

**District 25 D**  
**“We are Underway for Service”**

Fellow Lions,

I'm in my last month of being your District Governor and I'm happy to say, our District 25D Clubs are awesome! I have had the opportunity to induct new members, install new officers, and watch District 25 D grow to be one of the best districts in the State. I'm proud of all your accomplishments. Saratoga Club won the Special Olympics blanket for most funds raised. Club Excellence Awards went to Carmel, Saratoga, Noblesville and Russiaville. Gas City Lions built a ramp for a needy family and the list goes on and on. Outstanding accomplishments!

Our clubs are always doing great things for their community, the State and world as a whole. Please continue the “Can Do” attitude for this upcoming year.



June is here and I'm happy to say District 25D has been “Underway for Service” all year long. I'm very proud of my Cabinet members and my GAT Team. I'm happy to say our district clubs have performed wonderfully all year. Global Service Chair Anita Hines helped us achieve 100% reporting of service, because that's what Lions do: “We Serve.” Global Membership Chair Jeff Kozicki got us into the top 20 districts in the nation on 1/1/2025 with +25 new members and we are sitting at +38 at this writing. Global Leadership Chair PID Doug Lozier has scheduled two club officer trainings for Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers, one in Westfield on June 11<sup>th</sup> and one in Saratoga on June 30<sup>th</sup>, both at 6:00 pm. He also has Zone Chair training scheduled on June 21 at Gas City Fire House #2 from 10-2. Last, our Global Extension Chair Mike Careins got Gas City as a Branch Club. So, the district has done well this year.

Our Cabinet meetings have been fun, informative and useful. My Banner Night and District Convention at Greentown were both celebrations of some wonderful times as Lions. The State Convention was over the top with Past International President Jimmy Ross. I considered all these events just wonderful to be a part of and I'm looking forward to next year's events.

Now it's time to turn over the watch. This district has achieved so much this year because of our Lions' hard work. We've built a wonderful team and I've never been so happy with all of our accomplishments. I'm passing the torch to some wonderful Lions, DGE Jim Dubeansky, 1VDGE Mike Careins, 2VDGE Christine Woodward, and their cabinet will take over on July 1, 2025. I know that you'll support Jim as much as you supported me.

I'm happy to say I'm not going too far as I was elected to serve as the next Council Chair. I'm happy to follow CC Julia's lead as she always puts forth max effort and all I really have to do is to follow what she has done. Good things are in store for the Lions of Indiana.

Small note to all the Clubs who don't come to district events: you are really missing out on some good times and great people. As the next year starts, please look at the district calendar along with your home club, and pop into a district event to see what goes on. I'm sure you'll be pleasantly surprised of all the outstanding accomplishments that happen at the district level.

Thanks for all the Memories,

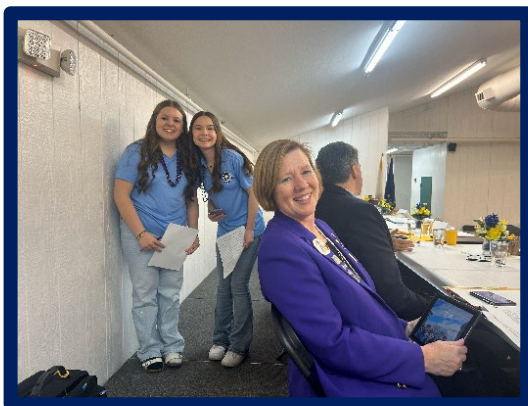
Yours in Lionism,  
Rocky



## 2025 State Convention

The 2025 State Convention was a success! Check out photos with our club members. You can see more photos here, [2025 State Convention in Pictures – Indiana Lions Convention Web Site](#).

There was a memorial ceremony for all Lions who have passed this year. Ceremony was presented by PDG Kathy Lozier and ID Doug Lozier.







Hello Fellow Lions!

Well, first I want to start off by saying what a great State Convention we had. It was nice and good to have it in a different location. Lots of horse and buggies for sure and my wife enjoyed the shopping.

A big congratulations to Rocky for being our new Council Chair who will replace our awesome Julia Kozicki. She's done a fantastic job - thank you for everything, Julia, and a big congratulations to Julia as she moves on to her new position. Also, WOW! Everyone is moving all around and with that being said, it's knocking on the door that I'll be your new 25D Governor. With the fabulous team I've got, I feel I am ready to take on this challenge as your Governor and be the best as I can be.

