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## **DISTRICT GOVERNOR COLUMN**

Dear Lions Friends,

I want to thank all of you from around District 25B for all of the support that I have received from all of you. It is with heartfelt thanks that I say, "Thank you, Lions Friends, for making my Lions year such a fun and enjoyable time!"

It is hard to believe that it is December already! We have received two Christmas cards in the mail. I can always count that our first card will be from this long time friend. I know when we receive hers that I had better get started on mine. The number of cards we receive has dwindled over the years, and I have resorted to sending a Christmas catch-up type newsletter in our Christmas cards, especially due to my shoulder, arm, and hand problems.

I never have been a cold weather person. My favorite snow activity is taking photos of it from inside an extra warm vehicle. I do like hot chocolate, hot coffee, and hot tea; but even better is the smell of baking cookies or any dessert with cinnamon and ginger spices. That reminds me, I need to make some peach cobbler. Now, doesn't that sound delicious?

December is the perfect time to start planning service projects, like sending cards to shut-ins at nursing homes and hospitals. It is the perfect time to reach out to members who have missed a couple of Lions Club meetings. Let them know that they are missed. It is the perfect time to send letters, cards, or notes to the military especially to say thank you for giving of themselves to make our great country even greater!

Remember that service projects need to get recorded online.

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Stay warm, stay safe, and make a date with someone special to have lunch. December is a great month to catch up with friends!

Through it all, the cards, presents, and parties, take time to thank God for the reason for this season. Remember why we give gifts, and remember what we all have to celebrate!

Merry, Merry Christmas, Fellow Lions,

***Lion District Governor Sandy***

## **NOBLE COUNTY LIONS CLUBS ZONE MTG IN ALBION**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12



Pictured, front row: Lucas Kreischer Cromwell – Kimmel Lions Leo Advisor, Diane Grove Rome City –Brimfield Lions Club Treasurer, Joyce and Rick Carmien Albion Lions. Back row: Brad Baker Rome City –Brimfield Lions Club President, Steve Kramer Zone Chairman Noble County Lions Clubs, Andy Bell Kendallville Lions Club President, Phil Fought Ligonier Treasurer, and Ken Cripe Cromwell –Kimmel Lions Club President, a 50 year member. Christmas planning of events discussed. Holiday citrus sale updates. Kountry Table Restaurant in Albion was the MTG location. Albion Lions Club hosted, and are celebrating their 70 year of lionism. Albion Lions is the largest club in Noble County. The clubs discussed bell ringing for the holidays part of the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign. The 5 Noble Lions Clubs have 166 servant leaders. We are the service leaders, the PRIDE of Noble County Lions!!

## **A PLEA FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

By DG Sandy Zeigler

I am passing on a plea that I received. In this time of giving, Tri-Lakes Lions Club received a request for financial assistance. Next I contacted Lion Sue by texting and then by phone regarding this request. Tri-Lakes Lions Club had reached out to me asking me to reach out to you. This is my theme, “The Domino Effect,” being put into action. If you, as an individual or as a Lions Club, want to help with this need, you are to let the Lion at the bottom know. Lion Sue will get your monetary gift to this gal who needs this vision therapy. They have contacted “Helping Hands,” to try for a matching \$500 grant. That is the most possible from “Helping Hands.” thank you so much.

The Tri-Lakes Lions Club has received a request for assistance with vision therapy expenses for a 12-year old. The therapy would be weekly for 10 months. The estimate from Indiana Vision Development Center that we have received shows a total cost of \$7235. They have paid \$540, leaving a balance of \$6695. They are on a waiting list for therapy and would be appreciative of any financial help as their insurance does not cover any of it. Our club does plan to make a donation to this. If any of the other clubs would be able and willing to help us meet this need, your donation would be greatly appreciated and should be sent to Tri-Lakes Lions Club % Sue L'Esperance, Treasurer, 112 Cul de Sac Ln, Columbia City, IN 46725.

**Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference**  
With the Power of You, Together We Can

**Service Project: Sock It To Me!**

We need your help to make this winter more bearable for those in need in our communities. Please bring new socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, knit hats, and blankets to the Mid-Winter Conference. Our District Governors will distribute them to those in need in their districts.



**Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport**  
January 20-21, 2023

## FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

By: FVDG Terry Marker.

Good day to the Lions of District 25 B. By the time you get this Thanksgiving will be over and Christmas is rapidly approaching. I hope each of you had a very blessed Thanksgiving, and I wish you a very Merry Christmas.

It has been a busy time for me and it will not let up for a while. I spent two week-ends in Nov. at the Lions of Indiana State office training to be a DG. Then in December we have the Council Christmas gathering followed the next day by The Indiana Speech and Hearing, Inc. Holiday Luncheon. I wish more people would put that on their list of things to attend. Because it is at this luncheon we award scholarship to the student of the four Indiana College; and students that are pursuing a career in some type of Audiology, and also grants for scientific work.

January is Mid-Winter Conference time. Put it on your list of things to do. I am sure there is more information about it in the newsletter.

Then February rolls in and it will be time for me to gather with all the District Governor Elects at Saint Charles, Illinois for a week of school. An exciting time to get to know others from around the world.

