

# LIONS DISTRICT 25 A NEWSLETTER

*Coming Together to Serve*

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## District Governor Jim Furlong



## District Governor Jim Furlong

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*My District Gov Pin*

### Lions Clubs International Club Excellence Award

As your District Governor I am very proud of all the Clubs in District 25-A. I think every club in this district is excellent. But LCI recognizes Clubs annually with a Club Excellence Award if you meet the criteria below. The Lions Clubs International Club Excellence Award is a prestigious recognition given to clubs that demonstrate outstanding performance in various areas. This award aims to motivate clubs to strive for excellence and contribute significantly to their communities.

#### Criteria for Club Excellence Award

To qualify for the Club Excellence Award, clubs must meet specific criteria in the following areas:

1. **Membership:**
  - Achieve a net growth of two members or 10% or more members (whichever is greater) or charter a new Lions club within the current Lions year.
2. **Service:**
  - Start a new service project, considering one of the global causes.
3. **LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation):**
  - Contribute to LCIF an amount equal to or greater than the club's membership total multiplied by US\$10.
4. **Leadership and Organizational Excellence:**
  - Ensure the club is in good standing (not in status quo or financial suspension: district dues paid and no unpaid balance with Lions International greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more).
5. **Marketing:**
  - Publish its service activities through local media and social media.

#### Application Process

The application process for the Club Excellence Award involves the following steps:

- Clubs must complete the application form, which includes criteria for both the Club Excellence Award and the Club 5 Star Excellence Award.
- Applications must be signed by the current district governor. If sent from the district governor's email, it qualifies as the signature on the application being submitted electronically.
- Applications are due by August 31, 2025.
- Awards will be mailed to the 2025-2026 district governor.

### District Governor Jim Furlong

#### Important Links

- [https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-excellence-awards](https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-excellence-awards)
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- [clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org](mailto:clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org)

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I hope this information helps! If you need any further details or assistance, feel free to ask. 😊

#### The Criteria is changing for 2025-2026

The good news is—there will be no application next year. The bad news is all the data will be captured from the Lions Portal. And it will be a little tougher. But hey, we're 25-A and we can do it. I'll cover the new criteria in next months newsletter

1: [https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-excellence-awards](https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-excellence-awards) 2: [http://www.lionsdistrict14d.org/Resources/AwardApplications/2025-2026/LCI\_Club\_Excellence.pdf](http://www.lionsdistrict14d.org/Resources/AwardApplications/2025-2026/LCI\_Club\_Excellence.pdf)

#### Important Dates in the next two months.

Please note the Cabinet meeting has changed to Sunday, August 17 at St. Paul Lutheran Church at 507 S. Rose St., in Kouts. It will be from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. This is a change from Saturday morning August 16.

Also, thanks to Lions Tony and Connie Blair from the Blind Social Center we will use their bus to transport us to Indianapolis on Tuesday, August 12. The bus will leave from the Lakehouse Restaurant at Lake of the Four Seasons at 8:30 am and take us to the Indiana State Fair where we will work mostly entrance work for State Fairgoers. We will work the afternoon shift finishing about 8PM Eastern time and drive back to the Lakes of the Four Seasons arriving about 9:30-10PM Central time. Patty and I work this every year actually for about 4 days and really enjoy working with the Lions from around the State.

Joins your fellow Lions on the bus. Contact me at either the above email ([jimfurl179@aol.com](mailto:jimfurl179@aol.com)) or text me at 630-699-4278.

Thank you.

DG Jim

AUGUST 2025

## District Governor Jim Furlong

Image Below: Former DG Patty Cooke-Furlong pulls the DG “Elect” Ribbon, making  
Lion Jim Furlong our new District Governor!



## First Vice District Governor David Dickinsen

### Your Club, Your Way!

#### Customizing your club meeting

*Are your club's meetings all that they can be?*

It is easy to recruit new members when you invite them to meetings that are welcoming and enjoyable. Positive and engaging meetings encourage involvement, facilitate communication and give members something to look forward to. But how do you design a meeting that appeals to members and prospective members who want to make a difference in their community, but have little time to commit? And how do you create a club atmosphere that is positive and inviting?

