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DISTRICT GOVERNOR COLUMN

Happy March Lions of 25 B(ee),

Another month behind us and I won't be sad to see February go. As you know, it's been cold, and, depending on where you reside, there's been a wide range of mostly bad weather. Outside it hasn't been fit for much activity, but don't worry, we'll be back outside again soon. March brings the start of District Conventions around the state, with District C kicking it all off on February 22nd in Zionsville (already in the past by the time you read this. The rest of us will be in full swing beginning on February 28-March 2nd (B and F), March 7th-8th (A, D and G) and finally, wrapping up with District E on March 21st. Complete details can be found at <https://e-district.org/sites/md25/calendar.php> Another event you may be interested in is:

Lions Day at the Statehouse

March 13, 2025

Indiana Statehouse – 200 West Washington Street, Indianapolis 46204

The day at the statehouse is an opportunity to share Lionism with some of our state representatives and build good will between Lions and communities in their districts. It should be a great opportunity if you are able to attend.

The MD25 state convention will be held in Shipshewana on April 25 - 27, and the International Convention in Orlando is from July 14th-17th. BTW, April 26th is the last Saturday in April and is International Induction Day for new Lions. If you plan to attend either or both conventions, the time to register and reserve your lodging is now. More information can be found at: <https://lionscon.lionsclubs.org/registration-information/individual-registration/>

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While you're filling your social calendars to the top with all the convening, please don't forget our motto – We Serve, and make some plans for those spring and summer service projects. While planning your projects, don't forget to draft your list of people you plan to invite to your projects.

In case you're keeping score, we're down to 956 Lions, down from 987 at the start of the year. From July to February, we've added 44 new Lions, the problem is we've lost 75 for various reasons. While there is time to get back in the black, we need to start adding new Lions NOW. We know June brings losses and if history tells us anything, we need to add over 100 Lions between now and June to be positive at the end of the year. It is going to take an effort from every Lion in the district to achieve this goal.

Part of growing our clubs is telling our stories. When we share the work Lions do with people we know and meet, we often touch something in them that makes them want to serve with us. When people start talking, listen and learn what they're most interested in, and share how their interests align with our causes.

So, wrapping up, we need more Lions but I'm confident we can get them. Plan your service projects now, and invite potential Lions to participate. Sign up your new Lions and give them a friend, a job and a voice in your club and we'll be sure to gain and retain them.

Thank you for serving and helping us reach our growth goals.

We Serve!

DC Jim



FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S PAGE

Hello Fellow Lions,

I hope that this year is off to a good start for you and that the sickness that is going around hasn't bothered you.

I just came back from spending a week at St. Charles, IL at a FVDG/DGE Seminar learning to become a good leader. There were close to 800 people from all over the world there, so it was interesting listening to everyone talk.

International First Vice President A.P. Singh was there and I had the honor of having my picture taken with him. I liked hearing the things he had to say. I think that he will be a very good leader. He used an illustration of a little girl sitting on one side of a river and she was crying. The side of the river she sat on was the side of despair. The other side of the river was the side of hope, but to get her to the other side of the river you would need a lot of volunteers to drive the vehicles to drive her to the side of hope and to see her smile. I hope all of you would be willing to drive a vehicle to the other side of the river to see a child smile.

We are being given a very large challenge, but we are Lions, and we can step up to the plate and accept the challenge because we are NOT quitters! The challenge that I'm referring to is Mission 1.5. Of course we are to get more members for our clubs or to start new clubs. When some people from India said that they had 163 members in their club I thought wow!

There was a blind woman at the seminar and I was amazed watching her. She always had a smile on her face. She had someone with her but it just amazed me how she just was going right along and was doing great. It didn't bother her a bit that she was in a strange place and didn't know anyone but she just went right along as if she knew where she was going and could see just fine.

My group leader told us to write our name 5 times. After we did that he told us to switch hands and to write our name 5 more times. A

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woman in my workshop said it can't be done and didn't even want to try and I thought, talk about not being able to handle change well. I use this example because one woman who could not see went along as if nothing was wrong. She was willing to try and didn't just sit at home in familiar surroundings and feel sorry for herself. She is a Lion and proud of it and is trying to serve to help the world be a better place. While the other women could see, she didn't even want to try to do something as simple as write her name with her other hand. I'm here to tell you folks we must be able to change because if we don't make some changes we are going to slowly fade away. We don't have to make them all at once, we can make them over time, but change is going to have to happen.

It's time for me to get off from my soap box for now.

Have a great day,
1st VLG Pam

LCIF Updates for March

Good afternoon Lions of 25B, I'm happy to report that your faithful donations to LCIF are adding up. So, Thank You for supporting our foundation. With a few months left to go for the year, we can make our district goal for the second year in a row and that's going to be AWESOME. This would be impossible without your support. I'm very proud of our district's efforts in the last year.