All this to say time is flying. The year will be over before we know it and will we show a gain in members and leaders in our clubs and District? I need a Zone Chair to step-up and volunteer to be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor or 2023-2024. Anyone who has been a Club president, then a Zone Chair is qualified. Remember, a part of being a Lion is serving as a volunteer, but also serving as a leader for your community and your district.

I want to finish this not by talking about membership. Our statistics are not healthy. We show not net growth. Thanks to those clubs that are growing, but we are not keeping up with what we are losing. 43% of our clubs are under twenty members. It comes down to each one of us needs to try to get members. LCI says it is just as simple as asking. It may take more than one time. It may mean asking them to help on a service project.

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Right now, is a good time to ask for help, as many clubs become bell ringers for the Salvation Army. Or asking them to help you sell grapefruit or oranges. The opportunity is there to show them the fun of serving their community and others.

Aim high Lions in serving your community and the world.

FDGE *Terry Marker*



## THE INDIANA LIONS FOUNDATION STATE FAIR COMMITTEE

WANTS YOUR IDEAS FOR NEW INDIANA STATE FAIR INCENTIVES?

The Indiana Lions Foundation State Fair project is the Indiana Lions Foundation's largest fundraiser. We provide volunteers to sell and scan tickets and provide other support at the two largest State Fair gates. We need approximately 45 - 55 volunteers per day. The Indiana Lions Foundation State Fair Committee has been discussing new incentives for volunteers who work at the State Fair. We have several ideas but thought a more effective approach would be to ask those who volunteer to provide us with input. So, please tell us what you like or don't like about the current incentives, and other ideas you might have for different incentives. We are open to considering all suggestions and look forward to discussing them with all of you.

Yours in Lionism,

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## HOWE GAINS NEW MEMBER

By. DG Sandy

On November 16th, I had the honor of installing a new member to the Howe, Indiana, Lions Club.

Here I am in the below photo, explaining to the new Howe, Indiana, pastor, that Lions is the “world’s largest service club.” Pastor Brad Sisk is new to the Howe community and decided to join Lions, as he explained it to me, “I can get to know the people (of their community) through Lions, and people can then learn about Lions through me.” I think it sounds like a “Win, win.” So, Welcome, Lion Pastor Brad, to the world of Lions, and World, here’s the newest Howe Lion. I can tell that Lion Brad is here to bring a positive difference to the Howe Community.



## REFLECTIONS

By: DG Sandy

The below photo shows a true working “Leader Dog for the Blind,” taking a much deserved break. Leader Dog Lion Finn, the sleeping yellow lab, belongs to my co-council friend, DG Bob, and his wife, Lion Vicky.

PCC Jerry and I are currently both trustees for “Leader Dogs for the Blind.” During all those former years of us being trustees, we had witnessed the relationship between a dog and its special non-sighted person. It had shown me that their relationship is so much deeper than what I had first imagined.

Now with the working team on our council and another team in my own home club, I have had the opportunity to watch more intently these interactions. Observing these dogs at work and rest has given me a new deeper, richer appreciation for these teams.

Could YOU do it? Could YOU put all of YOUR TRUST into a DOG to be YOUR EYES? I hope that YOU NEVER have to find out!

As Lions, let’s give our emotional and financial support to “Leader Dogs for the Blind,” so they can continue to train more dogs to become the eyes of the people who need them.



# 25B HOLIDAY SOCIAL & IN LIONS SPEECH AND HEARING FUNDRAISER

Saturday, January 14

6:00 – 8:00 pm

New Haven Community Center

7500 SR 930 East

Food, Fun, Fellowship

Open to all Lions and guests

Cost: \$10 per person

This is how it will work. Bring a wrapped gift (no gag gifts) to be auctioned off. You must bring a gift to buy a gift. We will eat at 6:15 with the auction immediately following the meal. After items have been auctioned off, everyone will open their gifts. We will go around and have everyone show what they bought. At this time, anyone that wants to “steal” the gift may play a steal card bought prior to the auction. Steal cards are \$5 each and you may only purchase a maximum of two. Gifts may be stolen as many times as you want.

All proceeds from the gift auction will be a District donation to the Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing Project.

Pre-registration and payment are required. Registrations need to be postmarked by January 9. Bring a carload from your club, your cash or checkbook and have a great evening of fun!!!



# LCIF HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER DINNER

January 14, 2023

At

NEW HAVEN PARKS AND  
RECREATION BUILDING

6:00 PM

\$25.00 PER PERSON

(\$10.00 FOR THE MEAL & \$15.00 TO  
LCIF IN YOUR NAME)

We are asking everyone to bring a  
gift to be auctioned off

*Come on out for a night of Food, Fun,  
and Fellowship.*

Put on by your LCIF COORDINATORS.

Please reserve by January 8, 2023

Please Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ Dinners at  
\$25.00 each (\$10.00 Dinner/\$15.00 for  
LCIF in you name.)

Amount enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Make  
check payable to District 25 B Lions Clubs

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# JOINT LIONS CLUBS MEETING BETWEEN DECATUR LIONS CLUB AND THE UNION TOWNSHIP LIONS CLUB

By: DG Sandy Zeigler

On [October 20th](#), PCC Jerry Zeigler and I traveled to the Galley Restaurant in Decatur for My Official Joint Meeting between the Decatur Lions Club and the Union Township Lions Club.

