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DISTRICT GOVERNOR COLUMN

Happy May 25 B(ees),

This is a busy time to be a Lion. State convention is behind us and we really need to start gearing up for our next Lions' year. You've all had your elections and reported your officers in the portal by now so it should be simple to produce a district directory, correct? Let me take a minute to emphasize the importance of entering your club officers in the portal. For starters, and perhaps the most important reason is that LCI is going to stop mailing club statements in July. I repeat, LCI is going to stop mailing club statements in July. Why does this matter? It matters because your treasurers won't know if your club has a balance at international or the Multiple District if there's no e-mail address in the portal for your club officers. What's potentially worse is your club could be dropped by Lions Clubs International and you may not even know it. LCI have been urging us all to have online access, and the time has arrived when it is a necessity. Like it or not, the day is upon us. If you need portal help or haven't been able to create an account to date, reach out to me and our district administrator and get it working before it's too late. Also, make sure your current and incoming officers all have portal access as well, it really is essential to your club's health and success.

Speaking of elections and officers, Club officer training will be taking place in May. Prior to attending training, there will be some homework LCI has developed training for all club officer positions among other things. Our district training sessions don't allow enough time to cover all the training required for your officer positions, therefore much of the training falls on you to complete. Prior to your attendance at district training, you are

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STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to complete the online training for your new position to get the most out of the district training. LCI Club officer training can be found at this link

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-officers-training>

We Serve!

DG Jim

DISTRICT OFFICER TRAINING

District officer training sessions will be held in MAY of this year, sometime after the 21st. Locations have not been determined yet, but likely dates (subject to change) will be May 20th, 21th, and May 28th. This will be the only opportunity to receive group training. Please plan to attend one of the sessions. If a zone chair wishes to schedule officer training, that can be arranged. Training is also available online at the Lions Learning Center, but there is a benefit to going through with a group of other Lions due to the ability to ask and hear other Lion's questions.

These training sessions are designed to equip our officers with the skills and knowledge necessary to effectively manage their clubs and fulfill their roles. Attendance is highly encouraged as it will provide valuable insights and networking opportunities.

May 20, 2025

First United Methodist Church
1203 E 7th Street, Auburn, In.
6:30 PM to 8 PM.

May 21, 2025

Wells County Library
6 PM to 7:45 PM

May 28, 2025

Huntertown Lifehouse Church old Lima Road
(former UMC)
6 PM to 8 PM

I encourage all Presidents, Secretaries and Treasures to attend.

PCC Herb Gaff



DISTRICT CABINET MEETING

Our final district cabinet meeting will be held on May 17th at the Bippus Lions Club.

I'd like to make this a small celebration. There will be a guest speaker and a project presentation, but since there aren't any restaurants in Bippus, there will be a light lunch provided following the meeting. If you'd like to bring a side dish or dessert to share that will certainly be welcome. Bring a beverage of your choice if you would like anything other than water.

Address is below:

Bippus Lions Club
7957 N 886 W

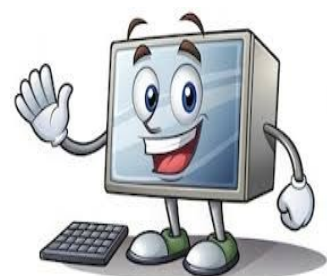
8:30 AM Registration
9:30 AM -1200 PM Meeting
May 17, 2025

DG Jim



SERVICE REPORTING

Our service reporting is on the upswing. Lion Anita Hines is looking at Facebook pages and discovering service projects we haven't reported. She will be entering and possibly contacting clubs to get more information about your projects. If contacted, please help her help us. Anita is helping us all look better by getting our service on the portal. Don't wait for Anita to call, if you have service to report, please log into the portal and capture that service.



SERVICE PROJECTS

Our district has been actively engaged in various service projects aimed at improving the lives of those we serve in our communities. We invite all clubs to share their service project stories and experiences to inspire others. Anthony Wayne Lions have a project coming later this month (see article in this newsletter). Please sign up and attend their city cleanup project. When you come out, be sure to break out your Lions attire so people notice us at work in the community. If you have a potential Lion, invite them and bring them along, this is a great way to involve a new Lion in service from the start. If your club holds or participates in a project, don't forget to take a few minutes before or after to report your service. You can't complete the report prior to the actual date, but the data can be ready when you come to the service date. We Serve!

Editor's Note: There is more information about the Anthony Wayne Lions project elsewhere in this newsletter.

Editor's note: These are pictures from a previous Clean-up.



FORT WAYNE GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP

Service project announcement!

Fort Wayne's Great American Clean-up is taking place on May 3rd, 2025. This is a great opportunity to help with cleaning up Allen County from trash that is getting in our waterways, rivers, and roadways in the area.

Location of the event will be announced the week of, as we have the city choose a location that is in need! Start time is planned for 8:00 am. Trash bags, gloves, shirts, water and light refreshments will be provided.

