#### March 2024

#### **District Officers**

- District Governor— DG Patti Foxx
- 1st Vice District Governor—DGE John Waymire
- 2nd Vice District Governor— 1VDGE Paul Scheetz
- Cabinet Secretary— CS Charlotte Query
- Cabinet Treasurer—CT Karen McKellar
- Global Leadership Team—GLT PCC Jim PM Query
- Global Membership Team—GMT PDG Tom Robbins
- Global Service

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# District 25C Newsletter



#### From the Desk of DG Patti Foxx Hello Team plus One!!!

#### Happy March!!

We are marching into March with Strong new members, Adventures of Lions Clubs supporting their community and Fundraisers events. Don't forget its St. Patti's Day!! (AKA St Patrick Day) Are you wearing your green?

I don't know about you but I SURVIVED OUR DISTRICT CON-VENTION!!! WOOHOO!! I might be a little prejudice but it was the best ever convention for the year!!! (lol). We had fellowship, made new friends, reunite with other friends and fantastic International Director Lee Vrieze and his wife Lion Mary. Congratulations to our DGE John Waymire and 1VDGE Paul Scheetz along with our new Trustees for the upcoming year. Thank you from the bottom of my heart of everyone who attended, assisted in the preparation and words of encouragement. Check out the pictures of the event. Sorry Terri for the overload.

Our next adventure is our State Convention which is only a month away!! So reserve your hotel and registration forms now. Don't forget to put an ad in the program to show off your Club pride. See you there and information is in the newsletter.

Changing the World by Covering the Need,

Serving With A Smile,

DG Patti Foxx



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#### **Battle Ground Club visit**



(Photo courtesy of DG Patti Foxx)

#### **Lizton Club visit**

(Photo Courtesy of FVDG John Waymire)



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#### **Caring Center visit**

FVDG John Waymire and the Caring Center in Lebanon, IN



The Caring Center in Lebanon, Indiana seems pretty happy to receive a gift from FVDG John Waymire. He was delivering the Caring - Cases 1st aid and Hygiene Bags that were put in the travel bags at the Mid-Winter Conference Special Project Workshop. The lady running the shop said there was just someone in yesterday looking for hygiene items. Winter supplies of brand new socks, gloves, hats and yummy warm blankets were donated also.

If you know of a Church, School, Donation Center, to mention a few in District C that would love to get a donation of Caring-Cases 1st aid kits or Hygiene bags, please let me know the name and address of the place.

(photo courtesy of Gail Robbins)

#### **Zionsville Lions**

ZLC President Donna Fisher received her 15 years Chevron from DG Patti Foxx at the February 3 District 25 C Cabinet meeting as PDG Tom Robbins finally gets his 10 year Chevron . Congratulations Lions.

(photo courtesy of Gail Robbins)



#### **Prairie Creek Lions**



Recently we presented a check to Hoosier Prairie School for \$1000.00 to help with their annual book fair. It helps students purchase books for the fair.

Pictured from right to left, Kim Waggoner Secretary, Lisa Jennings librarian specialist, Lion Barbara Mericle and Lisa Jennings Principal of Hoosier Prairie school.

(photo courtesy of Kim Waggoner)

#### **Zionsville Lions**

Zionsville Lions are so thankful for the Lions Club members that have been working by hand to clear our new 5acres. It's a huge job even with the heavy equipment brought in to make that mulch pile behind them.

For this days work Thank you to L to R: Bill Ravestein, Mike Zeller, Dennis Tackett, Bob Robison, Don Whitehead, Jerry Cheung, Kurt Echert and Mark Rubino. Not shown Caroline Robbins, Gene Thompson, Tom Price.

(photo courtesy of Gene Thompson)



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#### **Prairie Creek Lions**

Our Peace Poster winner Coco (photo courtesy of Gail Robbins)



#### **Lafayette Lions**

On February 20 PDGs Pat/Charlie Short of the Lafayette Lions Club attended presentation on Special Olympics Indiana. Hosted by Westminster Village, it included talks by several Special Olympics athletes and unified team members. The movie "The Best we Got" was screened. This story of the life of Carl Erskine (Brooklyn Dodgers World Series pitcher) highlighted not only his amazing career but his pioneering efforts in acceptance of special needs individuals. Carl's son had Downs Syndrome but he and his wife chose to raise their youngest son at home instead of institutionalizing him like so many other special needs children at this time. Following completion of a brief questionnaire Lion Pat was awarded a solid wood genuine miniature replica of one of Carl's baseball bats.