The below photo shows from the far left, Union Township Lions Club Secretary Scott Marbach; Union Township Lions Club President Derryl Grote; the Union Township Lions Club Banner; continuing on the immediate right of the banner, Lion District Governor Sandy Zeigler; Decatur Lions Club President Lion Cabinet Secretary Carol Bittner; and on the far right; Decatur Lions Club Secretary Paula Holloway.



Below are several other photos from that same October 20th Joint Meeting with the Decatur Lions Club and the Union Township Lions Club at the Galley Restaurant in Decatur.



All photos by: PCC Jerry Zeigler



Dogs change our lives for the better. But did you know that you can help a dog be the change in other people's lives?

You + a dog = a HUGE impact when you volunteer to host a breeding mom for Leader Dog!

Our dogs are carefully chosen to produce puppies with the best possible characteristics for becoming a guide dog. By hosting a Labrador Leader Dog mom, you'll welcome her into your home and help her bring litters of puppies (future Leader Dogs) into the world! When her breeding career is over, you can adopt your Leader Dog mom.

Sweethearts like these two are looking for their hosts right now!



Breeding moms like these are waiting for someone like you to begin their careers. **If this might be the right volunteer opportunity for you, or if you just want to find out more about what breeding hosts do, join an orientation!** They're free, virtual and all your questions will be answered. Plus, you can meet the team who supports you every step of the way in your breeding host journey. [Register to join an orientation.](#)

If you're ready to start your life-changing adventure right now, [you can begin your application here!](#)

If you know someone else who might be ready to volunteer with a dog, share this message with them!

FOLLOW THE LEADER



# TAKING THE PLUNGE

Shared by: DG Sandy Zeigler

**Subject: 2023 Polar Plunge registration is now open**

□ This was sent to me. If you are thinking of taking the plunge, so sorry, but I will NOT be participating. Number 1, I appreciate Lions taking this plunge as an act of support for Special Olympics. Number 2, I don't swim at all. Number 3, I don't like being cold.

## Register for Polar Plunge for a Chance to Win 8 Pacers Tickets

Hi Bill,

Registration is off to a great start for [the 2023 Polar Plunge season](#) — Special Olympics Indiana's signature annual fundraiser that challenges individuals and teams to take an icy dip to demonstrate their commitment to the cause. And there are benefits to signing up early!

**For everyone who registers for the Polar Plunge by Dec. 15, we're offering you the chance to win 8 tickets to see our own Indiana Pacers take on the Toronto Raptors at 7 p.m. EST, **Monday**, Jan. 2.**

To be eligible to win, you must [register online for the 2023 Polar Plunge and raise at least \\$1 for Special Olympics Indiana by 11:59 p.m. on Dec. 15.](#)



**Ft. Wayne • Saturday, Feb. 11**

Organized annually by a dedicated team of Special Olympics volunteers and supporters in northeast Indiana, our *#FtWaynePlunge* invites members of the local community to Be Bold, Get Cold again this winter at Metea County Park Lake!

### **REGISTRATION**

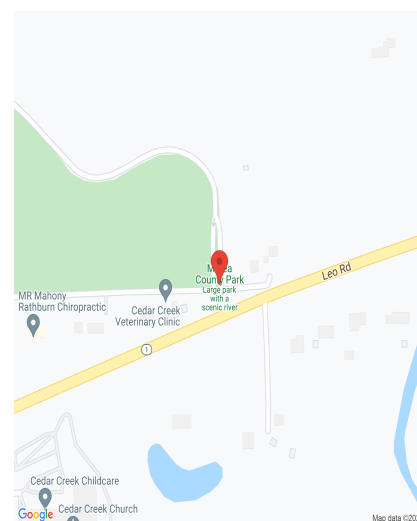
10:30 AM - 1:00 PM | Metea County Park Nature Center

### **PLUNGE**

## Find a Polar Plunge Happening Near You

Metea County Park  
8401 Union Chapel Rd.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46845

Scott Furnish  
[sfurnish@soindiana.org](mailto:sfurnish@soindiana.org)





# INDIANA LIONS MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

The annual Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport Hotel.

Some Indiana Lions say the Mid-Winter Conference is “the best place for learning” about leadership, service, and all aspects of Lionism. We offer workshops and seminars on club administration, community service, fundraising, and membership recruitment and retention, as well as opportunities for service, fellowship with Lions from around the state, and plain old everyday Lions fun.

The conference registration fee is only \$55 and includes informative seminars and workshops, on-site service projects, coffee and pastries in the morning, lunch at noon with a motivational speaker, and fellowship with other Lions.

The keynote speaker at the Saturday luncheon will be Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter. Superintendent Carter has served 40 years in law enforcement, as an Indiana State Trooper, Hamilton County Sheriff, and Indiana State Police Superintendent. He has received many awards including the Indiana State Police Silver Star Award for Meritorious Service and Outstanding Heroism. Service has always been important to Superintendent Carter. He has said, “It’s not about titles and career and that stuff, it’s about service before self.”

