

Happy New Years to All My Fellow Lions!

25 D is still “Underway for Service”

The 2024 year has finished with a fine party and festive reaction to all of District 25 D success stories. We have accomplished much this past year and now, we are putting our best foot forward to this upcoming year of service. I want every Lions Club who did service projects in December to do a shout out to Anita Hines, 765-546-0643 or email her at anitanikita1981@aol.com. Anita is our District 25 D Global Service Team Chairman. District 25 D did food baskets for the needy, Christmas parties for the local First Responders, to the Christmas Light displays popping up at some of our Lions Clubs. This giving season, the Lions of District 25 D stepped it up for their communities and it shows well.

Let's talk about what's in store for 2025 –

- **January 17-18** is the Mid-Winter Conference. Plainfield, Indiana. Registration is in the back of the Hoosier Lion.
- **February 1st** is the Cabinet meeting at Saratoga Lions Club.
- **March 7-8** is our District Convention at the Greentown Lions Club.

We have lots of time to kick off a wonderful new year. Please find these on your calendar and plan accordingly.

I have a very busy January and was wondering how many Lions Clubs are going to do something special for the grandkids of Lions members for February. The idea of sharing the love of the month of February to the grandkids of Lions members is a response for building future Lions as they remember how they were treated and accepted at their grandparents' meeting. Let's make February the “Share the Love Month with our Grandchildren.” I think this would be wonderful. I have had two cancellations of official visits in January and so if you want to move yours up or get back on the schedule, please let me know if you want my visit this month or not.

I'm planning a park revitalization in May. I have only Saturday work days so it should be easy. Our Cabinet meeting in Upland May 10 will still happen, as the building of the Canoe and Kayak launch will be done by local Youth.

Holidays were wonderful this year, please help me get to my goal of new members. I'm just five away from my goal so please help me accomplish this with new members for your clubs.

I have heard of wonderful projects and fundraisers happening and I encourage every club to do something special as we kick off this year.

Please keep an LCIF fundraiser in your hip pocket to reach our LCIF goals for the year.

So much happening with a great bunch of Lions. Keep on doing this magnificent work that our 25 D Clubs are doing.

Yours in Lionism,

DG Rocky

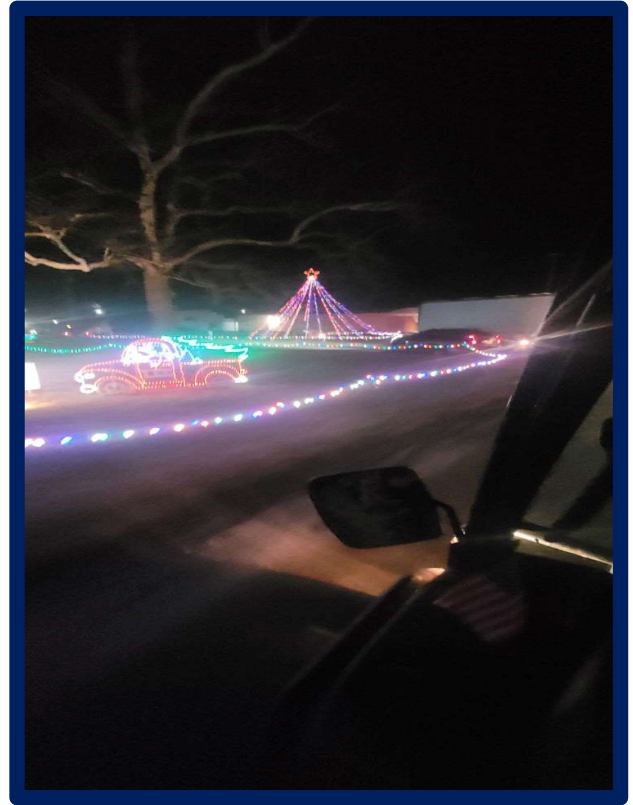
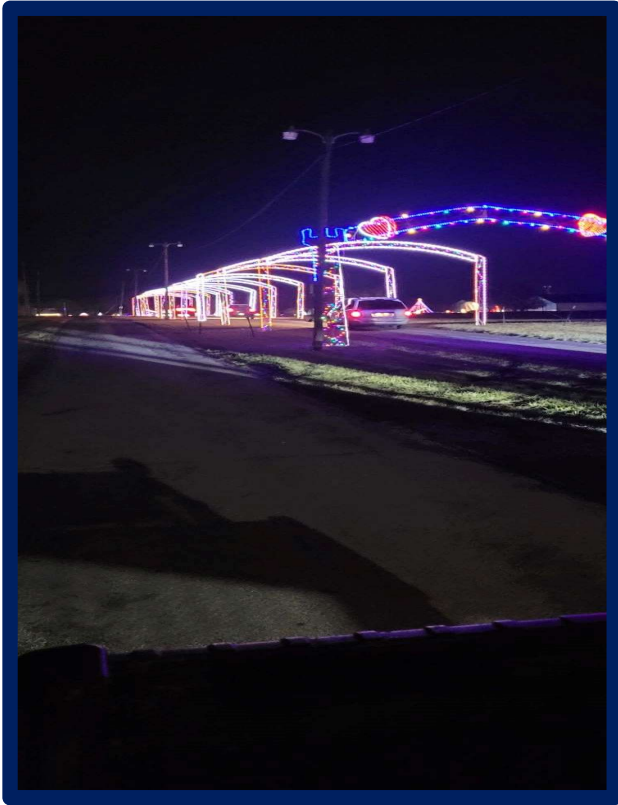
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Holiday Lights in Greentown

