

District 25-D: “Underway for Service”

When a Navy Ship gets “underway” for a deployment, the ship leaves with all the equipment needed for war, as the ship has no idea when or if she’ll be ordered to respond to any crises out to sea. The ship leaves her port basically already in a war posture. The Sailors respond as if the ship is cruising in hostile waters or getting ready for active “Service.” That’s why I chose “Underway for Service” as my motto for 25D this year that I’m the District Governor. Not that we are going to war, but that we are postured for our year of “Service”.

As August starts and the high school football season commences, I’m asking our 25D Lions to perform service for the Athletes of the Special Olympics. These last few years have been a struggle to meet the requirements to



fund this program. Last year, we only raised *half* of the needed funds to keep the Special Olympics happening as it had in the past. I’m amazed at all the people who go to the area high school football games and I figured that the Lions should be there to see if we can get some donations for the Special Olympics program and meet the requirements in funding the program for this year.

I have purchased 25 five-gallon buckets to take to area high school football games. I have added a letter to fill out to send to the high school leadership to ask permission to do this one night of fundraising and add to this year’s budget for the athletes of the Special Olympics so that those athletes can participate in this year’s competition. So that’s our mission - we will help fund this year’s Special Olympics program.

We Serve

Mission 1.5 is a three-year mission to get more Lions members for our clubs. Lions do wonderful service projects that make all of our fundraisers and projects easier as more hands make less work. Invite your friends to help in service projects. Most people want to lend a hand to help others.

August 2024

My Mission 1.5 goals have already been submitted to Lions International. In the first 4 days of August, I'll be in Chicago training to meet my 2024 – 2025 goal: +25 new members for the District. I have a stretch Goal of +50, if at all possible. That goal did not go to Lions International. The previous Governor had + 9 at the end of the year. IPDG/CC Julia Kozicki was the only Governor that had a positive member growth in the past year. I'm trying to follow her game plan and continue the momentum of her very successful year.

So, How do you get New Lions Members? You ask THEM! Goals require everyone to help. So, I ask you to please help me reach this goal.

Official Visits

As your District Governor, I would like to make an official visit to your Club, talk about our goals, get to meet fellow Lions and have a few laughs and stories and just be Lions. Please get with the Club President and Secretary and find a good time that I may come and enjoy an hour or two with your club. My Contact information is 765-860-5972 or send me an Email at Master21chief@sbcglobal.net, I'll be happy to respond!

I also show up for parades, new member inductions and new officer installations. Give me a call and I'll put you on my schedule. Last two weeks in December I'm unavailable because I work at the Greentown Lions Christmas Lights Display and make that my priority for the season. Looking forward to planning my visit with your Club.

Banner Night

I'm happy to have scheduled my Banner Night on 14 September 2024. Please be there for the social time at 5:30 PM at the Greentown Lions Club to celebrate with me all that we have accomplished so far this year. Our night is focused around new Lions Members. We will be asking clubs for names of new Lions Members to see if they will be available for that evening. The new Lion will have their name at a table and our guests will be asked to visit with the new members to share their experiences. It should be a great night to learn about our new Lions and why they joined. Please watch for a flier coming soon.

Closing Idea

"We Serve" is the Lions Motto.

I'm asking every Lion to assist the 25 D Team in reaching our Mission 1.5 Goal.

I'm asking to help at the Fair.

I'm asking to help raise funds for the Special Olympics.

These projects are service projects where YOU can serve.

Yours in Lionism, DG Rocky

Lions of District 25-D: It is time to Make Your Mark!

As you may recall from last month, this is our International President's theme for the year. Since last month, I have been thinking about this and wanted to share some thoughts and ideas. Lions definitely make their mark every day around the world. What started as one club in 1917 has now grown to over 48,000! There are clubs in every country with the exception of Iran and North Korea! (Someday...I know there are people there too that want to make a difference in their communities). It is incredible what we can do when we work together.

One way to do this is with your Zone. The District is organized into Zones of 5-6 clubs, which are listed in the District Directory that every President and Secretary receives. Each Zone has a Zone Chair whose job is to connect with the clubs in their Zone and see how they can help. They also host Zone Gatherings that should have members of every club attend so they can meet and share ideas. I have seen tremendous growth in clubs that participate in these and in joint projects. I want to encourage and challenge everyone reading this (and please share it with others) to consider doing any and all of the following:

1. Reach out to your Zone Chair and invite her or him to join you at one of your events.
2. Reach out to one or more clubs in your zone and have a joint event. For example, the Carmel, Westfield, and Noblesville Clubs are having a joint picnic on September 15th . You are all invited to come (once we decide on the location).
3. Pick a club in another country and reach out to them to share information and ideas.