The conference will be preceded by a dinner on Friday evening. There is a separate fee for this event. The after-dinner speaker will be Charlie Adams. Known as “Indiana's Speaker”, Charlie has been delivering entertaining and informative talks for 35 years in the Hoosier State. A former TV news, sports, and features reporter, and news anchor, Charlie has interviewed thousands of folks in Indiana. He has also done extensive research on difference-makers past and present, and tells those stories in a compelling manner! He will present an entertaining and informative after-dinner talk on people and stories from throughout the Hoosier State.

Conference attendees will be offered the opportunity to participate in two on-site service projects. After dinner on Friday evening, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in the Care-ing Cases project, using clean recycled hard eyeglass cases to assemble first aid kits and toiletry kits. Conference attendees are also encouraged to donate new socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, knit hats, and blankets to the Sock It To Me project. Collection boxes for these items will be available on Friday and Saturday. Our District Governors will share all items created/collected by these projects with those in need in their districts.

For more information about the conference and a registration form, visit the Indiana Lions website at [indianalions.org](http://indianalions.org) and click on the link labelled “Printable Forms”. The list of available forms includes seminar and workshop information, a conference registration form with hotel reservation information, and information for sponsors.

We hope to see you at the 2023 Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference.



# MY CROMWELL/KIMMEL OFFICIAL VISIT

By: DG Sandy Zeigler

On [November 21st](#), I made my official visit to the Cromwell/Kimmel Lions Club.



Here I am explaining “The Domino Effect” to the Cromwell/Kimmel Lions. Their Lion Club President, Lion Kenneth Cripe, is seated beside me in the blue shirt. Beside him, in the burgundy long sweater, is their Lions club secretary, Lion Christine Kreisher.



Here I am, in my official red jacket, with the Cromwell/Kimmel Lions Club. These Lions put almost \$75 into a cup for the Special Olympics. My husband, PCC Jerry Zeigler, added another dollar to their donation, to bring their total to \$75. 00 for Special Olympics. This money was not from their club’s treasury. This was money not from their Lions club’s bank account. This money came out of their own pockets, billfolds, and their pocket-books. That shows just how committed these Lions are to doing something “extra special” for Special Olympics.

# BLUFFTON LIONS CLUB CELEBRATION

By: Lion DG Sandy Zeigler



On November 12, the Bluffton Lions Club celebrated its 75th Anniversary at Lighted Gardens. Lions Past Council Chair Lion Jerry Zeigler was the MC for the evening. He opened the celebration with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by one verse of “God Bless America.”



Seated on the audience’s right of the podium: Bluffton Lions Club President Jim Ottjes; Bluffton Lions Club Secretary Rev. Karen Ottjes; Bluffton Lions Club First Vice President Don Smith; Don’s (& Sarah’s) Granddaughter Josie Smith.

Bluffton Lions Club President Lion Jim Ottjes welcomed everyone to the dinner. First Vice President Lion Don Smith then offered the innovation for the evening.

Following the dinner, MC-Lion PCC Jerry shared some interesting facts pertaining to the Bluffton Lions Club including that in 1950, the Bluffton Lions mailed out thousands of letters to Bluffton’s Senior Citizens, which resulted in the Senior Center that we have today.



MC-Lion PCC Jerry introduced Alan Daughtery to the podium. Former Lion Alan Daughtery had been the Bluffton Lions Club President at the 50th Year Celebration. He was present to share some gifts including the gavel of his era and a carved lion that had been a gift from Dr. Bill Trubey.

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## BLUFFTON LIONS CLUB CELEBRATION CONTINUES

Lion PDG- Dr. Bill Trubey was credited with starting medical eye trips to Honduras and 6 other countries. He also is credited with starting the eyeglass recycling program.



To the left of the speaker's podium, starting on the far left: Pastor of the Park Community Church, Rev. Dennis Wood; his wife, Susie Wood, Our Evening's Vocalist; Lion DG Sandy Zeigler; Lion IPDG/PCC Jerry Zeigler.



Local vocalist, Susie Wood, was the entertainer for the evening doing a combination of inspirational, holiday, and patriotic songs.



Also present was Lion Council Chair Scott Smith who had a few words to share.

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## BLUFFTON LIONS CLUB CELEBRATION CONTINUES



Lion Council Chair Scott Smith called Lion District Governor Sandy forward for an award.

Lion DG Sandy Zeigler was very surprised and honored when Lion CC Scott Smith presented her with the Duchess of Paducah Award, from the Mayor of Paducah awarded for them collecting and then delivering clothes and supplies to Kentucky in a time of need. Recently, Lion District Governor Sandy's husband, Lion IPDG/PCC Jerry received the Duke of Paducah Award. So now they are the Duke and Duchess of Paducah! That is an amazing honor!!



Present for Bluffton's 75 Anniversary were Lion Council Chair Scott Smith; Lion District Governor Sandy Zeigler; Lion SVDG Jim Bush; Lion IPDG/PCC Jerry Zeigler



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## BLUFFTON LIONS CLUB CELEBRATION CONTINUES



Bluffton Club Members: Lion Doral Smith; Bluffton Lions Club, Lion First Vice President Don Smith; Lion DG Sandy Zeigler; Bluffton's Lions Club Banner; Lion IDG/PCC Jerry Zeigler; Lion Lowell Tillman; Lion Former Club Secretary Karen Harrold; Lion Bluffton Club Secretary Rev. Karen Ottjes; Lion Bluffton Club President Jim Ottjes; Lion Jeff Hewitt

## 2ND CABINET MEETING

By: DG Sandy Zeigler

On Saturday, November 12, we held our 2nd Cabinet Meeting at the Seminary Methodist Church in Roanoke. Heyerly's rolls, coffee, and bottled water were furnished by the Roanoke Lions Club via SVDG Jim Bush.