More than 14,000 visitors enjoyed the Greentown light display this season!







Photos: Hot chocolate, cookies, and candy canes for visitors! Greentown Lion Henry Rodriquez collected cookies from local business that donated to the cause.

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LIONS DISTRICT 25D
3RD CABINET MEETING

IT'S GAME TIME

February 1st, 2025

9:30 am: Social time
10:00 am: Meeting
11:00 am: Lunch
 \$20.00 per person
12:00 pm: Resume Meeting

Join us to celebrate the Lions
LOVE of Service for our communities



WITH :
DG ROCKY SIMPSON
AND THE BEST DISTRICT
TEAM IN THE STATE

LOCATION @ SARATOGA
LIONS CLUB
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SARATOGA, IN

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Happy New Year Lions of 25D!

Another year of being a Proud Lion is ahead of us. We need to focus on our goals for the upcoming year of service. Growing our clubs and starting new ones is going to be important items to work on. Increasing service in our communities and increasing the visibility of those projects is in need of improvement. Try to work with your members to increase service projects, possibly with new ideas that are needed in your community. Trying new things is going to be a big part of Lionism in the months and years to come. Let your local and district leadership know of any ideas that you have been wanting to try. We are looking for new ways to increase our involvement and presence locally and around the globe. I'm going to keep it short this month because of all of our crazy busy schedules at this time of year. I look forward to visiting with many of you this year.

Lion Mike Careins SVDG 25D

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Hello Fellow Lions!

Hope everyone had a blessed and fabulous holidays and great family time. Diana and I had a great holiday and family time also and time with the grandchildren was wonderful. Time seems to be moving forward faster than we all want it to that's for sure. We all got a busy schedule approaching us with January starting out with Midwinter Conference. This will be my second year attending and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again. I'm busy getting ready for St. Charles in February for more Governor's training - and just keeps going on, but I keep my calendar close by and do my best to attend as much as possible with my work schedule.

I made a challenge in my last newsletter for everyone to bring in a new member. Hopefully that happened and we got some new members out of the challenge. If not, let's try to make it happen in 2025, to bring a new member in because I am sure there is someone out there who would love to be part of our great club of Lions that Serve in so many ways. Let's really work at this.

I want to thank Saratoga for having me and Diana ride on their Christmas float. It was fabulous, a treat, and a fun time. It wasn't as cold as Union City's Parade. A big thank you to Julia and Jeff for a wonderful Christmas party. It was fabulous and the food was delicious.

And thank you to Carmel Lions Club for hosting the Christmas party. It was very much appreciated.

Thank you to the Speech and Hearing for the great dinner and awards presentation. Very well done.

I want to take this time to wish each and every one of you a very Happy New Year. Prayers for each of you as you travel to and from Lions Club activities, and that 2025 is a fabulous year for the Lions.

