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District 25C Newsletter

From the Desk of DG John Waymire

BE THE SERVICE DIFFERENCE LIONS HELPING HAMOS

Hello Fellow Lions of 25 C,

The District C Convention was this past weekend and if you missed it, you missed a great learning and inspirational convention. Our keynote speaker was International Director Hans Neidhardt from Potwin, Kansas. ID Hans is a retired Air Force Colonel whose wife is District Governor Shari Neidhardt. DG Shari spoke about her passion of being a Lion and providing service especially through her crocheted comfy breast forms for women who have had a mastectomy or similar surgery. The breast forms are generously made and mailed to women 100% free of charge. Go to awesome-breastforms.org for more information. ID Hans spoke about Lions needing more Hands, being stronger together and taking the next step. What inspired me the most was when ID Hans said, "Yesterday is gone; Today is the only time I can do something; and Tomorrow is a figment of our imagination. You can only do something today." International President Fabricio Oliveira says, "Make Your Mark" through service. I say, "BE THE SER-VICE DIFFERENCE."

In other district business, Lion Paul Scheetz was elected District Governor Elect, Lion Tom Schultz was elected as First Vice District Governor Elect and Lion Marj Schultz was elected Second Vice District Governor Elect. Trustees for all Indiana State projects were elected for 3-year terms for 2025 – 2028.

Four amendments to the District 25C Constitution and By-laws were passed that relate to the collection and reporting of district dues money. Now send your dues to the District Treasurer. The District Secretary does not need to be involved in the process.

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The winner of the District and State Peace Poster project was Zionsville Middle School student, Yoko Zheng. The title of her poster is an inspiration, "Peace can be achieved by anyone, But it always starts with one."

Indiana Foundation grants were awarded to the South Putnam Leo Club (Note: The South Putnam Leo Club just chartered with 40 new Leos!), the Martinsville Leo Club, the Monrovia Leo Club, the Zionsville Leo Club and the new Twin Lakes Club Branch. Congratulations to all recipients. Keep up the good work.

One of the best things that happened at the convention was the silent auction that raised nearly \$10,000 for the Indiana Cancer Control Fund which will donate that money to Riley's Childhood Cancer Research which will be matched by the Walther Cancer Foundation which means nearly \$20,000 for childhood cancer. Thank you, Silent Auction Chair, Lion Gail Robbins.

Another of the best things about the convention was the induction of 8 new Lions by ID Hans, six new members for Zionsville and 2 new members to the Twin Lakes Club Branch sponsored by Brookston Lions Club.

A huge **THANK YOU** to all District C Lions who attended the district convention and a huge **THANK YOU** to all the Lions who helped put the convention together to make it such a great success. ID Hans and DG Shari Neidhardt were impressed with our district and the many Lions he had the opportunity to talk to. **THANK YOU** to all."

John Waymire, District Governor 25C

District Meeting Timelines

The **4**th **District Meeting of the year will be at the District C Caucus** as part of the 104th Indiana Lions State Convention on Saturday, April 26, 2025, in Shipshewana. The main topics of discussion will be a 2024/2025 year wrap up and a 2025/2026-year preview. Come make your voice heard about what went well or did not go well and what you would like to see happen or not happen next year. This is your district, let's make it the best district ever.

The **District Meeting scheduled for May 10**, in Brownsburg will be devoted to officer training. This will include Zone Chairs, Presidents and Vice Presidents, Secretaries and treasurers. By early May, most officer elections will have been held and **ELECTION RESULTS REPORTED TO LCI IN THE PORTAL** so that new officers have an opportunity to understand their duties as club leaders and ask guestions about policies or procedures or expectations.

District Goals 2024-2025

To increase reporting of District 25C clubs Service Activity Report (SAR). As of today, only 56% of District C clubs have reported a service activity. Please report to LCI and the local media what Lions are doing. We are the best kept secret. Let your communities hear your LION roar. District GST chair Lion Cindy Russell or District Administrator Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos can assist you in promoting and reporting service activities.