PDG Richard Hill went over the Treasurer's report, which was available on paper for those who wanted a print copy.



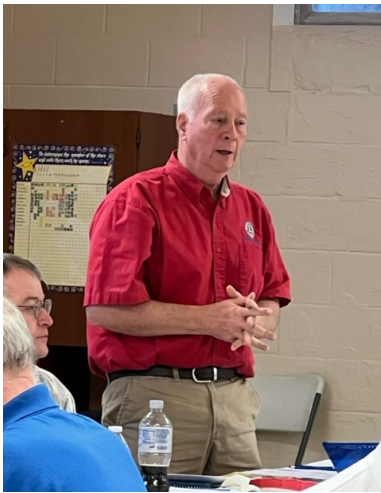
## 2ND CABINET MEETING CONTINUED



PDG Roger Cash presented an update on the state project, "Cancer Control."



Lion Cheryl Okuly of the Andrews Lions Club received her 20 year chevron.



PDG Al Arnold as an "Indiana Lions Foundation" trustee shared about the foundation.



Lion James Tew, President of the Angola Club, received the chevron for Lion Timothy Crooks, who was not present.



Lion Rev. Stephen Bard spoke on a proposal for "Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind and visually Impaired."

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Lion SVDG Lion James Bush received the Chevrons for a deserving members of the Roanoke Lions Club.

The next Cabinet Meeting for District 25 B will be held on **January 7, 2023**, in Columbia City. The exact location will be announced later.

## SPONSOR AND ADVERTISEMENT FORM

Sponsor and Advertisement Form 34rd Annual Lions of Indiana Mid-Winter Conference  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023

**Bronze** – Lion Cub Level \$100 Half page  
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Quarter page ad (in color) \$50 Full page ad (in color) \$150 EMAIL PRINT READY AD PROOFS IN JPEG, WORD or PUBLISHER FORMAT.

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## PDG COMMENTS

By: PDG Mark Clark

I know that at this time of year most people's thoughts are on the holidays. Thanksgiving in the immediate past and Christmas coming upon us quickly. But I am looking past all that. I am looking forward to May 11 through 14, 2023. YES, I am looking forward to the 2023 STATE CONVENTION in BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA at the MONROE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER. Why, you ask? Because we will have the PRESIDENT of the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS in our district visiting us. What a great opportunity to meet and talk with International President Brian Sheehan and his wife, Lion Lori in person while they are visiting our own district. I can meet the International President and hear firsthand what he has been doing throughout the year on an international scale for us as our president. What else am I looking forward to? Hearing great presenters at the various seminars that will take place on Saturday afternoon. There will be a presentation for club presidents and vice presidents by IP Sheehan, a presentation by all of the state projects, by LCIF and Lion Lori, a presentation to increase club membership, and opportunities to meet with Lions from across our state to make new friendships and renew old friendships. I am looking forward to a Friday morning presentation regarding the history and current operations of the limestone industry in Monroe and Lawrence counties. This will be a free presentation available to everyone who arrives at the convention on Friday morning and will be at the Monroe County Convention Center. I am looking forward to the Friday night supper being sponsored by the Ellettsville Lions Club at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. The supper will be a bar-b-que buffet and will have live music to enjoy. I am looking forward to relaxing at the Courtyard by Marriott hotel or the Hyatt Place hotel in Bloomington. Both are located not far from the square in Bloomington and on the B-Line walking trail. I know that my wife is looking forward to going shopping in downtown Bloomington while I am at the convention. I don't need to be concerned about food now, because the Saturday night All-State Banquet and the Sunday brunch are going to be fantastic meals to enjoy with friends around the table. Yes, you can be stuck in all the stress and frantic activities of the holidays, but I am looking forward to a great 2022 Lions State Convention in Bloomington on May 11<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. Look for the registration form in the Hoosier Lion and on line as well as in the Governor's newsletter. I will plan on seeing you there and sharing a great weekend with you.



**Editor's Note:** Information about the Indiana State Convention and Registration Form can be found on page 18.





# 2023 Indiana Lions 102<sup>nd</sup> State Convention



Hosted by District 25E

May 12,13,14, 2023

**Bloomington/Monroe County Convention Center with special guests:  
International President Brian Sheehan and Lion Lori**

**PLEASE RESERVE YOUR OWN LODGING BY APRIL 11, 2023**

Courtyard by Marriott Convention Hotel (attached to Convention Center)

310 South College Avenue, Bloomington, IN 47401 (Free Parking available at Convention Center)

Room Rate: \$109.00 per night, plus tax, until April 11, 2023.

