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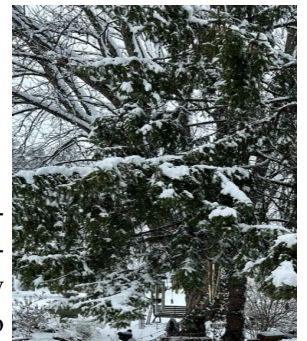
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DISTRICT GOVERNOR COLUMN

Dear Fellow Lions,

What a surprise it was when I glanced out the window to see snow! Yes, I know it is the end of January, and I know that we live in Indiana; but we have not had this much snow all winter!

This snow that presents problems for some; presents opportunities for Lions to show our caring Lions hearts to others. It's the perfect time to share some of our spare time with shut-ins who cannot



get out. You could give these people a phone call. Maybe even make a date to go out to eat together. While you are visiting, this is the perfect time to add a friend who is not a Lion. Share all of the great projects and activities that Lions are doing in your community and our state.

February is considered the month of caring. This month would be the perfect time to write cards for the veterans. That's just what PCC Jerry is doing in the above photo. How about sending some notes to Lions members who have missed a couple of meetings? These notes will let them know that they have been missed. Personal notes are still a great way to stay in touch! These cards and notes are able to be read and reread, continuing to offer love during these months when people, even mighty Lions, are shut-in.

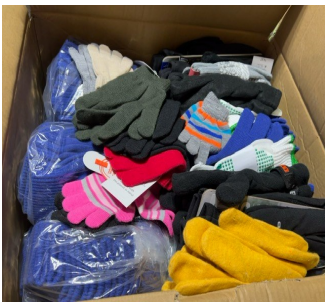


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Tell others how they can join your club and become Lions, too! You will be glad that you did, and you'll make their day and change their future. Tell others how they can join your club and become Lions, too! You will be glad that you did, and you'll make their day and change their future, giving them a new purpose in their lives, including a chance for them to serve others.

As a part of the January Midwinter Conference in Indianapolis, Lions as-



sembled first-aid and hygiene kits. These kits, along with donated socks, toboggan hats, gloves, and clothes were distributed to each of Indiana's seven District Governors. I have boxes of goodies that I want to share with each of my nine counties.

Please call, text, or email me with suggestions of where these items can best help the "needy" in each of these nine counties in our District.

District Governor Sandy

BLUFFTON LIONS CLUB MEMBERS HONORED

By DG Sandy Zeigler

Secretary of the Bluffton Lions Club, Lion Rev. Karen Ottjes and her husband, Lion James Ottjes, president of the Bluffton Lions Club, recently received certificates. Lion James Ottjes received from Lion DG Sandy Zeigler, his certificate from IP Brian Sheehan. Lion Rev. Karen, on the left, was recognized for having 15 years as a Lion. She also received her chevron for her 15 years of service as a Lion, her husband, Lion Jim Ottjes, in the center of my photo received a 30 year chevron. I also received my letter from our International President Brian Sheehan and my 30 year chevron, because this is my 30th Year as a lion.



PLEASE RECORD YOUR SERVICE

By: DG Sandy Zeigler

Lions International is concerned. There are Lions Clubs in District 25B that are not reporting service activities. If Lions Club members don't turn their service into Lions International, no one knows that we are doing it! We are service clubs! What is service? Well, just in case you have needed some ideas for Service, several pages of service ideas were included in the January Newsletter, and there are more pages of service ideas included in this February Newsletter. Service is what we are all about! We help others. Our GST, Global Service Team leader is Immediate Past District Governor Jerry Zeigler. He is available to help you with service ideas. Service is another way of saying that we help others. I know that Lions Clubs are working hard at serving others! I see it, and I hear about it when I make my Official Club Visits. Lion Club Secretaries, we just need to tell Lions International what the Lions in your clubs are doing! That means reporting online the service that we do. Each district has an "Information and Technology" lion, whose job is to be available to help the other lions in their district with any technological (computer) problems. In our district this person is PDG Roger Cash. If you are having problems getting online to record your service, PDG Roger is the person to contact. Not recording your service, because you don't know how to do it is no longer an excuse. Lion PDG Roger Cash can be contacted at: [1-463-638-8032](tel:1-463-638-8032) or texted at: rogercash@att.net. If you don't know how to record your service, what are you going to do about it? You are going to give Lion PDG Roger a call or a text! Get into the habit of recording to Lions International individually what service you are doing.

IMPORTANT DATES IN OUR DISTRICT

Please mark your calendars with these important dates in our district.