To increase our membership by the end of June 30, 2025. Currently we are a MINUS 29 in membership. One simple technique to recruit new members is simply to ASK them to join. Remember this simple formula: **More Members = More Hands = More Service.** Contact GMT Tom Robbins for help in recruiting new members. It can be as easy as just asking a friend to help at a service project. I have New Member packets if you need them.

To increase attendance at 25 C District Meetings and District Convention and State Convention. All meetings and all conventions are open to all District C Lions. District meetings are where district business is conducted, and decisions made. Come be a part of the decision-making process and see how your dues money is being spent.

Provide Officer and Zone Chair Training. Officer training is scheduled for May 10th in Brownsburg. A PowerPoint presentation on president's leadership responsibilities is available from GLT John Wilkins. There are You Tube videos available on the Portal about using the Portal and leadership training.

Keep the District 25 C Calendar up to date. District C website is: www.e-district.org/sites/25c/. Check it out.

Establish longer and Actionable PDG meetings. The PDGs will meet as part of the District C Caucus during the State Convention in Shipshewana.

If I can assist your club in any way, please contact me.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your District Governor.

Thank you for all you do for the Lions and your communities.

John Waymire,

District Governor 25C

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District C Meeting Schedule 2024-2025

April 25-26, 2025 State Convention Farmstead Inn & Conf. Ct.

370 S Van Buren St. (SR5) Shipshewana, IN 46565

April 26, 2025 District C Caucus Shipshewana

April 27, 2025 4th Council Meeting Shipshewana

May 10, 2025 4th District Meeting Brownsburg

Bundy's Lodge 7024 Lucas Drive

Brownsburg, IN 46112

District Governor Visitation Schedule

March 6 Crawfordsville Lions Club

March 11 Zionsville Lions Club

March 18 Young America Lions Club

March 25 Cayuga Lions Club
April 2 Newport Lions Club
April 17 Morgantown lions Club
April 25 -26 Lions State Convention

April 26 4th District Meeting - District C Caucus

April 27 4th Council Meeting
April 28 Lucerne Lions Club
May 4 Colfax Lions Club
May 10 Officer Training
May 21 Bainbridge lions Club

June 7 Stories in the Park

Pre-Council Meeting

Websites for 25C and MD25

<u>District 25-C - Lions e-District Houses</u> <u>Multiple District 25 - Lions e-District Houses</u>



A Message from FVDG—Paul Sheetz

Greetings Lions,

We are into the second half of the year. As I mentioned earlier, clubs should be putting together their nominations for next year's officers to be placed club ballots. What I would like our Lions to think about is the challenge of taking a higher office in the district. If you meet the requirements of holding the next higher office, I urge you to consider a higher office. You don't have to start at a cabinet position, you could start at one of our committees. There are district trustee positions on one of the State Projects. You don't have to follow one office after another. Complete that position's term then you can wait until you are ready to go to the next level. We have many Lions who have held these offices. It may seem overwhelming, just ask for guidance, we are willing to help. You are not alone. We will not let you fail. The district can not flourish without Lions taking the challenge of district offices.

FVDG Paul Scheetz



A Message from DT Karen McKellar

Take particular NOTE to the change that will come	
July15,2025	

Please note ALL payments are due upon receipt.

The clubs are normally given 30-day grace period to pay before letters are sent out. See payment methods



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR UNITED STATES CLUBS

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 arid select either 'Pay with PayPal' or 'Pay Now.'

II. CHECK PAYMENTS, VIA MAIL:

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

THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS 35g42 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.

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

E-mail: accountsreceivablei4lionsclubs.org

Phone: 1-630-203-3810 Fax: 1-630-571-1683 Web: <u>www.lionsclubs.org</u>

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

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

Lions Club International

**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 (this is not a change)

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.