Call 1-812-335-8000 for Reservations and mention LIONS CLUB 2023 in making the reservation

Hyatt Place Hotel: 217 S. Kirkwood Avenue, \$119 per night w/ breakfast

Hyatt Hotel does charge for parking; 1 ½ block north of Convention Center & free parking Call 812-339-5950 and use block code LION for the reservation.

Come and visit several Lions project tables and related booths including a USA/Canada Forum apparel vendor. Friday Golf Outing to be at Stonecrest Golf Club – 18 holes at \$39. Meet in the hotel lobby.

**Scooter rental is \$120 for Friday thru Sunday.**

Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, MONROE COUNTY LIMESTONE PRESENTATION

## Registration Form (one per person)

**Register Online and pay with PayPal:** [www.indianalionsconvention.org](http://www.indianalionsconvention.org)

**Deadline: All Registration Forms must be postmarked by April 30, 2023.** Please print name/Lions Title as desired on name badge:

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

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

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

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

Is this your FIRST Indiana Lions State Convention (circle one) **Yes** **No** Attend the Friday morning Monroe

County Limestone Presentation (circle one) **Yes** **No**

**Friday Evening BBQ Dinner** at Monroe County Fairground Sponsored by Ellettsville Lions Club

Choose pulled pork: \_\_\_\_\_ or pulled chicken: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 18.00= \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Lunch:** sandwich bar: chips, seasonal fresh fruit, pickle spear & drink

Choose warm beef & swiss sub w/ lettuce & tomato: \_\_\_\_\_

Or grilled ham & cheese on sourdough bread: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Night Banquet:** Choose 1 Entrée below

Choose: citrus glazed pork chop \_\_\_\_\_ mushroom chopped steak \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 28.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday Brunch:** fried chicken, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit, bacon, french toast \$ 20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Strides Walk** T-shirt Size (S to 3XL, other) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 18.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**2023 Indiana Convention Pin** \$ 4.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Scooter Rent (Friday thru Sunday)** \$120.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Registration Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary needs, list here: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail this Registration Form and Your Check, payable to**

**Indiana Lions State Convention 2023 to**

**CT Debbie Ellis, 8262 East Center Road, Sullivan, IN. 47882**

**Contact Info: 1-812-798-2096 or [ellisdebbie259@gmail.com](mailto:ellisdebbie259@gmail.com)**



# DG SANDY AND DISTRICT B CALENDAR DECEMBER 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Council Christmas Party 
4	5	6 Bluffton Lions Club Meeting 	7	8	9	10
11	12 St. Joe Lions Club O/V 	13 Bluffton Lions Club Christmas Party 	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve  Twas the Night before Christmas...
25 Christmas Day 	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve  Hamilton Lions Polar Bear Plunge 2 p.m.



THE LIONS OF INDIANA  
34TH MID-WINTER CONFERENCE  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023

CROWNE PLAZA INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Registration & Continental Breakfast	8:00 am – 9:00 am	Lunch - Buffet	11:30 am – 12:15 pm
Displays And Silent Auction	Open until 3:00 pm	Program and Keynote Speaker	12:15 pm – 1:15 pm
Opening Session	9:00 am – 9:30 am	Third Session Seminar	1:30 pm – 2:15 pm
First Session Seminar	9:45 am – 10:30 am	Fourth Session Seminar	2:30 pm – 3:15 pm
Second Session Seminar	10:45 am – 11:30 am	Afternoon Workshop	1:30 pm – 3:15 pm
Morning Workshop	9:45 am – 11:30 am	Closing Session	3:30 pm – 4:00 pm

**Official Conference Hotel – Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport Hotel**

The location of the hotel is 2501 S. High School Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46241.

**TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 317-244-6861.**

**LIONS ROOM RATE IS \$118 PLUS APPLICABLE TAXES.**

Specify your choice of a king room or room with two double beds.

**Hotel Reservations must be made by 6:00 pm EST Tuesday, December 27, 2022.**

**Directions to Crowne Plaza:** From the north via I-465 – Take I-465 to Exit 11 (Sam Jones Expressway). Turn right (to the west) on Sam Jones and be in left lane. Turn left at High School Road and the hotel is on your left.

**From the south or Northbound I-465** – Take I-465 to Exit 11(Sam Jones Expressway). Turn left (to the west) on Sam Jones but keep to the left to High School Road. Turn left at High School Road and hotel is on your left.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Cancellations requested ten (10) days before the conference will receive full refunds, but cancellations requested after that date will not receive any refund. **Refunds will not be granted because of the weather.**

**\*NOTE: THE MID-WINTER CONFERENCE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE THOSE ATTENDING FOR THE FIRST TIME TO INDICATE WHO IS SPONSORING THEM TO ATTEND OR WHO HAS INFLUENCED THEM TO ATTEND THEIR FIRST MID-WINTER CONFERENCE. THERE IS A LINE ON THE REGISTRATION FORM FOR THIS INFORMATION.**



# 34TH MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

## FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

**JANUARY 20, 2023**

Make your plans now to join us at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport Hotel  
for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship.

**Menu:** A plated dinner which will include: Cider Brined Grilled Pork Chop paired with a  
Seared Chicken Breast, Scalloped Potatoes, Garlic Green Beans

Fresh Garden Salad,

Dessert, House Bread and Butter, Coffee and Tea

**Price:** \$ 30.00

**Social Time:** 6:00 P.M.      **Dinner:** 6:30 P.M.

## Friday Night Speaker Charlie Adams

Charlie Adams will present an entertaining and informative talk on people and stories from throughout the  
Hoosier State!

