubs look to you for guidance on how to grow and enhance their ability to serve their communities. The challenge? Many of us may not feel fully equipped with the tools or knowledge to answer this call.

That's where the upcoming **Growth Workshops** come in!

This **3-part workshop series** is designed to empower **District Leadership** with the skills to:

- Start new clubs
- Grow membership in existing clubs
- Foster a *culture of growth* focused on service, fun, and inclusivity

Imagine clubs where every Lion is motivated to invite new members and expand our collective impact. By growing our membership and adding new clubs, we can amplify our ability to serve and transform even more communities.

***These workshops are not exclusive to the District GAT Teams.*** It is open to anyone in your district who wants to make a difference and contribute to its growth. Spread the word, encourage and ask district members who are proud of the Lions' mission to get involved. Let's ensure that the great work Lions do continues to grow in every corner of your district.

I have seen firsthand the powerful difference thriving Lions Clubs make—not only through the service they provide but also through the opportunities they create for individuals to make a meaningful impact. **Now, it's your turn** to learn how to help your clubs realize their growth potential and strengthen their communities.

**Growth Workshop Details:**

**Group/Contacts:** GAT Area E (SD1, MD 11, 1, 25 & 43) Area Leader PID Bob

**Block:** [lionbobbblock@gmail.com](mailto:lionbobbblock@gmail.com) Vice Area Leader PDG Ron Riebschleger [ronrieb@gmail.com](mailto:ronrieb@gmail.com)

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## District Growth Workshop

*Dates/Time:*

**Thursdays 7:00 PM Central:**

Session 1 - 1/16


Session 2 - 1/30

Session 3 - 2/13

*Registration:*

*Link:* <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqdeGqzliGt38e8LseSE-gDRlhP1I7GKa>

- REGISTER NOW!!

 **Join us and bring fellow Lions who share the passion for growing our Association! Together, we can reach new heights of service. Make a great day!!**

*Lion Brian Sheehan*

*22-23 LionsInternational President Lion Brian*

*Membership Committee LionsUSA*



**District 25A Convention**  
**District Governor Patty Cooke-Furlong**  
 At  
**Fair Oaks Farms**  
**856 N 600 E**  
**Fair Oaks, Indiana 47943**  
**March 7 & 8, 2025**



**Our Special Guests – International Director Steven Middlemiss and Lion LeeAnn**

**Make room reservation directly with the hotel:** Fairfield by Marriott at Fair Oaks Farms

**PLEASE RESERVE YOUR OWN LODGING BY February 5, 2025**

Call: (219) 394-2100 for Reservations\*\*Mention "Lions"

Room Rate: \$145/night plus tax – Double or King

**Hot Breakfast Buffet included**

Rooms and rates cannot be guaranteed after February 5, 2025

**Please complete this form**  
 (NO MORE THAN 2 PEOPLE AT THE SAME ADDRESS PER FORM)

**Please Print or Type All Information**



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lion/Leo Title      First Name      Last Name      Name on Badge

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lion/Leo Title      First Name      Last Name      Name on Badge

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

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Special Dietary Needs:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name      Daytime Telephone      Evening Telephone

**This is my FIRST District Convention** (circle one)      Yes      No

**Meal Prices Increase by \$5.00 / meal after February 7, 2025. – No Meal Reservations Accepted after February 24, 2025**

		QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
Saturday Lunch	Box sandwich lunch (choose one) -Ham, Turkey or Roast Beef w/ chips, cookie and bottle water		\$20.00	\$
Saturday Night Banquet	<b>\$5 of each banquet meal will be donated to State Projects</b>			
	Chicken Marsala w/red potatoes, green beans, and salad		\$30.00	\$
	GLUTEN FREE – Grilled Chicken w/sauteed vegetables		\$30.00	\$
	VEGETARIAN – Pasta Primavera		\$30.00	\$
Banquet Child meal (under 12)	Chicken Fingers and Fries		\$20.00	\$
Convention Souvenir Pin			\$ 5.00	\$
	Total Amount Enclosed			\$

Make your check payable to: **District 25A Lions Convention** and mail to:  
 CS Robin Smith, PDG, 745-1 Capitol Road, Valparaiso, IN 46385  
 (Contact information: mswolfen@aol.com, (219) 916-4549)



