



Photos provided

(LEFT) The first ones who helped pack the Care-ing Cases. (RIGHT) The job is done and now it's time to be social.

Lions care & sock it to you

Care-ing Cases and Sock It To Me Special Project at Mid-Winter Conference. Job well done, Lions. You came down to the Special Project Room during the Mid-Winter Conference and not only got your steps in, but you filled all the Care-ing Cases and the Hygiene Bags, put them in the Backpacks, and you even

donated a thousand items to the Sock It To Me tables. Think of how wonderful those warm new items are going to feel! The Special Project Team would like to thank each one of you who came down and helped make someone else's life a little better. There is nothing like a Lion who shows they care.

Special Project 2025 Team

- PDG Tom Robbins
- Lion Jennifer Drapalik
- Leo Danielle Drapalik
- PDG Kathy Lozier
- Lion Gail Robbins

Turn to Page 13 to read more about the Mid-Winter Conference and see several photos.

LCIF is there when people are in need

By PDG Ken Faulkner
MD LCIF Chair

What a year LCIF has had so far. In late September 2024, families were plunged into darkness when Hurricane Helene tore through the southeastern United States. This storm was the deadliest to strike the U.S. mainland since Hurricane Katrina in 2005, causing severe destruction and heartbreak.

Knowing these victims had a long and painful road to recovery ahead of them, LCIF approved 14 grants totaling \$380,000 in response to Hurricane Helene. This includes 12 Emergency Grants of \$15,000 each across Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee, plus two Major Catastrophe Grants of \$100,000 each awarded to North Carolina and Florida. These grants helped Lions provide things like water, food, cleaning supplies, toiletries, flashlights, and linens.

The essential supplies and physical assistance go a long way in rebuilding the community, but for many, emotional support can be just as effective. District 35-I District Governor Patty Jean Strong says, "It's not just about the material goods because those things are transient. They need humanity and empathy, and that's what we LIONS give."

Several destructive wildfires that swept through the Los Angeles area of California are devastating entire communities. More than 28 people have died, and more than 180,000 people have been evacuated. The fires have burned over 50,000 acres and destroyed more than 16,000 structures, including homes, displacing countless families.

When a humanitarian crisis of this magnitude strikes, we, as Lions, are ready to help. Right beside us is Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), our global foundation. LCIF is mobilizing funds, including two Emergency Grants awarded and disbursed for \$15,000 each for immediate relief supplies and a \$100,000 Major Catastrophe Grant, to empower Lions in California to help their communities recover. Lions in California continue to develop plans.

These are two examples of what and where your donations can assist those struggling with these disasters. We can no longer say, "All of our donations go overseas." \$510,000 has gone to the east coast and west coast of the CA 1. It is also why we fundraise!

Want to be part of the cool group? For a \$10 donation, your LCIF Coordinators will award you an "I Love LCIF pin." Have your membership number ready so we can credit your account towards a Melvin Jones Fellowship. See your LCIF District Coordinator.

Donate online now at LionsClubs.org/en/donate.

Getting back to basics of Lionism



Council Chairperson's Corner

CC Julia Kozicki
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Hello Lions and Happy New Year! My theme for articles this year is 'Back to Basics,' where I plan to highlight the basics of Lionism and share the joy of Lionism in Indiana. In January, like many people, I made some New Year's resolutions, which this year included committing to more education on Lionism. Luckily, there have been many opportunities already in 2025. Our Indiana Lions Midwinter Conference was a great success, including an outstanding keynote on Saturday and lots of different sessions for learning new tips and tricks on a variety of topics. You will

find an article and pictures elsewhere providing the full recap of the conference. The Lions of the United States of America (LionsUSA) have been sponsoring a three-session Zoom workshop on Growing Lions. The workshop is applicable to both building new clubs and encouraging retention and recruitment in existing clubs. If you are interested in learning more, it's not too late to join the last workshop on Thursday, Feb. 13. When you sign up, you'll get the recordings of the first two sessions. Talk to your district governor team for more information. Lastly, our Area 1E leader, Past International Director Bob Block, shared that he was part of the team teaching a Guiding Lions course in Illinois, and Lion Jeff and I drove up to take the class. A Guiding Lion can assist a new club or a club in need of support in building or rebuilding a strong club. The Guiding Lion resources on the LionsClubs.org website have a number of great materials, but the one I'd

like to highlight is:

Six Elements of Club Success

1. The club members have conducted service projects that are meaningful to them.
2. The club has achieved a net growth in membership and involves new members in activities quickly
3. The club communicates effectively with the members and the public.
4. Club events are held regularly and are meaningful and positive.
5. Club officers participate in zone and district leadership training.
6. The club is in good standing and reports regularly.

How does your club stack up to this list? If there are areas where you would like to improve, make a club resolution for the new year to work on these elements. The more success our clubs have, the more service we can provide to our world in need.

Yours in Lionism,
CC Julia

Indiana Lions Foundation holds annual Christmas luncheon with State Fair gate captains

Trustees and guests met for a delightful and delicious Christmas luncheon at the Carmel Lions Clubhouse on Saturday, Dec. 15, 2024. PID Doug Lozier and Foundation President Kathy Lozier prepared two delicious meat entrees and trustees provided the sides, salads and desserts. State Fair gate captains and their spouses and friends were the guests of honor at the luncheon and were invited to provide their suggestions on how to make our annual manning of State Fair entry gates an even better experience for them and our volunteers. PDG Don Cooper unveiled the 2025 State Fair volunteer pin, which

he designed. This pin is spectacular and will be a much sought-after souvenir item next year! Prior to the luncheon, the trustees met to review various committee reports including our financial health, which remains very solid. PCC Sue Topf is accepting applications from those with State Fair credits for the purpose of receiving a \$200 unrestricted grant to any club, any of the five state projects, LCIF or the Indiana Lions Foundation. A minimum of 10 credits is required for these unrestricted grants. The Foundation approved four matching grants:

- The Williamsburg club will receive \$1,000 towards a \$2,000 project for the purchase of books for every student at a local elementary school.
- The Worthington club will receive a \$1,000 grant toward a \$9,100 project to place memorial wreaths on the graves of over 600 veterans in their local cemetery.
- The Sullivan County club will receive a \$1,000 grant towards the funding of a \$7,700 dyslexia training initiative for teachers in Sullivan County elementary schools.
- The Whiting club will receive a \$1,000 grant towards a \$6,168 storywalk project in the Whiting city park.



Roars from District A

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Photos provided

(Left, from left) Lions George Morley, Dennis Fischer, Cindy Fischer, Bonnie Olson, and Gene Flickinger drop off donations at Riley Elementary School. (Center, front row, from left) Mrs. Liz Wiesemann and Mrs. Laura Fritzen (Back row, from left) Lions Dennis Fischer, Cindy Fischer, Gene Flickinger, Bonnie Olson, and George Morley drop off donations at Kingsbury Elementary School. (Right, from left) Lions Dennis Fischer, Cindy Fischer, Bonnie Olson, Gene Flickinger, and George Morley drop off donations at Kingsford Heights Elementary.

Special Supplies for Special Schemes

Teachers are constantly seeking to implement ideas they feel would appeal to their students, and teachers at Riley, Kingsbury, and Kingsford Heights Elementary are for sure on that same wavelength in a big way and at a nonstop pace.

However, as the school year winds down, so does the budgeted funds for such inspirational projects. Having been made aware of these universal circum-

stances, members of the Door Village Lions have stepped up to boost the exhausted budgets over the past 10 or more years. In the first several years, they did this by donating cash, but in the past four or five years, Lions have donated specific supplies for projects that teachers at all three schools are planning for their students.

Hence, former teacher Lion Cindy Fischer, a committee of one, calls

each school and asks what teachers are planning in the near future and makes sure she purchases the item needed for them and then calls again to coordinate the delivery of the several boxes to each school. She also asks club members to join her and to carry some of the boxes in to the schools, and that is what happened just a few days ago when Lions Dennis Fischer, Bonnie Olson, Gene Flickinger and

George Morley showed up first at Riley Elementary where Principal Mrs. Doty Kristen and Secretary Amanda Doepke met them and accepted several boxes of items requested by teachers of classes PreK through fourth grade.

Immediately after leaving Riley, members met at Kingsbury Elementary and met with Principal Mrs. Liz Wiesemann and Secretary Mrs. Dawn Sprouse and fourth-grade teacher

Mrs. Laura Fritzen and repeated delivering boxes of items requested by teachers.

The third stop for members was at Kingsford Heights Elementary, meeting up with Principal Mrs. Amy Kosier and Secretary Mrs. Peggy Irvin. Secretaries at all three schools were very good about coordinating all the intricacies of the project and even took the pictures and delivered the thanks expressed by the

teachers using the items.

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

For more information, please call Lion George Morley at (219) 575-3575.

Being a Lions means embracing service & making the world better

By 1VDG Jim Furlong

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



Furlong

Here are a few compelling reasons why people join Lions Clubs:

1. Passion for Service

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

2. Community & Fellowship

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

3. Personal & Professional Growth

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

4. Global Impact

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

5. A Legacy of Service

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

6. Inspiring Future Generations

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

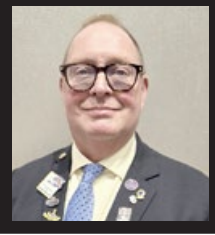
In summary, being a Lion is about embracing a commitment to service, building strong community bonds, and contributing to a better world. It's a journey of personal fulfillment and a chance to leave a lasting impact.