I ask all the clubs to keep in the back of your mind a date you would like for me to come and make a club visit cause going to start putting them in my calendar for the coming year and events you would like me to attend if I am able to I'll do my best.

I am a team player so I count on help from others along the way. Please jump in at any time to offer assistance because this is all new to me. Together with your help I will make this happen. So please, I ask for your guidance.

Being in the far East of the state, no matter which club I attend there will be driving involved. But it's ok because I am excited to see all the clubs and meet everyone. I'll be even more excited that when I am driving to a club that I know I get to induct a new member that evening. With that being said, having a new member at my club visit that would be awesome for me and the district.

Don't forget **District 25D Indiana State Fair work day is August 9** and guess WHAT? I am bringing donuts so please I ask let's all show up to work at that day and have a fantastic time. Wear your Orlando shirts (white ones with checkered sleeves). Please sign in what shifts you want to work on August 9 your Governor will be there most of the day to see everybody. Wouldn't miss it .

Thank you all for everything you all do in our fabulous district to make it what it is. I ask for your help and your support and guidance. We can boost it more as a big team because you all and myself are ready to make my year as Governor a great one. It will be a group effort by us all.

Thank you,

Jim Dubeansky  
VDGE/Dist25D

April was a great month to be a Lion. The Easter Bunny didn't freeze his tail off. He may have had to use a boat, but at least it was pleasant. Many clubs had Easter events that were great for their communities. Lions of Indiana had their State Convention. It was an immense success. A Lion paid \$2000 to throw a pie in PIP (Past International President) Jimmy Ross's face! That really got the party going. PIP Ross went about Branding (Yes, like cattle. He is a Texas Rancher after all) several members of the audience. He told anecdotal stories of his trek from beginning as a new Lion from a very small town working his way up to the position of International President. It was an Honor to participate in the induction of our newest Lions members on International Induction Day, April 26 th, at our State Convention with a PIP heading up the ceremony. It was definitely an experience that I will not soon forget. If you do not participate in District and State level events, you are really missing out.

As the weather warms up, we need to be thinking about all of those fun things that we could be doing outside to improve our communities. I am looking forward to working in our parks cleaning, repairing, and improving the outdoor experience for our families, friends, and neighbors. Planting some trees and flowers is near the top of the list. I plan on getting some help with that using a matching grant from the Indiana Lions Foundation. There are funds available for your club to do service projects like that as well.

I am really excited about all of the wonderful events happening in the coming months. I get to help with multiple parades and festivals with Lions from around the state. I never have as much fun as I do working with Lions. They are always the nicest people and so helpful. I am especially excited about helping at the Indiana State Fair in August. Governor Elect Jim Dubeansky has set Saturday August 9 th as District 25D Day at the State Fair this year. It is simple to sign up to be part of the fun. Just search <https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/> to pick your time and location. I hope to see you there!

Lion Michael Careins  
First Vice District Governor Elect 25D  
LionMikeC@Gmail.com

## **Lions of District 25-D: Are your roots deep?**

Greetings all.

Since the title of this article may not make much sense, let me start with a story. In front of our house was a tree that had grown to over thirty feet. A few years ago, it was hit by lightning and severely damaged. We had to take down the entire tree. We went ahead and had the stump ground out as well. A year later, there was a sapling coming up from where the stump had been. Over time, it continued to grow and prosper and is now over twenty feet tall! The point of this story is, even though the tree was completely down and gone, the roots still thrived and brought the tree back.

So, the question is, are your Lion roots deep? What can happen to you that would stop you from helping others? Maybe there is someone in your club you don't see eye to eye with? Maybe a friend or family member made a comment about how much time you are committing? Maybe it is one of a thousand things? I hope you believe, deep down in your roots, that what we do is important, not just for the people in the communities we serve but also for the people who step up and take the lead in service as Lions! If your roots are deep, I know you will keep growing no matter what happens. If you don't think they are all that deep, I invite you to spend time on the Lions Portal, read your Lion magazine, and hang around with other Lions until they are.

As I come to the end of three years as the District Membership Chair, I want to thank everyone I have met and served with. Lions are awesome and it has been my privilege to serve in this role. Next year, I will be the District Extension Chair, and I ask in advance for everyone's help to find people and places to plant the seeds of Lionism so their roots grow deep, and Lions never ends.