Sincerely Yours,

Jim Dubeansky
1VDG/ Dist 25D

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**Make Your Mark In Indiana! Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference
Make plans now to join us January 17-18th!**

It's a great combination of service and learning! The event kicks off with an optional dinner event Friday, January 17th beginning at 6 pm with social time, dinner at 6:30 pm followed by evening entertainment - "Wacky Trivia" with Comedian Craig Tornquist! Conference sessions begin at 9 am Saturday morning and go through 4 pm. Additional Highlights Include: 2 Service Projects - "Sock It To Me" and "Care-ing Cases" - a special luncheon keynote speaker, Phil Rison, Executive Director of the NIAAA. PLUS -- Exhibits and More!

SATURDAY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:00 - 9:00 am: Registration/Continental Breakfast

9:00 - 9:30 am: Opening Session

9:45 - 10:30 am: 1st Session Seminars

10:45 - 11:30 am: 2nd Session Seminars

11:30 - 12:15 pm: LUNCH BUFFET

12:15 - 1:15 pm: Program & Keynote Speaker

1:30 - 2:15 pm: 3rd Session Seminars

2:30 - 3:15 pm: 4th Session Seminars

3:30 - 4:00 pm: Closing Session

ADJOURN

DISPLAYS & SILENT AUCTION - OPEN 8 AM TO 3:00 PM
LUNCH BUFFET MENU - BACKYARD COOKOUT (Included with registration) Grilled Black Angus Burgers, Bratwurst with Sauerkraut, Bourbon Brisket, Cole Slaw, Macaroni Salad, Baked Beans, Corn, Vegetable toppings for burgers and assorted condiments, Breads, Sheet Cake, Coffee and Tea

Click [here](#) to register.

Lions of District 25-D:

Greetings to all and Happy New Year! As we begin a new calendar year, I wanted to let everyone know that Lions International and our Area Leaders have been working hard to develop a series of workshops to help all Lions grow membership in their clubs. The number of Lions in the US has declined over many years, but **now is the time to change this direction and get Lions growing again**. The needs of the community continue to grow, and we need to grow with them.

Here is the information for the three sessions. Please type in the link or scan the QR code for more information.

All sessions are virtual & begin @ 7 PM CST (Central)



Thursday, January 16

Thursday, January 30

Thursday, February 13

Advance Registration Required

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

<https://bit.ly/AreaEGrow>

In conjunction with this, as we are at the start of a new year, I hope you write down a resolution to talk to at least one person a month to learn how they want to serve and if Lions can help with that service (which just might include them becoming a Lion...sneaky aren't we). A great place to find the people to talk to is the list of people that you made several months ago. One of the greatest services you can do for your community is add Lions so more service can be done.

As always, thank you for being a Lion and serving your community. You are changing the world.

DGMTTC Jeff Kozicki



**August to
December 2024
District Count**

- A 1651**
- B 517**
- C 1777**
- D 614**
- E 1059**
- F 2736**
- G 1456**
- Total: 9810**

Lions across Indiana were busy this fall screening in locations from day cares with just a few kids, to schools with over a hundred preschool/kindergarten aged. Celebrate this achievement as Lions, and then get right back out and find the next place you can make a difference. Early screening is the easiest tool we

have to making sure no kids suffer from treatable eye conditions, like lazy eye. It's great to help out the nurses in schools with screening large amounts of kids. But it is in the day cares and ministries where we can really go after the younger ones and help shine light on problems before they get worse.

I will be at the Mid-Winter Conference on January 18th to replenish any supplies related to the cameras and KidSight. On Friday, January 17th, Tammy Johnson of PlusOptix (the smiley face cameras) will be in Indianapolis for a meeting to discuss new cameras and how PlusOptix can continue to help our KidSight program here in Indiana. For any club interested in possibly purchasing a camera for use in your area, it would be a great time to meet her and get all your questions answered. Contact KidSight if you're interested in this meeting.

The current consent forms and cover sheet are available for download at: <https://www.visionfirst.org/operationkidsight>

For additional documentation related to KidSight email or call!

Peace be with you all!

**Karlene Roe - IN Lions Operation KidSight Program Coordinator
kidsight@att.net 317-213-3902**

Westfield Lions Put a Bow on 2025 Annual Christmas Program Includes Numerous Awards

At their annual Christmas Dinner and Program Night held on December 19th at the Wyndham Hotel, the Westfield Lions presented several awards to well-deserving Lions. Prior to the awards portion of the meeting, the Lions were served dinner by the Westfield H.S. Foodies and entertained by the Westfield H.S. Signature Sound Choir.