St. John Lions work hard, play hard



Photos provided

The St. John Lions mixed work and fun during the holidays! The Club did some vision screening at Breakfast with Santa, played Plinko, handed out little prizes to all the kids, and were lucky enough to have a few of our members take a picture with Jolly Ole St. Nick himself. Lions collected gifts for "Stuff the Squad" at our December meeting to give to the St. John Police Department for their donation boxes for Toys for Toys. The St. John Lions Club hopes you had a blessed holiday season!



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There is no “someday”

By DG Jim Bush
District 25B Governor

Years ago, I purchased a T-shirt that listed the days of the week – Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday – and you see, there is no “Someday.” The point is, the time to take action is NOW.

While it’s incredibly cold outside, spring is coming, and after that, prime Lions activity time. Now is the time to plan new service projects to tackle and invite prospective Lions to. Plan to Make your Mark with a new service project this year using the helpful guides on the Lions Portal. Make plans to earn a club excellence award this year. Working to achieve club excellence can also help attract and retain new Lions.

As a quick reminder, requirements for a Club Excellence Award are:

- Membership**
 - New Lions (two new Lions or 10 percent growth whichever is greater) or Chartered a new Lions Club
- Service**
 - A new service project
 - List three service activities your club participated in and reported to Lions International

- LCIF**
 - Contributed to LCIF an amount greater than or equal to the club’s membership total multiplied by \$10.

- Leadership & Organizational Excellence**
 - Club is in Good Standing: Not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension. District dues paid and no unpaid balance with Lions International greater than \$50 outstanding 90 days or more.

- Key officers participate in club officer training
- Marketing**
 - Club has publicized its service activities through local media or social media.
 - Completed applications are due by Aug. 31, 2025. Send to club-excellenceaward@lions-clubs.org.

- There is also a 5-star club excellence award that can be earned by:
 - Achieving the Club Excellence Award
 - Membership increase of 20 percent (minimum of five members for small clubs)
 - Minimum \$20 per member donation to LCIF or \$1,000 whichever is less
 - Annual service and membership report submitted

Application forms should be completed and verified by your District Governor and sent to LCI prior to the deadline. There’s plenty of time to accomplish the requirements prior to our Indiana State Convention. Let’s all strive to achieve Club Excellence and Make our Mark!

Time to “Level Up”
No, I’m not a hipster; there’s another word with negative connotations that applies that ends in “er” but we’re not going there. Not the point.

How many times have you been asked to “level up” lately? I know that just about every time I go to any sort of Lions convention or training, I end up “leveling up” my LCIF contribution. The point I’m trying to make here is that we all need to “level up” our clubs. Do you have any idea

how big the impact would be if we “leveled up” our clubs to the next multiple of five Lions? I can’t speak for other districts, but if clubs in 25B with under 20 Lions all “leveled up” to the next multiple of five, we’d gain 57 new Lions, and to me that sounds like a good start. If every club under 20 leveled up to 20 Lions, 25B would gain 165 Lions and that would be AWESOME! Just a thought, so let’s get out there and level up!

Leaders wanted, apply within ...
I know it sounds funny, but we need your help. It takes a while to make a Lion leader, and yes, leaders are made.

Now that that’s out of the way, we are constantly looking for new candidates to begin the process of being Lion leaders. It all starts at your club level, then zone and district. Please think it over and, if asked, accept the opportunity. We need your talent. If you want to learn more, sign up for an upcoming regional leadership workshop. The workshop doesn’t cost anything, but a weekend and you’ll learn something and make a few new Lion friends. It’s a great way to get more involved. Keep an eye out for the announcement and sign up!

Speaking of leadership, every district needs Guiding Lions. Not Guiding Lion, Guiding Lions. Each new club needs a guiding Lion to assist in building successful new Lions Clubs. Indiana needs more Guiding Lions, not just one per district, but several per district.

The Guiding Lion Program is designed to assist clubs that are newly chartered, established, or rebuilding. Guiding Lions are assigned for a two-year term by the district governor in consultation with the sponsoring or established club president. Guiding Lions are limited to serving no more than two new clubs at any point in time.

- Guiding Lions assist a club to:
 - Be successful in its first two years of operation
 - Orient and train club officers and members
 - Motivate and support club growth and development
 - Locate resources available to assist the club

You can learn more about becoming a Guiding Lion by visiting lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/guiding-lion-program.

Everything you need to start the process can be found on this page, so go ahead, click it and help us build more successful clubs for service!

Lions Learning Center
Do you know that LCI has a learning center? If you’ve never heard of it, there’s no time like now to investigate further. It’s simple to access: log in to the Lion Portal, click on “Learn” and “go” to Online Learning. After signing in, you can register for a wide variety of courses or curricula. Our association has poured a lot of resources into developing this site and most of us never take advantage of it. The training is top notch, and can help us develop into better humans and Lion leaders.

Let’s go Make our Mark!

Serving vets with Clothes for Joes

Photo provided
At the Monroeville Lions Club’s Christmas meeting, the members’ service project was to donate toiletries and new or gently used clothing and shoes to “Clothes For Joes,” a non-profit organization that provides essential items to any veteran in need. They also presented a check for \$300 to volunteer Ingrid Gresley shown here with MLC member Judy Wagner. The Monroeville Lions continue to SERVE wherever there is a need!



Lions take the Polar Plunge

Submitted by Lion Carol Church, Secretary

On Dec. 31, 2024, the Hamilton Lions sponsored the Jack Gibson Memorial Scholarship Polar Plunge at beautiful Hamilton Lake. Teresa Smith, Director and event chairper-

son reported 153 jumpers registered, not inclusive of all Tri-State Jeepers who numbered approximately 20 more. Many others jumped without registering. We were happy to have Tri State Jeepers join the fun. The temperate

was 36 with windchill of 18 and a water temperature of 37.

The total collected for Jack Gibson Memorial Scholarship was \$1,726.52 with Garrett Class of ‘88 donating \$700. Seven Hamilton Lion volunteers,

two non-Lion volunteers, and both Lion Teresa and Lion Cheryl Westenkirschner jumped in the lake. It was great fun!

A video and photos are on the [Hamilton Indiana Lions Facebook page](#) for all to enjoy.

District Highlights from 25B

By DG Jim Bush
District 25B Governor

Membership Growth
Congratulations to all clubs for welcoming new Lions into our family!

In January, we added across the district. Let’s continue growing by inviting service-minded individuals to join us. So far this year, we’ve gained 44 Lions and lost 69, which currently places us at -25 for the year. Thirty-two of those Lions are “new” which is great, we only need around 103 “new” Lions to come out on the positive growth side at the end of the year. Special recognition at the halfway point for the year belongs to Larwill, Ossian, and Zanesville Lions Clubs, all have an increase of five or more Lions this year.

While we may not be where we need to be for the

year, there is still time. We know there will be another membership dip at the end of June. We have a long way to go to get back to even for the year, and further yet to buffer against year-end losses, but I know we can do it. Think about who we can invite to share the joy Lions before the end of the year and do it now!

LCIF donations update
Our district has contributed \$8,653.08 to the Lions Clubs International Foundation so far this year, that’s close to 29 percent of our goal this year and that’s great! I know that many clubs wait until spring or summer to contribute to LCIF. This year has been particularly difficult in the U.S. with a hurricane, and now massive fires in California. LCIF needs our help every day as disasters

and need knows no season. If possible, consider making your club and individual contributions now and Make Your Mark on those with the greatest need. Your contributions support disaster relief, vision projects, and global health initiatives.

Thank you for your generosity!
Service reporting progress
So far, we’ve achieved 38 percent of our service reporting goals. Our goal is 100 percent, and I know that’s possible. I know you are all doing service, we just need to report it in the Portal. Please submit your reports by March 1 to ensure our district is recognized for its outstanding efforts. If you need assistance reporting, please contact Past District Governors Alan Arnold, Roger Cash, or me and we’ll get your service

captured. You did the service, let’s get you the credit!

Call to action
• **Membership campaign:** Invite a friend, family member, or colleague to your next meeting. Growing our membership strengthens our ability to serve.

• **Service reporting:** Ensure all January and February activities are reported via the Lions Portal by March 1.

• **Follow us:** Stay connected by following our district on [Facebook Lion District 25B Northeast Indiana](#) for updates and inspiration.

Thank you for serving. Every project, every act of kindness, and every new member strengthens our district and the communities we serve. Thank you for your dedication to the Lions mission.

District B to welcome International Director John A. Lawrence

This year, it’s our honor to welcome International Director John A. Lawrence to be our guest at our District Convention. I hope you will all join in the celebration of our District’s achievements and participate in the election of our District Officers for next year. There will be recognition, food, fellowship, and service, and I hope to see you all there.



Lawrence

Director Lawrence, from Chestertown, Md., was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions Clubs International at the association’s 105th International Convention in Boston, Mass., July 7 to 11, 2023.