As always, thank you for all you do in service to your community. It is greatly appreciated.

-- Jeff Kozicki, District Membership Chair



### Anderson Lions Club celebrates 85 Years of Membership

This month, the Anderson Lions Club welcomed District Governor Rocky Simpson. He and Anderson President Michael Dauss presented the following membership recognition pins:

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**Larry Coates - 50 years**

**Katherine Holtzleiter - 10 years**

**Randy Titus - 25 years**

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### Noblesville Lions Honor 1954 Basketball Team

If you are a basketball Fan (and who isn't?) that lives in Indiana, and you have seen the movie Hoosiers (again, who hasn't?), then we have a rare OPPORTUNITY. Just over 71 years ago on a cold day in March 1954 a tiny high school of 161 students located in Milan, Indiana defeated the giant high school, Muncie Central, with 1,662 students to win the state basketball championship! This team achieved what has become known as the Milan Miracle that inspired the movie, Hoosiers! We will have the honor of recognizing 4 of the remaining team members at our annual Lion's Club of Noblesville "Grillin' on the Square" event.



Location: **Courthouse Square, Noblesville, IN 46060**

(Under the big white LION's Club tent)

Date: **Friday June 6th**

Time: **4:00 pm to 5:30 pm**

Original Team Members attending are as follows: Rollin Cutter, Bobby Plump, Roger Schroder, and Gene White

We invite you to meet these men, get pictures with them, get a signed team photo (only 100 available), and participate in a silent auction for several items of memorabilia. Of course, while you are there enjoy some of our fine grilled pork chops and chicken dinners with all the sides, all while contributing to our great Noblesville community. All proceeds will be distributed back to the community by the Noblesville Lion's Club [Noblesville Lions Club - Lions e-Clubhouse](#).

What is the Lions Club?

Lions Club is the largest service organization in the world with over 1.4 million members with clubs in almost every country around the world. The Noblesville Lions Club has been in existence for over 80 years and focuses on supporting kids, particularly related to vision as we do vision screenings for preschoolers and the required screenings for 3rd, 5th and 8th graders. We collect eyeglasses and hearing aids which we loan or donate to people in need. We mentor Noblesville High School students who have joined the "Leo's Club" and provide numerous scholarships to graduating students. Our motto is "We Serve" and are open to supporting as many opportunities as possible to help serve our community. For more details to become a "Lion" please contact Jeff Kozicki at [noblesvillelionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:noblesvillelionsclub@gmail.com).

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### **Noblesville Lions Assist in Prevail Project**

**Lions to collect supplies for Prevail at this year's *Grillin' on the Square* fundraiser.**

On Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, the Noblesville Lions Club will be hosting their annual fundraiser "*Grillin' on the Square*." This will be held under the tent on the northwest corner of the historic courthouse square in downtown Noblesville from 11am to 7pm. The menu includes ½ pound pork chops or chicken with sides and dessert. The money raised at this event is used to fund the six scholarships presented to graduating seniors at Noblesville and Hamilton Heights High Schools. Advanced tickets can be purchased by using this QR:



As part of this fundraiser, there will also be a silent auction and a very special celebration of the 1954 Milan basketball team who were the basis for the movie *Hoosiers*.

The Lions are also using this day to help Prevail, Inc., whose mission is "empower victims of crime and abuse on their path to healing, while engaging the community to support safe, healthy relationships." To support Prevail's mission and to continue the Lions' focus on helping children, the Lions will be collecting art supplies to provide healthy diversions for the children in these circumstances. The Lions would appreciate donations of the following items: blowing bubbles, paint brushes, Playdoh, balloons, cookie cutters, wax, wicks, and small jars for candle making, colored pencils, Kinetic sand, Crayola foam, Shrinky Dink materials, multi-color sharpies, 8x11 canvases, Mod podge, giant sticky notes, and paper gift bags.

**Union City Lions Club Spring Meeting** by Kevin Lehman

The Union City Lions Club met for the final time this spring on May 27th in the Union City Community Room. Shredded chicken sandwiches, salty snacks, and delicious strawberry cake were on the menu. UC Lion Blake Clevenger and the UC Skoolies presented the program. The seven students spoke about the 13 day, 14 state, 6,100 mile trip out west and the process of converting the school bus into an RV.