After the Signature Sound Choir, Lion President Bill Nesbitt presented Perfect Attendance pins to 24 Lions. This included a 50-year perfect attendance pin for Ted Engelbrecht and a 55-year pin for Bob Benson!

The Club's signature fundraising event is their semi-annual Texas Hold 'em "Poker for Sight" tournament. This year tournament chair, Mike Birk, recognized three Lions for their outstanding efforts to make the tournament the biggest and best in the Midwest. Lion Don Collins received the "Tournament Star" award for his work collecting donations for each tournament's "high hand" 50/50 pots. On average, Collins raises about \$2000 per tournament with his hard work.

Lions Ted Engelbrecht and Bob Benson also received Poker for Sight "Special Recognition" awards for their dedicated work over the years at the tournament. Engelbrecht has manned the player registration table and Benson has served as the concession stand co-manager at each session. These Lions have served in these roles since the tournament started in 2008 and are now stepping back for a well-deserved break.

The top award a Lion can receive is the Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF), named after the founder of Lions Clubs International. Lions earning additional MJFs after their initial award receive Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship (PMJF) awards. This year the Westfield Lions presented the first two 2-time PMJFs in the Club's 94-year history. Lions Tracy Rogers and Mike Birk were the recipients of the award. Rogers is recognized as the lead "pit boss" at the poker tournaments and Birk continues to elevate the quality of each tournament and drive repeat business.

The last two awards presented at the meeting were also new awards for the Westfield Lions Club. Lion Dave Sobczak received the Westfield Lions Club "Life Membership Award" for the countless hours he has put into developing the plans for their clubhouse renovation project and shepherding the project through the regulatory and permitting phases. Sobczak is also serving as the construction manager for the project, which is nearing completion. When finished the Westfield Lions will arguably have the nicest Lions clubhouse in the state.

A second Westfield Lions Club Life Membership was presented to Jeff Larrison for his years of service as the Club's secretary. Since serving as Club president in 2010, he has been the Club's secretary. In addition, he has served as the Indiana Lions District 25D Cabinet secretary four times. Larrison currently chairs the WHS SOS Club committee, Avenue of Flags committee, Dictionary Project committee, and the Club's Union Street Ecology Tour committee.

The Westfield Lions are proud to serve their community and are actively looking for people interested in joining them in making a difference in Westfield. For information on the Club and how to become a Lion, go to www.westfieldlions.org.

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Noblesville Lions Present Miyamoto Fellowship Award

On Dec 11th the Noblesville Lions Club presented Lion Rollin Cutter with a Miyamoto Fellowship in recognition of his many years of active service to the club. The Miyamoto Fellowship is an award from the Indiana Lions for Speech and Hearing and recognizes Dr. Richard Miyamoto, whose work at Indiana University helped develop the cochlear implant. Lion Gary Chastain brought the award, as a trustee of the Indiana Lions for Speech and Hearing.

Photo (R): Rollin Cutter, Gary Chastain, and Lion President Jeff Kozicki

Photo (below): New members include Tina Willis, Lisa Rohe, Jeanne Auffrey, Lisa Dick, Jeff Dick, Greg Clouse, and Ron Sinicki, along with their sponsors Lions John Einsfeld, Steve Shaw, Julia Kozicki, Jeff Kozicki, Mark Bachar and Walt Scheid



Noblesville Lions Induct 7 New Members

On Dec 11th the Noblesville Lions Club were excited to induct seven new members at their holiday party. Lion Walt Scheid, Membership Chairman, has been instrumental in moving the club forward with the club's membership.



Noblesville Lions and Kiwanis Noon Clubs Ring Bells for Salvation Army

On Dec 7th the Noblesville Lions and Kiwanis Noon Clubs rang bells for Salvation Army donations. This has turned into a yearly event for the clubs. The Chairman of the event is Joe Arrowood, who happens to be a member of both clubs. Joe has been leading this for 10+ years, and works with the relationship with Salvation Army.

They rang bells at Walmart in Noblesville at the North and South store entrances. The Kiwanians covered from 11:00AM to 1:00PM and the Lions from 1:00PM to 4:00PM. There were 8 Kiwanians and 14 Lions doing this for five hours.