March 25th: District 25B Convention, Bluffton, IN, at First Church of Christ, on Spring Street, West of CBS

May 20th: District Cabinet Meeting 4, Kendallville American Legion, Kendallville, IN



LIONS DISTRICT 25B DISTRICT CONVENTION

Our Guest speaker for our Lions District 25B District Convention on March 25 is International Director, Dr. Dianne J. Pitts, from Chappells, South Carolina. The following is her bio as it appears on the Website of Lions International:

Dr. Dianne J. Pitts, from Chappells, South Carolina, USA was elected to serve a two-year term as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 103rd International Convention, June 25 through June 29, 2021.

Director Pitts was an educator for 28 years and has twice received recognition as District Teacher of the Year. She is a contributing author to two textbooks and the published author of a three-volume Bible study for middle schoolers. She now uses her knowledge and experience to help Lions as well as other non-profit and charitable organizations with grant writing and presentations.

She first joined as member of the Gaffney Lions Club in 1994. And since 2010, has served with the Greenwood Lions Club. She has held a number of offices with the association including district governor, district Lions Quest chairperson, multiple district council chairperson and multiple district LCIF Campaign 100 chairperson. She has also served as faculty for multiple Lions Leadership Institutes and learning programs as well as webinars.

In recognition of her service, she has received numerous awards including several International President's Awards and International President's Certificates of Appreciation. Director Pitts is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. She has also been recognized as a Progressive Dr. Franklin G. Mason Fellow.

In addition to her Lions activities, Director Pitts is active in numerous civic and professional organizations including the South Carolina Education Association and the Nation Educational Association. She is also co-director for her local soup kitchen.

Director Pitts is married to Dr. Joe Pitts, a 50-year Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

4TH CABINET MEETING

WHAT: District 25B Cabinet Meeting

WHEN: May 21, 2023

WHERE: Kendallville, IN American Legion

Doors open: To be announced

Registration will begin at about: To be announced

PDG Meeting at: To be announced

Call to order will begin at: To be announced

WHO: Open to ALL Lions & guests.

All Lions Club Presidents and Secretaries ARE expected to attend.

Zone Chairs, Trustees, and Cabinet Positions are also expected to attend.

If Project Chairs have anything to share, time will be allotted for this.

If you have a report but cannot attend, please send report to:

DG Sandy Zeigler
1121 Ridgewood Lane
Bluffton, IN 46714

Please bring a gift for a door prize! Thanks!

There will be a 50/50 Drawing to Benefit "Leader Dogs for the Blind."

Doughnuts, coffee, bottled water, and coney dogs will be provided.



We Serve



DISTRICT 25B DISTRICT CONVENTION

WHO: All Lions, Spouses, and Friends

WHEN: March 25, 2023

TIME: Sign in starts at 8:30 A.M.

PLACE: First Church of Christ

ADDRESS: 909 W Spring Street

WHERE: Bluffton, IN

Guest Speaker: Dr. Dianne Pitts,

International Director from South Carolina



LUNCH: POTATO BAR, WITH TOPPINGS

including barbecued chicken, taco meat, cheese sauce,
broccoli, sour cream, bacon, scallions, butter, jalapenos, and salsa;
Raw Vegetable Tray w/dip; Apple cream pie for dessert

PLACE: Lunch at the FCC Youth Center **LOCATION:** Beside FCC Church

The Lunch will be catered by
Lighted Gardens Restaurant, North of Ossian, Indiana.

You may send the form and money, because of the nature of the lunch, reservations are required by Mar. 18.

CONVENTION COST: \$20 per person, which covers the cost of your continental breakfast of roll, coffee, and bottled water, and your lunch with coffee & bottled water.

Please bring Door Prize Items and Silent Auction Items.

Cut on above line and
Send Registrations forms to:
DG Sandy Zeigler
1121 Ridgewood Lane
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THOUGHTS FROM FVDG TERRY MARKER

Here it is almost Valentine's Day and many of your clubs will hold special meetings that include your spouses. I'm asking you to take the time to invite them to become a member of the club. The clubs that have already done that have found out they are a big help to the club. Most of them help out with your projects anyway, so invite them to join in.

I just received the LCIF report today and we are at 30% of our goal for the year. We are seven months into the year which means we should be closer to 50%. For those who may not have heard yet, LCIF is asking for \$26.00 per member for the year. Or you can take the \$26.00 and multiply it by your membership and get what the club needs to raise through fund raisers. This is what LCIF needs to maintain giving out grants at the rate they are doing so. I hope that some of the clubs will take up the challenge to take a special offering at each meeting, or have a silent auction or some other way to raise the funds needed. As a District we have received more than our fair share.