After serving in the U.S. Army, Director Lawrence had a career as a civil servant in the Department of Defense. During this time, he created and led a division of 120 research mathematicians and linguists. He also served as a distinguished visiting professor at the U.S. Airforce Academy and was certified as a professional in computer science, mathematics, and education. He was also honored as a distinguished

member of the Crypto-Mathematics Institute.

After looking for an opportunity to give back to his community, he found his answer when his friend asked him to become a Lion. Since joining the Kent Island Lions Club in 1997, he held a number of offices within the association including multiple district council chairperson, multiple district leadership development chairperson and multiple district convention chairperson. He also served as a Regional Lions Leadership Institute coordinator, an International Convention presenter and a moderator for the USA/Canada forum. Additionally, he has served as the chairman of the Lions Vision Research Foundation to support the Wilmer Eye Institute of the Johns Hopkins Hospital. In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including multiple International President’s Awards, International President’s Leadership Awards and International President’s Certificates of Appreciation. He is a an Arnall Patz Fellow and a Progressive

Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Lawrence is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He served as state coordinator of the Maryland AARP Tax-Aide program for which he received the AARP’s most prestigious and visible volunteer award, the Andrus Award for Community Service. Additionally, he

is a member of the County Citizens Advisory Board for a youth center and a member of the executive board of the local American Legion Post.

Director Lawrence and his partner in service, PDG Carol Schoonover, also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, share four children and four grandchildren between them.

25-B District Convention

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

Location:
Huntington University
502 Lake Street, Huntington, Indiana

Date: March 1, 2025 Registration starts 8:30 AM
Call to Order: 9:00 AM
International Guest: ID John A. Lawrence

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

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

Name: _____ \$ _____

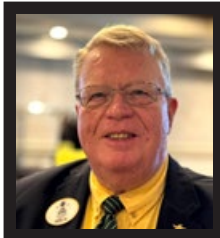
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Special meal request: Diabetic ___ Vegan ___ Gluten Free ___

Make checks out to: ___Roanoke Lions Club - Convention___

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Welcome to spring! Meet your new 2nd VDG

By DG John Waymire
District 25C Governor

Hello Lions,
Welcome to Spring! We are past Groundhog Day which means six weeks or less of winter. Meteorological spring begins on March 1. And Easter is April 20. Time flies.

This also means that Lions have four months or so to finish the year strong. How many new members have you inducted? How many new service projects have you initiated? Has your nominations and elections committee started their work? Have you signed up to attend the District Convention on Feb. 22? The keynote speaker will be ID Hans Neidhardt from Potwin, Kan. DG Shari Neidhardt will also speak on her passion of making knitted/crochet prosthetic breast forms and sending them around the world at no cost to the recipients. LIONS SERVE! As you plan for next

year's club programs, consider calling any of the three trustees that each district elects to support each of the Lions State Projects and the Lions Foundation. Help your club members understand what activities Indiana Lions support.

Has your Zone Chair called a zone meeting or visited your club yet? Give them a call. They have district information to share that will help your club grow.

As you look for new ways to serve, look at your communities. What service is not being done? Who needs help in your community? Can your club partner with another community organization to make a stronger impact? If you need a quick service activity - go plant a tree. And take a non-Lion friend or relative with you as you complete your service project. The impact of community service might just create a new Lion. LIONS SERVE!

By SVDG Tom Schultz

Greetings fellow Lions!

Let me introduce myself and tell a little bit about myself. I am Thomas (Tom) Schultz I am still working and plan to retire in the very near future. I am an engineer at Macy's and have over 51-1/2 years of service.

My wife and I raised three daughters; two retired from 22 years in the United States Air Force and the other is an oncology nurse at Bloomington Hospital. The youngest still works on the Air Force Base where she retired.

We lived in Bloomington for 30 years and my wife Marjorie (Marj) and I moved to Poland in 2013. One of our next-door neighbors was a charter member of the Poland Community Lions Club and she invited us to a club meeting in April 2014.

We had no idea what Lions were all about, but both of us were hooked. We have been members since July 2014 and have recently passed the 10-year milestone.

During those years I have been the vice president for a year and then served almost six years as the president. We switched to the Spencer Lions Club, and the first year there I was a board



Photos provided

(TOP) 2nd VDG Tom & Spencer Lions Club President Marj Schultz. (ABOVE) Meet your leaders in District C: 2VDG Tom Schultz, 1st VDG Paul Scheetz, DG John Waymire.

member and now serve as vice president.

Marj served as treasurer and membership chair at the Poland Club. She is the current club president

in Spencer and is also a zone chair. I am also serving as a zone chair and was elected on Jan. 11 as second vice district governor to fill a vacancy for

that position.

I look forward to continued service as a Lion and look forward to working with and meeting with many of you in the future.

Young Lion excels at Purdue



Photo provided

Kudos to Lafayette Lion Aki Kamsali, who recently received an award/recognition from her department at Purdue. She was recognized by the Elmore Family School of Electrical and Computer Engineering for leadership and contribution to graduate student welfare through the organization of the first Graduate Student Research Symposium.

Founded October, 1929 by downtown business owners. 2025 = 25 members

July: We operate a food stand at the eight-day-long Owen County 4-H Fair, featuring a four-ounce fish patty, fries, hot dogs, and fried cheeses.

Spencer Lions help with the Health Department's "Beach Bash." (It helps that the public health nurse, Sandy Miller, is also a Lion!) This event provides free haircuts, immunizations, clothes, socks, toiletries, laundry supplies, toys, books, and community information/help from various organizations. We offer backpacks for kids to stuff all sorts of goodies into.

We end our Summer Food Service Program the last Friday in July since school begins early August and the children will have hot lunches available at school. We averaged 185 lunches per day, Monday through Friday during the last two weeks of May, all month June and July.

August: We supply dictionaries, bookmarks and backpacks to all third-grade students in our four elementary schools (approximately 200 students). Lion Anton Neff gives a wonderful testimony about the importance of a dictionary as he immigrated to the USA as a child and learned English. He and PCC Jim Query, who learned Spanish, explain the importance of language.

September: We have sponsored the Apple Butter Festival the third weekend of September for almost 50 years. It was originally organized to promote the businesses around the town's square and draws thousands to the two-day festival. With almost 150 booths/sellers it takes a lot of organization on Lion Tyler Hammond's part. PCC Jim Query and Lion Mom (Charlotte) run

commodore races and organize an hour-long parade through the downtown. 2nd VDG Tom Schultz takes photographs and helps out President Marj Schultz at the Inflatable Zone, where kids can enjoy jumping and sliding all day or weekend for a set fee. And, all Spencer Lions also sell their famous apple butter products, made by Dillman Farms in Bloomington, Ind.

October: This month we look forward to Sight Night. Lion Anita Kay orders over 1,200 Trick or Treat bags that we distribute to all K-6 grade students in the county elementary schools. Each child is then told to come to the Spencer Lions Club building where we hand out candy, toys, and illuminated bracelets to keep the children safe and collect eyeglasses to recycle. We also assist the local schools with eye screenings during this month.

November: We usually choose a family and supply a couple tableful of groceries for the holiday. Lion Linda Davis does a marvelous job coordinating this event. And then we make great plans for December!

December: For the past 75 years, the Spencer Lions have made sure that Santa is available to greet the children the first Saturday of December. He would arrive at the courthouse on a fire truck and spend hours listening to children as they whispered wishes into his ear. PDG Jim Query spent almost 40 years wearing the red suit. His favorite story was a little girl from Guatemala who came with her mother from IU to tour the "local holiday customs." The mother explained that her five-year-old daughter did not speak English so she wouldn't be able to speak to Santa. The mother was amazed when Santa began singing "Jingle Bells"

in Spanish and invited the child over for a visit. The child ran to him, crawled upon his lap and excitedly told him everything in her heart! As Santa explained to the child that he needed to know several languages to speak to children around the work, the mother began crying.

The red suit is now filled by two other Lions, Marcus Robison and Rick Donnell. Lion Rick has also taken on the task of greeting children at Spencer Lions' building the first full week after the first Saturday arrival. The building is gaily decorated with lights, snowflakes, a lovely tree, and a beautiful background in front of a comfy chair, where Santa sits. He coaxes shy children with his belt of jingle bells and sings with them. After the visit children are given a bag of candy, a choice of toy, and a book.

January: We begin making plans for our club's elections. We have a couple members who volunteer during the school year with a Weekday Religious Education program. We also have members who have district cabinet positions and are also project trustees. We also begin planning for our Apple Butter Festival.

February: Begin taking applications for our three high school scholarships and set up meetings. Continue ABF plans. Start taking tests for Summer Food Service Program required every year.

March: Scholarship committee begins examining applications. Firmer commitments/contracts are made for ABF. Club elections made and reported. Submit SFSP proposed budget required by Indiana Department of Education. Set up required training for staff.

April: Attend and work Indiana Lions State Convention. Contact finalists

for Lion's scholarship for dinner with the club and final interviews. Make public announcements that Summer Food Service Program will begin during summer vacation. Contact any agencies wishing to use service for necessary information and approximate numbers of meals required for kids and staff.

May: Award three scholarships. Buy supplies for first week of Summer Food Service Program. Stock shelves, freezers, and coolers. Arrange milk deliveries and milk cooler for storage. Lions Linda Davis, Marquetta Spelts, Marj Schultz, PCC Jim and Charlotte Query make menus, daily paperwork, and weekly and monthly reports. Last year almost 9,000 meals were prepared and served. Lion Charlotte has been with the program the entire 20-year span.