Photo: Kiwanis Noon and Salv Army: Kiwanian T.J. Houghtalen and Lion Joe Arrowood



Photo: Lions and Salv Army: Lions Ron Williamson, Gene Beck, and Rollin Cutter



Noblesville, Carmel, Westfield Lions Assist Gleaners in December

On Tuesday Dec 3rd Noblesville (NLC), Carmel (CLC) and Westfield (WLC) Lions Clubs helped Gleaners Distribute food to over 180 families at Grand Park in Westfield. Fourteen volunteers from the three clubs braved the cold temperatures to hand out the food.



Photo (L - R): Lions Duke Miller (NLC), Bob Yunker (CLC), Bill Ryan (CLC), Scott Willis (NLC), Joe Connerley (NLC), Jerry Baker (NLC) Mark Hallett (WLC) Carrie Larrison (WLC), Bill Nesbitt (WLC), Gary Smith (WLC), and Bruce Moss (NLC). Not pictured: Matt Best (CLC), Larry Jacobi (NLC) and Marianne Jacobi (NLC)

Fowlerton Adds New Members

Fowlerton Lions Club welcomed 4 new members this month. New members are pictured (right) with DG Rocky Simpson.



Union City Lions Celebrate Fellowship Night

The Union City Lions Club held their annual Fellowship Night on the evening of December 10 in the Union City Community Room. The evening began with the Union City High School Band performing a program of Christmas Music under the direction of Fred Elliot.

The meal for the gathering was prepared by Diane Dubeansky and was a delicious dinner of Chicken, Ham, Green Beans, Macaroni and Cheese, and Desserts (Pie, Cake, Cookies, Fruit). Prizes were awarded by Diane and her husband, Jim Dubeansky, who will be next year's District Governor.



Photo: Lions Members and guests in attendance.

Greentown Lions Club Donates Christmas Food Boxes – A Community Project

Greentown Lions Club gave Christmas Food boxes to 113 families. It truly was a community project.

Five Greentown businesses allowed Lions members to “Ring the Bell” for \$\$ donations, the Scouts picked up non-perishable food donated by Greentown residents and then sorted the food into categories, Plevna Country Market got quality hams at a very good price for the Lions Club, Rose Acre Farms donated strong and sturdy boxes to put the food in, and the Eastern High School Football Team and Coaches delivered those food boxes to the families. A community working together.



Russiaville Lions Celebrate & Donate

The Russiaville Lions Club celebrated the holiday season and its 2024 accomplishments on Monday, December 2. Lion Dan Carman also presented a club donation check for Indiana Lion Foundation projects to Lion DG Rocky Simpson to support the good work of our state Lions. Lion PDG Mike Imbler was on hand to present W.P. Woods Fellowship awards to Lions PDG Eric and Lion Deanna Schuman and a 25D Outstanding Lion nomination to Lion Don Riebe.



Photo (top): Russiaville Lions Club President Darlene Homkes and Russiaville Lions Club Treasurer Dan Carman present donations to DG Rocky Simpson. (Bottom left - right): Lion PDG Mike Imbler Lions PDG Eric and Lion Deanna Schuman and 25D Outstanding Lion nomination to Lion Don Riebe.



Gas City Ramp Updates



Photo: Mike Careins mounts the plaque at the Kirby home, on a ramp that was built in the fall. The project was led by the Gas City Lions, with help from Lions across District 25 D.

Photo: Mayor Bill Rock, Mike Careins, DG Rocky Simpson, and the Kirby family take a photo with the Lions plaque.





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: _____ Email: _____

District: _____ Club: _____

Is this your FIRST Indiana Lions State Convention? (please circle one) YES NO

Please list any Special dietary needs here: _____

- Friday Evening Dinner \$15 _____
Authentic Amish Haystack Dinner, hosted by Dunlap Lions Club
- Saturday Lunch \$25 _____
Buffet: baked pineapple ham, meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad, pie
- Saturday Strides Walk T-Shirt: \$20 _____
Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL (please circle one)
- Saturday Dinner: \$35 _____
Plated: roast beef & poppy seed chicken, mashed potatoes, noodles, green beans, salad, pie

Total Registration Due: _____

Mail this form with payment to:
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Jeanine@martyjuel.com or (574) 370-2475
Registration must be postmarked by Apr 7, 2025
Make checks payable to: Indiana Lions State Convention