The world, particularly the United States have experienced a couple pretty big disasters and you all have risen to the challenge and provided some pretty great support. Whether a donation or showing supplies and loading trailers to send, you've demonstrated your hearts for service through action. Please continue your strong support and finish the year strong.

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The other side of the LCIF coin is grants. Our district has received some pretty large grants from LCIF in the past, and I know I've encouraged many of you who have projects planned to think bigger with help from LCIF. While LCIF grants are available, there is an application process and it can be a little confusing. Some of you have asked questions about how to apply for a grant, and my answer is typically here's the information. There are different types of grants and they all have different rules and requirements, so you need to start by figuring out which grant to apply for. Once you do that, it's a matter of getting the correct form (and requirements) gathered up and submitting it. Before you submit, or if you have any trouble figuring out the grant, LCIF has staff to assist you when filling out the form and will review it before you send the application in for board approval. The board meets 4 times a year, so you want to make sure you submit in time to meet your project timelines. If you do have a project where a grant would help, download and submit your application for a grant. One key thing to keep in mind is DO NOT start spending money before your grant is approved, because the grant money only applies to expenses after the date it's awarded.

So, having said all that, LCIF has a grant toolkit to help you with the application. Please consider up sizing your projects with help from an LCIF grant. More information can be found at the link below.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/lcif-grants-tool>

Good luck with your grant application and thanks again for supporting LCIF!

DG Jim
LCIF Co-Coodinator



Land of Lakes Lions Club

Land of Lakes Lions Eyeglass Recycling

VFW Angola Indiana

Tuesday, March 25,
2025

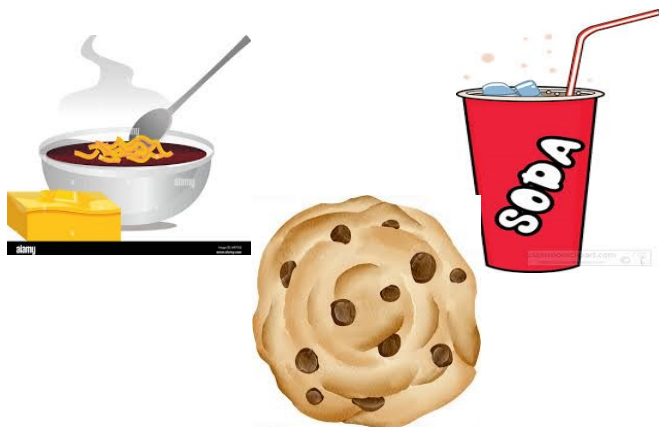
5:00 pm

Chili, dessert, drinks
provided, cost \$6.00



Bring all of your eyeglasses to be recycled

If you have questions call PDG Jim Wyatt
260-316-1777



Monroeville Lions

Monroeville Lions Club Scholarship Winner- Brady Richman, a 2024 graduate of Heritage High School was presented the Community Service Scholarship award for \$1,000 by Lion Colleen Grabner. The award is presented following



completion of one semester of college. Each year the Monroeville Lions Club members offer local seniors an opportunity to fill out an application and submit it listing community service activities they have participated in during high school. They then write an 400-500 word essay describing how one of those activities has influenced them in their lives. Brady attends Baldwin Wallace College near Cleveland, Ohio and is studying for a degree in Sports Management and a minor in Sports Finance. He also plays baseball for the college. His parents are Jason and Sara Richman.

Allen County Fair Committee Needs Help

Submitted by Richard Slayback, Past Cedar Creek Lions Club member (260-437-0870 cell)

I am with the Allen County Fair committee, and I was wondering if you would post an updated item in the next Lions Newsletter? We have some openings that are available due to some cancellations from service clubs in preparing meals during the upcoming 2025 Allen County Fair which runs from Tuesday June 17 thru June 22.

Currently we have a Friday, June 20 Evening meal and Saturday June 21 Breakfast meal dates open. Would any Lions Club or Leo Club in the district want to prepare and serve a meal at the Allen County Fairgrounds on either of those dates? The only cost would be a 10% fee of gross profits going to the Allen County Fairgrounds.

You would have the option to serve any kind of meal that you want too. (This would be a great place to serve the ever-so-popular Friday Night Fish Fry that the Lions are so known for, or the Saturday Morning Pancake Breakfast that the Lions are so known for.)

The Fairgrounds are located at [2726 Carroll Rd, Fort Wayne, IN](https://www.google.com/maps/place/2726+Carroll+Rd,+Fort+Wayne,+IN) and the meals would take place in an air-conditioned building which has an attached outdoor covered patio to cook food.

Please contact Miranda Ott at: allencountyfairgroundsinc@comcast.net or phone 260-449-4444 if you are interested or have questions.