June: Arrangements are made for incoming officers' induction ceremony during the annual Tail Twister's Party to which family is invited. Final arrangements are made for the fish stand at the pair next month.

We also sponsor Little League basketball, football baseball and softball programs. We gave money for new uniforms for the middle school and challenged other groups to match our donation. We have worked concession stands for high school football games.

We have had seven district governors (two council chairs), various project chairs, trustees, cabinet secretaries and treasurers, and zone chairs from our club (with two more district governors in line). We've sponsored circuses, mowed cemeteries, and bought eyeglasses for kids.

We may be small club, but we are quite active. Who wouldn't want to be a Lion?

Get to know your District C Clubs

Spencer Lions Club: a typical year of events

Come have FUN at International Convention 2025!

Support our endorsed candidate Reed Fish for International Director and enjoy the fun!

Registration Fees

\$190 through March 1

\$265 March 1 to July 10

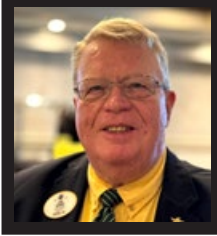
Indiana Hotels

Element: \$169/night

Aloft: \$159/night

LionsCon.LionsClubs.org





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Donate to raise money for children

By Lion Gail Robbins
Silent Auction Chair

Our very own District C Convention is right around the corner. This year, our District Governor John Waymire has chosen to have you donate items to raise money to help children with Childhood Cancer.

The money raised in the District C Auction will go to the Childhood Cancer Riley Research. Every single dollar donated will be matched by the Walther

Cancer Foundation, so that will double our donation money. We will accept cash, checks, and credit cards.

Make checks payable to District 25C Lions Club Auction; Memo Line: Childhood Cancer Riley Research.

Check out what's been donated so far – in case you need to get away sometime this year.

Remember ... everything you bid on and win helps a child.



Photo provided

Welcome to the Jamestown club!



Photo provided

DG John Waymire inducted Larry Patrick at the Jamestown Lions Club Christmas party. His sponsor is his wife, Kathy Patrick. Welcome, Lion Larry to the Jamestown Lions Club!

MD25 continues support of Winter Special Olympics



Photo provided

On Dec. 12, 2024, PDGs Pat (MD25 Special Olympics Committee member) and Charlie Short along with Lions Bill McDonald (MD25 Special Olympics Committee Chair) and Toni McDonald met with Thaddeus Thomas, SO Manager of Special Events in Indianapolis to present him with our MD25 Lions Winter Games Sponsorship check for \$5,000. Earlier in 2024, MD25 Lions also presented the Indiana Special Olympics with a \$5,000 check in support of its state-wide cornhole tournament.

Winter and chili...that's all you had to say!



Photo provided

Zionsville Lions Club takes its Chili Cook Off seriously. There were 17 chilis brought in to sample and judge. The winners pictured here include: Hottest Chili Lion Don Whitehead, a tie on the Meat Chili Lions Dot Yarnell and Laura Jefferson, No Meat winner Michelle Walsh, and our Chili Cook Off Chair Lion Brian Earnhart. Thank you all who let us fill up on some great chili! Congratulations to the winners.

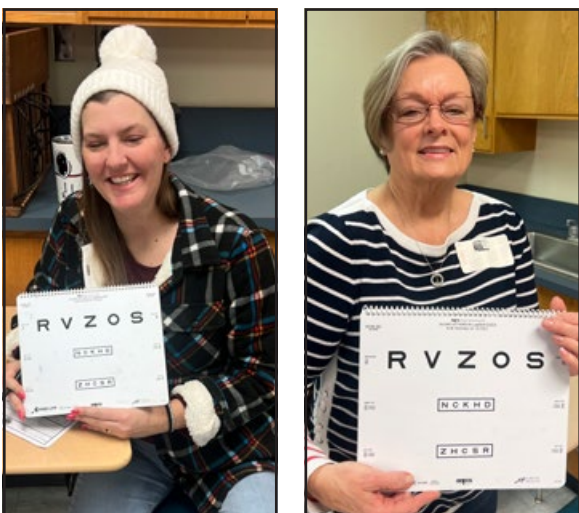
District C fosters international relations



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PDGs Pat and Charlie Short took one of their International PhD students, Disha, to catch the shuttle to Chicago O'Hare airport. She was returning home to India for the holidays. Most of the International student "family" members returned to their homes in Italy, Colombia, and Nicaragua for the holidays, so that left the Shorts as empty-nesters for about three weeks. The students are part of the Purdue University International Friendship Program, which was created many years ago to foster international relationships and cultural exchanges. It is an amazing and enjoyable experience.

Two Lions help out with vision screening at Twin Lakes



Photos provided

Another great day of eye screening in District C. Brookston Lions Club sponsored the Twin Lakes Club Branch where President Shawn Cantway (left), and Lion Karen Aldridge (right) join in on screening 110 eighth graders at Roosevelt School. Welcome Twin Lakes and Congratulations!

Lafayette Lions ring the bell



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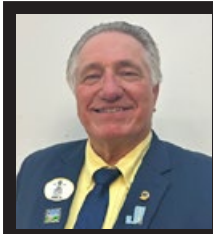
The Tippecanoe Mall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on a Friday is very quiet, but we had a good time encouraging donations to a worthy cause to help others. Thanks to the following Lions – Habys, Hrdys, Shorts, and Jerry Metzinger – for showing their musical skill in ringing the bell. We believe Finn helped a great deal in getting donations during his hour of bell ringing with PCC Bob and Lion Vicky.

Lafayette & Brookston Lions branching out



Photo provided

PDGs Charlie Short (Lafayette Lions Club) and Charles Roth (Brookston Lions Club) recently screened grades 3 and 5 at Oaklawn School in Monticello. During a conversation after the screening with the school nurse, the need for a local Lions presence was agreed upon in order to sustain vision screening and other area service projects. Calls were made, and four potential members were identified to start a branch club of the Brookston Lions. Two of them, already Lions in Connecticut, are summer residents. They are joining the branch club and helping to find additional charter members. (ABOVE) PDGs Charlie Short and Charles Roth with the school nurse and friends.



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Photos provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll (TOP, from left) Lion Mark Bachar, Lion 25D Governor Rocky Simpson, Lion Gene Beck, and Lion Steve Craig. (ABOVE) Lion VP Hayden Parsons (left) and Mayor Chris Jensen.

Noblesville Lions welcome Mayor Chris Jensen, honor three members

The REPORTER

On Jan. 22, the Noblesville Lions welcome Mayor Chris Jensen as speaker. Mayor Jensen gave a detailed account of the city's activities this year. The major details focused around the construction work being accomplished and construction that is still to come in the future. The mayor pointed out that Noblesville is the ninth-largest city in Indiana

with a population of 77,000 people. A total of 2,600 new jobs have been brought to Noblesville since 2020.

The club also honored three members for service anniversaries. Rocky Simpson, the current 25D Governor, was on hand for the well wishes. Those honored were Lions Mark Bachar for 25 years, Gene Beck for 40 years, and Steve Craig for 50 years.

Noblesville Lions Club entertains Shop For Kids



Photo provided by Jake Doll, Noblesville Lions Club At its Jan. 8 meeting, the Noblesville Lions Club welcomed Dustin Dixon as a speaker for Shop For Kids. Dixon outlined how the organization began through the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department and now operates as an independent organization. Donations are accepted and the organization can be reached at (317) 678-7248. (ABOVE) Dustin Dixon (left) was thanked by Lions Club VP Hayden Parsons.

District 25D leads way for membership

By DG Rocky Simpson
District 25D Governor

It's with enormous pride that I pass on to all my Lions in District 25D that we have made the Top 20 List for CA 1 (The United States) for gaining in membership. Yes, my fellow Lions, we have our District listed in the chart as one of the top Districts in the United States for membership gains.

I'm happy to say that all our efforts as a group have paved the way for our recognition in the top 20 list. Stand tall and pat yourself on the back. Well done.

As we kick off the 2025 year and set our goals on the next six months of Lions in 25D, I can't think of one thing that has passed us by. We have targeted the Special Olympics for a fundraising campaign – and it was successful, took on membership, and we have a few more to get so I can say I accomplished my goal, but we're close. The new club targets are working on Gas City and now, Fishers. I feel confident that our LCIF goals of \$14,500 will be met after we get some good weather. The training of new club officers, treasurers, and secretaries are not yet scheduled but will be completed before summer starts. I think we are doing well.

February is here and I recall February as being the "LOVE" month. I've asked each club to do a meal with the Lions grandkids. Those grandkids will appreciate the time with the grandparents more than you would believe. I remember my dinner with my grandparents and all the pomp and ceremony the Lions did when I was a kid. Please don't let this February pass without a grandparent-grandkid evening. It will mean so much in 20 years. Did to me!

The District Convention for 25D is March 8 at the Greentown Lions Club. This should be a great time together as the International Director Judge Anthony Paradiso is coming from New York to be our guest of honor and speaker. I have met him on two occasions and have nothing but raving reviews as he is a down-to-earth Lion. I think it would be a great time to hear him speak and get to know our District people a little before he returns to New York. Come help me show him a good time. We need to get him a breaded tenderloin just so he knows we cook that around Indiana.

