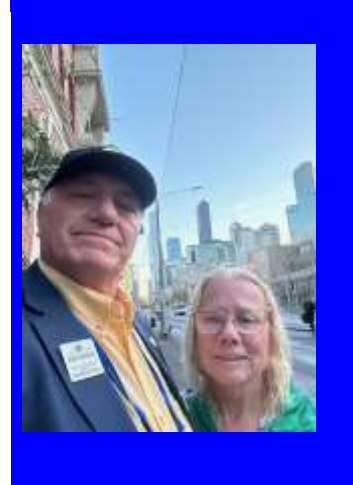


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Fellow Lions Of District 25-D

Happy Fourth of July and the Celebration of our Country's Independence!

I'm happy to say that I have just been made the new District Governor, with Deb and I going to the Lions International Convention in Milbourne, Australia. Julia started wonderful momentum for 25 D during her tenure as the District Governor. For this coming year, I'll be following through what's already been put into place. Our goals for this year are almost the same from last year but we accomplished all the goals that were planned, organized and completed for her District Governor Year from 2023 – 2024. Working to add members and Clubs are key to a remarkable year.



Adding New Clubs, we continue to work toward starting a new club in Gas City and maybe Hartford City and Fishers (big job!). Let me know if you are willing to help.

Membership has been positive for our District for the first time since Covid hit the area. Now, we are continuing that as well, plus one new member for all clubs in 25-D. Our Mission 1.5 statement at the convention was really remarkable as all our President, and vice Presidents had an hour and a half open forum to help inspire the new goal of 1.5 Million Lions by 2027. We can do this...

Let's get to how I'm kicking this year off. My first cabinet meeting is July 27, 2024 at the Carmel Lions Club. (10:00 AM) I'd like to see a representative there from each of our 36 Clubs.

Why might you want to know why this kick off will be important? Because things are happening. First thing is that everyone gets the Phone Directory for all the people of the District. Lions Club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers for each Club and Global Membership representatives. If you don't have someone there from your Club, it may be a while before you get your directories.

Second, PDG Mike Imbler will be passing out the new eyeglass recycle boxes. Every Club will receive one new box. Please be aware that the old eyeglass recycle boxes may be a collector's item in the very near future. As a Club, keep a hold of the old ones as well. The eyeglass recycling club that stores the glasses and sends them to be recycled is my own Greentown Lions Club. PDG Mike or I will be happy to carry those glasses onto others. Greentown Lions has a warehouse for old used glasses.

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The next thing your club will be able to get is your Special Olympics Collectors bucket. That's right, a collection bucket for the Special Olympics. PDG Steve Holtzleiter will give your club a bucket to collect money for the Special Olympics. There will be a letter to be submitted to the School Board, Principal and Superintendent to request permission for a one home game collection for the Special Olympics program. Your club must have a representative there to sign for the bucket and determine which School is going to be collected for. There will only be one Club collecting for that Football game and we should do it but once per calendar year.

This will count for Service to the Community and your Secretary will be able to document the Service hours for that game for your Club. PDG Steve or Treasurer Christine will then tally the amount of money you collected and report the effort at each Cabinet meeting.

So please come to this month's cabinet meeting. It won't be boring - we'll make it fun.

25-D Lions, Thank You for all you do.

You can see all the progress through numbers of new Lions and the number of service Projects completed.

25 D led the way throughout the State last year! We are unmatched by any other district and continue with service and membership at the highest level.

Let's continue the progress and momentum. Let's have another great and measurable year.

Yours in Lionism,

Rocky, DG

Have a Happy and Safe 4th of July!

FIRST CABINET MEETING

27 JULY AT THE CARMEL LIONS CLUB.

**STARTS AT 10:00 AM, WITH MEET AND GREET FROM 9:00 -
10:00 AM.**

DOUGHNUTS!

First Vice District Governor

Hello Fellow Lions:

Hope you're all doing well and enjoying the summer weather and heat. Sure has been hot, that's for sure but let's enjoy it.

Well, some of you may have heard I took a tumble in my shower a few weeks ago and broke my right ankle. I was put in an Air cast for 5 weeks for healing. During this time it was discovered in the emergency room that I had some heart issues going on; the electrical side of the heart wasn't functioning properly so I had to wear a heart monitor for 2 weeks. At the conclusion of the 2 weeks, the cardiologist is looking at a Pacemaker maker, possibly with an AED so that's where that stands. Currently, I am in Florida at my Father In-Laws taking it easy and letting Diana visit her dad.

I thank everyone for all the Beautiful flowers and cards I received and kind emails so very thoughtful it's just amazing what friends you have.

Hope in the next few weeks I am able to return to normal activities, get back on track, catch up with everyone, and get caught up with Rocky on what I've missed. Right now I feel useless and on the blind side, but in time I'll catch up. I am so sorry for not being there to do my duties as First Vice Governor. I am on the mend. I'll make it up. I promise. Until then, thank you for everything and god bless you all.