The students worked all year on converting the bus. They worked on all aspects of the project, from remodeling the inside of the bus to electrical, plumbing, solar panels, and planning the trip. The Skoolies received many donations of not only money, but also materials, skilled labor, and other help. The once-in-a-lifetime trip was highlighted by 30 total stops and some of the best scenery in the world. Some of the stops read like a bucket list for most people. Stops included Mt Rushmore, Devils Tower, Yellowstone NP, Glacier NP, The Grand Tetons and Jackson Hole, Arches NP, Zion NP, The Grand Canyon, Monument Valley, Four Corners, Garden of the Gods, The Center of America, Kansas City (for BBQ), and the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, MO.

This Lions meeting also included the installation of officers for next year. It's been a good year for the UC Lions, and they are looking forward to continuing their service for the Union City community.



*Photo 1: The UC Skoolies L-R, Faculty sponsor Blake Clevenger, Trendon Spence, Brennan Hoggatt, Anthony Wyant, Jace O'Connor, Luke Collins, Blake Curry, and Jayson Connor. Skoolies not pictured: Alec Spence, Trace Green, and Gavin Elmore.*



*Photo 2: Union City Lions 2025-2026 Officers: front L-R: Scott Reagan, Incoming President Joe Wyant, Troy Rose, Mike Peden. Back L-R: Jim Dubeansky, Scott Flory, Gary Miller, Bob Tillman, Dave Lenkensdofer, and Owen Griffith. Officers not pictured: Len Hindsley and Larry Amspaugh.*



**Union City's Person of the Year (right)**

The Union City Lions Club's PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD went to Lion member Larry Amspaugh for 2025. Presenting the award to Larry was Lion Treasure Troy Rose. Troy spoke of Larry's numerous contributions to the Union City Community as well as Larry's dedication to the Union City Lions Club.

Among Larry's accomplishments are: Creating and managing the Community Christmas at Harter Park;





Developing the Tree Planting project for Union City; Planning and Building the Harter Park Covered Bridge; Chairman of many Lions Club events; past president of the UC Lions Club; Membership Chairman for the UC Lions.

Congratulations to Larry and a big THANK YOU from the Union City Community!

### **Union City Holds Annual Fellowship Night**

The Union City Lions held the annual Fellowship Night on Tuesday evening May 20, 2025 at the Union City Community Room. The Club was treated to a wonderful meal of Fried Chicken and Steak provided by Dianne Dubeansky. Cheryl Marcum, Lions Secretary, was chair of the event.

The business portion of the meeting included information with respect to the Randolph County Fly-IN of which the Lions are cooking the Breakfast and the June 2nd Blood Drive. Also, Lions' member and 2025-26 District Governor, Jim Dubeansky discussed his new duties and schedule for the upcoming year.

A highlight of the meeting was the presentation of the Lion's PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD which was presented to Lion Larry Amspaugh. Larry was recognized for his many years of contributions to the Community, including founder of the Community Christmas, Tree Planting program, and planner and builder of the Covered Bridge in Harter Park. Larry has been a past President of the UC Lions as well as a Board Member for many years. Congratulations to Lion Larry!



### Union City Lions Club Meeting

The Union City Lions Club met on Tuesday, April 22, in the Community Room in downtown Union City. The meeting started as always with the singing of “America”, the Pledge to the Flag, and a prayer. The members and two guests enjoyed a “cookout” meal of burgers, brats, potato salad, macaroni salad, baked beans, and dessert. The program for the evening was presented by Mike Cline and Jared Hindsley from Eager Beaver Directional Drilling. Mike shared how he started doing this independently, and then 9 years ago, Jared started working with him full time. Now the company has 10 employees and works all over Indiana and Ohio, burying fiber optic lines, telephone lines, cable TV lines, and much more. The company drills lines from a few inches to 2 feet in diameter. Mike and Jared shared that the locators they use have become more and more precise, allowing them to be very accurate with the direction and depth they drill. Thanks to Mike and Jared for an informative program.

The Union City Lions also recognized Blake Clevenger as a 10-year member of the club. Congratulations Blake!