Lions District 25A Convention

Fair Oaks Farms
856 N 600 E
Fair Oaks, Indiana 47943
March 8, 2025



Exhibit and Vendor Application

Exhibit tables from 8:00 am – 1:30 pm

Vendor -- \$30 per space State/Club/ District Project -- \$0

Each Booth includes:

- 10 x 10 area
1- 6ft. skirted table with 2 chairs

Please indicate if electricity is needed (limited space)
First come, first served

Please return this completed form and payment by February 24, 2025 to:

2nd VDG David Dickinson
821 Olive Court
Walkerton, IN 46574

Make checks payable to: District 25A Lions Convention

Questions, please contact

Daviddickinson20@yahoo.com or (574) 780-0713

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Club \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ State/Club/District Project - \$0 \_\_\_\_\_ Vendor - \$30 \_\_\_\_\_ Electricity -\$0

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_





**Lions District 25A Convention**

Fair Oaks Farms

856 N 600 E

Fair Oaks, Indiana 47943

March 8, 2025



**Convention Program Book Advertising Application**

**So...what might an ad include?:**

- Upcoming Club Fundraisers
  - Honor your Melvin Jones or WP Woods Fellows
    - Welcome our Guest Speaker – International Director
    - Congratulate the District Governor and Vice District Governors



***Deadline for submission is Friday, February 14, 2025***

Full Size Page – 8 ½ by 11		Actual Ad Size width x height	✓
Color Front Inside Cover	\$150	(Sold) 7 x 9	NA
Color Back Cover	\$200	(Sold) 7 x 9	NA
Color Back Inside Cover	\$150	(Sold) 7 x 9	NA
Full Page	\$100	7 x9	
½ Page	\$ 75	7 x 4 ½	
¼ Page	\$ 50	3 ½ x 4 ½	

**Check Amount**

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

**Make checks payable to: District 25A Lions Convention**

I have attached an Ad or emailed an Ad

Please design an Ad with the attached information **DUE BY FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>**

Return with Ad or Send check and email your Ad to:

PDG Barbara Toosley, 13700 Lantern Drive, St. John, IN 46373  
 lionbarb@comcast.net (219) 798-5950

**ALL ADS ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup> AD WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THAT DATE!**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club, Organization, Business Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Special Supplies for Special Schemes

Teachers are constantly seeking to implement ideas they feel would appeal to their students, and teachers at Riley, Kingsbury and Kingsford Heights Elementary are for sure on that wave link in a big way and at a non stop pace. However, as the school year winds down, so does the budgeted funds for such inspirational projects. Members of Door Village Lions, having been made aware of these universal circumstances and have stepped up over the last ten or more years to boost the exhausted budgets by, (in the first several years, donating cash), and currently, (in the past four or five years), donating specific supplies for specific projects teachers at all three schools are planning to do for their students. Hence, former teacher Lion Cindy Fischer, a committee of one, calls each school and asks what teachers are planning in the near future and makes sure she purchases the item needed for them and then calls again to coordinate the delivery of the several boxes to each school. She also asks club members to join her and to carry some of the boxes in to the schools, and that is what happened just a few days ago when Lions Dennis Fischer, Bonnie Olson, Gene Flickinger and George Morley showed up first at Riley Elementary where Principal Mrs. Doty Kristen and Secretary Amanda Doepke met them and accepted several boxes of items requested by teachers of classes PreK through 4th grade. Immediately after leaving Riley members met at Kingsbury Elementary and met with Principal Mrs. Liz Wiesemann and Secretary Mrs. Dawn Sprouse and 4th grade teacher Mrs. Laura Fritzen and repeated delivery boxes of items requested by teachers. The third stop for members was at Kingsford Heights Elementary, meeting up with Principal Mrs. Amy Kosier and Secretary Mrs. Peggy Irvin. Secretaries at all three schools were very good about coordinating all the intricacies of the project and even took the pictures and delivered the thanks expressed by the teachers using the items.

Club members conduct Candy Day Sales at the La Porte Post Office twice a year with the proceeds going to the Salvation Army Food Bank from the Spring Candy Day sales, and proceeds from the Fall Sales going to the three above-named schools. And it's been a joy for members to help in this way year after year.