You have choices — your club has the freedom to structure club meetings in a way that best meets your members' needs. While many clubs value the traditions that have been passed down from generation to generation, it is good to know that most traditions are optional and members can choose to change the elements, frequency and structure of their meetings to make the meeting more inviting and/or use new forms of technology to keep members connected and manage club business.

This guide includes a number of options to consider and tips to encourage attendance and involvement. You will also find a quick survey that you can give to your club members to gain their input. Use this guide to help assess meeting structure, level of formality and other elements and reinvent your meetings based on your members' personal preference!

And, if you find the term "meeting" unfriendly or boring, consider a new term like "gathering" or "club event" to bring energy and enthusiasm back to your club!

#### Fellowship and atmosphere

One of the most important aspects of club meetings is fellowship. Meeting and greeting participants, making them feel that they are an important part of the group and having a pleasant atmosphere are critical to any event.

Fellowship and atmosphere,

VDG David Dickinson

AUGUST 2025

## Second Vice District Governor Wendy Semans

Hello Lions of 25A, what an exciting start to our new Lions year!

I just got back from Lions International Convention in Orlando where I got to see our new District Governor Jim Furlong get his ribbon pulled to officially get his year started. I am sure he has some exciting things planned for our District. This summer has gone so fast, school is getting ready to start, clubs are working on fundraising and talking about projects they want to complete this year. Please let me know what your clubs are up to, I love to hear from you.



I hope to see everyone at the 1st Cabinet meeting on August 16th.

Yours in Service,

2vdg Wendy



## Cabinet Treasurer Sally Davis—Form for Donations

### **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**

**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)

## 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](mailto:RoseWRussell@gmail.com). If you have questions about the Foundation, please contact one of the Foundation trustees in your district.



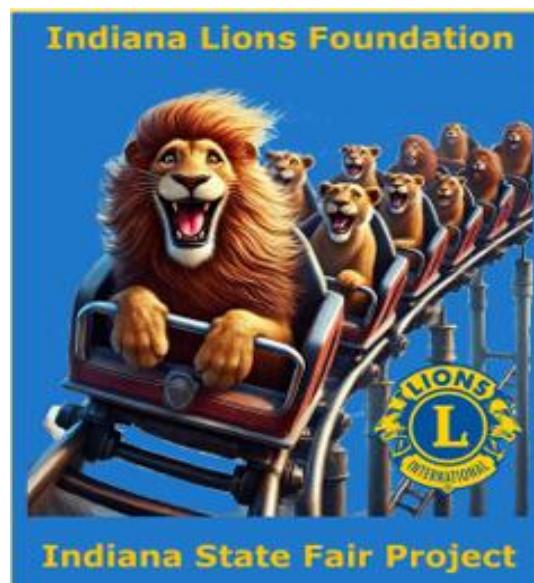
## Top Ten Reasons to Volunteer at the Indiana State Fair

10. When you stay home you get too many telemarketing calls.
9. Free parking and free admission to the great Indiana State Fair.
8. Escape from the boredom of daytime television.
7. Community service - it's not just for hardened criminals on parole.
6. Share the wildest ride at the Indiana State Fair: the Lions Foundation golf cart.
5. Corn dogs, elephant ears, lemonade shakeups, and deep-fried everything.
4. Trade tall tales with other survivors of \$2 Tuesday and \$3 Thursday.
3. Meet Lions from exotic places like French Lick, Urbana, Winamac, and Mishawaka.
2. Earn credit towards a W.P. Woods Fellowship or a Community Service Grant.
1. Help the Indiana Lions Foundation support Lions Clubs' community service projects throughout Indiana.

Sign up online at <https://IndianaLionsFoundationMD25.org/>.

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PDG Paul Russell  
Lakeville, Indiana USA  
574-250-2621 (call or text)



## LCIF Approves MCAT Grant for Texas Relief Efforts

LCIF wants to share some timely and important news: Yesterday afternoon, LCIF approved a \$100,000 MCAT grant to support relief efforts in Texas following the heartbreaking flooding and devastation impacting so many in Kerr County, Texas.