(photo courtesy of PDG Pat Short)

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#### **Zionsville Lions**



February is the month that Zionsville Lions Club volunteers at our local Food Pantry each week. Many of the ZLions work there all year long.

(Photo credit Cathy Coscia)

#### **Plainfield Lions**

Residents of the Sugar Grove Senior Living Facility, The Oaks at Plainfield, Plainfield Health Care Center, Cumberland Trace, and Glass Water Creek recently received a little love in the form of a Valentine's Day card compliments of the Plainfield Lions Club and Plainfield community elementary schools. Club President Tom Iles said, "We are very appreciative of our partnership with the Plainfield Community School System. We want to thank all five elementary schools, Central, Van Buren, some, bu Clarks Creek, Brentwood and Guilford, in handcrafting Valentine cards for us to give to those residing in the surrounding assisted living and nursing homes." Over 1,200 cards were collected with personal messages of care and love.

The Plainfield Lions Club has been providing Valentine and Christmas cards to the surrounding nursing homes and assisted living facilities for over a decade.

> HAPPY Valentine

, "We red

(Photo courtesy of Worth Donaldson)

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#### Lafayette Lions

PDGs Charlie and Pat Short had a great time on February 26 working alongside the Greentown Lions at its annual fish fry! This fundraiser supports local high school scholarships. worked on event. Besides working the fryers and pie sales, PDGs Pat and Charlie also did their bit by eating lots of fish and slices of pie!

(photo courtesy of PDG Pat Short)



#### **Plainfield Lions**

The Plainfield Lions Club recently awarded Lion Alex Rushing with a W.P. Woods Fellowship from the Indiana Lions Foundation Inc. This is the highest award to be bestowed on an Indiana Lion member for their dedicated service to their club. Dr. W.P. Woods was a physician from Evansville, Indiana.



Rushing who is currently serving as club marketing chairperson and is also a board member received his W.P. Woods Fellowship and lapel pin from Club President Tom Iles. Rushing's name will also be engraved on a special plaque at the Indian Lions state office recognizing W.P. Woods Fellows. Rushing was cited specifically for his involvement with the Operation KidSight preschool screenings, a global service project with Lions Club International. Club President Tom Iles stated without his help the Plainfield Lions Club could not have screened over 548 preschoolers and placing the club third in the most number of preschoolers screened in the state of Indiana.

(photo courtesy of Worth Donaldson)

#### **Poland Community Lions**



Lion Leesa Walker and Lion Robert Dodson, delivered 400 pounds of recycled plastic lids, collected, sorted and in some cases washed by the Poland Community Lions Club members to Green Tree Plastics, Evansville, IN on February 20<sup>th</sup>

Lids being dumped and inspected at the recycling business.

(All photos courtesy of Dawn Keller Doll)



Poland Community Lions, Nancy Jonas, JoAnn Nees, Chris Thompson, Kathy Sclight, Leesa Walker, Kathleen Perkins , Judy King, and Steve King celebrate their arrival by posing before the February meeting.

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#### **Indiana Cyber Lions Club**

#### **Prescription Pill Bottle Service Project**





#### AS OF MARCH 1, 2023, MATTHEW 25 IS ONLY REQUESTING DONATIONS OF CLEAN, EMPTY, CAPPED PILL BOTTLES WITH LABELS REMOVED

Please follow the steps shown in the graphic below for preparing your pill bottle donations:













DONATION DROP-OFF 11083 Kenwood Road Blue Ash, OH 45242



These pill bottles can be recycled locally.

Brought to you by: Indiana Cyber Lions Club indianacyberlc@gmail.com

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#### **District 25C Convention photos**











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#### **District 25C Convention photos**

























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#### **District 25C Convention photos**

















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#### **Zionsville Club**

Lions Park in the Dark

Don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to experience a total eclipse of the sun on April 8, 2024. Zionsville, Indiana is in the path of the eclipse and the Zionsville Lions Club and Park has a deal for you. You can reserve a space in our parking lot for the entire day and enjoy a fun family adventure. There are only 290 spaces available, so get your reservation in now!