It has been a busy time for me, as I prepare to go to Saint Charles, Illinois for District Governor training. E-learning courses on the LCI Learning Center, Zoom meetings with the group I am assigned to from all over the world. And working on a Hunger project with four others from the group. It is a challenge to get a time when we can all meet since we are all in different time zones from Japan to Indiana.

As I begin to think about next year, I need someone who has been a club president, a zone chair and or District Secretary to say yes to be next years Second Vice District Governor. I know there are people out there who are qualified and it's your time to shine.

Congratulations to those clubs who have added new members. Keep up the fine work of recruiting. For the rest of the district, it is not too late to "JUST ASK." It is still the best way to recruit.

A tip that comes from Zone Chair Steve Kramer (Zone C Chair). Make some posters with all your coming activities and then hand them out around the community so that people know what you do. List the projects you support, both locally and state and national. Let people know Lions make a difference and they can join in and help to.

Have a great Valentine's Day and don't forget the MD 25 District Convention will be here before you know it and then Indiana Lions State Convention. I hope to see all of you at both of them. Together we are a pride. Alone we are limited.

APPRECIATING OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

By: DG Sandy Zeigler

My husband, Lions Past State Council Chair Jerry Zeigler, recently met with our Wells County Sheriff Scott Holiday. PCC Jerry, representing our home club, the Bluffton Lions Club, expressed our gratitude for all that they do. In recognition of the Wells County Sheriff's Department on "National Law Enforcement Day," PCC Jerry presented Sheriff Holiday with several of our Pizza Hut cards for him to share with his Deputies and staff. County Sheriff Scott was so appreciative of their gift. Also, Sheriff Holiday expressed his thankfulness for all that our Bluffton Lions Club do for our community.

PCC Jerry Zeigler, on the left, representing the Bluffton Lions Club presented Sheriff Scott Holiday with several Pizza Hut discount cards



BLUFFTON LIONS CLUB REMEMBERS THE BLUFFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

By DG Sandy Zeigler

Former President of the Bluffton Lions Club, Indiana Lion State Past Council Chair Jerry Zeigler of the Bluffton Lions Club gave Bluffton Police Chief Kyle Randall several Bluffton Pizza Hut cards for "National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day." With these cards, the Bluffton Police Department will be able to enjoy their Pizza Hut pizza and Pizza Hut pasta at reasonable, reduced prices.



SVDG JIM BUSH

Happy New Year Lions! It's hard to believe, but we're already half-way through the Lions year! Time flies when you're having fun! Remember, being a Lion is supposed to be fun! Are we having enough fun to share it with our friends and families? We (I) can always do more to bring new Lions into the family. Do you remember what made you become a Lion? What made you decide to continue being a Lion? Do you have a 30 second story you can share with others when you invite them? Do you have a Lions story you can share with people you talk to? I'm guessing everyone reading this article has AT LEAST ONE, and probably many stories about the blessing they've received while living out our motto "WE SERVE". I'd like to challenge each one of you to work on and share your short story and bring your friends to share in the fun!

We're coming into a busy time of the year and time is going to start flying. Many clubs are about to launch into their busy time of service and fundraising activities. As that time approaches, please earmark some time for our District and State Conventions. They are a great way to share in the Service and successes of Lions in our area and state. This year's District 25B convention will be held on March 25th at the First Church of Christ in Bluffton, starting at 8:30. There will be committee representatives, a guest speaker and district nominations and elections will be held. Come on out and enjoy some fellowship and fun with your fellow Lions.

The Multiple District 25 State Convention will be hosted by District 25E in Bloomington this year from Friday May 12th to Sunday May 14th. Festivities will kick off with a Monroe County Limestone Presentation at 9:00 am Friday and it's only going to get better from there. Boilermakers don't be afraid to go to Bloomington, trust me won't burst into flames, Bloomington is actually very nice at that time of the year. The state convention committee has been working hard to make sure you have a good time this year.

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There will be presentations, dinners, conferences, golf, service projects and special guest will be Lions International President Brian Sheehan and Lion Lori. This convention promises to be fun-filled and you can register at www.indianalionsconvention.org Registration forms must be postmarked by April 30th 2023. It will be here before you know it, so hurry up and register today!