State Convention sign-ups have already started. I'm aware the Shipshewana shopping district is really impressive and

Top 20 Districts as of Dec. 31, 2024

Way to go, Lions!

District	Net Gain
District 2 X1	212
District 4 L3	145
District 2 S4	119
District 1 A	94
District 4 L6	80
District 23 C	72
District 5M 9	71
District 43 K	52
District 21 N	48
District 20 O	45
District 12 L	44
District 2 S2	39
District 4 C3	38
District 20 R2	33
District 39 W	30
District 44 H	28
District 5M 2	28
District 1 D	26
District 20 K1	25
District 25 D	25

I know our fellow Lions will be there to attend the State Convention and maybe to get a little shopping in. Sounds like a really good time.

I continually watch our Clubs doing fundraisers and service projects. I'm impressed with all the Lions doing work for their community, their state, na-

tion and the world as a part of humanity.

Nowhere better can I say I watched our Lions then right here in our 25D District. I am proud to be amongst the Lions who put "WE Serve" to action every month.

Thank you!
Yours in Lionism,
Rocky

Noblesville Lions induct seven new members into the pride

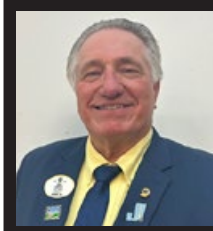


Photo provided by Jake Doll, Noblesville Lions Club On Dec. 11, 2024, the Noblesville Lions Club was excited to induct seven new members at its holiday party. Lion Walt Scheid, Membership Chairman, has been instrumental in moving the club forward with membership. (ABOVE) New members include Tina Willis, Lisa Rohe, Jeanne Auffrey, Lisa Dick, Jeff Dick, Greg Clouse, and Ron Sinicki, along with their sponsors Lions John Einsfeld, Steve Shaw, Julia Kozicki, Jeff Kozicki, Mark Bachar and Walt Scheid.

Noblesville, Westfield & Carmel Lions assist Gleaners in January



Photo provided by Jake Doll, Noblesville Lions Club On Jan. 29, the Noblesville, Westfield, and Carmel Lions Clubs assisted Gleaner's Mobile pantry passing out food for 158 families. Those Lions helping included ... Noblesville Lions: John Einsfeld, Steve Shaw, Ron Williamson, Bruce Moss, Linda Williamson, Jeanne Auffrey, Skylar Heron, Mark Bachar, Jim Foote, Jeff Kozicki, Ron Sinicki, Joe Connerley, and Jerry Baker; Westfield Lions: Jack Waldroup, Carrie Larrison, Don Collins, Jeff Larrison, and Bill Nesbitt; and Carmel Lions: Matt Best, Lane Simms, Bill Ryan, and Bob Yunker, with two others unidentified.



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Noblesville Lions & Kiwanis Noon Clubs ring bells for Salvation Army



Photos provided by Jake Doll, Noblesville Lions Club

On Dec. 7, 2024, the Noblesville Lions and Kiwanis Noon Clubs rang bells for Salvation Army donations. This has turned into a yearly event for the clubs. The Chairman of the event is Joe Arrowood, who happens to be a member of both clubs. He has been leading this for more than 10 years and works with the relationship with Salvation Army. They rang bells at Walmart in Noblesville at the North and South store entrances. The Kiwanians covered from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the Lions from 1 to 4 p.m. There were eight Kiwanians and 14 Lions doing this for five hours. (LEFT) Kiwanian T.J. Houghtalen and Lion Joe Arrowood. (RIGHT) Lions Ron Williamson, Gene Beck, and Rollin Cutter.



Photos provided by Westfield Lions Club

(ABOVE LEFT) Jeff Larrison (left) presents Tracy Rogers with his 2nd Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. (ABOVE RIGHT) Ted Engelbrecht (left) presents Mike Birk with his 2nd Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.



Photo provided

Sheridan Lions Club members joined Sheridan Youth Assistance, the Methodist Church, and Mama's Cupboard to support the local community during the holiday season.

Sheridan Lions hard at work serving their community

Submitted by
Chuck Godby

The Sheridan Lions Club closed out 2024 by giving back.

For Thanksgiving, the local Lions, with help from their friends, managed to feed more than 104 families and they helped brighten Christmas for nearly as many. The Lions joined forces with Sheridan Youth Assistance, Mama's Cupboard, and the Sheridan Methodist Church to serve their community.

The Lions will continue to raise funds for their service missions when they host their Lions Club Chili Dinner Friday night

at Sheridan High School. Dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. and the cost is a free-will offering.

The chili dinner is part of a huge night of high school basketball as the local Blackhawks host league foe Tri-Central in a girl-boy doubleheader that tips off at 6 p.m. The local ladies are steamrolling along with a 12-1 record and are undefeated in the Hoosier Heartland Conference. The local lads are 8-2 overall and also unbeaten in the conference.

Proceeds from the chili dinner are used to fund Lions Club projects throughout the year.

Westfield Lions put a bow on 2024

Club's annual Christmas program includes numerous awards

Submitted

At their annual Christmas Dinner and Program Night held Dec. 19, 2024, at the Wyndham Hotel, the Westfield Lions presented several awards to well-deserving Lions. Prior to the awards portion of the meeting, the Lions were served dinner by the Westfield High School Foodies and entertained by the WHS Signature Sound Choir.

After the Signature Sound Choir, Lion President Bill Nesbitt presented Perfect Attendance pins to 24 Lions. This included a 50-year perfect attendance pin for Ted Engelbrecht and a 55-year pin for Bob Benson.

The Club's signature fundraising event is its semi-annual Texas Hold'em "Poker for Sight" tournament. This year, Tournament Chair Mike Birk recognized three Lions for their outstanding efforts to make the tournament the biggest and best in the Midwest. Lion Don Collins received the "Tournament Star" award for his work collecting donations for each tournament's "high hand" 50/50 pots. On average, Collins raises about \$2,000 per tournament with his hard work.

Lions Ted Engelbrecht and Bob Benson also re-



Photos provided by Westfield Lions Club

(ABOVE LEFT) The Westfield H.S. Signature Sound Choir provided the entertainment. (ABOVE RIGHT) The Westfield H.S. Foodies provided the meal for the meeting.

ceived Poker for Sight "Special Recognition" awards for their dedicated work over the years at the tournament. Engelbrecht has manned the player registration table and Benson has served as the concession stand co-manager at each session. These Lions have served in these roles since the tournament started in 2008 and are now stepping back for a well-deserved break.

The top award a Lion can receive is the Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF), named after the founder of Lions Clubs International. Lions earning additional MJFs after their initial award receive Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship (PMJF) awards. This year the Westfield Lions presented the first two 2-time PMJFs in the Club's 94-year history. Lions Tracy Rogers

and Mike Birk were the recipients of the award. Rogers is recognized as the lead "pit boss" at the poker tournaments and Birk continues to elevate the quality of each tournament and drive repeat business.

The last two awards presented at the meeting were also new awards for the Westfield Lions Club. Lion Dave Sobczak received the Westfield Lions Club "Life Membership Award" for the countless hours he has put into developing the plans for their clubhouse renovation project and shepherding the project through the regulatory and permitting phases. Sobczak is also serving as the construction manager for the project, which is nearing completion. When finished the Westfield Lions will arguably have the nicest Lions clubhouse in

the state.

A second Westfield Lions Club Life Membership was presented to Jeff Larrison for his years of service as the Club's secretary. Since serving as Club president in 2010, he has been the Club's secretary. In addition, he has served as the Indiana Lions District 25D Cabinet secretary four times. He currently chairs the WHS SOS Club committee, Avenue of Flags committee, Dictionary Project committee, and the Club's Union Street Ecology Tour committee.

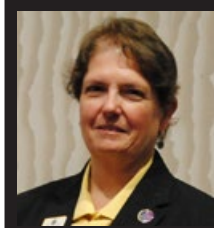
The Westfield Lions are proud to serve their community and are actively looking for people interested in joining them in making a difference in Westfield. For information on the Club and how to become a Lion, go to WestfieldLions.org.

Lions Day at the Statehouse

March 13, 2025
Reception at 3 p.m.

Meet your legislators and promote the value of Lionism!

Contact Ann Ninness at
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There is still time!

By DG Erica Thomas
District 25E Governor

Time to do more projects, time to meet new friends, time to catch up with friends we only see once or twice a year, time to achieve the goals we have set, time to set goals we haven't thought of yet, time to grow into the best Lions we can be ... or is there time enough?

Set a goal, make a plan, do the action, celebrate the success!

Most of the time, the projects are too big for just one person, so we have to ask for help. Do most of us want to do that? No. We want to be the giver and not the receiver. I heard something once along this journey about giving and receiving that has stuck with me. We cannot all be givers or all be receivers, and without both there can be neither.

We all know how good it feels to give others something, and sometimes we remember how nice it is when someone gives us something. What I don't

understand is why we have become so selfish? Why we think we don't need to ask others to join us in serving or giving to others? Why don't we think others won't want to enjoy that great feeling of helping others achieve something they could not on their own? Why would we deny someone else the ability to give ... just because we didn't ask them to join us, to become a Lion!