Our 28 acre park is located at **11053 Sycamore St, Zionsville** and has 2 playgrounds, pickleball, tennis and basketball courts, sand volleyball, baseball diamonds, and a creekside hiking trail. There will be food available to purchase inside the park or you can walk one block from the park and explore the historic brick Main Street restaurants and unique shops. There are restroom facilities in the park. For more info about the park, see zionsvillelions.com.

The parking lot opens at 8:00 AM on April 8th so you can avoid the crowd, come early and spend the day. The eclipse will start at about 3:00 PM. You are welcome to stay and enjoy the park until the traffic clears the area. No overnight parking is allowed in the park before or after the event. To protect your eyesight, ISO certified eclipse glasses, made in the US will be available for purchase for \$1.00 per pair while the supply lasts.

The parking spaces are sized for private passenger vehicles. No large trucks, buses or RVs will be allowed. Ours is a family park, so no alcoholic beverages are allowed.

You can enjoy this once in a lifetime event for only \$40 per parking space. Parking is available on a non-refundable, pre-registration basis only. All proceeds will be used to support the many service projects of the Zionsville Lions Club, Inc.

To reserve your space, go to: https://event.ontaptickets.com/events/lions-park-in-the-dark-4-8-2024



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#### A Message from 1st Vice District Governor John Waymire

Hello Fellow Lions of 25 C,

Welcome to March and to spring! March is a very busy month. Meteorological spring begins on the first, remember to "Spring Forward: on the 10<sup>th</sup>, toast St. Patrick on the 17<sup>th</sup>, Easter Egg hunts on Saturday and Easter Sunday on the 31<sup>st</sup>. But Mother Nature has a way of reminding us of who is in charge of the weather and outdoor events. I am done with winter even if it was a mild one.

With the coming of spring comes the rush of district conventions. (District C is the first in February and the rest are in March.) Spring also begins the rush of next year's project planning, and the election of new officers. As First Vice District Governor, I am also planning for next year. I am especially interested in new officers and the new ideas they bring that will continue to renew and revitalize our great district. One huge item in my planning is making the district directory as reliable and as useful as it can be, And along that line, I ask that when you have elected your officers to go online and report them to LCI as soon as possible. I need time to verify addresses, spellings, etc., and then format the information and enter the data online. If you need assistance entering your officer data you may call our district administrator, Gretchen Xinopoulos, at 317-440-6711 or Karen McKellar at 317-769-5256.

How are your efforts to keep the following 3 New Year's Resolutions for Lions:

#1: Bring in one new member.

#2: Start one new service project, and

#3: Enjoy being a Lion.

This year's Indiana Lions State Convention will be April  $26^{th} - 28^{th}$ , at the Embassy Suites and Convention Center in Noblesville.

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

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

#### Covering the Need, Serving with a Smile

John Waymire FVDG

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#### A Message from 2nd Vice District Governor Paul Scheetz

Trustee Speakers for your club meetings.

If your club is looking for a speaker for your meeting /program, clubs can request Trustee Speakers from any of the Indiana State Lions Projects. You may have a person in your community, or even in your club who could benefit from one of the projects. I have a great nephew who is smart as a whip, but he has a slight speech impediment, so supporting the Speech and Hearing Project would help him. The state projects are Cancer Control Fund, Leader Dog, Speech and Hearing and the School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. You can also request a trustee from the Lions Eye Bank or the Indiana Lions Foundation. As a trustee for the Indiana Lions Foundation, I have talked to clubs about grants offered to clubs. A matching grant may be requested for funds up to \$1,000. The Foundation also presents the Distinguished Lion Award at the State Convention. These Projects can't operate without club support for their missions.