How ever you decide to make your mark this year, thank you for all you do as a Lion!

We had a picnic!

DG Rocky Simpson held his first cabinet meeting on Saturday, July 27, 2024 at the Carmel Lions club. Lions shared updates, we ate burgers and dogs, and had quite a few celebration!



**Indiana Lions Foundation, Inc.
8780 Purdue Road
Indianapolis, Indiana 46268
Phone: (317) 824-1024**

Lions, one and all! I am appealing to each and every one of you for your assistance! The Indiana State Fair is rapidly approaching, and the Lions of Indiana Foundation desperately needs your help. Working at the gates of the State Fair is our single biggest fund raiser during the year and these funds directly impact You!

This year we have added the 4 Infield Gates, and each one has a brand-new building and set-up for us to use. We still have Gates 1W and 12, also. I am asking each of you (if you are physically able) to please sign up to work at least one shift. You can also bring your spouses, children or grandchildren (age 15 or over), other family members, friends, and co-workers. This is a wonderful and fun experience, and you will earn credits which can be used for W.P. Woods Fellowships, our New \$200.00 Community Service Grants which can then be sent to your own club, one of the Indiana State Projects, the Indiana Lions Foundation, or to Lions Clubs International Foundation. Please sign up today to work for the Indiana Lions Foundation at the 2024 Indiana State Fair by going to our website at indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/what-we-do/indiana-state-fair-volunteer/#signup.

Thank you so much for your help and all that you do for Lions and for the Indiana Lions Foundation.

***Kathy
Past District Governor Kathy Lozier, President
Indiana Lions Foundation/Holding Corporation***

Noblesville Lions Induct New Member

On July 24th the Noblesville Lions inducted Tomas Lopez-Pumarejo as a new member. Tomas was inducted by Lion Julia Kozicki. Tomas is sponsored by Tim Baker.



Left Photo: Lion Tim Baker, Sponsor; Lion Tomas Lopez-Pumarejo; and Lion Julia Kozicki
Right Photo: Lion Steve Shaw, Secretary presenting scholarship to Andrew Morrison

Noblesville Lions Award 5th Scholarship

On July 24th the Noblesville Lions awarded the HHHS Academic Merit \$500 Scholarship to Andrew Morrison. Andrew is from Atlanta, IN and plans on attending Purdue University in Accounting. His parents are Chris and Kasee Morrison.

Noblesville Lions Cook for Senior Citizens

On Saturday, July 20th the Noblesville Lions cooked a meal of chicken for the Senior Citizens. This is a yearly event the Lions Club enjoys supporting Noblesville seniors.

Photo (L-R): Lions Rollin Cutter, Steve Morgan, Steve Shaw, Gary Hipes, and Jim Harger not pictured



Noblesville Lions Support the 4-H Fair

On Friday, July 19th the Lions helped HC Fair organizers with directing people and answering questions at the Fair.



Photo - Friday Fair Workers, L-R: Lions Julie Davis, Jen Carr, Dale Unger, Steve Shaw, and Steve Morgan



Photo - More Fair Workers, L-R: Lions Rollin Cutter, Ed Shea, Bob Minton

Noblesville Lions Club Elects New Year Officers

On the July 10th meeting the Noblesville Lions inducted the new 2024-25 officers. The new year began July 1st and runs to June 30th each year.

New officers

President – Jeff Kozicki
1st VP – Hayden Parsons
2nd VP – Julie Davis
Secretary – Steve Shaw
Treasurer – Cheryl Helton
Membership – Walt Scheid
Marketing/Communications – Jake Doll
Tail Twister – Josh Kozicki
Lion Tamer – Jen Carr
Chaplain – John Grimes
Service Chairperson – Kim Luckey
Fundraising Chair – Jeff Kozicki
LCIF Coordinator – Julia Kozicki
Board of Directors – Joe Arrowood, Joe Connerley, Krys Keller, Mark Bachar



Photo: 2024-25 Noblesville Lion Club Officers

Noblesville Lions Enjoy July 4th Parade

On Thursday, the 4th, the Noblesville Lions enjoyed paying tribute to the USA in the city's parade. It was a fun event with quite a few Lions participating.



Photo: (L to R) Lions Gene Beck, Gary Hipes, Walt Scheid, Donna Scheid, Steve Craig, John Grimes, Julia Kozicki, Vicki Neddenriep, Steve Shaw, and Stanley the Lion aka Jeff Kozicki

Noblesville, Carmel, Westfield Lions Help Gleaners

On July 2nd the three local Lions Clubs assisted Gleaners Mobil Pantry in food distribution to the local needy. This happened at Grand Park in Westfield, with 145 families (600 people) being served. An enormous number of Lions participated in this event.