*Photo 1: UC Lions President Len Hindsley, Jared Hindsley and Mike Cline from Eager Beaver Directional Drilling.*

*Photo 2: Tools of the trade*

*Photo 3: Len Hindsley and 10-year Lions member Blake Clevenger*





### **Noblesville Lions Collect & Deliver Eyeglasses**

At a recent district cabinet meeting, the Noblesville Lions Club President Jeff Kozicki delivered 7 boxes of used eyeglasses for recycling. The Lions Clubs collect used eyeglasses as a year-long project, and then deliver them to an organization for reworking and then use by people needing help. Multiple locations around Noblesville collect used eyeglasses for the Lions, such as Ginger's Café.

*Photo: Noblesville Lion President, Jeff Kozicki, with the delivered 7 boxes of eyeglasses*



### **Noblesville Lions Trivia Night for Kid Sight**

On April 24<sup>th</sup> evening, the Lions Club had a Trivia Night Challenge fundraiser for the Lions Club's Kid Sight. The project was to raise money for a second camera to use when testing kid's eyesight. The event raised \$2,278.

The Trivia Night was held at the Bier Brewery on south 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Noblesville. The Bier Brewery was very accommodating to the Lions Club, and thanks goes out many times over.

**Photo 1 Top:** (L – R) Lions Greg Clouse, Josh Kozicki, Lisa Rohe, Steve Shaw, Cheryl Helton, Bruce Moss, Mark Bachar, Ron Sinicki, Tim Baker, Eric Bachar, Jeff Dick, Lisa Dick, Jen Carr, and George Long



**Photo 2 Bottom - The Winning Team, Blue's Clues:** (Back row): Heather Perry, Charlie Perry, Doug Thompson, (Front row): Nancy Miller, Connie Nielson (team Captain), Mary Thompson, Austin Thompson and Emily Murphy





### **Noblesville Lions Receive Grant for Trees**

The Noblesville Lions are currently working on a project that honors a past Lion along the Midland Trace Trail. The project involves a plaque with plants and trees. To add to this, the club received some additional support.

Indiana Lions Foundation VP John Wilkins, of the Zionsville Lions Club, presented Noblesville Lions Club Jeff Kozicki with a \$1,000 Grant to support planting new trees at the pocket park beside the Midland Trace Trail and the new Pleasant St bridge.

*Photo: ILF Vp John Wilkins and NLC President Jeff Kozicki*



### **Noblesville Lions Perform Street Cleanup**

On Saturday, April 12th, the Lions performed a yearly event; that is Cleaning Our Streets! The gang met along Field Drive and from there cleaned streets in the northern part of Noblesville.

*Photo: (Back Row) Lions Ron Williamson, Steve Shaw, Gene Beck, Duke Miller, Stanley the Lion (aka Steve Craig), Jeff Kozicki, Jen Carr, Walt Sheid. (Front Row) Lions Julia Kozicki and Lisa Dick*

### **Noblesville, Westfield, and Carmel Lions Assist Gleaners in April**

On Tuesday, April 8th the Noblesville, Westfield, and Carmel Lions assisted Gleaner's with their mobile pantry at Westfield's Grand Park. Gleaner's hosts the mobile pantry on the second Tuesday of each month and all of the Lions volunteers are eager to assist.

*Photo (Lft – Rt): Lions Judy Waldrop, Jeff Kozicki, Bill Ryan, Linda Hallet, Carrie Larrison, Mark Hallet, Linda Williamson, Bill Nesbitt, Tiny Ekes, Lisa Rohe, Don Collins, Steve Shaw, Lori Moss, Ron Williamson, Jack Waldrop, Jerry Baker, Bruce Moss, Jeanne Auffrey, Cheryl Helton, Scott Willis, Josh Kozicki, Joe Connerley. Not Pictured Julia Kozicki.*



**Westfield Lions Award \$13K in Scholarships**  
*And Another New Lion Was Inducted into the Club*

At their May 1st “Scholarship Awards Night”, the Westfield Lions presented eight Westfield H.S. seniors with scholarships totaling \$13,000. The Lions’ annual tradition of recognizing and rewarding deserving students is the Club’s highlight each year.

This year’s scholarships included \$500 awards to the Male and Female Athletes of Year. This year’s recipients were Will Harvey and Addie Kooi.