We all have gifts, abilities, and skills we bring into the world of Lions. We stay in Lions because the need or desire to feel a part of something bigger or more is fulfilled. What a great gift we have to offer others, the gift of giving and the opportunity to share their abilities and skills to help others! Their passions could become our passions and help others in way we haven't thought about yet!

What are we waiting for? Get out there and offer someone the gift of giving, and ask them to become a Lion!

Breakfast with Santa brings smiles in the O.C.



Photos provided

Oakland City Lions Club held a Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 14, where kids ate free and adults could get a meal by making a donation. Biscuits and sausage gravy, pancakes, scrambled eggs with bacon or sausage patty ... it all seemed to be a big hit! As well as getting breakfast, the club had free combo smoke/carbon monoxide detectors to hand out to anyone in need, and Cheryl Barning from the Evansville Eastside Lions Club was on site to check little one's eyes. She has been doing Kid Sight since 1997, following in her father's footsteps. Before leaving, each kid got to sit on Santa's lap with whispers of what they'd like for Christmas then received a candy cane and small toy.

Medora Lions get CPR & AED certified



Photo provided

Medora Community Lions took part in CPR / AED instructional classes taught by Hillary Bryant. Lions that were certified in CPR and AED are Bob Branaman, Bobbie Sue Snodgrass, Jamie McRoy, Karen Brock, Ruth Beesley, Mary Beavers, Dana Beavers, Betty Hill, and Chris Snodgrass.

Register now for 25E's Spring Convention, coming in March

It's time to register for the District 25E Spring Convention, which will take place March 21 and 22 at Gasthof Amish Village, 6659 E. Gasthof Village Road, Montgomery, IN 47558.

Lodging

All rooms, both King and Queen, are \$102.07; this

includes tax. To reserve a room, call (812) 486-4900 and give them the reservation code "Indiana Lions."

Room reservations must be made by March 1. Meal reservations must be made by March 8.

Schedule

On Friday night, we will have the Meet the ID Din-

ner. Social time will start at 6 p.m. with dinner starting at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday morning starts at 9 a.m. with a short stride's walk. The registration desk opens at 9:30 in the events center next to the hotel. The silent auction and state project displays open at 9:30. Service Proj-

ects will be available.

At 10 a.m., the Opening Session starts. The convention meeting will include reports from District Governor, state projects, committee chairs, Zone Chairs, voting, Tail Twisting, and Half Pot before lunch. After lunch, the honorary committee will meet with

ID Hollander while the service projects continue. After the Honorary meeting, memorial service, and award presentations, International Director Hollander will give the Keynote presentation.

We are requesting each club to donate an item for the silent auction. Items

for the auction will be set up on Saturday starting at 8 a.m. Winners will be announced at the end of the day.

This convention is set at an Amish Style destination that is very family friendly. So bring your kids and grandchildren. Make a weekend getaway out of it.



DISTRICT 25E SPRING CONVENTION Meal Registration Form



March 21, 2025

Friday Night International Director Edwin Guy Hollander Welcome Dinner

Dinner Friday night will be meatloaf, noodles, green beans, glazed carrots, assorted cookies, cupcakes and homemade breads. The cost for Friday night's meal will be \$25.00 per person.

March 22, 2025

Saturday Lunch will be beef and noodles, baked fish, sweet potatoes, german fries, California blend, fruit salad, assorted cookies, cupcakes and homemade breads. The cost will be \$30.00 per person.

Person 1 Name _____
First Last Title

Person 2 Name _____
First Last Title

Address _____
Street City State Zip

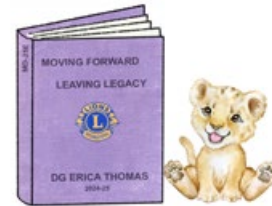
Club: _____ Attending: In-Person or Virtually (Circle One)
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Friday Evening "Meet the ID" Dinner # Attending: _____ x\$25 _____
Saturday Lunch # Attending: _____ x\$30 _____

Total Enclosed _____
Special Dietary Needs: _____

Make checks payable to: District 25E Lions and mail to Cabinet Treasurer Debbie Ellis, 8262 Center Road, Sullivan, IN 47882. For questions call DG Erica Thomas at (812) 766-0159 or CT Debbie Ellis at (812) 798-2096.

For those attending virtually, a link will be provided to the email listed above.



Call to Convention!

March 21st and 22nd
Gasthof Amish Village
6659 East Gasthof Village Road
Montgomery, IN 47558

Guest Speaker is
International Director
Edwin "Guy" Hollander

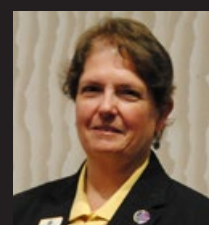
This is a Family Friendly Event
so bring the kids and grandkids!

NOT JUST A MEETING LET'S SERVE



ITEMS TO BRING

- PLASTIC BAGS, WALMART, DOLLAR GENERAL ETC
- SMALL STUFFED ANIMALS FOR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL FOR DISTRIBUTION TO YOUNG CHILDREN
- GALLON ZIP LOCK BAGGIES
- CAKE MIX, 12 OUNCE CANS OF 7UP, BIRTHDAY NAPKINS, TABLE CLOTH, CANDLES, SMALL PACKAGE OF SMALL PLATES, CARD, ICING, THROW AWAY 9X13 WITH LID



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Palmyra happenings



Photos provided
Jean Geswein reports that the Palmyra Lions Club has had a busy fall. They cleaned the Palmyra Recycle Center a couple of times, had an Angel Tree at the local bank, packed and distributed Thanksgiving baskets, had a pitch-in breakfast with fellowship with fellow Lions Club members, had a pitch-in Christmas dinner and a five-pound auction, distributed the Angel Tree gifts at the local CAPS (Christmas Assistants Program). The funds from the auction went to the NHHS Lions Club Scholarship through the Harrison County Community Foundation, where it doubled immediately. They are looking forward to doing more for the community.



Photos provided

(LEFT) Lion Carol Donner. (Right) Lion Dale Leffler and Lion Jim Smith.

Spare time turns to community service

After being part of a demonstration of a possible service project using a wooden loom and plastic grocery bags at a district meeting hosted by the New Albany Lions Club, the Oakland City Lions Club was quite impressed and purchased a

loom from Midwest Missions of Illinois. The club liked the idea of an ongoing project that could be done at any time by any members who had time to work on it. They even got the community involved by asking for bag donations and were surprised

by the amount that started pouring in. Oakland City Lions plan to use the mats for their area's homeless, daycares, disaster relief, or any other place that has a need for these. It can be a small comfort for anyone forced to lay

on the hard and/or wet ground. Once the club starts rolling right along with the mats, members are thinking about hosting an event where the community is invited in to learn and help make some mats.

Chili Champion



Photo provided

The Elizabeth Lions Club held its 14th annual chili cookoff and silent auction on Dec. 7, 2024. One of the celebrity chili judges was WDRB television personality Mike Marshall, who has been a judge for all 14 years of this Lions event. This year the Elizabeth Lions Club presented Marshall with a WWE-type belt emblazoned with the Lions logo near the buckle. Marshall also gave a shoutout to the Elizabeth Lions the next day while he was on the air. Funds raised from the food sales and silent auction go into community programs.

Two-for-one match triples Ramsey donation



Photo provided

Ramsey Lions donated \$1,000 to the Harrison County Community Foundation and earmarked these funds for the Harrison County Community Services. By funneling this amount through the Foundation, the donation increased to \$3,000, courtesy of a "two for one match." (From left) Ramsey Lions Norris Taylor and Glenn Weust, Rick Cooper and Kymberli Wilkinson with Community Services, and Julie Moorman with Community Foundation.

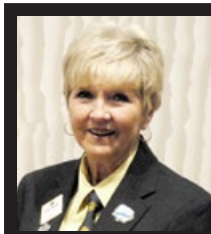
Fish Fry

Sponsored by: Mt. Olympus Lions Club
& Mt. Olympus Community Center

Saturday, March 15, 2025
4-7 pm CT
Mt. Olympus Community Center

Fish, baked beans, potato salad, dessert & a drink is included in each meal

Adults	\$14
Children Ages 7-12	\$7
Children Under 6	free



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Have times changed or have we changed?

By DG Nancy Baxter
 District 25F Governor

February is here and spring is right around the corner. I can't believe how fast the months are flying by. Feb. 14 is Valentine's Day, a time when we are supposed to let those we love know they are loved.

I attended a funeral visitation Saturday, January 25, 2025, for PDG Dr. Herb Stevens. He was District Governor for 25E. I did not know PDG Stevens personally and as I talked to his wife at the viewing, I realized how much he loved Lions. She told me that he had a goal of starting 30 clubs but had only made it to 29, along with sponsoring 186 new members, which I think is very impressive! I was in awe as she talked about all his achievements. PDG Stevens loved his family and was very involved in his community. At one time, he was the President of the Lions Foundation, and he was even one of the original developers of Paoli Peaks. As I listened to his wife talk about all of his accomplishments,

I couldn't help but think about how Lionism has changed throughout the years.

We are all struggling to start new clubs and recruit new members. Have times changed or have we changed? We all need to be more dedicated to Lionism. Just think what our Lions organization would be like if we had more District Governors like this and more members dedicated to serving.