Finally, I'd like to appeal to you to take your Lions journey to the next level. We need new leaders every year to help on various committees and everyone has something to offer. Our diverse experiences make us a great and strong organization that makes a great impact on our community and our world. Please consider taking your Lionism to another level and helping us improve. No matter what your interest or experience there's a place for you on one of our state project committees or as a future leader. Don't worry about training, there are a lot of local and online resources to help you navigate your path. You'll have the opportunity to meet some more great Lions! If you have questions, please let me know and I'll help you find the answers.

We Serve!

SVDG Jim Bush



Tri-Lakes Lions

**FISH & TENDERLON FRY
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2023
4 PM - 7 PM (OR SOLD OUT)
2935 E COLONY AV, COLUMBIA CITY**

**DINE-IN PLATE MEAL
KIDS 13-ADULT \$13.00
KIDS 6-12 \$6.00
KIDS 5 & UNDER FREE**

CARRYOUT AVAILABLE

**JUST MEAT \$13.00
MEAL \$13.00
QT POT SALAD \$5.00**

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Andrews Lions President Phil Bitzer presenting a Domino Effect Keychain to Lion Linda Edmandson for getting a new member.



New Andrews Lions members Lion Pamela Stouffs and Lion Dan Stouffs with their sponsor Andrews Lions President Phil Bitzer.



Andrews Lions Club President Lion Phil Bitzer, Lion Pamela Stouffs, Lion Dan Stouffs and Secretary Lion Mike Okuly installing the new members.



NEW HAVEN'S OFFICIAL VISIT ON JANUARY 16, 2023

By: DG Sandy Zeigler

Here I am on January 16, 2023, at my Official Visit to the New Haven Lions Club in New Haven, Indiana.



I am welcomed to my Official Visit to the New Haven Lions Club by the New Haven Lions Club President and Zone Chair Lion Dennis Stoll.

It was my honor to present two letters of congratulations from International President Brian Sheehan to two deserving New Haven Lions Club members for their years of dedicated service.



Congratulations to PDG Donald L. Cooper of the New Haven Lions Club for 25 years of faithful dedication. He received his certificate and a 25-year chevron. Congratulations to Lion William W. Hart of the New Haven Lions Club for 45-years of faithful dedication. He received his certificate and a 45-year chevron.

MY OFFICIAL VISIT TO MY HOME CLUB

By: DG Sandy Zeigler

January 17th was my official visit to my home club, the Bluffton Lions Club. In my home club, we have a lot of couples, which was clearly shown in this photo. In their Lions Club vests on the left were Sarah and Don Smith. Don is our Bluffton Lions Club Vice President. In the yellow shirt was Lion Karen Harrod, whose husband is our Lions Club Treasurer Lin Harrod. He had another meeting which he was at on [January 17th](#). Next on the right are the Tillmans, Leslie and Lowell.



On the left is our Bluffton Lions Club President Jim Ottjes and his wife, Lion Rev. Karen, who is our Bluffton Lions Club secretary, both were in light blue. On the other side of this table were Lion Jeff Hewitt in the tan sweater and Lion Leann White who had a multiple colored scarf around her neck.



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MY OFFICIAL VISIT TO MY HOME CLUB CONTINUED

Another couple in the Bluffton Lions Club is the Zeiglers, shown here with my Council Chair Scott Smith. The three of us were at the Decatur Lions Club's 95th Anniversary Celebration. PCC Jerry and I were in our official Lions attire.



We have the Engles, Dean and Rita, who are members of the Bluffton Lions Club. We also have the Penrods, Alan and Jane, and Alan's Leader Dog, Sadie.

Being a couple is not a requirement for being a Lion. It's just fun going to the meetings together, and making the meeting into a date night.

"Together we can!" That is the motto of our Lions International President, Lion Brian Sheehan. IP Brian and his lovely wife, Lion Lori, were walking the Lions International Parade together in Montreal, Canada.



3RD CABINET MEETING

By: Lion DG Sandy Zeigler

On January 8, 2023, District 25 B's 3rd Cabinet Meeting was held in the Peabody Library Basement. It was a wonderful meeting place.

Shown to my right at the head table was Lion FVDG Terry Marker and his lovely wife, Lion Nikki Marker from the Albion Lions Club. In front of the Markers are Bluffton Lion Club President Jim Ottjes and to his right, Decatur Lions Club Vice President Lion Pastor Steven Bard.



Lion Cabinet Treasurer PDG Richard Hill discussed his report, then he paused for questions.