Photo Above: Betty Yunker-C, Bob Yunker-C, Ron Eich, Vicki Neddenriep-N, Kathy Larrison-W, Jerry Baker-N, Jack Waldroup-W, Don Collins-W, Gary Smith-W, Jim Kahler-W, Bill Nesbit-W, unknown, Cheryl Helton-N, Mark Bachar-N, Kathy Kahler-W, Lana Buchman-N, Linda Hallett-W, Duke Miller-N, Linda Williamson-N, Ron Williamson-N, Lane Sims-C, Carol Miller-N, Tiny Eich, Norwin Hall-C, Gary Hipes-N, Bill Ryan-C, Matt Best-C, Denise Jensen-C, Judy Waldroup-W, Steve Shaw-N, not pictured, Joe Connerly-N, Jeff Kozicki-N.

Photo Left: Joe Connerley registering cars for pickup at the pantry

Westfield Lions Club

At the Westfield Lions Club's July meeting, District Governor Rocky Simpson (Greentown Lions Club) inducted the Club's 2024-2025 officers. DG Simpson was also able to initiate two new members into the Club, Jack and Judy Waldroup. The meeting was held at the Club's clubhouse located at 1101 E. 169th Street. The building is currently in the middle of a renovation project that includes an expanded meeting room, full kitchen, ADA-compliant restrooms, a conference room, and added storage. Once the project is completed the building will be available for the public to rent. The Westfield Lions Club, founded in 1930, is the longest-serving service club in Hamilton County. They are looking for men and women interested in helping make a difference in our community. For more information on the Westfield Lions Club, go to www.westfieldlions.org.



Anderson Lions Club

Lions from the Anderson Lions Club served approximately 360 cups of Hawaiian shaved ice at the July block party in Anderson. The club collaborates with the Anderson Community Policing department to provide free treats to the public. The Anderson police officers serve free hot dogs, chips and water. The three-hour block parties are scheduled one per month in different city parks from May to September.



Russiaville Lions Club

Russiaville Lion President Darlene Homkes is off to a quick start this 2024-25 Lion year! We have just approved the addition of two new members to our club. Our new Russiaville Lions are

Mrs. Wanda Martin (the spouse of Lion Bill Martin) & Mrs. Brenda Yonally (Spouse of Lion Larry Yonally). Russiaville Lions say “We Serve” and new lions strengthen the pride.



Photo: Lion Brenda Yonally receiving her Russiaville Lions shirt from Lions Darlene (President) & Lion Cara Jean (immediate past President)



Photo: Gary Gillund entertains Russiaville Lions with several music favorites from the 1970's Thanks again for sharing your musical talents with us Russiaville Lions this evening. We all really enjoyed the songs you sang for us.

Do you have something you want to share in the 25D district newsletter? Please submit stories, photos, and other news to Cindy Hurst, cindyhurst2017@gmail.com.

August 2024



Banner Night
September 14, 2024

Keystone Community Building Howard Co. Fairgrounds
610 East Payton Street Greentown
5:30 pm Appetizers 6:00 pm Dinner

RSVP and \$20 per person by the 10th of September to:

Lion Christine Woodward
13862 Kickapoo Trail Carmel, IN 46033
317-716-0622 woodward1999@sbcglobal.net

Make checks payable to: District 25D
Pay at the door will be \$25 per person. There will be limited seating of 80 so get your reservations in as soon as possible!

District Governor David "Rocky" Simpson wants Banner Night to be a time of recognizing and celebrating new members. Encourage your new Lions Members to attend. Each table will have a sign with Club name and your new members' names.

Planning for Banner Night
is "full steam ahead!"
Get your reservations in soon!



August 2024

GASTON LIONS CLUB 2024 FAIR 88th Annual Fair – July 31 to August 3, 2024

FAIR FOOD OPEN NIGHTLY at 5:00 PM. Elephant Ears, Frosted Malts & More!

COOK SHACK: Cheeseburgers, Tenderloins, Corn Dogs, Hot Dogs, BBQ Pork & More!

NIGHTLY DRAWINGS!