Lions International has new ideas for starting new clubs and maybe resurrecting old clubs. Here in District 25F we have clubs like Columbus, Brookville, and Greenwood which have all closed, and I can't help but wonder why. I am making it my goal to bring these clubs back. They are all areas with large populations, and we need them in our organization.

I will probably never sponsor 186 new members, but I am going to challenge the Lions in 25F to reach this goal this year. PDG Herb Stevens has "made his mark" - what will you do?

An introduction to Edwin Guy Hollander

It is my great pleasure to introduce to you International Director Edwin Guy Hollander.



Hollander

He is an executive board member for the Kentucky Eye Foundation for which he has also held every office through president.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including an International President's Leadership Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Edwin Guy Hollander from Lawrenceburg, Ky., USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 105th International Convention in Boston, Mass., USA, July 7 through July 11, 2023.

Director Hollander is fully retired after more than 20 years of professional service in the field of environmental chemistry. Prior to his retirement he served as the organic preparation supervisor for the Natural Resources Cabinet of the State of Kentucky.

As a member of the Lawrenceburg Lions Club since first joining in 1995, Director Hollander has always worked to help his community with the knowledge, resources, and enthusiasm that Lions are well known for. He has held a number of offices within the association, including district information technology chairperson and multiple district public relations & Lions information chairperson.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Hollander is active in numerous professional and community organizations including his past work as county coordinator for the American Radio Relay League. Additionally, his work with 4-H has earned him a Volunteer of the Year Award. He is also a member of the American Chemical Society and certified single engine private pilot.

Director Hollander and his wife of 38 years, Carol B. Hollander, who is also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two children who are both members of the Lawrenceburg Lions Club. Director Hollander prefers to be called "Guy" by his friends and fellow Lions.

Near and dear to DG's heart



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"Special Olympics is a cause near and dear to my heart; therefore, I wanted to share a few things with all of you," DG Nancy Baxter said. "We have 92 counties in Indiana. We only had 14 counties represented in the Special Olympics. It is my hope that in the future more Lions become more aware of what a great cause this is and want to volunteer more! Let's get your county on this list!" (ABOVE) Lion Judy Jordan and DG Nancy Baxter leading in the Olympians form Lake County. (ABOVE RIGHT) Indiana Lions proudly serving! (RIGHT) Milan Lions volunteering at the Winter Special Olympics.



Happy Birthday, Brenda Wilson!



Lions celebrating 2VDG Brenda Wilson's 80th Birthday!

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Hello, Franklin Lions!



DG Nancy Baxter made her official visit with the Franklin Lions Club.

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Exciting digital news from District 25F

We have a new website!

We were unable to update our old website, so the decision was made to create a new one. There are two ways you can access it:

- You can go to the Indiana Lions Website, choose

the District Websites tab, and select District F. You can also go straight to: e-district.org/sites/district_25_f/index.php (I would definitely bookmark that address for easier access.)

If you want anything

added to the calendar, please email my CS Angie Crouch at mwam2893@gmail.com and she will add it for you!

Our new Facebook Page

The former page was managed by a lion that has since passed and it can no longer be updated. We created a new group that you can find on Facebook by searching: **District 25F Lions of Indiana**.

Just request to join and answer a few questions and you will be accepted! This site is going to be used for posting your clubs events. Any District is welcome to join along with any Clubs

as a whole! We have made it public so that any member may share a flyer outside of our group for advertising purposes.

The questions to be accepted are a way to make sure we stay secure, being that the group is public. (If we make the group private, we will NOT be able to share outside the group.)

It is our hope that many clubs and members will join and post club events, creating much more participation at all of our events! Once a member, you can invite lions that you know! Please help us spread the word!

25F District Convention

Saturday, March 1st, 2025

At the Crowne Plaza Hotel

2501 South High School Rd, Indianapolis, IN

Doors Open at 9am, meeting begins at 10am, Lunch at Noon

Morning refreshments: Bagels & Cinnamon Rolls, Coffee, Tea & Water

Lunch Menu: Garden Salad, Fresh Fruit Salad, Charcuterie Board, Ham, Smoked Turkey and Roast Beef Sandwiches, Veggie Wraps, Chef's Choice Soup (Vegetarian), Desserts, Coffee, Tea & Water

Pre-Register by **Wednesday, February 12, 2025**

Registration Fee: **\$25.00** in advance or **\$30.00** at the door

Make checks payable to **District 25F**

Please mail registration and check to:

Lion Angie Crouch

9051 Greystone Ct, Indianapolis, IN 46234

Name: _____ Title: _____ Club: _____

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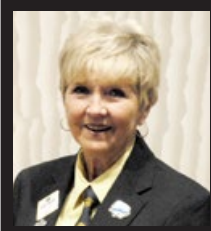
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Call to Convention

On Saturday, March 1, there will be an election for the following: District Governor, 1st Vice DG, 2nd Vice DG, and any trustee positions that may be available. Please read the formula below on who is eligible to vote.

CLUB DELEGATE FORMULA. Each chartered club in good standing in Lions Clubs International and its district (single or sub- and multiple) shall be entitled in each annual convention of its district (single or sub- and multiple) to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club or major fraction thereof, of said club as shown by the records of the international office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held. The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five (5) or more members. Each certified delegate present in person shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote only for each office to be filled by, and one (1) vote only on each question submitted to, the respective convention. Unless otherwise specified herein, the affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates voting on any question shall be the act of the convention. All eligible delegates must be members in good standing of a club in good standing in this district. 5 Delinquent dues may be paid and good standing acquired up to fifteen (15) days prior to the close of credential certification, as such closing time shall be established by the rules of the respective convention.



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Hello, Center Township Lions!



Lions celebrating 2VDG Brenda Wilson's 80th Birthday!

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Christmas with Clermont Lions



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(TOP) DG Nancy and President Joe getting into the spirit with their holiday attire!
(SECOND FROM TOP) President Joe Shear presenting a WP Woods to Lion Mark Crouch while wearing our new Clermont Lions' Scarfs given to our club by President Joe!

Centerville Lions celebrate 80 years of service



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(ABOVE) Receiving the International President's banner is (from left) Vicki Chasteen, President of Centerville Club, DDG Angela Lock, Mike Talbot, President of Richmond sponsoring club, and Jim Resh, MC and longtime member of Centerville club.
(ABOVE RIGHT) Members of the Centerville Club celebrate their 80th Anniversary, organized in 1944. (RIGHT) The Something Good Singers entertained at the Centerville Lions 80th Anniversary on Dec. 9, 2024.

DG visits Madison Lions



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DG Nancy Baxter made her official visit with the Madison Lions Club.

Christmas at Camp Woodsmoke

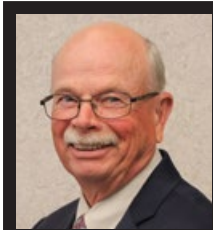


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Christmas Celebrations with the Council of Governors



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Roars from District G

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Growing Lions help wanted

By DG Warren Allender
District 25G Governor

A quick recap of January activities and many thanks to all you Lions who SERVE.

I traveled to Silver Lake Lions and was very impressed with their bingo operation. With that comes a great opportunity to highlight the Mid-Winter Conference and the workshop on gaming. If your club is doing any games of chance, check out the Gaming Commission's website, in.gov/igc/2339.htm, and do it right.

On to Mishawaka Lions, a century club, and carrying on the tradition of service. They sponsor two high school seniors with full-ride scholarships. The students attend the meetings while in high school and then move on to college. That day was a double hitter as I went to Leesburg in the evening. There I was able to present a Key award to a Lion for bringing in two new Lions. Now, there was some urgency to conclude that meeting. Something about an Orange Bowl; I kept my remarks short.

The next week was Etna Green and Akron. Great clubs, both of them. Akron is on the march for growth, and I am impressed. The club recently inducted two new members. The Club President has set a goal of 10 new members by year's end.

I concluded the month by visiting Urbana Lions Club. You never know what you might walk into with a club visit, and Urbana was no exception. They have partnered with the grade school to raise funds for Leader Dog. The students have not disappointed; in fact, they have raised enough money to sponsor three Leader Dogs. Fantastic. That's the beauty of club visits, seeing and hearing about Lions serving their communities.

January was also the kick-off month for the Growing Lions Workshop(s). There are three Zoom meetings, two hours in length. It has given great insight into the resources available through Lions International for both club growth and membership growth. As a result, we were given work assignments for team building.

Currently our Team consists of Global Extension & Membership, PDG Marlyn Fast, 1st Vice District Governor Jackie Kurley, and me. We are looking for other motivated Lions.

We need your help! Reach out and connect with anyone of us. We were also given the task of identifying potential new club locations. While we have been able to come up with some ideas, we need your help! With over 1,100 members in the district, surely some good Lion knows a concerned citizen in an area where a new Lion's club could flourish. You only need a spark to start a fire. We need your help! My feeling is that it is better to be asked into a house, rather than bust into a house.