2025 INDIANA LIONS 10 4TH STATE CONVENTION

Hosted by District 25-G

April 25-27, 2025

Farmstead Inn and Conference Center, Shipshewana, Indiana

With Special Guest PIP Jimmy Ross

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR LODGING BY APRIL 1, 2025

Farmstead Inn and Conference Center, 370 S Van Buren St, Shipshewana, Indiana 46565

Call (260) 768-4595 and reference LIONS

Room Rate: \$159 + taxes per night (includes hot breakfast)

Please use one form per person

Deadline: All registration forms must be postmarked by April 7, 2025

Please clearly print name and Lion title as desired to appear on Name Badge:

Name and Lion Title: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

District: _____ Club: _____

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

Please list any Special dietary needs here: _____

Friday Evening Dinner \$15 _____

Authentic Amish Haystack Dinner, hosted by Dunlap Lions Club

Saturday Lunch \$25 _____

Buffet: baked pineapple ham, meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad, pie

Saturday Strides Walk T-Shirt: \$20 _____

Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL (please circle one)

Saturday Dinner: \$35 _____

Plated: roast beef & poppy seed chicken, mashed potatoes, noodles, green beans, salad, pie

Total Registration Due: _____

Mail this form with payment to:

Lion Jeanine Juel, 3204 Village Ct, Goshen, IN 46528

Jeanine@martyjuel.com or (574) 370-2475

Registration must be postmarked by Apr 7, 2025

Make checks payable to: Indiana Lions State Convention

Gratitude for a Wonderful Few Months of Service and Community Spirit

Submitted by Tawnie Cisneros, President PLLC

It's been a busy and heartwarming few months here at the Pleasant Lake Lions Club, and we are so grateful for the wonderful guests we've had at our recent meetings, who have educated us and helped us prioritize where to get involved as leaders in Pleasant Lake.

First up, we were honored to have Cameron Memorial Community Hospital CEO Angie Logan join us. Angie shared the incredible work the hospital is doing to stay independent while collaborating with larger healthcare systems to meet the unique needs of our community. Did you know Cameron is one of only 20 independent hospitals in Indiana? Pretty impressive!

Next, ACE Academy Principal Tia Buchs inspired us with her mission to support middle and high school students who struggle with traditional learning. ACE helps these students earn high school diplomas and sets them on a path toward continuing education or finding a vocation—a vital service we're grateful for, especially for the 30% of students who call Pleasant Lake home. Our club has set aside \$1,000 to support the ongoing needs of this important and unique learning environment.

And we were thrilled to have Kelly Lynch, Executive Director of the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society, talk about revitalizing the Pleasant Lake Depot. Thanks to his team, the depot saw thousands of visitors last year with train tours that brought some serious excitement to our town!



We've also had the pleasure of partnering with the Scouts of America and Pleasant Lake Methodist Church for hands-on projects with students at Pleasant Lake Montessori. Lions Steve

Eckhert and Dave Brocket led students in making birdhouses and 80 Pinewood Derby cars, while Lion Tawnie Cisneros led students in learning how to winter sow seeds. It's been a joy to watch local kids learn vital skills that will help them grow...and maybe someday become Lion leaders, too!



Our Annual Citrus Sale, led by Lion Ed Wise, was a big success! Even though we ended up with an extra 100 boxes of fruit (oops!), our community came together to buy nearly every last box. Those extra boxes? They went to people in need.

And last but not least, our Lions Club recently made a \$2,000 matching donation to the Pleasant Lake Historical Society (PLHS) as they raise funds for their newest exhibit—a 1960s Barbershop they've acquired and are working to restore to its original glory. Led by Lions and PLHS Board members Elten and Carolyn Powers, this historic building has already become a vibrant part of our community, recently hosting Santa for family photos and welcoming hundreds of visitors from the Fort Wayne Railroad's "Santa train" tours. The Barbershop brings new energy to Pleasant Lake and creates a sense of fellowship among neighbors. We're proud to be a part of preserving this piece of history for future generations to enjoy!



Bird Houses



DIRECTOR LAWRENCE'S BIO

Lions,

This year, it's our honor to welcome International Director John 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. Director Lawrence's Bio is attached.

International Director John A. Lawrence from Chestertown, Maryland, 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, Massachusetts, USA, July 7 through July 11, 2023.

After serving in the US 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 US 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.

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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 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.

Kendallville Lions

Kendallville Lions Jim, Ron, Terri, Loren, Ken, and Dave help celebrate 100 years of club existence by emphasizing the club's "five pillars": hunger, diabetes, vision, cancer, and environment.



Kendallville Lions president Vernie Scheiber rings the Salvation Army bell for community donations



DG JIM'S AND DISTRICT B CALENDAR



MARCH 2025

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 1 District Convention Huntington College |
| 2 ID John Lawrence Area tour | 3 Not Available | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 District A & G Convention  |
| 9 Vision First Indiana Lions Eye Bank  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Lions Day at the Statehouse  | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17  | 18 | 19 | 20 NEWSLETTER  | 21 District E Convention  | 22 |
| 23 | 24 New Haven Lions O/V  | 25 Land of Lakes Lions Eyeglass Recycling  | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
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