A Message from Indiana Lions Foundation

Indiana Lions Foundation Indiana State Fair Project



We may be shoveling snow from the sidewalk and scraping ice from the car windows now, but it's not too early to start thinking about fun and fellowship with other Indiana Lions at the 2025 Indiana State Fair. This is the Foundation's single largest fundraiser. Proceeds support the operation of the Indiana Lions State Office Building and provide funds for the Foundation's new Community Service Grants.

We have spoken to our contact at the Indiana State Fair and do not anticipate any major changes for the 2025 State Fair. The Fair will be held in Indianapolis, August 1-17, 2025, and we will need volunteers to work at six gates during the Fair.

Scan the QR code above to go to https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/what-we-do/indiana-state-fair-volunteer/ and sign up to work for the Foundation at the 2025 Indiana State Fair.

If you liked our ferris wheel and carousel pins, you'll love our new roller coaster pin. The proposed design is shown here. The only way to get one of these pins is to work for the Foundation at the Indiana State Fair.

When you work for the Indiana Lions Foundation at the Indiana State Fair, you receive W.P. Woods Fellowship credits. Work a morning shift and receive 1 credit; work an afternoon shift and receive 2 credits. You may redeem 10 credits for a W.P. Woods Fellowship for yourself or another individual.

This past July, the board of trustees of the Indiana Lions Foundation approved a proposal to allow State Fair volunteers to redeem W.P. Woods Fellowship credits for Community Service Grants to benefit Indiana Lions clubs, Indiana Lions districts, Indiana Lions state projects, or LCIF. For more information about Community Service Grants, visit the Indiana Lions Foundation website at https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/.

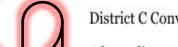


If you need assistance signing up for this project, please contact Lion Rose Russell at 574-250-0125 or RoseWRussell@gmail.com.

If you have question about the Foundation, please contact one of the Foundation trustees in your district.

A Message from District C Silent Auction Chair





District C Convention Auction ... WOW !!!

After a discussion between DG John Waymire and ZLC Lion Gail Robbins, Auction Chair, they decided that Pediatric Cancer would receive the funds from the District C Convention.

Thanks to those that brought items to auction and to those that let us auction their vacation spots and a donation of a QCD plus those that dropped a check or cash in the donation dish, the auction wasn't only fun and competitive but SUCCESSFUL! \$9,630

All the money from the Auction, \$9,630, is being sent to our Very Own District C Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc to be sent to the Riley Challenge at the Riley Pediatric Research Hospital, which will be matched by the Walthers Foundation dollar to dollar soooo

\$9, 630 just became \$19,260!!!!!!

Does anyone want to add \$370 to make it \$10,000 even or matched \$20,000?

I'll leave you with this to all who donated ... Audrey Hepburn said " there's a quite strength of helping someone who can Never repay you."

So ... Thank You for helping a child you will never meet.

Gail Robbins

District Convention Photos





More District Convention Photos











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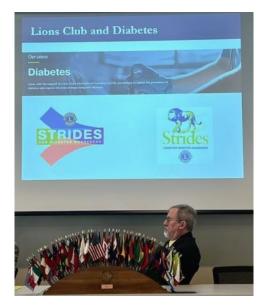
To the left, Twin Lakes Branch Club inducted two new members at Convention, Lions Karen Aldridge and Shawna Cantway.

Zionsville welcomed 6 new members . They were inducted at the District C Convention by International Director Hans Neiderhardt. What a great experience. Meet John Irwin, Jim Paddock, Dr Chuck Wormington, Janice Wormington, Dr Larry Beard and Dr Denise Thornberry. Pictured below.









Club Excellence Award

CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD CRITERIA

2024 - 2025

- MEMBERSHIP: Net growth of two (2) members or 10% more members, whichever is greater OR: Charter a new club.
- SERVICE: Started a new service project, consider one of our global causes; list 3 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 \$10.00.
- LEADERSHIP AND ORGINAZATIONAL EXCELLENCE: Club is in good standing, all dues paid; Club officers reported to Lions International; Key officers participate in club officer training.
- MARKETING: The club has publicized its service activities through local media or social media.