In the foreground on the left is Lion Tina Williams from my Bluffton Lions Club who was assisting with door prizes. Shown in the center front of that photo is about Heritage Lions Club President Lion Tom Wolf.

Across the table from Lions Club President Tom Wolf was Lion Rev. Karen Ottjes, secretary of the Bluffton Lions Club. She had her robin egg blue jacket hanging behind her. Beside Lion President, Tom was his wife, Lions Heritage Club Secretary, Lion Cindy Wolf.



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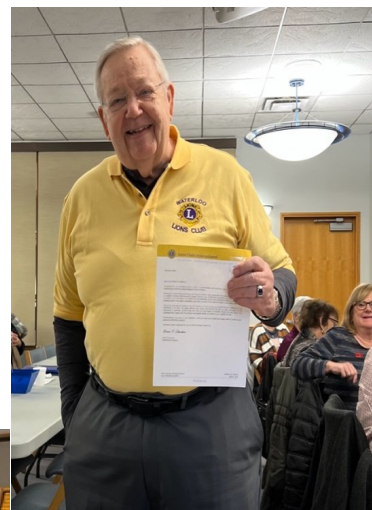
Shown on the left is Zone D Chair, Lion Kevin McDermitt, who is also the secretary of the Arcola Lions Club. Lion ZC Kevin is listening attentively to the Saturday morning meeting.

ZC Kevin had arranged for help for PCC Jerry with sitting up the room for the Cabinet Meeting. He had furnished the rolls, coffee, and bottled water for the meeting. He was also instrumental in helping PCC Jerry Zeigler take tables and chairs down and put away, and moving the banners, flags, gavel, bell, and everything back to the van to be ready for the last District Cabinet Meeting which will be on May 21st.



Shown here is your District 25B-DG Lion Sandy Zeigler, in her red jacket, with District 25B Cabinet Secretary Lion Carol Bittner, in her red plaid. Lion Carol is also President of the Decatur Lions Club.

At Saturday's Cabinet Meeting, Waterloo Lions member Lion Dwight M. Zerkle received a 20-year chevron and a letter from International Lions Club President Brian Sheehan congratulating him for his 20 years of faithful service as a Lion. Accepting the chevron and letter is Lion Ken Surber, Secretary Waterloo Lions Club



As the photos showed, we had a really good meeting with a great turnout.

WELCOME TO FINDING NEW IDEAS FOR SERVICE AND FUNDRAISERS

Covid has affected many things in our lives. It has affected our Lions Clubs. We must not only figure out what our communities need, but we must figure out how to do them safely as well. Not only that, but we must figure out how to involve ALL age groups and different levels of activity. Our younger members are ready to DO things, but often don't care for planning or ordering of supplies. To do a successful service project or fundraiser both are NEEDED and Everyone must feel that they are.

Helping others

Helping to improve their community

Gaining something

which might be helping to strengthen a resume/college application
meeting new friends

Service Projects present a way to gain work experience and learn more.

All projects need money – thus fundraising is important. Projects can be:

Reoccurring or one time

Conducted by a club/individual or partner with a company/organization

ALL have an IMPACT – for a specific group of people or area, even if it's just someone passing through and area and noticing how nice the area is!

Helping the Hungry and/or Homeless

- Build a house with Habitat for Humanity
- Donate your old clothes
- Volunteer at a soup kitchen
- Donate old eyeglasses to an organization that collects that and distributes them to people in need
- Donate non-perishable food to a food bank
- Donate blankets to a homeless shelter
- Host a Thanksgiving dinner for people who may not be able to afford their own
- Offer to babysit or nanny for a family in need

Make "care kits" with [shampoo](#), [toothbrushes](#), [combs](#), etc. to donate to homeless shelters

- Prepare a home-cooked meal for the residents of a nearby homeless shelter
- Collect grocery coupons to give to a local food bank
- Help repair or paint a local homeless shelter
- Donate art supplies to kids in a homeless shelter
- Help organize and sort donations at a homeless shelter
- Babysit children while their parents look for jobs
- Become a Big Buddy for children at a homeless shelter
- Take homeless children on outings
- Bake a batch of cookies or loaf of bread and deliver it to a soup kitchen
- Build flower boxes for Habitat for Humanity houses
- Organize a winter clothes drive to collect coats, hats, scarves, and gloves to be donated

Make first aid kits for homeless shelters

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WELCOME TO FINDING NEW IDEAS FOR SERVICE AND FUNDRAISERS CONTINUED

Reducing Crime and Promoting Safety

- Volunteer at a police station or firehouse
- Become a certified lifeguard and volunteer at a local pool or beach
- Paint over graffiti in your neighborhood
- Organize a self-defense workshop
- Organize a drug-free campaign
- Sponsor a drug-free post-prom event
- Start or join a neighborhood watch program
- Create and distribute a list of hotlines for people who might need help
- Teach a home-alone safety class for children
- Create a TV or radio public service announcement against drug and alcohol use
- Become CPR certified
- Volunteer as a crossing guard for an elementary school

Make cards to give to a home for the elderly. This could fit well into an art project or poetry writing assignment.