Congratulations to our New Governors. You all look ready to go running and to serve.

Sincerely Yours: Jim Dubeansky
First Vice Governor Dist 25 D

Global Membership Team & Global Extension Team

Greetings from Melbourne Australia!

We have just completed the 2024 Lions International Convention here and what an amazing time it has been! I wish every Lion in Indiana were here to hear about the great work Lions are doing all around the world and the positive impact we are making. This truly is the greatest service organization and I am honored to be a part of it.

At the Convention, our new International President Fabricio Oliveira unveiled his theme for the year, which is "Make Your Mark." I have been thinking about this, and there are lots of ways to fulfill this goal, but I would like to challenge each and every Lion in the District to make your mark this year in a special and personal way by sponsoring one new Lion. While I have been a

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Lion and your GMT Coordinator, I have seen too many clubs dwindle in membership and a number close. Our clubs have existed for so many years and it is so sad to see this happen. Is this the mark you want to leave behind? I do not think so and I hope you will partner with me so your club never closes.

To be clear, we do not want to add members for the sake of numbers. We want to add members to help meet the ever-growing needs in our communities. We want members who will engage in our mission, take the time to learn about the opportunities in Lions both to help others and to grow as leaders, and who will help further grow our association so we can overwhelm the issues facing us. So, to borrow a phrase I have heard in the past, let us each commit to the goal of "Each One Reach One" and sponsor a Lion this year.

Thank you for all you do for Lions and your community and for helping us to expand our service.

Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 th of July!	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	Council Meeting 20
21	22	23	24	25	26	Cabinet Meeting 27 Carmel Lions Club 10am
28	29	30	31			

Lions Holding Corporation Trustees Meeting of June 8, 2024.

The trustees of the Indiana Lions Foundation and Indiana Lions Holding Corporation met at the state office building in Indianapolis on Saturday, June 8th, 2024. At this meeting the trustees approved six, \$1,000 matching grants for projects of the Auburn, Plainfield, South Haven, Decatur Central, Clermont and Lafayette clubs. This brings the total of matching grants for the current fiscal year to \$17,368. Clubs may submit grant applications using this link: <https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/what-we-do/foundation-matching-grant/matching-grant-application/>.

A \$1,000 disaster assistance grant was given to the Union City club to assist with needs caused by the storm damage earlier this spring.

The Foundation annually sponsors the Indiana Distinguished Lion of the Year award. The 2024 recipient is PDG Merle Goldman, a member of the Washington Township club in Indianapolis.

Congratulations to PDG Merle and all of the nominees for the award who were recognized with a plaque presentation at the Foundation luncheon at the recent state convention.

There were 206 Indiana Lions Foundation license plates sold during the first four months of 2024. Plates may be ordered at <https://www.in.gov/bmv/registration-plates/license-plates-overview/indianas-organizational-license-plates/>

The Indiana State Fair will be held from August 2nd thru August 18th. Lions will be working six gates Tuesday through Sunday each of the three weeks of the Fair. Since we have added four additional gates, we are looking for volunteers to be gate captains. If you could help in this way, please send an email to Lion Rose Russell at rosew Russell@gmail.com. Please use this link to sign-up for this fun time working with your fellow Lions from all over the state.

<https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/what-we-do/indiana-state-fair-volunteer/>

At the Holding Corporation meeting, trustees were apprised of the fact that all suites are now leased, which makes the building more attractive to potential buyers. The building is on the market at \$1.5 million.

CLUB UPDATES

Noblesville Awards NHS Scholarships

On June 26th the Lions Club awarded scholarships to three NHS students. Awards presented by Lion Gary Hipes, Scholarship Chairman.

**Lions Academic Merit Scholarship - \$1,000
Grant Cummings**

Will attend IU, Marketing
Parents: Michael and Amanda Cummings

**Lions Irving Heath Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000
Addison McMillan**

Will attend BSU, Theatre Education
Parents: Charlie McMillan and Betsy Reason

**Lions Ivy Tech Scholarship - \$500
Reagen Case**

Will attend Ivy Tech (2 yr), then BSU, Architecture
Parents: Jay and Natalie Case

**Lions Scarlet Minton/Jack Funcannon Memorial
Scholarship - \$500
Colin Jacobi**

Will attend IU Kokomo, Business
Parents: Tom and Jennifer Jacobi



Left to right: Cummings Photo: Grant Cummings and Lion Gary Hipes; **McMillan Photo:** Addison McMillan and Lion Gary Hipes; **Case Photo:** Reagan Case and Lion Gary Hipes; and, **Jacobi Photo:** Colin Jacobi and Lion Gary Hipes

Noblesville Lions Assist Teter Retreat

On June 26th the Noblesville Lions were entertained by speaker Katy Rogers, Farm Manager at Teter Retreat Organic Farms. Teter Farms is an outreach mission of Noblesville First United Methodist Church, which grows mixed vegetables on five acres of land. Ms. Rogers outlined all the activities of Teter Farms for the club, and was presented with a check for \$1,000 for a project the farm is working on.