The \$2000 Florence Benson Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Ava Britton-Heitz. Flo Benson was a well-respected and long serving “Home Economics” teacher at Westfield H.S. (The program is now known as Family and Consumer Science.) She was also the wife of Lion Bob Benson and mother of Lion Rodney Benson. The Benson scholarship winners are selected based on their involvement in community service – the key mission of Lions Clubs International.

The Lester Tudor Memorial Scholarship was established to honor Tudor who was a principal at Westfield H.S. in the late 1950s and an active Lion. This year’s winner was Maryn Babb. The Tudor scholarship winner is also selected based on community service involvement.

The two Service Over Self (S.O.S.) Club Scholarships were awarded to Mia Gordeau and Layla Ryan. These two young ladies went above and beyond with their involvement in the club and their work serving others. The Westfield Lions have worked closely with the S.O.S. Club since its inception during Covid. The two clubs have a mission of serving others, so it’s a perfect fit for teaming up on service projects and fundraising.

Three years ago, the Lions began offering two new scholarships – the Trade & Vocational Scholarship and the Don Russel Career Development Scholarship. The Lions recognized a need to encourage and support students who might be interested in pursuing degrees and certifications at schools other than traditional colleges and universities.

The Don Russel scholarship was named in honor of one of the Club’s most influential Lions in its 95-year history. Don Russel’s involvement in the Westfield Lions Club resulted in developing the Club into the successful organization it is today. His vision and leadership lead to the origination of the Club’s wildly successful semi-annual Poker for Sight® tournament. This tournament, established in 2009, has allowed the Club to award hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants, scholarships, and donations.

To cap off the evening, Past District Governor Bob Benson inducted a new member into the Lions Club. Rob Ginder becomes the 69th Lion in the Club. He is sponsored by Lion President Bill Nesbitt.

The Westfield Lions are looking for men and women to help them increase the Club’s impact on Westfield. If you are interested in learning more about the Club and how to become a member, go to [www.westfieldlions.org](http://www.westfieldlions.org).



*Photos from Westfield's scholarship awards.*

### **Westfield Lions' Poker for Sight Tournament Raises Over \$17K** *"Big Checks" Awarded to 4 Organizations*

On April 25th and 26th the Westfield Lions held their semi-annual Texas Hold 'em "Poker for Sight" tournament in Noblesville. Over 220 players competed for \$25,000 in prize money, with Adam Hamilton of Fishers coming away with the \$10,000 first place check. This year's "Poker for Sight" tournament was successfully held despite an unexpected last-minute change in venue. Every year since the tournament started in 2009 the Lions have held it at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds. Due to a major renovation project involving the 4H building, the Lions were

informed in early March that they would have to find another location for the April tournament. Tournament director Mike Birk immediately began scrambling to find an alternative location so that the tournament would not have to be cancelled. With some good fortune, Birk was able to work out a rental agreement with Rocky Shanehsaz, owner of the Mill Top, to hold the tournament at the former Legacy Bible Church on Greenfield Avenue.

Shanehsaz went above and beyond, making sure the facility was ready for the tournament and the Lions had everything they needed to hold it. Rocky's assistance was instrumental in the tournament being a huge success.

At the beginning of each of the 3 qualifying sessions, and prior to the championship session, the Lions presented \$1500 "Big Checks" to well-deserving organizations in the community. The Friday morning check went to Girls, Inc., a national organization with a chapter in Indianapolis that promotes leadership skills and provides encouragement and support for girls and young women. This organization is recognized as a critical building block for strong, independent



women. For more information on Girls, Inc. and how you can support them, go to [www.girlsinc.org](http://www.girlsinc.org).

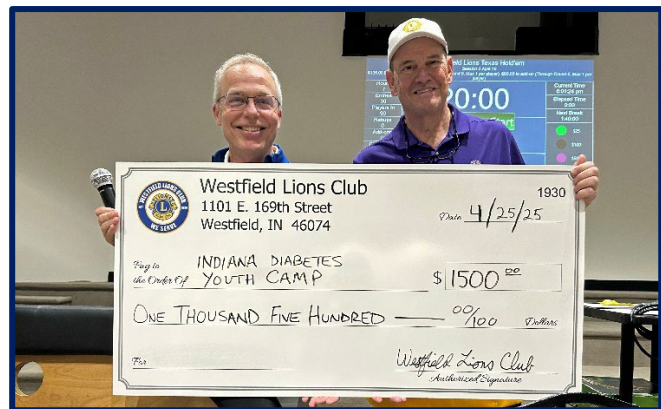
The second Big Check was awarded to the Indiana Diabetes Youth Camp – a facility near and dear to the Lions' hearts. Besides there being a worldwide effort on Lions Clubs International's part to fight the causes of diabetes and assist those suffering from it, the Westfield Lions have worked closely with the camp leaders over the years to help prepare the facility for campers each spring. The youth camp is a wonderful opportunity for children suffering from diabetes to be able to enjoy some of the same experiences other youth are able to. You can help support the camp and these children by going to [www.dyfi.org](http://www.dyfi.org).