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#### A Message from MD25 State Convention

#### **OFFICIAL MD25 STATE CONVENTION NOTICE**

Embassy Suites by Hilton Noblesville Indianapolis Conference Center 13700 Conference Ctr Dr S, Noblesville, IN 46060 (317) 674-1900

April 26, 27 & 28, 2024

Election on Sunday, April 28, 2024 – 7:00 am to 10:00 am, Check Convention Program for LOCATION

**CERTIFICATION of DELEGATES IS OPEN** 

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

**CHECK Convention Program for LOCATION** 

Lion Barbara Toosley, PDG 25A MD25 Nomination and Election Chair lionbarb@comcast.net 219-798-5950

APRIL 26 - APRIL 28, 2024

## 103rd Indiana Lions State Convention

EMBASSY SUITES CONFERENCE CENTER NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA

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#### A Message from MD25 State Convention



2024 Indiana Lions 103<sup>rd</sup> State Convention Hosted by District 25D April 26 – 28, 2024

Embassy Suites Noblesville Indianapolis Convention Center With Special Guest Past International President Frank Moore

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR OWN LODGING BY APRIL 1, 2024 Embassy Suites Noblesville Indianapolis Conference Center 13700 Conference Center Drive South, Noblesville, IN 46060 (317) 674-1900 (Group Code LIO) or click <u>here</u> Room Rate: \$175/night. Includes cooked-to-order hot breakfast and manager's reception For those not staying at the hotel who wish to enjoy the breakfast or reception, the cost is \$20 per – please register below.

> Friday Golf Outing at Top Golf, 9200 E 116<sup>th</sup> St. Fishers \$20 per person / limited to 48 golfers

#### Registration Form (one form per person) Deadline: All Registration Forms must be Postmarked by April 12, 2024 Please print name/Lions title as desire on Name Badge:

Address:			-
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Phone:	Email:		
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Special Dietary Nee Friday Top Golf Friday Evening I	ds, list here:	\$20	24217
Special Dietary Nee Friday Top Golf Friday Evening I Saturday Lunch	ds, list here: Hors D'oeuvres : Beef Tips with Buttered Noodles	\$20 \$10	24217
Special Dietary Nee Friday Top Golf Friday Evening I Saturday Lunch: Saturday Strides	ds, list here: Hors D'oeuvres Beef Tips with Buttered Noodles Or Chicken Parmesan ( <b>circle one</b> )	\$20 \$10 \$25 \$20	24217
Special Dietary Nee Friday Top Golf Friday Evening I Saturday Lunch Saturday Strides Saturday Dinner	ds, list here: Hors D'oeuvres Beef Tips with Buttered Noodles Or Chicken Parmesan ( <b>circle one)</b> Walk T-Shirt Size (S to 3XL)	\$20 \$10 \$25 \$20	24217

Mail this form (**postmarked by 4.12.24**) and your check, payable to: **Indiana Lions State Convention** to: Lion Christine Woodward, 13862 Kickapoo Trail, Carmel, IN 46033 Woodward1999@sbcglobal.net or 317-716-0622

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#### A Message from MD25 State Convention

#### 2024 State Convention Tentative Schedule of Events

Time	Time	
Begin	End	Event
		Friday, April 26, 2024
9:00am	11:30am	Council of Governors
2:00pm	4:00pm	Top Golf
2:30pm	3:00pm	Credentials Committee Meeting
3:00pm	5:30pm	Registration and Packet Pick-Up
3:00pm	5:30pm	Exhibits and Silent Auction Open
3:00pm	5:00pm	Credentials Certification
5:30pm	7:30pm	Manager's Reception/ Lions Reception with Hors d'oeuvres
7:30pm	9:00pm	General Business Session 1
9:00pm	11:00pm	DJ with cash bar
		Saturday, April 27, 2024
8:00am	4:00pm	Exhibits and Silent Auction Open
	10	Service Project
8:00am	4:00pm	Registration and Packet Pick-Up
8:30am	9:30am	District Meetings
9:00am	4:00pm	Credentials Certification
10:00am	11:30am	General Business Session 2
11:45am	1:45pm	Luncheon
		Katie Stam Irk, 2009 Miss America
		Presentations (MJF, WPW, etc)
		State Awards
2:00pm	2:45pm	Seminars
3:00pm	3:45pm	Strides Walk for Diabetes
4:15pm	5:00pm	Past District Governors Meeting
5:30pm	7:30pm	Hotel Manager's Reception
6:00pm	6:50pm	Receiving Line
7:00pm	9:30pm	All-State Banquet
7.000	5.50pm	Past International President Frank Moore
		Sunday, April 28, 2024
6:30am	7:00am	Credentials, Nominations, Elections Breakfast
7:00am	10:00am	Voting
7:00am	10:30am	Full Service Breakfast – For Embassy Suites Guests
10:00am	10:45am	Worship and Memorial Service
11:00am	11:30am	Morning Session
		Jeweled PDG Pin Presentations
		Membership Award Presentations
11:30am	1:00pm	General Business Session 3
1:15pm	4:00pm	Council Meeting (starts 15 minutes after General Business Session 3 concludes)

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#### A Message from MD25 State Convention



Indiana Lions 2024 Convention Silent Auction Items Needed



The Indiana Lions 2024 Convention will once again be having a Silent Auction. It will only be successful with your help.