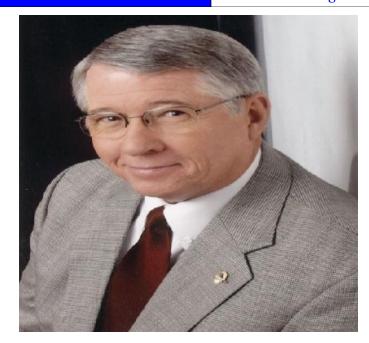
Application deadline is August 31, 2025

How can your club meet the Club Excellence Award Criteria?

- Grow your club by asking a relative or friend to join you on a service project or accompanying you to a club meeting. Conduct a new member open house.
- Start a new service project by planting a tree or giving away books to a school classroom, library, or a nursing home.
- Donate \$10.00 X the number of members in your club.
- Attend officer training scheduled for the last District Meeting May 11, 2025, at the Brownsburg Lions Club House.
- Publish your service in the newspaper or on social media.
- Send in your application by August 31, 2025, and celebrate your club's excellence

Indiana State Convention





JIMMY M. ROSS PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Jimmy M. Ross of Quitaque, Texas, USA, was elected to serve as 2006-2007 president of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 89th International Convention, held in Boston, Massachusetts, USA June 30 - July 4, 2006.

Past President Ross is a rancher and a retired judge.

A Lion since 1969, Past President Ross is a member of the Quitaque Lions Club. He has held many offices within the association, including club president, multiple district secretary, state membership & extension chairperson, multiple district convention chairperson, multiple district council chairperson and international director. Additionally he has taken part in eyeglass recycling missions to South America and been involved in chartering more than 500 clubs.

Past President Ross has also been active in numerous professional and community organizations. He was a member of both the Water Control & Improvement Board and the District Juvenile Probation Board and chairperson of the board of the All Emergency Systems in 26 counties of Texas.

Past President Ross's special interests have been in membership extension, the strengthening of clubs and community service. In recognition of his work on behalf of the association, he has received many awards, including District Governor Appreciation Awards, International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor bestowed upon association members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Past President Ross and his wife, Velda, have three daughters, two granddaughters and two grandsons.

Indiana State Convention

Time Is Running Out to Register for the Indiana Lions State Convention in Shipshewana

As I look out into my back garden, I can only envision the arrival of Spring. Surely under all that melting snow are flowers and green grass accompanied by rising temperatures. While this may seem like wishful thinking, the one thing for sure is the arrival of the 2025 Indiana Lions State Convention in Shipshewana on April 25-26-27. While you can sit back and wait for the arrival of Spring you need to take action to insure your participation at the Convention. The deadline for room registration and Convention registration is March 26. This date is critical, if you wish to stay at the Farmstead Inn, due to the appearance of two well-known entertainers at another venue, the Inn will not take room reservations past the 26th. The committee has secured several rooms at other lodgings in Shipshewana, but they are in short supply. We can hedge on the March 26 date for Convention registration, if you are not planning on overnight stays, but we need to give our caterers a definite number of attendees two weeks prior to the Convention. Thank you for your understanding of this request.

There is still time for individual clubs to purchase an ad in the program book that would highlight your favorite project and accomplishments. Contact Middlebury Lion Sopheap "Sophie" Long for details. Her email address is sopheap.long@gmail.com, her phone number is 574-215-9474.

The committee has arranged for a memorable Convention with informative seminars, a full exhibit and vendor area, interaction with fellow Lions, and of course, delicious food. That combined with the various attractions around the Shipshewana area will insure a marvelous weekend. Our special guest, Past International President Jimmy Ross, and Saturday luncheon speaker, local weatherman/poet/storyteller Gary Seiber will certainly inspire you to magnify your involvement in Lions and community involvement.

The committee has done just about everything we can do, now it's up to you. We hope to see you at Convention!

