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Good day to the Lions of District 25 B. For me, time is flying by. The year is rapidly coming to an end and I still have a few clubs to get to. I have enjoyed my time visiting the many clubs this year and encourage you to continue the great work you are doing in your communities through service.

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In the March Club Health Assessment for District 25 B we are -0.30 % in Year To Date net growth. We show a net growth of - 3. Which makes our current membership at 1009 members. One year ago at this time we were 1,025 members. If we continue that trend, where are we going to be in five years. My congratulations goes to Roanoke Lions Club (+6), St. Joe Lions Club (+6), and Pleasant Lake Lions Club (+5). So my question to the Lions of District 25 B is: where are we going to be in 5 years, and 10 years from this now? Are we going to exist? We need members to serve our communities and there are many strong clubs out there, but it seems like we are losing two or three clubs every year. Our membership is getting older, which is normal, because many clubs are failing to make membership drives and important part of their programs. We have a great way to grow that Lions International has endorsed. It is:

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1. BUILD A TEAM: Build a team to support the GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP APPPROACH. Remember our goal is 1.5 million members by 2028. For District 25 B that should be at least 1250 members and at least 5 new clubs by 2028.

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2. BUILD A VISION: Conduct an analysis of your community and develop goals to best fit your needs.

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3. BUILD A PLAN: Build a plan as a team to achieve the established goals.

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4. BUILD SUCCESS: Execute your plan, maintain accountability and adjust as necessary. Many clubs do not have a membership chair or a membership team. It's time to not be a one man show and become a team.

A team brings in new members and clubs. A team helps to develop leadership. A team provides members to serve our communities and the world.

Isn't that our goal?

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Just a reminder that our next Cabinet meeting is May 18, 2024. It will be held at the Tri Lakes Lions Club building, 2935 E. colony Ave, Columbia City, IN 46725.

Registration will start at 8:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. PDG meeting, General meeting at 9:30 a.m. Lion Wendy Semans will be there to talk about Leos and Cubs clubs. Looking forward to seeing you there.

DG Terry L. Marker

UPCOMING DATES

June 21-25: Lions International Convention, Melbourne, Australia.

May 21: Officer Training: Place and time to be determined.

May 23: Officer Training: Place and time to be determined.

May 28: Officer Training: Place and time to be determined.

June 8: Zone Chair Training: Place and time

INDIANA STATE FAIR

Come work the State Fair and earn credits for a WP Woods Fellowship. District 25-B will be taking a van of workers to the State Fair on Wednesday, August 7. We will be working the afternoon shift. Pick up points will be the Rural King in Decatur, Kroger at Dupont and Coldwater in Ft. Wayne, and Exit 278 near Warren. Jobs available are ticket seller, ticket scanner, and Kiosk monitor. Save the date now. More information later.



DISTRICT 25 B 4 TH CABINET MEETING

SATURDAY,
MAY 18, 2024

WHERE: TRI-LAKE LIONS
CLUB BUILDING
2935 E. COLONY AVE.
COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725

8:30 a.m.: Registration
9:00 a.m.: PDG Meeting
9:30 a.m. General Session

GUEST SPEAKER:
Lion Wendy Seaman

TOPIC:
Leo Clubs and Cub Clubs

Doughnuts and Coffee will be
available

50/50 Drawing

**Everyone please bring
a Door Prize Item**



FROM THE DESK OF 1ST VDG

Submitted by 1st Vice District Governor Jim Bush

Hello Lions of 25B! I don't need to tell you, but we're 5/6th of the way through our year already. There is still work to do, and I know we have it in us to complete the mission.

At the start of the year we had the goal of adding one new member per club, doing the math, that means 46 new members. I'm happy to say that 25B accomplished that, but we're still hovering around break-even. So good news, we're doing well at finding new members, and we just need to keep doing that all the way through July! I know we normally think about asking someone to join us, and then take a look at our schedule and say I'll ask after [fill in the blank]. Now, not later, is the time to ask. Have some fun with it.

In case you haven't heard, the new Lions portal is online. The current timeline (subject to some changes) is:

- **Now – April 11:** MyLion, MyLCI and Insights will continue to function as normal.
- **April 12 and beyond:** MyLion, MyLCI and Insights are no longer available.

April 15 – May 13: Invitations to access the new Lion Portal sent via email on a rolling basis to existing Lion Account users.

Please note: User permissions will not change. In other words, those who can report service, access member data and other key functions remains the same.

May 13 and beyond: All visitors attempting to access the previous digital tools will be automatically redirected to the new Lion Portal.