The Texas Lions Foundation has been communicative via Facebook. Their recent posting has prompted a few questions, so I wanted to take a moment to offer some clarification.

The Texas Lions Foundation is currently asking for donations to be sent directly to them. While individuals and clubs are welcome to give as they choose, please note that contributions made to organizations other than LCIF are *not* eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) credit.

While we fully respect and recognize the value of state foundations, it's important to remember they operate independently and are not officially affiliated with LCIF. Most significantly, they do not have the global grantmaking capacity that LCIF offers in times of crisis. That's why LCIF exists — to be ready and able to respond when disasters strike and communities need us most.

This newly approved MCAT grant is just one example of how LCIF can act swiftly and substantially, thanks to the generosity of donors like you and Lions across CAI and around the world. While local giving may feel more immediate, LCIF provides the structure, scale, and global reach to deploy major relief quickly and strategically — and ensures that every gift counts toward meaningful recognition through MJF.

Giving to LCIF's Disaster Relief Fund supports more than one crisis — it strengthens our ability to respond to the next one. That readiness is what sets LCIF apart, and that's the power of *your* Foundation.

I hope this helps answer any questions you may have or receive from others and gives you some helpful talking points when sharing this message with your fellow Lions and community members. As always, if I can support you further, please don't hesitate to reach out.

With gratitude,  
Lora

### **Lora Snow | CVA, CGW**

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+1.630.468.7083 // Direct

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**

AUGUST 2025

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



The flyer features a background image of a baseball field with a pitcher's mound and a baseball in the foreground. At the top center is the Lions International logo. Below it, the text reads: **INDIANA HARBOR-EAST CHICAGO LIONS CLUB**, **CELEBRATING 99 YEARS OF SERVICE**. The event details are: **AUGUST 24th, 2025**, **RAILCATS STADIUM**, **FIRST PITCH: 1:30PM**. The ticket information is: **TICKETS \$20**, **INCLUDES ENTRY & SLUGGER MEAL COUPON**. A raffle section says: **50/50 RAFFLE \$5 EACH OR 3 FOR \$10**. The contact information for ticket purchases is: **TO PURCHASE TICKETS CONTACT:** **CHRISTINE RUSSELL (219) 678-1087**, **PATRICK RODRIGUEZ (219) 902-6459**, **BRYAN COSSEY (281) 630-0836**, **ART TREVINO (219) 248-8554**. At the bottom left is the RailCats logo, and at the bottom right is a drawing of a pair of eyeglasses. The text **PLEASE DONATE YOUR OLD EYEGLASSES** is also present.

**INDIANA HARBOR-EAST CHICAGO LIONS CLUB**  
**CELEBRATING 99 YEARS OF SERVICE**

**AUGUST 24th, 2025**  
**RAILCATS STADIUM**  
**FIRST PITCH: 1:30PM**

**TICKETS \$20**  
**INCLUDES ENTRY & SLUGGER MEAL COUPON**

**50/50 RAFFLE \$5 EACH OR 3 FOR \$10**

**TO PURCHASE TICKETS CONTACT:**

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**PATRICK RODRIGUEZ (219) 902-6459**  
**BRYAN COSSEY (281) 630-0836**  
**ART TREVINO (219) 248-8554**

**RAILCATS**

**PLEASE DONATE YOUR OLD EYEGLASSES**

AUGUST 2025

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**  
**Valparaiso Lions Vision Care, Inc and Currie Motors Ford of Valpo.**

**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**

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News Around the District—LOFS Lions



**LOFS LIONS CLUB**

# STEAK FRY

**TICKET PRICE INCLUDES 1 GRILL YOUR OWN STEAK, SIDES & DESSERT (HOTDOG & CHIPS FOR KIDS)**

**All For \$22**

**SHOW TIME**

**LIVE MUSIC**

Come see the LOFS Water Sports Association perform!