PDG Marlyn Fast PDG Brian Thomas





Indiana State Convention



2025 Indiana Lions 104th 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:				Ema	ail:				
District:			Club:						
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Saturday Dinner:							\$35	9====	
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		Tot	al Reg	istratio	n 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

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Official Visits Schedule:

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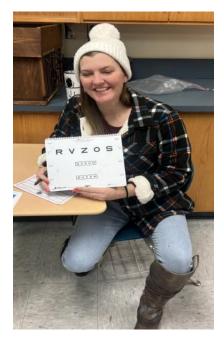


Celebrating 187 Years of Service

District 25C recognizes 2 Lion Clubs chartered during the month of February. These clubs have been serving their local community for 187 years. These clubs have impacted their local communities in their own unique way, and have supported district, state and international projects. These clubs are an example of DG John's theme – *Be the Service Difference* and IP Oliveira's theme – *Make Your Mark*. **Congratulations on your years of service and leaving your mark on your community and beyond!**

CLUB NAME	CHARTER DATE	YEARS OF SERVICE
Cloverdale	March 25, 1943	82
Lafayette	March 27, 1920	105

District Club News & Photos



Another great day of eye screening in District C. Brookston Lions Club sponsored the **Twin Lakes Club Branch** where President Shawna Cantway, in the white hat, and Lion Karen Aldridge join in on screening 110 8th graders at Roosevelt School.

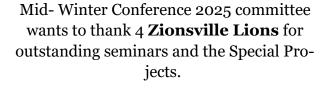
Welcome Twin Lakes and Congratulations



District Club News & Photos



Zionsville Lion Brandon Bischof gave a seminar on Understanding Diabetes (without it being scary)



Zionsville Lion Dr Robert Robison gave a seminar How To Take Care of Your Heart.



Zionsville Lion Gail Robbins gave a seminar in the new "Speed Learning" Sessions on Lions for Leader Dog and Chairing the 2 Special Projects Care-ing Cases and Sock it to Me. Mid-Winter Conference is one of the greatest events to Learn and meet other Lions from around the State of Indiana.



ZLion John Wilkins giving a seminar on Emergency Preparedness/VOAD. Another informative day at the Mid-Winter Conference . Your a great leader John, Thank you.



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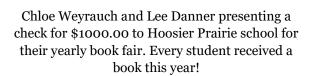


Monday, February 3, PDG Charlie Short from **Lafayette Lions Club** screened 110 kindergarteners at Burnett's Creek Elementary School in Lafayette. Ten students referred for further care.

PDG Charlie using a PlusOptix for the Kidsight screenings.



Induction of newest member Angie King being welcomed into the Lions Club International for **Pierson/Prairie Creek Lions Club**. Sponsor Lee Danner is standing between DG John and Angie.





District Club News & Photos



Club President Veronica Pickens thanking Rebekah for the presentation.

On Wednesday, February 19, the **Lafayette Lions** hosted Rebekah Ferney at their meeting. Rebekah is the Operations/Marketing Specialist for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Lafayette. She brought the club members up-to-date on the many different ways that area children can be helped that are in need of a Big.





At the February 25 **Zionsville Lions**Dinner meeting we were honored to have a
new Partner in the Park join us, PHELPS
CREATIVE HOUSE, in the picture is Sue
Bowron -White ZLC chair of Partner in the
Park with Joshua and Maggie Phelps

District Club News & Photos

Riley Twp. Lions Club Fish Fry

March 7: 4-7 PM

SIXTH ANNUAL Second

The Riley Lions Club is hosting a SECOND CHANCE PROM proceeds benefit Lifeline Youth and Family Services and Loyal Veterans Battalion.

The Main Event Venue 10001 E Margaret Drive, Terre Haute, IN

MARCH 22, 2025 Doors open at 6:30 PM Dance 7-11PM

FUN • FOOD • DANCING

Door prizes, Raffle and Silent Auction Music by DJ Bernie McGee

Cost Per Person: \$25 advance / \$30 at door

For ticket information visit Riley Lions Facebook page or call 812-208-1916.

SINGLES WELCOME! OPEN TO THE PUBLIC No outside drinks allowed

ADULTS ONLY





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