Have your Club donate something to the Silent Auction that will run during the Convention. This could be a basket representative of your community, or something Lion related, or anything that you think another Lion will enjoy. These donations can be brought to your District Convention, as members of the Convention Committee will be on hand at each to collect and transport to the State Convention or bring it when you come to the State Convention.

Please send questions to woodward1999@sbcglobal.net



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#### A Message from Indiana Lions Convention Committee



Indiana Lions 2024 Convention Committee



Dear Friend of the Indiana Lions,

The Lions of Indiana have a mission to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities and support those in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally and locally. For more than one hundred years, Lions have embodied our motto of 'We Serve' by supporting life-changing research at the IU Med Center in vision and hearing and by a multitude of projects in 331 cities and towns across the state of Indiana. Our 8500 members are the glue holding communities together by providing leadership and service supporting those in need.

In April 2024, the Lions of Indiana will be gathering for the 103<sup>rd</sup> state convention in Noblesville to celebrate the many great works accomplished by Lions and Lions Clubs across the state. We anticipate 400 members will join us at the Embassy Suites over the three days of the convention to learn and have fun while serving.

As a friend of the Indiana Lions, we hope that you would consider sponsoring or advertising at our event. The details for sponsorship and advertising are shown on the next page. All sponsorship and ad information must be submitted by March 15, 2024 to meet our publication deadline. Please know that your support will allow our members and clubs to pour more into their communities, supporting the Hoosiers we know and love.

In appreciation, The 2024 Indiana State Lions Committee

For questions regarding sponsorships, call Lion Jeff Kozicki (765) 481-0822 For questions regarding program ads, call PID Nick Xinopoulos (317) 797-8730

#### See Sponsorship Levels on next page

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#### A Message from Indiana Lions Convention Committee



Indiana Lions 2024 Convention Committee

#### **Convention Sponsorship Levels**



- \$10,000 Premier Level: This sponsorship includes your logo on all printed materials, including a full page ad in the program book, logo in all ads in the *Hoosier Lion* newspaper (sent to all members in December, February and April), logo in the convention information on the state website, public acknowledgement at all meals and 10 minutes to speak to the attendees during the Saturday lunch.
- \$5,000 Platinum Level: This sponsorship includes your logo on all printed materials, including a full page ad in the program book, logo in all ads in the *Hoosier Lion* newspaper (sent to all members in February and April), logo in the convention information on the state website, and public acknowledgement during all meals.
- \$2,500 Gold Level: This sponsorship includes a half page ad in the program book, logo in the April Hoosier Lion, logo in the convention information on the state website and a public acknowledgement during the Saturday lunch
- \$1,000 Silver Level: This sponsorship includes a half page ad in the program book and a public acknowledgement during the Saturday lunch.

#### Program Book Ads

- \$250 Full page ad
- \$150 Half page ad
- \$75 Quarter page ad
- \$50 Business Card size ad

Please contact and provide the following information:

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Sponsorship Level \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Invoice needed? Yes \_\_\_\_No \_\_\_\_\_

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#### A Message from Indiana Lions Special Olympic Committee Random Raffle



Benefits the Indiana Special Olympics Winter Games and Corn Hole Tournaments

# Tickets are 3 for \$5.00

Drawing to be held at the Indiana Lions State Convention April 27th.

S.O. Polar Plunge Large Dry Bag, S.O. Sling bag, Insulated Tumbler & Water Bottle, S.O Winter Games Scarfs, S.O. Gray Fleece Blankets, S.O. Snack Basket, Wayne Convention Bureau Blanket. S.O. Picnic Blanket, S.O. Fleece Bath Robe, Polar Plunge tee's- size large, Additional Items will be added up to the day of drawing.