## SATURDAY CONFERENCE LUNCHEON

**JANUARY 21, 2023**

### **Menu: BACKYARD COOKOUT**

Grilled Black Angus Burgers, All Beef Hot Dogs, Bratwurst with Sauerkraut, Bourbon Brisket, Baked Beans,  
Corn Cobettes,,Leaf Lettuce, Sliced Tomatoes, Sliced Red Onions, Pickles, and Assorted Condiments, Breads,  
Orange Cream Sheet Cake and Chocolate Texas Sheet Cake, Coffee and Tea

## TWO SERVICE PROJECTS!!

**“Sock It To Me”** – Bring new socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, knit hats and blankets to be collected and divided  
among the district governors to distribute to needy people in their districts.

**“Care-ing Cases”** – Friday night after the dinner program, we will assemble first aid kits and toiletry kits using  
cleaned hard eyeglass cases that our district governors will share with the needy people in their districts.

## SATURDAY KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**To Be Determined**

**BRANDON JOHNSON**

# SEMINAR SELECTIONS

**CHOOSE:** Two (2) Seminars in the Morning and two (2) Seminars in the Afternoon. There are also one (1) morning workshop and one (1) afternoon workshop that are double seminar times.

## Morning Workshop Session One: 9:45 am to 11:30 am

### Workshop #1 LIONS LEGAL ISSUES AND INSURANCE

**Presenter:** PDG Mark Clark

Back by popular demand! Lions International's Legal Division is here to help you. Come find out how! Everything from insurance to general legal information.

## Morning Seminar Session One: 9:45 am to 10:30 am

### Seminar #1 TAIL TWISTING – WHY, HOW, AND POSSIBLE IDEAS

**Presenter:** PDG Peg Dawson and 2VDG Erica Thomas

Are your club meetings in need of more fun? Learn how to add more fun and enjoyment to your meetings.

### Seminar #2 FLOATERS, BLOBS, AND WEBS: LIVING WITH DIABETIC RETINOPATHY

**Presenter:** Lion Jennifer Drapalik

Living my life with Diabetic Retinopathy for three and a half years. What is it? What is it like to live with it? What type of treatments are there? How to prevent it?

### Seminar #3 FINDING AND APPLYING FOR GRANTS

**Presenters:** Lion Debbie Ellis and Past International Director Linda Tinch

This seminar will help you learn where to find grants, how to apply for grants, and learn how to avoid common pitfalls that may prevent you from getting the grant.

## Morning Seminar Session Two: 10:45 am to 11:30 am

### Seminar #4 DIABETES AWARENESS...LIVING A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

**Presenter:** Tasha Lane

Join in to learn the importance of good nutrition and the importance of keeping your body moving.

### Seminar #5 CREATING PARTNERSHIPS, TOGETHER WE CAN DO MORE!

**Presenter:** PCC Lee Flower

Together we can do more! Learn how to partner for better service and fundraising.

### Seminar #6 MENTORING + SERVICE = RETENTION

**Presenter:** Lion Ruth Kelly

Learn how to increase your membership retention with the equation of Mentoring plus Service equals Retention.

## Seminar Selections

## Afternoon Workshop Session Two: 1:30 pm to 3:15 pm

### Workshop #2 KNOW THE LAW BEFORE YOU PLAY.

**Presenter:** Mark Mason, Assistant Director, Indiana State Gaming Commission

Back by Popular Demand! Does your club host any games that fall under the Indiana Gaming laws? This session will help you stay on top of these laws and how they affect your club.

### Afternoon Seminar Session Three: 1:30 pm to 2:15 pm

#### Seminar #7 RECRUITING MEMBERSHIP

**Presenter: PDG Charlie Short**

"It's Worth Fighting For: 21st Century Lions." One of America's great gifts to humanity is Lions, and it continues to resonate around the world. Here at home, it's time for a review of our approach to new membership and club growth. How do we grow and prosper in today's highly competitive community service environment? How do we reach the Lions that will carry our Association's proud history forward? Debunk some popular myths, review current programs, and offer a new, proven model for successful growth.

#### Seminar #8 SECURING SPONSORSHIPS

**Presenter: PDG Tom Robbins**

What you need to know to secure ongoing sponsorships.

#### Seminar #9 LEGACY GIFTING

**Presenter: 1VDG Julia Kozicki**

Leaving a Lion Legacy—giving the gift of future service by planning today.

### Afternoon Seminar Session Four: 2:30 pm to 3:15 pm

#### Seminar #10 LCIcon BOSTON

**Presenter: PDG Peg Dawson**

The 2023 Lions Clubs International Convention will be in Boston! If you've never been to an International Convention, come and hear what you are missing. If you've been to an International Convention, come and share why you attend. This year the convention is in Boston, a city full of history.

#### Seminar #11 KIDSIGHT SCREENING

**Presenter: Lion Sheila Christoff**

Have you or your club wanted to get involved in KidSight Screening but did not know where to begin? Attend this seminar where Lion Sheila can show you how to get involved, show you how to use the Plus-Optix screener and the Blinq screener.