News Around the District--Door Village Lions



**Riley  
Elementary**

Left to right: Lions George Morley, Dennis Fischer Cindy Fischer, Bonnie Olson and Gene Flickinger



**Kingsbury  
Elementary**

Front row: Mrs. Liz Wiesemann and Mrs. Laura Fritzen  
Back row: Lions Dennis Fischer, Cindy Fischer, Gene Flickinger, Bonnie Olson and George Morley

News Around the District--Door Village Lions



**Kingsford Heights Elementary**

Left to right : Lions Dennis Fischer, Cindy Fischer, Bonnie Olson, Gene Flickinger and George Morley.





**LOFS Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner**

**Donation Only Dinner**

**Spaghetti  
Meatballs  
Salad  
Breadsticks  
Dessert  
Iced Tea/Lemonade**

**Info:**

**When: Tue. Feb 25th  
Where: Season Lakehouse  
Time: 4:30p-7p**

**Scan QR Code to reserve your seat**



LOFS LIONS



FEBRUARY 2025

## Workshop by Lions USA—Mission 1.5

Lions,

You all are invited to a three-session workshop on Growing Lions. This workshop is presented by Lions USA as an aid for the support to help us achieve the goals of Mission 1.5.

Please distribute among the Lions in your clubs. All are invited to attend. As of this date, 75 Lions have registered for it. This email is being sent to more than 350 Lions in our areas that included UP, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois.

Hope to see you there! Happy Holidays....  
PID Bob Block

**Robert "Bob" Block**  
International Director (2019-22)  
(219) 671-0287  
**GAT CA-1 Area E Leader**  
***"Make Your Mark"***



**MD-25 LIONS**  
**2026**  
**International Pin Design Contest!**

 2024       2025       **What will be 2026?**

**Let your Creative side shine and you could be the next designer chosen!**

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

Pins MUST include: - 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.

***Please note that the completed design will be NO larger than 1 ¼ inch to 1 ½ inch in diameter when it is finished, so make your design includes all of the above while maintaining clarity.***

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 chair by January 3, 2025. You can scan and attach it to an email and send it to [pccmsg@comcast.net](mailto:pccmsg@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 a professional designer, and jewelers can clean up your drawings.

**State Pin Committee Contact:** PCC Michael Gutyan

Membership

**District Membership—Welcome New Members!**

Bass Lake	Donnie L. Smith	Gloria Ballard
	John McGrath	Krystal McGrath
	Harper D. Smith	Gloria Ballard
Crown Point	Laura Clemons	Carla Smolek
	Erika Wagner	Carla Smolek
	Kate Lodovisi	Louise Moore
Munster	Kristen Smith	Robert Mangus
Star City	Alan S Mitchel	Dave Newman

Great Job 25A Lions on adding new Lions to help serve your communities!

**In Memoriam**

Joseph Beckman      Crown Point      12/31/2024



## FEBRUARY 2025

### Governor Patty Cooke-Furlong's Calendar

Crown Point OV	Thursday	1/2/2025	
Portage OV	Saturday	1/11/2025	
Growth Workshop - 1	Thursday	1/16/2025	
Midwinter	Saturday	1/17/2025	1/18/2025
3rd Council	Sunday	1/19/2025	
3rd Cabinet - 9 am	Saturday	1/25/2025	
Special Convention - 11:30 am	Saturday	1/25/2025	
Lowell OV	Tuesday	1/28/2025	
Growth Workshop - 2	Thursday	1/16/2025	
Westville OV	Thursday	2/6/2025	
Zone 2 Meeting	Thursday	2/13/2025	
Family visit to San Diego	Thursday	2/14/2025	2/17/2025
Schererville Central OV	Tuesday	2/18/2025	
Growth Workshop - 3	Thursday	1/23/2025	
Michiana OV	Tuesday	2/25/2025	
25A Convention		3/7/2025	3/8/2025
Wheatfield OV	Thursday	3/13/2025	
MD25 Convention / 4th Council Meeting		4/25/2025	4/27/2025
5th Council		4/27/2025	
Last Cabinet	Sunday	6/8/2025	