2. Have a can drive to collect food for your local food bank. Great for adding into a math lesson, learning about grocery shopping and budgeting.

3. Collect books for a school in another country. If a student is going on a vacation abroad, they may have a suitcase to spare. Find a school that needs books and collect a suitcase full. And prepare a lesson on the country and culture when the student returns home!

4. Take baked goods to a local police/fire station. Learning about different jobs in the community? Add some appreciation into the unit, as well.

5. Make sure the school has a recycling system and, if not, raise awareness and funds to get one in place. Add up the trash each student uses and create graphs to share with the school community about how much garbage is created each day by individuals, families, classrooms, and the school. Older kids could write letters and a proposal for getting the needed recycling bins.

6. Sponsor an animal at the zoo by holding a class yard sale or raffle. This one fits great into learning about animals or a field trip to the zoo.

7. Plant trees, start a school garden, or volunteer in a community garden. Kids love to learn about where their food came from. Help them see the process first hand and find out how they can support nature in their community.

8. Donate household or baby items to refugees through the local refugee organization. Ask students whose families recently moved to your country to share a bit about their culture. Create some of their traditional food or celebrate a cultural holiday in class.

9. Take clothes to the local women's shelter. Violence prevention can always be made age appropriate. Do some role plays about handling problems without violence... and invite guest speakers (like the police or social workers) to offer a presentation to the class about how to protect themselves and others.

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WELCOME TO FINDING NEW IDEAS FOR SERVICE AND FUNDRAISERS CONTINUED

10. Collect toys for children in need.

11. collect used clothes for good will/ salvation army

Participating in community service is one of the most rewarding things you can do. No matter your age, giving back can help you build friendships, develop new skills, and increase life satisfaction — all while making the world a better place. It's no wonder that in a *Good Housekeeping* poll of over 4,000 people, 19% of respondents said they typically volunteer once a month and another 19% said they volunteer even more than that. Ahead, we've found the most impactful community service ideas for volunteers of all ages. Remember: these ideas are meant to be general. If one speaks to you, think of ways you can personalize it toward your interests and expertise. Don't be afraid to think big either. While you could totally pick up litter at the beach by yourself, you'd cover a lot more land if you organized a group to help you out. You might even ask everyone in that group to bring a can of food for a food pantry, too. It's all about getting creative and brainstorming ways to make giving back fun. And if you're hesitant to get out into your community, don't miss these exciting virtual volunteer opportunities

Community service ideas for kids

Make cards for seniors.

Grow vegetables and donate the produce to neighbors or a food bank.

Use chalk to write inspiring quotes on the sidewalk.

Choose which gently used clothes to donate to charity.

Pick up litter at a local park.

Write cards to service members.

Make a "New to the Neighborhood" guidebook for new kids at school.

Put on a talent show at a nursing home.

Offer water bottles or snacks to sanitation workers.

Collect donations in lieu of birthday gifts.

Choose foods at the grocery store to donate to a food bank.

Make "You Made My Day" cards and give them to cashiers, baristas, delivery people, or anyone else you meet.

Write a thank-you note to your mail carrier.

Cheer on the athletes at a Special Olympics event.

Host a lemonade stand for a special cause.

Invite someone new to play at the playground.

Participate in a local charity walk.

Decorate placemats for Meals on Wheels.

Plant a tree.

Put a tip in a tip jar.

Recycle bottles and donate the proceeds to a special cause.

Donate hair to an organization that makes wigs for kids who have cancer.

Choose toys at the mall to donate to a toy drive.

Greet new neighbors with a gift package filled with local goods.

Collect coins for a special cause.