The city of Fort Wayne will have a celebration as well at Headwater's Park from 11:30 am – 2:00 pm. Anthony Wayne Lion's Club will be hosting a group for the second year in a row and want to reach out for any extra hands that want to participate!

If you or your club is interested, please contact me by email

at misty.hanauer00@gmail.com

or by texting 772-940-9730. Text and email are preferred due to working hours during the week. Sign-ups will be due on April 16th so that there is time for a headcount and to coordinate locations.

Hope to hear from you soon
Lion Misty Hanauer



MEMBERSHIP

Unfortunately, our membership is still down from the start of the year. We need to press on and continue to invite our friends and acquaintances to service projects and Lionism.

We are still down from where we started this year, and it's fair to assume we're going to lose more Lions at the end of the year. So, invite and enlist Lions as soon as you can, don't take maybe for an answer.

If you have a Lion that will be dropping, do it prior to June 15th to avoid having to pay dues that will be billed on July 1st. LCI will bill for all your Lions that are on your roles as of the first of July. If you know they're dropping, it's best to do it by the middle of June. Of course, giving Lions a reason to stick around is preferred to losing them.

REMEMBER



LEADER DOG PROJECT

Editor's Note: This project was discussed at a district cabinet meeting. Zone Chairman Kevin McDermit brought it to the attention of the district.

Yesterday, the Tri Lakes Lions presented a check to Josh Engle, a person with a vision impairment for \$1808. This project was initiated by the Tri-Lakes Lions and became a zone project. Josh had obtained a leader dog a couple years ago, but the dog was easily distracted by other animals and after two trips from Leader Dog trainers to his home, the dog was still unable to provide safe travel and independence for Josh. The first dog was retired and Josh returned to Leader Dogs on March 16, completed training on April 5 with Cassie, a black lab. Clubs who pledged/donated funds were Arcola, Larwill, Churubusco, Columbia City, Hometown and Tri-Lakes. Additional funds were donated by individuals. In addition, a District 25B Helping Hands grant was obtained by Tri-Lakes Lions and a kennel was donated by DG Jim Bush. Tri-Lakes Lions would like to thank all for their support with this project.

Submitted by Lion Sue L'Esperance, Secretary/Treasurer, Tri-Lakes Lions Club



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Hello Lions,

It's May and we're closing in on the end of our giving year. Our last report shows that we've achieved a little over 65% of our annual fundraising goal. On Friday preceding the state convention there was a historical marker dedicated to Past International President Wayne Madden. The marker was placed at a park containing a playground built by the Auburn Lions Club, and at least some LCIF money. Past International President Madden believed in our foundation and understood the power it had to change lives for the better. Whether a playground, bus barns, goalball facilities, or you name it, Past International President Madden had a vision and was able to inspire Lions in our district to use their treasure to make that vision reality. We've had a hard year in Indiana as disasters go. First we had tornados, followed by flooding and more flooding. At least one LCIF disaster relief grant has been awarded, and goods are being distributed to victims of the tornados and floods right now. LCIF Grant information can be found here



HELPFUL RESOURCES



LCIF Grants Toolkit

Explore grant types and additional resources to see if there's a grant that's right for your club, district or multiple district now or in the future.



LCIF: Stories of Pride

Share your story of service made possible through our global foundation and be inspired by the stories of others.



LCIF Facebook Page

Connect with fellow Lions and Leos across the globe and learn more about LCIF's impact in our local communities and around the world.



LCIF YouTube Playlist

Watch videos highlighting the LCIF, our beneficiaries, and the many things your continued support make possible.

MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORLD

Donate today and bring possibilities to life.



Lions Clubs International Foundation
300 W. 22nd St. | Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842 USA
LCIF.ORG

One of our goals for this year was to get 85% of our district's clubs to donate to LCIF. There is still time to make that happen, but we need to act now. In order for the donation to count for this year, funds need to arrive at LCIF by Friday June 13, 2025, so if you would like to make that happen this year, don't delay. You can send your donation directly to LCIF or, if it is your custom, you can send it to PDG Richard Hill, District Treasurer to arrive prior to June 1st and it should reach LCIF in time.

For a glimpse of what's going on with LCIF have a look at the Donor Digest by clicking the link below

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Finally, if your club has a project you'd like to do, please consider applying for an LCIF grant to make your dollars go further. We have DG community improvement grants which a single club can apply for, but all other grants require at least 2 clubs to apply, which shouldn't be a problem within a zone. I know many of your clubs have some substantial projects, and you're contributing to LCIF so why not apply and do more. Another reason to use a grant is so you don't have to use your entire budget on a single project. More projects mean more impact which means more member satisfaction and more community interest in being a Lion.

In summary, keep up the great work, consider making an individual donation in addition to your club's donation (it all adds up) and finally partner with another club and apply for an LCIF grant.

DG Jim

WOLCOTTVILLE LIONS CLUBS

Submitted by Lion Alan Targgart

The Wolcottville Lions Clubs 81st Annual Easter Egg Hunt was a tremendous success on Saturday, April 19, 2025. Approximately 150 young boys and girls braved the chilly (but dry!) weather and participated with six youngsters being our lucky winners of a bicycle or a firetruck ride. All of the children participating received a bag of candy and a prize. Huge !!