#### **Donations Accepted.**

See any S.O. Committee Member or contact Bill McDonald 812-689-6699 or lionmcdonald53@gmail.com

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#### A Message from ID Candidate Reed Fish



Past Council Chair Lion Reed Fish Indiana MD 25 Candidate for International Director





International Presidential Leadership Medal International Presidential Certificate of Appreciaion (3) Progressive WP Woods Fellowship District Leadership Chair 9 years Cabinet Treasurer 7 years

State Convention Chairperson Mid-Winter Chairperson International Convention Chairperson Club Extension Awards (2) Eyeglass Missions to Mexico (5) Trustee for Vision First Eye Bank Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships (14) Member of Speedway Lions Club Since 1989



We would be honored to represent YOU!

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A Message from ID Candidate Charlie Short

# Charlie Short of Charlie Short



Expanded our **Indiana Lions** vision screening!



US Screening Program

## **Strength in Service, Vision in Action**

#### **INDIANA SERVICE**

- Co-Founded Facebook Global Lions Forum
- Statewide Google Workspace system for Clubs
- Eyeglass World/America's Best Partnerships
- Visionworks Partnership
- Lions Certified Instructor Program Graduate
- 30 Year Lion Leader
- International President's Medal
- IP Leadership Medal
- IP Certificates of Appreciation
- GAT Chairperson Medal
- Progressive WP Woods Fellowships (5)
- Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships (5)
- New Club Extension Success (4)
- Senior Master Membership Key Award

#### NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- Oregon Lions Leadership Conference
- California Lions District 4-C6 Convention
- Illinois State Convention and Mid Year Forum
- Iowa Leadership Conference
- USA/Canada Forum Spokane, WA
- USA/Canada Forum Des Moines, IA
- USA/Canada Forum Calgary, Canada
- USA/Canada Forum Reno, NV
- LCI Convention Milan, Italy
- LCI Convention Montreal, Canada
- LCI Convention Boston, MA

## Your Voice for Indiana Lions

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#### A Message from ID Candidate Sue Toft

## "Changing Lives through Service"



PCC SUE TOPF For Lions International Director

> Multiple District 25

18 Year Member Clermont Lions District 25F Governor 2012-2013 Council Chair 2013-2014 Region Chair 2011-2012 Melvin Jones Fellow Membership Key Awards (1)International President Medal (2) International Leadership Medals (5) International President Certificates of Appreciation IN Lions Foundation 2021-Present IN Lions for Leader Dog 2008-2018 Associate 2018-Present International Convention Committee (9) 2015 MD 25 State Convention Chair (8)Eyeglass Mission Trips to Mexico (8)Lions International Conventions (8) USA/Canada Forums (16) Indiana Lions State Convention (11) Mid-Winter Conference Committee State Fair Volunteer for ILF (15) MD 25 State Administrative Secretary Clermont Town Board-2021-Present St. Christopher Church-CCD (13) Wayne Twp. Schools Human Relations Advisory Committee (5)

Wayne Twp. Elementary, Jr. High, and High School PTO Officer & Volunteer 20+

#### A Message from Indiana Lions Vision Services

#### Special Report:

#### Children's Eye Foundation of AAPOS Selects Indiana Lions as Partner

The Children's Eye Foundation of the American Association of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus (CEF/AAPOS) and Indiana Lions Vision Services have agreed to partner and provide expanded vision care opportunities for Hoosier children.

This is the first statewide Lions partnership for CEF/AAPOS.

Under the terms of the agreement, CEF/AAPOS All Children See program will start accepting qualified referrals for pediatric ophthalmic care from the Indiana Lions' vision screening programs.

Children under eighteen years of age and either uninsured or underinsured would qualify for no cost or reduced cost care. This includes ocular surgery and other treatments for pediatric eye conditions.

Megan Pfefferle, Executive Director of CEF/AAPOS said, "The Lions of Indiana are simply amazing. They provide tens of thousands of free vision screenings per year to schools and preschools already. This screening makes early detection possible, so our two programs are a natural fit. They find kids that may need help, our doctors can diagnose them, CEF/AAPOS helps eliminate the cost barriers to care, and the kids get into treatment."