If you haven't received an email from LCI yet, don't worry, it's coming. You'll know the one, because it will ask you to reset your password. Once you're in, take a look around. Some things are familiar, and other things aren't the same. I can't fully evaluate the site based on my limited navigation. I think things may be klunky for awhile, but eventually we'll figure out how to navigate the site and how to access the data we need to do our work as Lions. While someone may have moved our cheese, I'm confident that we can learn

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to use the new system, it's just going to take a little time. There is a training module for the portal and I'm sure a lot of questions will be answered by completing the training.

Speaking of Training, there will be 3 different club officer training sessions offered in May. The training will be the same for all 3 with north, central, and south district locations. Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Executive Board and Membership Chairs should attend. Sessions will be in the evening, e-mail to incoming officers and e district 25B fb page will have locations and times.

Dates will be:

May 21 – North session

May 23 – Central session

My 28 – South session

I know this all seems a bit choppy, but it's a busy time of the Lion year. This has been a great year to be a Lion in 25B. Thanks for all your service and let's strive to finish the year strong and in the black.

Yours in service,
Jim

HOWE LIONS CLUB

Community Garage Sale

Friday, May 17, 9:00 - 5:00

Saturday, May 18, 9:00 - 12:00

Location

Howe Community Center Howe, I

Donations Accepted

Thursday, May 16, 2024 - Noon to 4:00

Call [847-560-0768](tel:847-560-0768) for large items you



25B LCIF SUPPORTERS!

Submitted by 1st Vice District Governor Jim Bush

Hello LCIF donors

As we continue to move down the pike toward year-end, our numbers continue to rise. I know that it's a busy time for clubs and Lions, but we're closing in on our goal slowly but surely.

About a week or two ago one of our district Lions asked about LCIF in Winchester Indiana. If you're as in-touch as I am, you're probably saying "ah yes, that tornado that hit Winchester on March 14th" or not really knowing the exact date, you have to look it up. Date aside, LCIF was in Winchester and provided an emergency relief grant of \$10,000 to provide for the needs of area residents following the storm. These emergency relief grants provide critical supplies to victims of storms and other events so they can have a small sense of normal life when nothing seems normal at all. While emergency relief grants get people up and running, follow on grants provide for larger and ongoing needs of communities. Between July of 2023 and March 2024 LCIF awarded \$7,399,407 in disaster relief grants and \$475,559.00 of that amount was granted in the US. The point is, YOUR LCIF donation made those grants possible. In case you've forgotten, 100% of your LCIF donation goes to helping our global causes. I've looked into a lot of causes, and I don't know of any other organization that distributes 100% of donations.

As of today, our district has raised \$20,011 of our \$27,324 goal, the end is in sight. If you haven't made your individual or club contribution yet, now is as good a time as any. When you donate to OUR FOUNDATION you truly do help make a difference in lives of people around the world and in our own back yard.

Thank you for supporting LCIF

Lion Jim

INDIANA LIONS FOUNDATION AT THE INDIANA STATE FAIR

The dates for the Indiana State Fair this year are August 2, 2024 through August 18, 2024.

There are a couple changes for this year.

Last year the Fair was closed on Monday and Tuesday each week; this year it will be closed only on Monday.

Automobile entrance to infield parking will be handled differently this year. In prior years, cashiers collected money for auto parking fees and entrance fees on the access roads. This year, only auto parking fees will be charged at the access roads. Four new gates are being created on the infield and Lions will sell and scan tickets at these new gates. On the website sign-in sheets they are designated at NW, SW, NE and SE gates.

This year, we will have approximately 1,000 shifts and we need your help to fill these positions. Please sign up on the website at :

[IndianaLionsFoundationMD25.org](https://www.IndianaLionsFoundationMD25.org)

If you have any questions, please contact one of the Indiana Lions Foundations State Fair Committee Members:

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THANK YOU — GRACIAS — MERCI — DANKE — GRAZIE

Lion Janet and I would like to express our gratitude to the Lions of Indiana for your faith in allowing us to be YOUR voice with Lions International. To be able to be given this chance comes with a great deal of responsibility, which we look forward to embracing. We will show to the members throughout the World that Indiana continues to produce dedicated, thoughtful, forward thinking and professional candidates for every level of leadership in our association.

While there will be a waiting period before we can be on the slate for the Board of Directors, you will see us working service and fund-raising projects in all corners of Indiana. This is our way of learning first-hand what thoughts and concerns our clubs have and possible ideals to make our organization better. Plus as retirement gets closer there will have to be something to keep me busy!