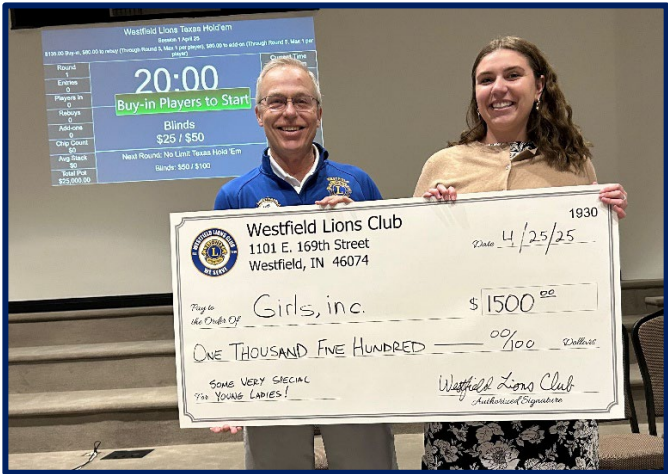
Student Impact of Westfield also received a Big Check during the tournament. This is another organization that the Lions have a long history of supporting. Student Impact offers a number of programs and opportunities for students in the 5th through 12th grades in Westfield. Before and after school programs provide meals, mentoring, and a chance for kids to build friendships with each other. This is all done at no cost to the students and their families. To find out more about the amazing things Student Impact is doing, go to [www.therockwestfield.org](http://www.therockwestfield.org).

The final Big Check was presented to the Leader Dogs for the Blind organization. Ever since Helen Keller challenged Lions Clubs International in 1925 to be "Knights of the Blind", Lions around the world have worked to support efforts to eliminate the causes of blindness, support those affected by it, and provide eye exams and glasses to those that cannot afford them. The Leader Dog program, located in Rochester, Michigan, trains dogs that help give individuals suffering from blindness the opportunity to live a normal life. This life-changing organization provides the dogs at no charge to those in need. Go to [www.leaderdog.org](http://www.leaderdog.org) to find out how you can support this program.

The Westfield Lions is a service organization that was chartered in 1930 and continues to be an active member of the community. To find out more about the Lions and how to become a member, go to [www.westfieldlions.org](http://www.westfieldlions.org).

*Read more about this event in the Hamilton County Reporter, [Westfield Lions' Poker for Sight tournament raises over \\$17K](#).*







## Westfield Lions Foundation's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Outing "Fore the Kids"



**Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at Pebble Brook GC**  
**11 a.m. Registration/12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start**  
(Lunch Provided)

All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Westfield Youth Assistance Program, Westfield Education Foundation, Student Impact, and the Westfield Lions Club Scholarship Program

**\$125 per golfer/\$450 per foursome**

**Make GOLF REGISTRATION checks payable to: Westfield Lions Club**

**Golfer Information:** (Email copy of registration form to [jefflarrison46033@gmail.com](mailto:jefflarrison46033@gmail.com))

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsorship Levels:** (Email copy of registration form and logo to [jefflarrison46033@gmail.com](mailto:jefflarrison46033@gmail.com))

\_\_\_ Gold \$1000 (Includes recognition at event/foursome/hole sponsorship)

\_\_\_ Silver \$750 (Includes recognition at event/two golfers/hole sponsorship)

\_\_\_ Bronze \$500 (Includes recognition at event and hole sponsorship)

\_\_\_ Hole Sponsor \$150

**Make SPONSOR checks payable to: Westfield Lions Foundation**

**Mail all checks to: Westfield Lions Foundation, P.O. Box 545, Westfield, IN 46074**

**Cash/Checks/Credit Cards will be accepted at the event**

For more information contact Jeff Larrison at (317)416-8330 or [jefflarrison46033@gmail.com](mailto:jefflarrison46033@gmail.com)

*All donations are accepted by the Westfield Lions Foundation, a 501(c)3 tax-exempt charitable organization.*



### Greentown Lions Club Events

Greentown Lions filled the van with eyeglasses for their trip, to be sorted, fixed, and reused by other people needing glasses. What Lions do! (*photo right*)

In the photo below, Mike Careins, Jim Dubeansky, CC Julia Kozicki, and DG Rocky Simpson.