#### Seminar #12 RAISING A LEADER DOG PUPPY

**Presenters: Lions Don and Jan Allen with District Governor Bob Hrdy**

Learn how to get involved in and how to raise a Leader Dog Puppy, followed by a discussion how a Leader Dog has changed their life.



# REGISTRATION FORM

## 34th Annual Lions of Indiana Mid-Winter Conference

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023**

*(Each Attendee Is Asked to Complete a Separate Form)*

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: \$45.00**

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR EMAILED BY NOVEMBER 30, 2022**

Registrations made after DECEMBER 1ST and ON-SITE REGISTRATION: \$55.00

**Conference Registration with no meals included: \$25**

**Registration includes: morning coffee and pastries, Buffet Luncheon, use of hotel meeting rooms, Keynote Speaker fee and accommodations, printing and supplies.**

**To guarantee meal availability, Registration must be received by January 15, 2023**

**CANCELLATION POLICY: CANCELLATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO JANUARY 10, 2023. TO RECEIVE A REFUND. CANCELLATIONS REQUESTED AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY REFUND. REFUNDS WILL NOT BE GRANTED BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER**

Seminars and Workshops will be filled on a first come, first served basis.  
Send registrations early to assure getting the seminars of your choice.

**PLEASE SEND COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND CORRECT REMITTANCE TO:** Lion Angie Crouch, 9051 Greystone Court, Indianapolis, IN 46234  
[mwam2893@gmail.com](mailto:mwam2893@gmail.com) 317-518-4070

**Make Checks Payable to: Lions of Indiana, Inc. OR**

Card Type: [ ] VISA [ ] MC [ ] Discover Card#

Registration: ( ) \$45.00 **early-bird**; ( ) \$55.00- Dec. 1 - Onsite ( ) \$30.00 Friday Dinner ( ) \$25.00 Conference Only  
= Total Amount Due per Registration \_\_\_\_\_

Review the Seminars offered and note the session time each seminar will be offered. Please circle your selections for each session to help us plan sufficient seating and handouts for each seminar.

9:45 – 10:30	Seminar Session 1	1	2	3
10:45 - 11:30	Seminar Session 2	4	5	6
1:30 – 2:15	Seminar Session 3	7	8	9
2:30 – 3:15	Seminar Session 4	10	11	12
9:45-11:30	Morning Workshop	Session 1		
1:30 – 3:15	Afternoon Workshop	Session 2		

DG Sandy Zeigler  
1121 Ridgewood Lane  
Bluffton, IN 46714

December 2022

## MY MEMORY OF A CHILDHOOD CHRISTMAS

By: DG Sandy Zeigler

When I was growing up, each Christmas we would have a Christmas tree, and always under that Christmas tree we would have presents. Dad always bought Mom the latest, coolest, cooking gadgets; but that year Mom had it in her head that she did not want an electric knife.

Well, Mom had told me that she did not want an electric knife for Christmas. When my mom told me that she did not want an electric knife, I shared that news with dad; so Dad would know that Mom did not want an electric knife. Mom did not want any vibrating gadgets.

Well before Christmas, a package appeared under our Christmas tree. It was an elongated box, about 8 to 10 inches long, by probably 3 to 4 inches wide, and 3 to 4 inches thick.

Mom said to me, "I told you to tell your dad that I did not want an electric knife." Then she picked up that box and shook it.

She'd repeat, "I told you to tell your dad that I didn't want an electric knife." Then she would pick up that present and shake it some more, repeating, "I told you to tell your dad that I did not want an electric knife."

This kept going on, as I remember it, it may have even been several times a day. She wasn't yelling, but she'd pick up that box and shake it, all the while saying that she did not want an electric knife.

I had told Dad that she didn't want an electric knife, but that present remained under the tree. And, Dad wasn't talking. He never admitted that he had bought the present, but he never denied it either. Since I was a kid and did not have spending money, it was pretty certain that it had not come from me. I had 2 older brothers, but I didn't blame them. I knew that the present was from Dad, and Mom knew it, too.

I will never forget this memory of that Christmas, when my mom was shaking the elongated present. I don't remember if she would shake it in Dad's presence. I just remember how annoyed she was with the "electric knife" that she was just so sure was in that elongated box. There must have been a name tag on it, but I do not remember any of those details. I just have the memory of my mom anticipating the present of the electric knife that she definitely did not want!

On that Christmas morning, I do not remember any of the other details. I do not remember anything about my presents. I just remember that Mom was going to open the present that she did not want. She did not want an "electric knife," and by now she knew that an "electric knife," would be in that box.

Well, this story had a moral, like most of the stories that I would share with my students, my kiddos, as I called them. My fifth graders loved my little stories. That may have been because they thought they were getting out of work. Truth is those little stories each taught their own moral or lessons. So about now, I could hear a couple just wanting me to get to the point and end the story.

That Christmas morning when Mom opened her present, it was not any electric knife, it was a very delicate, expensive, diamond studded watch. It had small petite features, purchased from the our local jewelry, but that expensive watch which was her present, never did run right. Moral of the story, this Christmas, as tempting as it might be... think of my little, true story, and do not shake your presents.