Photo (Left): Lion President Walt Scheid and Katy Rogers Photo (Right): Some attendees enjoying food and conversation

Noblesville Lions Grillin on the Square Weekend a Success

Friday and Saturday, May 31st and June 1st, were successes for the Grillin activity. The club estimated 458 meals were served over the two days. The club earned \$8,344 in profits to use in their community service endeavors. This year’s increase of financial sponsors was a plus to the club’s success. Although the construction in downtown hampered some attendance, the club is very thankful to those who attended the events.

Noblesville Lions Induct New Member, Tom Jacobi

On June 12th, Tom Jacobi was inducted into the Noblesville Lions Club. Tom was formally inducted by Lion Julia Kozicki, current Lion District Governor. Tom’s Lion Sponsor is his father, Lion Larry Jacobi.



Photo: Lion Julia Kozicki, Lion Tom Jacobi, and Sponsor Lion Larry Jacobi

Noblesville Lions Supporting B&G Club Irv Heath Amphitheater

On Friday, June 7, 2024 the Boys & Girls Club Camp Crosser had Ribbon Cutting of the recently completed Irv Heath Amphitheater. Irv Heath was a dedicated member of the Noblesville Lions Club, as well as a long-time supporter of the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville (BGCN). His donated legacy to the Lions Club, in his passing, allowed a \$15,000 portion to be donated to the BGCN. The Noblesville Lions Club is honored to be a sponsor of the BGCN Camp Crosser Irv Heath Amphitheater.



Photo (Left): (Lt-R) The Crosser Family, Steve Shaw, 2 camp members, Cheryl Helton, Stanley the Lion aka...Stephen Craig, Becky Terry, Bob Minton, Duke Miller, Charlie McMillian, Joe Arrowood, and Marilyn Heath Photo (Right): Noblesville and Carmel Lions and spouses who assisted Gleaners. Lion Joe Connerley was missing from the photo.

Noblesville and Carmel Lions Assist Gleaners for June

On Tuesday, June 4th, the Noblesville and Carmel Lions did another Gleaners distribution at Grand Park. Over 60 cars and about 100 families for a total of 300 people served. Gleaners has moved the mobile pantry to Grand Park, Lot F, in Westfield. This now occurs the first Tuesday of each month. Time is still from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.

Union City Lions Club Blood Draw

The Union City Lions Club Blood Draw of June 24 was held in the Union City Community Room. A large turnout of people made 37 donations for the SOLVITA Blood Bank of Dayton, Ohio. The SOLVITA Account Manager, Melinda French, provided the Wheel of Fortune that allowed donors to spin for prizes. A good time was had by all in attendance. The next Lions Blood Draw in Union City is August 19, 2024.



The Union City Lions Club again this year provided the breakfast for the annual Randolph County Fly-In held on June 8, 2024 at the Randolph County Airport in Winchester, IN. Over 300 Breakfasts of eggs, sausage, toast and drinks were served to over 300 attendees. Door prizes were provided by merchants from Union City and Winchester. Plane rides were available and 141 people participated in the flight over Winchester.



Pictured are some of the Union City Lions members working at the Breakfast. L-R. Unidentified customer; Lions Chad Enicks, Dave Lenkensdofer, Blake Clevenger, Joe Wyant, Len Hindsley, and Cheryl Marcum.

Russiaville Lions Award High School Scholarships

Russiaville Lions Club President Cara Jean Rayl extends our congratulations to: (L-R) Each year we Russiaville Lions work on several fundraising projects with the intent of providing at least two monetary scholarships to deserving Western High School Seniors. In 2020 we boosted the amount of these two scholarships to \$1000 each. We thank our wonderful and dedicated patrons for their great support over many years.



(Pictured L-R are Matthew Sipes, Harlee Reel, President Cara-Jean Rayl, & Savannah Silvers.)

It's a Picnic

Join us for the FUN, but none of the Ants!

DG David 'Rocky' Simpson's
First Cabinet Meeting
Saturday, July 27th

Carmel Lions Club
141 E. Main Street
Carmel, IN 46033

Come and learn what DG Rocky has in
mind for the District this coming year

Social at 9:30am
Meeting at 10:00am
Lunch at 11:30am
Meeting resumes at 12:30

\$15/person

Hamburgers and Hotdogs with all the fixings

RSVP to Christine Woodward
woodward1999@sbcglobal.net

Pay at the door
Checks payable to Carmel Lions Club