(*Photo right*) David Kroepel from Hanna City, IL joins the Greentown Lions Club on Easter morning. The ceremony was held at the St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Church in Peoria Illinois after mass.



### **New Albany Celebrates Membership**

Albany's president, Dick Perkins, received his 10-year pin from DG Rocky and DGE Jim. Lion Kathy received her 15-year chevron.

To top off the good vibes, DG Rocky accepted a check for over \$1,300 for Lion State projects from the Albany Lions Club. Pictured right is President Dick Perkins with DG Rocky Simpson.



### **Sharpshville Honors Veterans**

Sharpshville Lions put flags on Veterans graves at the Sharpshville Memorial Cemetery.



### Russiaville Lions Club Events

DG Rocky presented the club excellence award to President Darlene Homkes at the Russiaville Lions Club (*photo right*).

On April 6, the RLC held its spring 2025 fish fry. Lots of good food, fish, and friends!





### **Russiaville Environmental Project**

A team of 26 people, including Russiaville Lions, Russiaville community leaders, and neighbors, got together on Saturday morning, May 3, to clean up trash along a two mile stretch of IN SR-26, east of Russiaville.

This environmental cleanup project is our community outreach coordinated with INDOT's "adopt a highway" campaign to promote environmental awareness and to keep Indiana highways looking great. We Serve!



*Russiaville members at the state convention*

### Indiana Lions Foundation Indiana State Fair Project



It's not too early to start thinking about fun and fellowship with other Indiana Lions at the 2025 Indiana State Fair. This is the Foundation's single largest fundraiser. Proceeds support the operation of the Indiana Lions State Office Building and provide funds for the Foundation's new Community Service Grants.

The Fair will be held in Indianapolis, August 1-17, 2025, and we will need volunteers to work at six gates during the Fair.

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

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

When you work for the Indiana Lions Foundation at the Indiana State Fair, you receive State Fair credits. Work an early morning shift and receive 1 credit; work a regular morning or afternoon shift and receive 2 credits. You may redeem 12 credits for a W.P. Woods Fellowship for yourself or another individual.

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

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

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



## Indiana Lions Foundation Report

Trustees of the Indiana Lions Foundation, Inc. met on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Lions of Indiana State Office Building and approved ten matching grants totaling \$9,385. In addition to these matching grants, an emergency disaster assistance grant was approved for District E in the amount of \$1,000 to assist with relief supplies for the tornado and flooding events in southeastern Indiana. Matching grants were approved for the following clubs:

Camp Woodsmoke – Remodel camp infirmary addressing structural issues

Centerville – Remodel outdated kitchen in the historic Mansion House

Mexico – Replace outdated plumbing system in the community center

Plainfield – Purchase a surgery light for the Hope Free Medical Clinic

Riley Township – Erect marquee signs containing various community organization's signs destroyed by severe weather

Peru – Purchase a PlusOptix® vision screening camera to be used in the club's reading action and vision screening program

Noblesville – Purchase and plant trees in a greenspace area created as a result of a new White River bridge

Griffith – Provide 'Blue Bags' containing sensory stimulation items that help to de-escalate Autistic and special needs patients during over-stimulation emergency situations.

New Paris and Leesburg partnership – Purchase materials and assemble beds for needy families in their communities

The Trustees approved an increase in the club matching grant maximum to \$1,500 effective July 1, 2025.

Funding for matching grants is derived from Lions license plate sales, funds earned as a result of Lions working at the State Fair, sales of W. P. Woods fellowships and investment earnings on the Foundation's endowment.

Lions and your friends and family members are invited to access the Foundation website to select your shift for the 2025 State Fair running from August 1<sup>st</sup> through August 17<sup>th</sup>.

[Indiana State Fair Volunteer – Indiana Lions Foundation](#)