**SUNDAY AUGUST 24, 2025**

**4-7 PM**

Seasons LAKE HOUSE

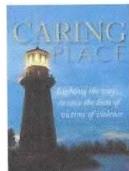
**LIONS INTERNATIONAL**

Tickets available  
online scan QR code

For more information call Becky Wright 219-779-7215



News Around the District—LOFS Lions Golf Outing



**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—Scherville Central Lions Club



**Schererville Central Lions Club**

Co-sponsored by St John Township  
Trustee **Cathy J Lareau**

**Annual Oktoberfest**

**Friday, October 3, 2025**

**5:00 PM – 7:30 PM**

St. John Community Center, 1515 Lincoln Hwy, (US 30)

**1 CHOP \$15.00 – 2 CHOPS \$18.00 (Cash)**

**CREDIT CARD PAYMENT**

**CHOP \$15.50 – 2 CHOPS \$18.50**

**FEATURING**

**Smoked Pork Chops**

**Spätzle**

**Sweet & Sour Red Cabbage**

**Sauerkraut**

**Potatoes**

Thank you for supporting the  
Schererville Central Lions Club



News Around the District—LaPorte Lions

The La Porte Lions had their float in the La Porte 4th of July parade.

Riding on the float were La Porte High School Lions scholarship winners Kaitlyn Morrison and Faith Spain, the third winner, Paul Ryl-Kuchar, wore the Lions suit and walked the parade. Lions from Westville and Door Village Lions joined La Porte Lions to celebrate the Fourth.



## News Around the District—Whiting Lions Club

Members of the Whiting Lions Club pose prior to the Whiting 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. The Whiting Lions marched for the Whiting Food Pantry and collected \$906.60 for the cause. Thank you to all who “Fed the Lion”!



## News Around the District—St. John Lions

St. John Lions volunteered at the Kids Zone at Freedom Fest in St. John. The kids were able to play games for free and win tickets, which they could redeem at the prize table the club was working at during the Fest. The Club also set up our Lions Table and passed out free balloons to the kids along with some suckers.

A great time was had by all, finished with a wonderful display of fireworks by the Town of St. John.



## News Around the District—Star City Lions

The Star City Lions participated in the Pulaski County 4-H Fair Parade on June 30, thrilling children with lions and a lion tamer.

All week, Lions ran their famous (or infamous) Ball Toss game, drawing youth and adults with the ring of a bell and the shouts of the winning color. “Blue ball!” or “Red ball” filled the air! Yellow balls are the crowd favorite, while white balls win the most. Parents love to watch their children win or lose quarters, knowing their losses go to a good cause.



News Around the District—South Haven Lions

**South Haven Lions Celebrated  of Service at Their Awards and Installation Night!**



Lion Ken Laviolette was awarded a W.P. Woods Award



Lion Marlene Vanderlin received a Melvin Jones Award



Lion Chuck Mason received the Lion of the Year Award



Photo Booth Fun!



Portage Township Trustee Brendan Clancy presented the South Haven Lions with a Proclamation



Chocolate Chip Pancakes for the win!

News Around the District—Monterey Lions Service Award

The Monterey Lions presented their service awards, all presented 6/29/25 by President Doug ADenton. With a range of 15 years to 60 (!) years, the recipients exemplify, We Serve!



60 years Fred Bauer



20 years Kelli Denton, Club Secretary



15 yrs Eugene Berg

News Around the District—Monterey Lions

Scholarship Summer picnic night at the club 6/29/2025.

Our club presented 4 scholarships to local college students left to right Aleks Stacy, Kaity Stacy, Gwen Gilley, Monterey Lions Club President Doug Denton, Koral Rogers.



## News Around the District—Hanna Lions



## Aug 8-10 HannaFest 2025

## Friday August 8

- All day Garage Sales & Vendors in Park at 5 pm
- 5 pm 10U Girls Softball tourney first pitch at Ballfield
- 5-5:45 am **Kalita Magic Show** under HVFD Big Tent before Bingo -free!
- 6-9 pm **Family Bingo** under Big Tent - Adult and Kid prizes, adults \$10, kids play free!, doors open at 5, raffle prizes, bikes for 2 lucky kids
- Baked Goods Shuffle to benefit the Hanna Food Bank
- Hanna Vol Fire Dept Beer Garden (21+) near Tent
- After Bingo - Karaoke under Big Tent -free!