The team has also been encouraged to use the new AI tools available through Lions International. We have done that, and you can, too. Go to LionsVirtual.org. We have used the tool to identify areas of opportunities, site research, and marketing strategies. The most recent meeting focused on promoting a new club, the new generation of Lions, and recruiting tips. Two of my favorite takeaways are, "ask three" when speaking to a potential new member inquire who else they might invite. In my mind, new members are the best at recruiting other new members. The other idea was to focus on the "asset" of a potential new member, what they like to do and how they can use their assets to help support Lions projects. A meeting for meeting sake is never good, and our moderators are well aware of that, so another work assignment has been given. We are to create a "recruitment plan" for a new club. A timeline, names of potential new members, and a recruitment drive to connect with those new members. We need your help! While the assignment is due mid-February, we don't see actual implementation until sometime in May. We need your help!

I'll close with this. March 8 is District G's Convention, your convention. Plan on attending. We need your help!

Cooking up Service Roadkill Rabbit

Now that ought to catch your attention. Let me explain.

As I have said in the past, I enjoy traveling to the various Lions clubs in the district. That travel time gives me time to reflect, in this case, on the past. I shared this story with the Mishawaka Lions and now with all of you. It goes like this...

After my discharge from the Air Force, I returned home to Iowa and for a period of time worked as a farm hand with my good friend Loren Erickson. His dairy farm is in the Durant, Iowa, area. One fine fall day while driving a grain truck up over I-80, a rabbit darted out onto the road and we hit it. Looking in the mirror we recognized the rabbit was hit but not, let's say, smashed. Brakes applied and rabbit retrieved. In good shape and would be good for dinner. So, it was.

I'm going with a recipe from a cookbook my mother gave me several years later titled Warden's Cookbook, Iowa Fish & Game Officers Association, printed

in 1987 by Jumbo Jack's Cookbook Co., Audubon, Iowa. The recipe is close to what I recall preparing that night for a couple of bachelors.

Fried Rabbit

- 1 cut-up rabbit
- 1 onion
- 1 carrot
- 1 stalk celery
- 2 Tablespoons of flour
- ½ cup condensed milk
- 1 egg
- ½ box crackers

Soak rabbit in salt water in the refrigerator overnight. (In our case, most of the day.)

Simmer in water, to cover rabbit, and containing the onion, carrot, and celery for 30 minutes.

Remove the rabbit and drain on paper towel. Mix flour, milk and egg together. With a rolling pin, roll crackers into crumbs. Dip rabbit in egg mixture and roll well in cracker crumbs. Fry until golden brown in shortening or oil.

The recipe was provided by Conservation Officer Bob Mullen, Tama, Iowa.

Serve with fried potatoes and a cool beverage. Now that brings back some



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memories. Yum.

I'm making more memories every day traveling to see Lions SERVING their communities.

So, on your journeys, never turn down a golden opportunity to dine on some of nature's delights.

If you are stymied as to what to do, give me a call. This cookbook is a real gem, with everything from Elephant Stew to Baked Possum. All creatures great and small, enjoy them all. I just don't want to dine on roadkill deer.

Eyeglass Mission makes difference beyond Mexico

While many think of our district's eyeglass missions to Mexico when referring to our eyeglass recycling efforts, we also supply used eyeglasses to other groups, both here in the U.S. and other countries.

Recently, two separate requests for glasses were received and glasses were supplied.

The first was from a local pastor and his volunteers who makes several trips to Africa to help individuals through empowerment programs. Much of the work of individuals involve reading assignments through courses. Reading is a problem for many because they do not have corrective glasses to be able to read the reference books. Accordingly,

we supply several hundred prescription glasses each year for individuals to take to Africa and distribute to those who need them.

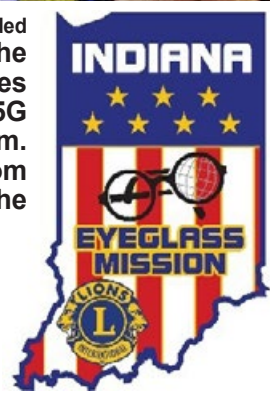
Another example of a partnership is with one of our sources that we recycle eyeglasses with gold content. Today, few glasses contain gold, but when we receive glasses that are gold-plated, gold-filled, or otherwise have some gold content, we send this to a company that recycles the gold and sends us reimbursement for that value. This income helps us with the many expenses to run our recycling and mission programs. The company we work with in gold recycling works with several nonprofits, and we pro-



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(ABOVE) Some of the recipients of reading glasses contributed to the District 25G recycling mission program. These individuals are from various communities in the south-central Congo DRC.

vided reading glasses that were shipped to a Native American Reservation in South Dakota.



First KidSight screening of 2025 is complete



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We have completed their first KidSight screening for 2025! Lydick Lions members Mike & Teckla Lane and Christine Bella, along with Lake-Granger Lions Club Dave Coffman and Clayville Lions Club Lloyd Mehaney (not pictured) screened 27 children from the ages of 2 to 5 years old at First English Lutheran Preschool. Way to go Lions! (From left) Dave Coffman, Christine Bella, Teckla Lane, and Mike Lane.

Meet your District G Clubs Club Spotlight: Elkhart Lions

I chose to spotlight Elkhart Lions because PDG Brian Thomas supplied me with a copy of the Lions Tales, a free publication of the Elkhart Lions Club, Vol. 99 December 2024. Thirty-five pages of printed news in your hands.

Headline: "100 Years of Lionism: Striving to be the global leader in community and humanitarian Service." The publication is their "flagship" fund raising

project. The adds support the clubs service projects throughout the year. A remarkable publication. Job well done.

Elkhart Lions Club, was organized in December 1923, and the charter was delivered on April 17, 1924. There were 34 charter members. The club's membership low was during the Depression with only 29 members. They rebounded and in 1955 placed a "cap" on member-

ship at 175. Currently the club roster stands at 45.

They have hosted the Indiana state Lions convention four different times. For me, the first time they hosted is the most remarkable, in 1941. The keynote speaker was none other than Admiral Byrd. What a story he must have shared.

They have sponsored five new Lions clubs: Ligonier, Wakarusa, Dunlap, Granger, and Simonton Lake.

As for service projects, it appears that Elkhart Lions exemplifies the statement, "Where there's a need, there's a Lion." Everything from Girl Scouts, War Memorials, nursing scholarships, Red Cross assistance, tornado assistance, leader dogs, and eyeglass mission trips. Truly a rich history of SERVICE and one that lives on with this very active club.

Be part of something special - be a Lion!

Cultivating service in Lydick



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On Jan. 28, seven Lydick Lions helped package 1,584 meals for kids at Cultivate Food Rescue. Great teamwork! (Back row, from left) Elaine Gaulin, Howard Morse, and Cindy Finney. (Front row, from left) Karen Swisher, Marcia LaBelle, Christine Bella, and Jim Day.

2025 Midwinter Conference success

By PDG Alan Arnold
2025 Midwinter Conference Chair

The 2025 Midwinter Conference was a great success. With over 190 attendees, much was learned, much was shared, and much fun was had by all.

We began on Friday evening with dinner followed by Wacky Trivia with Craig Tornquist. After his presentation, the Caring Cases service project was held. Hundreds of cases were filled and then distributed among the District Governors along with Sock It To Me clothes. After the project, many returned to the Ball Room and watched Secondhand Lions starring Robert Duvall and Michael Caine.

Saturday morning had two seminar sessions followed by lunch. After lunch we were challenged by keynote speaker Phil Rison, Executive Director of the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. His inspiring message about service and touching those in our communities has everyone eager to get back to our clubs and promote service activities. After the speaker, two more seminar sessions were held followed by our closing session.

Many exhibits were available to browse along with a silent auction that had many unique “valuables” that were bid on.

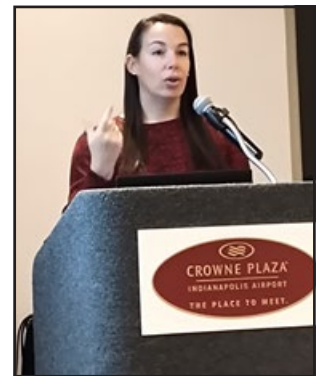
Please plan now to attend the 2026 Midwinter Conference which will be bigger and better than ever. More details coming at a later date.



(ABOVE LEFT) A full house at the Mid-Winter Conference! (ABOVE RIGHT) First time attendees at the Mid-Winter Conference.



(ABOVE LEFT) Lions from District 25-G: (standing, from left) PDG Marilyn Fast, 1VDG Jackie Kurley, Lion Kori Fortunato, Lion Susan Arneaud, PCC David Eisen, PDG Brian Thomas; (seated, from left) PDG Paul Russell, Lion Rose Russell. (ABOVE RIGHT) Lions at dinner on Friday evening.



(ABOVE LEFT) Volunteers participate in a dance contest during entertainment after dinner on Friday evening. (ABOVE RIGHT) Dr. Jennifer Belsky of Riley Children's Hospital explained her team's research to mitigate severe side-effects of chemotherapy in pediatric cancer patients. Dr. Belsky's research is supported by the Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc.



(LEFT) Indiana Lions for Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ISBVI) exhibit table. (MIDDLE) Vision First Indiana Lions Eye Bank exhibit table. (RIGHT) Operation KidSight exhibit table.



(LEFT) Liberty Day committee exhibit table (ISBVI) exhibit table. (MIDDLE) Indiana Lions Foundation exhibit table. (RIGHT) 2025 State Convention exhibit table.



(LEFT) Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing exhibit table. (MIDDLE) Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana exhibit table. (RIGHT) Seminar attendees.