As was said many times during this campaign – Indiana is fortunate to have many quality leaders and that when our multiple district was asked to put forth an International Director candidate – PDG Charlie Short (District C) and myself were able to be considered by the membership to be that endorsed nominee. I personally would like to thank PDG’s Charlie and Pat for their dedication to the Lions and their commitment to continue to provide service to the community.

While having this printed in the district newsletters enables us to get our message out to more members with more speed, it will be when we meet again in person that we can share with you what each word of encouragement and show of support during the campaign meant to us. We truly feel blessed to be part of such a great group of people!

Yours  Lionism

PCC Reed & Lion Janet Fish
Lions of Indiana



ISBVI TRUSTEES

Save the date May 18th 2024

Spring is on its way and we all know what that means. YES, it's cleanup day. This year's workday will be May 18th 2024. I'm looking forward to an exciting time with fellow trustees and other Lions coming together to help one last time, enhancing the grounds before graduation. I have enclosed the following information on the days' time frame. Come when you can anytime will work. We will start with sign-ins at 8:30 and start work 9am. If you come later great, we will find plenty for you to do.

To each trustee, this is your state project that **you** chose to be involved in. There may be a meeting after or not. This is the last time you will be able to take a tour of the facility and grounds for several years, due to construction of a new campus.

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ANDREWS LION CLUB

On April 4, 2024 The Andrews Lion Club supplied 14 members to the non-profit organization Blessings In a Back Pack. We packed over 900 backpacks for underprivileged kids and their families. The food is all non-perishable item donated to Blessings in Back Packs. These packs go to area school and are put in students back packs while they are in class. Along with our 14 members we were blessed to have our First Vice District Governor James Bush show up to help. Lion Jim was our bag man, he got to open over 900 bags and start them down the line. Thanks to Lion Jim and others like Lion Cheryl for lining this up it was a great success.



KENDALLVILLE LIONS CLUB



Kendallville Lions Vernie Scheiber, left, and Bob Farmer coax motorists to stop and buy BarBQ chicken, a project for community activities.



Customers lay down their cash as Kendallville Lions Laura Merriman, Rich Anderson, and David Young wait on them. Profits used for community activities.

HUNTERTOWN LIONS CLUB

We are happy to report the induction of three new members: Cara DeBolt (Nov 13, 2023), Dan Sparling and Troy Sutterfield (March 25, 2024).

The Huntertown Lions Baseball Program will celebrate its 70th year this season (1954-2024). Opening Day is Monday, May 13, 2024 at the Huntertown Elementary School Ball Park. Resurrection of the Concession Trailer and Elephant Ears are highly anticipated on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. 70 cent Popcorn Night or Nights planned. Games are scheduled Monday through Friday 6 PM-9 PM. Come out and enjoy watching T-ballers to Senior Boys play their best. Nibble on popcorn, candy, or a hotdog. Top it off with a refreshing slush or soda pop. There will be something for everyone!

Allen County Fair Fish Fry & Tenderloins

Friday, June 21, 2024; 5-7 PM

2726 Carroll Road Fort Wayne

Fair Admission on Friday = \$10

Tentative Fish Meal = \$15

If any questions, please contact me,

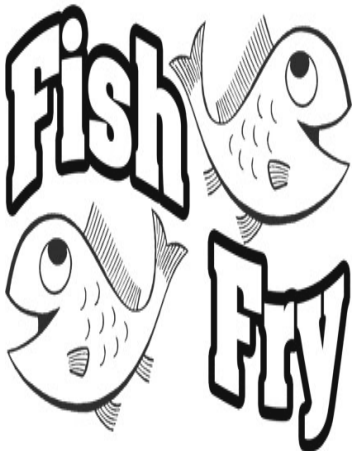
Thank You.

Sincerely,

Lion Linda Sodano

Huntertown Lions Secretary

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DISTRICT B AND DG TERRY'S CALENDAR MAY 2024



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Thu

Fri

Sat

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5	6 Huntington Lion Club & Roanoke Lions Club O/V 	7	8	9 Rome City/ Brimfield & Wolcottville Lions Club O/V 	10	11
12 Mother's Day 	13	14 	15	16	17 Howe Lions Garage Sale 	18 Cabinet Meet- ing 
19	20 	21 Clear Lake Lions Club O/V Officers Training 	22	23 Officers Training 	24	25
26 Indy 500 	27 Memorial Day 	28 Officers Training 	29	30	31	

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