## Saturday August 9

- All day Garage Sales in and around Hanna
- 10U Girls Softball all day - first pitch at 8 am
- 8:30 am register for 9:00 am **free 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Just for Kids Run** sponsored by South County Gleaners' at the Park for Ages 3-5, 6-8, 9-10
- 8:30 am Warrior's Oath Motorcycle Ride - starts at Plaza 30 - ends in Parade
- 9 - 12 Big R Ranch Petting zoo in the Park
- 9 am-6 pm Vendors & Arts & Crafts & Food in the Park
- Touch-A-Truck downtown near Big Tent
- 9 am - 3 pm Car & Bike Show at Hanna Vol Fire Dept Tent
- **Hanna Lions BBQ chicken 10 am 'til gone in the park!**
- 11 am **Lion Norm PARADE** (line up **East** of town near library at 10:30)
- 11:30 am Opening Ceremony at Park Monument
- 11:30 Pinewood Derby under the Big Tent
- 1:30 pm **Incredible Bats** in Park sponsored by La Porte Co. Library -free!
- 3:30 pm Pie Eating Contest in the Park - Register at Warrior's Oath booth across from the Hub - \$2 kids 14 and under - \$5 adults 15 and up (10 per division)
- HVFD Beer Garden (21+) downtown
- And much, much more!



## Food and Drink all Weekend

- Food Vendors in the Park
- Hanna Hub
- Rumors II Specials
  - Friday - AYCE Pollack Dinner
  - Saturday - Bacon lover's specials: Cuban Cigars & BLTs
  - Sunday - Breakfast specials
- HVFD Beer Garden and food vendors at Big Tent
- Hannah Circle Bake Sale Saturday 8-sold out & Lunch 10:30-1:30 at Hanna United Methodist Church (AC in Hall)
- **Hanna Lions BBQ chicken Sat 10-til gone!!**



## Saturday Night August 9

- **25<sup>th</sup> (and last) Summer Heat Street Dance** downtown under the Big Tent
- 5 pm **Compass**
- 9-12 pm **Nawty**  
\*\* 21+ & cover charge\*\*



## Sunday August 10

Garage Sales keep going if not sold out  
Vendors in park  
10U Girls Softball Tourney first pitch 8 am  
8-11 am Pancakes & Sausage Breakfast under the Big Tent sponsored by American Legion Riders and Union Mills Auxiliary - donations accepted for HannaFest and HVFD



This IS Hanna, activities and vendors subject to change!

News Around the District--Crown Point Lions

**CROWN POINT LIONS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS**



We missed those who couldn't attend the Lions Picnic. Everyone had a great time in spite of the rain. The rain did clear for a few fun games. Great food and fellowship.



Lions Louise Moore (pictured left) and Carla Smolek (picture right) packed up glasses and delivered them to Wanatah Lions Club Collection Center.



Lions Louise Moore, Carla Smolek, Al and Sharon Thom worked at the Little Food Pantry along with Diane Nelson.



Lion Carla Smolek received donations in memory of Lions Ron Gang from his son, Jeff Gang.



## District Governor Jim Furlong Calendar

### From DG Jim Furlong: Save the Dates!

July 13-17	International Convention, Orlando, FL
August 17	25A Cabinet meeting, St. Paul's Parish in Kouts (flyer page 30)
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

AUGUST 2025

Cabinet Meeting Invite—1<sup>st</sup> District 25-A Meeting

**District 25A 1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting**



**Governor Jim Furlong**



Sunday, August 17, 2025

St. Paul's Parrish Hall  
507 Rose Ave, Kouts, IN 46347

**1:00PM CST**

**Cost: \$12.00**

Box lunch: various sandwiches, chips, cookie and drink.  
A few salads available for vegetarian/gluten free attendees

Please submit reports via email to CS Robin - [mswolfen@aol.com](mailto:mswolfen@aol.com)  
no later than August 10, to be printed for the meeting

**You must RSVP to CS Robin Smith by August 12, 2025  
NO PAYMENTS ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$12.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to:  
District 25 A Lions

OR pay with Zeffy  
Scan barcode below  
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/25a-cabinet-meeting>

**Mail to:** CS Robin Smith  
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