Thank Yous to our sponsoring merchants and our Lions members whose hard work and dedication make the event not only possible, but a fun day for all involved. The spirit of the holiday and occasion were best summed up by Matthew Kirby (our 7-year-old winner of the Big Boy Bike) when asked if the bike was a little too big for him. He responded, "It's okay. I know my big brother can ride it until I'm big enough." Wise words of gratitude from a 7-year-old. There is a lesson there for all of us. Again, our continuing gratitude to all of our Benefactors and Sponsors: Sons of the American Legion (LaGrange); Kurt Bachman, attorney at law; Country Bait & Tackle; Farmers State Bank; Hillbilly Tire; Johnson Township Fire Department; Raber's Grocer Store; Topeka Pharmacy; Town of Wolcottville; Twin Six; Tire Star; Young Family Funeral Home; Strawser Auctions; Mike's Automotive; Long Lane Farms; Howe LaGrange – Reick Insurance; Young Guns Clay Sports; and No Leaf Clover Antique and Vintage. Once again, when there is a need in the community, the Lions are here to serve. Bite 'em.



Big Boys Bike



Fire Truck Ride

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Big
Girls
Bike



Little
Boys
Bike



Little
Girls
Bike



Fire
Truck
Ride



MESSAGE FROM CABINET TREASURER RICHARD HILL To CLUB TREASURERS

Please note that LCI will no longer be sending out statements as of July 15, 2025. Treasurers will have access to statements through the Portal moving forward.

If you have any questions or need assistance accessing the Portal, feel free to reach out.

Best Regards

Tina Mueller | Billing Coordinator | Accounts Receivable and Club Account Services Department



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR UNITED STATES CLUBS

I. Online Payment Options

Club Treasurers can visit the **Lion Portal** on the Lions International website. After logging onto the **Lion Portal**, choose **My Club**, **Club Statements** and select either **'Pay with PayPal'** or **'Pay Now.'**

II. CHECK PAYMENTS, VIA MAIL:

You may pay the balance of your account with a US dollar draft drawn on a United States bank or branch. Please mail your check directly to the Association's Lockbox:

**THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS
35842 EAGLE WAY
CHICAGO, IL 60678-1358**

Please allow a sufficient amount of time for the check to be received and processed to your account. Please include the top portion of your statement with your check or write the complete club name and club number on the front of your check. If we cannot identify a payment, there will be a delay in posting the payment to the correct account.

NOTE: Please do not mail your checks to Oak Brook.

III. Please contact the Accounts Receivable & Club Account Services Department with any questions.

E-mail: accountsreceivable@lionsclubs.org

Phone: 1-630-203-3810

Fax: 1-630-571-1683

Web: www.lionsclubs.org

IV. Correspondence only should be sent to the address below:

Lions Club International
300 W. 22nd Street
Oak Brook, IL 60523

****Please note: Donations by check intended for Lions Clubs International Foundation should be mailed to: Lions Clubs International Foundation, Department 4547, Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 USA**

For LCIF donation options please visit lionsclubs.org/waystogive or make an online donation at lionsclubs.org/donate

The Dr. Richard T. Miyamoto Fellowship



Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing has established the Miyamoto Fellowship to honor Lions and others for their dedication to their Lions Clubs, to Lions Clubs International, and to those in need in their communities around the world. Dr. Richard T. Miyamoto retired as Chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the Indiana University School of Medicine. At Riley Hospital, he served as Medical Director of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology.

In the 1980's, a grant from Speech and Hearing was provided to Riley Hospital and Dr. Miyamoto to expand the use of cochlear implants for children. Dr. Miyamoto's pioneering work has been recognized around the world, and he continues his close relationship with the Lions of Indiana.

A handsome plaque has been designed to honor the recipients of the Miyamoto Fellowship. For a \$500 donation to Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc. within a two year period, one plaque may be ordered in the recipient's name to be presented by the donor Lion or Lions Club. There is no charge for the plaque. Please contact any Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing trustee in your district for information or to order a plaque.



DG JIM'S AND DISTRICT B **CALENDAR** **MAY 2025**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Huntington HS Scholar- ships Ceremo- ny 9am 	3 Fort Wayne Clean-up Day 
4	5 Huntington Lions Club O/V  Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8 Andrews Lions Club O/V 	9	10
11 Mother's Day 	12 Woodburn Lions Club O/V 	13 	14 South Milford Lions Club O/V 	15 South Whitley Info night 6:00 – 7:30 pm	16	17 District Cabi- net Meeting 
18	19 Larwill Lions Club O/V 	20 Clear Lake Lions Club O/V Officer Train- ing Auburn 	21 Officer Train- ing Wells County Li- brary 	22	23	24
25 Indy 500 	26 Memorial Day 	27 Officer Train- ing Auburn 	28 Officer Train- ing Hunter- town 	29	30	31

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