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WELCOME TO FINDING NEW IDEAS FOR SERVICE AND FUNDRAISERS CONTINUED

Community service ideas for adults

Deliver meals for Meals on Wheels. Deliver groceries to those in need.
Sort donations at a homeless shelter. Offer job interview training at a community center
Become a mentor to a student interested in your career path.
Become CPR certified. Host a coat drive at your workplace or a local business.
Volunteer as a poll worker on election day. Register people to vote.
Establish a day of service at your workplace.
Choose a non-profit or charity you care about and ask how you can volunteer on a long-term basis.
Start a neighborhood welcome committee. Clean graffiti in your neighborhood.
Bring surplus food donations from local restaurants and grocers to a nearby food bank.
Teach an ESL class at a local school or library. Teach a class at a community center.
Become a member at a museum, theater, or cultural institution and volunteer at events.
Clean up after a natural disaster or storm.
Drive seniors to doctors appointments.
Become a Big Brother or Big Sister. Babysit for a neighbor in need.
Organize a musical hour or reading program for kids at a local park or library.
Assemble bags of socks, snacks, and other essentials to give to people in need.
Quilt or knit blankets for local hospitals, NICUs, or hospice centers.
Foster a cat or dog. Help train a service dog.

Virtual community service ideas

Read books with a buddy on StoriTime.
Start a Pay It Forward or Buy Nothing group for your neighborhood on Facebook.
Volunteer as a crisis counselor for a crisis hotline.
Help people who are blind or have low vision via video chat using Be My Eyes.
Become a translator for important causes through Translators Without Borders.
Start a positive-news-only Instagram account for people in your community.
Conduct mock interviews on video chat.
Convert public domain books into ebooks with Distributed Proofreaders.
Use your professional skills to help a non-profit through Catch a Fire.
Become an online volunteer listener through 7Cups.
Tutor students on video chat.
Help others navigate challenges at work by becoming a peer counselor with Empower Work.
Archive historical documents for the Smithsonian Institute.
Host a donations drive on Facebook for your birthday.
Play games with seniors on video chat.
Share petitions you're passionate about to bring attention to important causes.

Make [“superhero capes”](#) for your local children's hospital with basic materials (glue, string, fabric, felt, scissors).

Knit [baby blankets](#) or [booties](#) to be presented to newborns at your local hospital

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- Ask members to bring in new, gently-used, stuffed animals to your club meeting so they may be donated to free health clinics in your community.
- Switch up your club meeting spot, and ask members to meet at a local Goodwill or similar store to shop for books to be donated to local school libraries.

Ask your club members to collect coloring books for kids at the local [Boys & Girls Club](#).

- Ask members to bring inexpensive toys and games to wrap during a club meeting and then deliver to a women's domestic abuse shelter or other local charities for kids.

Shop online at [Dollar Days](#) (a Kiwanis International partner) to buy basic supplies for schools supported by the club.

- Ask your club members to secure coloring books and crayons for kids in hospitals.
- Ask members to bring canned food to your club meetings around Thanksgiving time, so it can be donated to homeless shelters.
- Organize your club members to make up survival kits for civil servants to be utilize as they interact with kids.
- Ask members to bring in discarded cell phones to your club meetings that can be donated to domestic violence shelters.
- Organize your club members to make bookmarks and door hangers.
- Start a “diaper dump” service project, asking members to collect disposable diapers in various sizes that will then be delivered to local shelters, free health clinics and youth-serving organizations to give to mothers who cannot afford expensive disposable diapers for their children.

Do your club members have old sneakers that have a few miles left in them? Collect and send them to [Soles4Souls](#), a charity that will find someone who needs them.

- Paint park benches
- Donate used books to your local library
- Become a tour guide at your local museum
- Plant flowers in bare public areas
- Organize a campaign to raise money to buy and install new playground equipment for a park
- Participate in or help organize a community parade
- Produce a neighborhood newspaper
- Campaign for more lighting along poorly lit streets
- Create a newcomers group in your neighborhood to help welcome new families
- Petition your town leaders to build more drinking fountains and public restrooms
- Volunteer to clean up trash at a community event
- Adopt a local highway or road and clean up trash along it
- Help fix or raise funds to repair a run-down playground
- Repaint community fences
- Clean up vacant lot
- Clean up after a natural disaster

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WELCOME TO FINDING NEW IDEAS FOR SERVICE AND FUNDRAISERS CONTINUED

Next Steps

Now that you know what your options are for community service, you can take the following steps to start getting involved:

#1: Look over your interests: Which activities seem most appealing to you? Were they mostly in one particular category, like children or the environment? If so, that's a good starting place for choosing specific organizations to contact.

#2: Figure out how much time you can devote to community service: Are you available for two hours every week? Are you not free on a regular basis but can volunteer for an entire weekend now and then?