Charlie Short and Henry Rodriguez of the Indiana Lions both expressed how important the new partnership is. "Indiana Lions have worked to help the blind and visually impaired for over a hundred years. Now we have a national professional association's foundation as a partner. It's just terrific." said Rodriguez.

"Indiana is the first statewide Lions partnership for CEF/AAPOS and we couldn't be more pleased." said Short. "Bringing two large-scale organizations together to accomplish more is always a good thing, but when it's such a natural alliance, it's just like meeting a great new friend. We're all excited to get going."

For more information, contact

CEF/AAPOS at

https://www.childrenseyefoundation.org Indiana Lions at <u>https://e-district.org/sites/md25/</u>

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#### A Message from Indiana Lions Foundation and Holding Corporation meetings

#### Summary of Indiana Lions Foundation and Indiana Lions Holding Corporation Trustees Meeting of February 10, 2024.

The trustees of the Indiana Lions Foundation and Indiana Lions Holding Corporation met at the state office building in Indianapolis on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. At this meeting the trustees approved a \$1,000 matching grant for the Union Township club to purchase playground equipment, a \$1,000 matching grant for the Crown Point club to purchase and erect park message boards, a \$499 matching grant for the Oakland City club to purchase a refrigerator for their local food pantry and a \$1,000 matching grant to the Gosport club for upgrading local park landscaping.

The State Fair Committee received a check in the amount of \$52,749.05 in December for the work of Lions at the 2023 Indiana State Fair. The State Fair will implement several changes for the 2024 fair including remodeling of Gate One to make that gate safer for both workers and fair goers. Also, there will be four additional entrance points in parking lot areas that have been offered to Lions to work. The Fair will be shortened by one week in 2024, but will be open six days per week rather than the previous five days. With these schedule changes and gate additions, the Foundation has an opportunity to increase our revenues by \$15,000 to \$20,000 in 2024. We are also considering the creation of additional club incentives in 2024 to assist in recruiting state fair volunteers.

The Trustees approved an invitation to the ISBVI to conduct the annual Brian's Trike Race at 8780 Purdue Road due to the construction at the College Avenue campus.

At the Holding Corporation meeting, Trustees heard from Vision One Realty about the ongoing effort to sell the 8780 Purdue Road property. At the current asking price of \$1.65 million, there are two current entities that have shown serious interest in the property and it is anticipated that these negotiations will reach some conclusion within 30 to 60 days. If these negotiations result in sale of the property, then the Trustees will begin to implement a plan which will provide uninterrupted office and conferencing space for all of the present activities of the Lions of Indiana. The conclusion of the plan will be a vastly improved office and conferencing facility that we can all take great pride in.

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#### A Message from Leader Dog for the Blind



Leader Dogs for the Blind | 1039 S Rochester Rd | Rochester Hills, MI 48307

#### **District 25C Newsletter**

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# March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Riley Club Fish Fry 4-7 pm	2 District 25D Convention
3 Twelve Mile Club visit	4	5	6 Lafayette Club visit	7 Crawfords- ville Club visit	8	9 District 25 A and 25G Conventions
10 Colfax Club visit	11	12 Oxford Club visit	13 West Point Club visit	14	15	16 District 25B Convention
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 District 25E and 25F Conventions
24	25	26	27 Ladoga Club visit	28	29	30
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Official Visits Schedule:

March 1st, 2024 Riley Lions Club Fish Fry 4-7pm

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 Twelve Miles Lions Club (rescheduled)

March 6th, 2024 Lafayette Lions Club

March 7th Crawfordsville Lions Club

March 10th Colfax Lions Club (rescheduled)

March 12th Oxford Lions Club

March 13th West Point Lions Club

March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Ladoga Lions Club



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Solar Eclipse	9	10 Lebanon and Whitestown Club visit	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Michigan- town Club visit
21	22 Jamestown Club visit	23	24	25	26 MD State Co	27 nvention
28 4th Council Meeting	29	30				

Official Visits Schedule:

April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Solar Eclipse

April 10th, 2024 Lebanon and Whitestown Lions Club

April 20th, 2024 Michigantown Lions Club

April 22nd, 2024 Jamestown Lions Club

April 26-27, 2024 MD State Convention

#### April 27th, 2024 OUR LAST CABINET MEETING

April 28th, 2024 4th Council Meeting



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#### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2023-2024**

INDIANA STATE CONVENTION April 26-28, 2024

Embassy Suites Conference Center Noblesville Indiana

#### CABINET MEETING # 4 CABINET RESCHEDULE MEETING

Our 4<sup>th</sup> Cabinet meeting is April 27, 2024 at Noblesville at the State Convention. Committee Chairs get your reports ready and email to Cabinet Treasurer Charlotte Query, <u>jequery@bluemarble.net</u> by April 23<sup>rd</sup>!! If you don't send something you could be fine by our Tail Twister!!