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENTS NIGHTLY! Register at <https://app.scoreholio.com/cornhole/>

Wednesday July 31st **COMMUNITY NIGHT** – Free Parking with Donation of 5 Cans of Food or Eye Glasses
5:00 PM Gaston Lions Famous Chicken 'BBQ' Dinner includes Half Chicken, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Roll, Pie or Cake & Drink – Community Building
5:30 PM Kids Day Events – Free Grandstands
7:00 PM TETHERED HOT AIR BALOON RIDES - \$20 per Person – Sponsored by GADDIS Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep-Ram
7:00 PM Night of Chaos: AUTO CROSS CAR RAGE RACING– \$5 Grandstands - junkitpromotions.com/
7:30 PM *Gaston's Got Talent* - TALENT SHOW – Free Stage

Thursday August 1st
6:00 PM CHURCH NIGHT & GOSPEL SINGING Sponsored by Local Churches – Community Building
7:00 PM TETHERED HOT AIR BALOON RIDES - \$20 per Person – Sponsored by MIKE KING Heating & Cooling
7:00 PM ATV, UTV & Motorcycle RODEO – \$5 Grandstands Sponsored by DEFIANCE MOTORS
7:00 PM Little Prince & Princess Contest – Free Stage

Friday August 2nd
5:00 PM Pork Chop Dinner, includes Smoked Pork Chop, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Roll, Pie or Cake & Drink – Community Building
7:00 PM MICHINDOH PULLING ASSOCIATION TRUCK PULL – \$5 Grandstands
All Pullers Welcome if They Meet MICHINDOH Safety Requirements
<http://michindohpullers.org/>
7:00 PM Meet & Greet with Storm Track 8 Meteorologist Marcus Bailey at Announcers Stand
7:30 PM Martial Arts Demonstration by Alexandria Martial Arts – Free Stage

Saturday August 3rd
8:30 AM 21st Annual 5K RUN & WALK from Gaston to Lions Club Park [For online registration: https://runsignup.com/Race/TN/GASTON/GastonLionsClub5kRunWalk](https://runsignup.com/Race/TN/GASTON/GastonLionsClub5kRunWalk)
9:15 AM Kids Fun Run – Gaston Lions Club Park
2:00 PM QUEEN PAGEANT with Little Prince & Princess at Wes Del High School Auditorium - Free
7:00 PM DEMOLITION DERBY - \$5 Grandstands Sponsored by junkitpromotions.com/
8:30 PM Live Music on the Free Stage

PARKING: \$5 per Car \$5 Grandstands: (12 & Under Free)
Pits: \$20 per Person (All Ages), EXCEPT \$10 for ATV-UTV RODEO (All Ages)
GRANDSTANDS OPEN ONE HOUR BEFORE THE EVENT

CARNIVAL RIDES by THE CARNIVAL COMPANY LLC <https://www.thecarnivalcompanyllc.co/>
Wednesday through Saturday 5 PM to Close - Arm Bands \$25 per Person

For more information: Log on to: <http://www.gastonlionsclub.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/Gaston-Lions-Club>

A decorative border of various money-related icons, including dollar signs, stacks of bills, stacks of coins, and money bags, surrounds the central text.

It is Dues Time

25D Club Presidents and Treasurers will be receiving an email with their clubs invoice.

Dues are for July 1st thru December 31st, based on your clubs membership count as of June 30th on the Lion Portal.

State dues are \$8 – of which 25D keeps \$1
25D District dues are \$0.50

Invoices will show:
\$7/member to the state
\$1.50/member to 25D

Send questions to 25D Cabinet Treasurer
Christine Woodward
woodward1999@sbcglobal.net

Why report service



By sharing our impact, Lions and Leos inform, inspire and grow our global legacy of service.

Strengthen storytelling

Details give stories power. Saying you fed 87 families is more powerful than saying you organized a food drive. Saying your club contributed 1,265 volunteer hours last year is more powerful than saying your club serves the community. When your club reports service, you collect the details needed to share powerful stories of your club's impact.



Photo by: Lion Oliver Felt,
The LEO Book

Inform decisions

Documented club achievements reveal what's working and what's not. For example, what if your diabetes education program is growing in attendance, but your annual club fundraiser is shrinking? Reviewing past service reports helps your club make better decisions, including choosing service activities and setting realistic goals.

Inspire service

Your reported service projects can be viewed within your district and around the world. That means your club's creativity and impact can inspire Lions and Leos to embrace new causes and serve in new ways. Reports also help Lions International staff identify best practices to share globally.



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Why report service



Grow partnerships

Collaborating with other organizations in your community is a great way to increase the visibility, reach and quality of your service projects. When approaching potential partners, your club's service reports provide tangible evidence of your club's effectiveness to help persuade other organizations to join with you.

Enlighten leaders

High levels of service reporting are a sign of healthy clubs, zones and districts. Knowledge of your club's service history provides invaluable insight to current and future club officers. In addition, district, zone and Global Action Team leaders can best support your club when they understand how clubs in their area serve their communities.



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The LGO Book

Be proud

Service data gives us the ability to communicate how *We Serve* around the world. For example, in 2021, Lions and Leos served more than 350 million people! We can take pride in that achievement thanks to the leaders who reported over 1 million service activities. Through service reporting, your club joins in that pride and is eligible for service awards.

Would you like to learn more?

Visit lionsclubs.org/service-reporting