Think about transportation as well and how you'll be able to get to different locations. Knowing this information will help you choose which community service projects to pursue, and it's helpful information for volunteer coordinators to know.

#3: Do some research to see what projects you can do in your community: Check at your school, place of worship, or town hall for more information on volunteering. You can also contact the place where you'd like to perform your community service, such as a particular animal shelter or nursing home, and ask if they take volunteers.

#4: Start volunteering! This list ranges from small projects that you can complete on your own in a few hours, to much larger projects that will take more time and people. If you find a project you can start on your own, do it!

If you want to do a project where you'll need more resources or people, check around your community to see if a similar program already exists that you can join. If not, don't be afraid to start your own! Many organizations welcome new volunteers and community service projects.



TOGETHER WE WILL (IN BLOOMINGTON IN MAY, 11-14, 2023)

PDG Gary Ochs and I want to give EVERY Lion a personal invitation to attend the 102nd 2023 Indiana Lions State Convention in Bloomington, Indiana on May 11-14 -2023. All Lions will have a great opportunity to meet other Lions, hear great speakers, attend wonderful seminars and learn what wonderful things that the Lions are doing across the State of Indiana. But for one especial reason to come to the convention, you will have the opportunity to meet one particular Lion, OUR INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT BRIAN SHEEHAN. President Brian and his wife will be the special guests of Indiana Lions and will be traveling to Indiana just TO MEET YOU, HEAR FROM YOU, AND TO GET YOUR INPUT FOR THE BETTERMENT OF LIONS.

The convention will start on Friday, May 12, 2023. You can come into Bloomington and stay at either the Courtyard at the Monroe County Convention Center or at the Hyatt Place on Kirkwood. Both of those hotels have blocks of rooms reserved for the Lions at rates that you will not want to pass up. See the registration form for the specific details to register with the block reserved from the Lions.

On Friday morning, there will be a presentation in the Monroe County Convention Center on the limestone industry of Lawrence and Monroe Counties. This industry has in the past provided the limestone for major monuments and buildings in Washington DC as well as in numerous states and countries. We will have a special speaker from Bloomington to make this presentation to the Lions. This will be given on Friday morning at 9:00 am, so you will want to plan to attend this event.

Friday night the Ellettsville Lions will be sponsoring a bar-b-q dinner with the High Sierra band performing at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. This will take place prior to the first general business session of the convention at the convention center. The dinner will be sure to be a good time to catch up with old friends and make new friends over great food and music. The first business session will be the official beginning of the convention.

Saturday is filled with the district caucuses, vendors, exhibits, the second general business session, seminars, and the ALL STATE BANQUET. See the full schedule of events for the convention at www.indianalionsconvention.org. One seminar will be led by But make sure to plan to attend the All State Banquet. Not only will be have the keynote address from IP Brian, but will lead a seminar at 1:30 in the afternoon and his wife, Lion Lori, will lead a seminar at 2:30 pm. But at the All State Banquet, you will want to enjoy the presentation from the INDIANA SINGING HOOSIERS that will perform during our dinner meal. This will be a great performance given just for the Indiana Lions.

Sunday will be a special day of remembrance for those Lions whom we have lost in the past year. PDG Newell Clifton and his wife Lions Judy, will lead the memorial service and help us remember those we cherish for their past service. The brunch will fill you up and we will conclude the convention with the third business session. At the end of the third business session all the ladies will receive a gift for attending the convention on Mother's Day.

All in all, the convention Lions of Indiana. Make plans a great experience being a Lion. May. See you then, PDG Mark



will be a busy and exciting time for the now to attend in Bloomington and have We both look forward to seeing you in Clark, & PDG Gary Ochs.



2023 Indiana Lions 102nd 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 12th 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

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



DG SANDY AND DISTRICT B CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2023



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1	2 Stroh Lions Club 7:00 Church of Christ 	3	4
5	6 Ligonier Lions Club 6:30 Fashion Farm Restaurant (Dinner Meet- ing) 	7 Arcola Lions Club 6:30 Arcola Fire- house (Dinner Meet- ing) 	8	9	10	11 Polar Bear Plunge 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM Me- tea County Park Nature Center
12	13	14 Valentine's Day 	15	16	17	18 Tri Lakes Lions Club Fish Fry 
	20 President's Day 	21 Bluffton Lions Club 6:15 Milli's (Dinner Meeting) 	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

DG Sandy Zeigler
1121 Ridgewood Lane
Bluffton, IN 46714

February 2023