Location: Noblesville Embassy Suites (Room TBD) Time: 8:30am-9:30am

#### WE WILL NOT BE HAVING THE MAY MEETING AS PRIOR NEWSLETTERS WITH EVERYTHING ADJUSTMENTS WERE NEED-ED TO BE MADE. WE WILL ALL BE HERE AT THE CONVENTION SO

#### Mission 1.5

International President Dr. Patti Hill has challenged us to join in Mission 1.5 – to grow to 1.5 million members by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2027. If every club would host one membership drive think how close we will be to achieving our target for the year and how many more hands we will have to do service for our communities and our world!!

Build a Team, Build a Vision, Build a Plan, Build Success

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#### Welcome New members since July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 (Sorry if I left someone out) (As of 02.17.2024) Brownsburg Lions Club: Gina Arthur, David Warswick <u>Clinton Lions Club:</u> Joe Aimone, Bradley Hoke, Jimmie Wright, Richard Yelich Flora Lions Club: Aimee Burns, Jason Burns, Tyler Shirey, James Stoops Frankfort Lions Club: Humberto Mariano, Citlali Roman, Yahir Ruiz-Roman Lafayette Lions Club: Sarah Trueb Lebanon Lions Club: Lacy Boggs OD Lizton Lions Club: Samuel Broyles, Greg Stier Martinsville Noon Lions Club: Jeffery Bell, Steven Brown, Charles Seehaver Mooresville Lions Club: Juan Alcala, Kelly Alcala Morgantown Lions Club: Kaylee Satter Plainfield Lions Club: Travis Crane, Lilly Lawson, Scott Lawson \*Poland Community Lions Club: Barbara Jessie, Christine Land, Lori McIntyre, Kathlee Perkins, Christina Thompson Prairie Creek Lions Club: Lee Danner, Richard Marshall Jr \*Riley Twp Lions Club: Beth Butts, Fred Butts, Brad Cramer, Leeanne Cramer, Anita Hernandez, Marah McCullough, Nikki Parker, Robert Parker, Brandy Young <u>Rossville Lions Club:</u> George Cyle, Kristy Jones, Steven Jones Royal Center Lions Club: David Rogers Young America Lions Club: Sherri Gehlhausen, Todd Gehlhausen \*Zionsville Lions Club: David Agawal, Steve Betz, Garry Dhaliwal Jonathan Fiur, Abby Gibson, Thomas Lewis, Heather Purvis Marcie Wright, Paula Wright, Heather Zimmermann TOTAL NEW MEMBERS AS OF 02.17.2024 are 61!!! Woohoo Begin with 1330+61 -42 =1349 Gain of 19



DISTRICT 25-C NEWSLETTER EDITOR Terri Delp leetd@hotmail.com Hello District 25-c and friends. Thank you for putting your faith and confidence in me to send out a timely and informative newsletter.

Thank you so much for submitting your clubs news articles and photos. They are greatly appreciated and I will do my best to include each and every one. Keep them coming!! I kindly ask that you have a brief description of what the photo depicts and perhaps the names of anyone in the photo. I also like to give credit to those behind the lens—the photographer!

Also, if there is anything you would like to see added or removed from the newsletter, please share that as well.

## <u>Foxx's Trivia Time</u>

So, since this is March, it is associated with March Madness. Fill your bracket and see if you beat me in this madness. Let the March Madness begin!!!

Can't wait and hear your results at the District Convention.



Lions Club Anniversary Celebrations

**Cloverdale Lions Club** Anniversary Day March 25, 1943 (81 years) **Lafayette Lions Club** Anniversary Day March 27, 1920 (104 years)