District 25 D "We are Underway for Service"

March Madness is coming to an end and April always brings the showers. Spring has arrived and, in most cases, the good days are mixed with the not so good days.

On March 6,7,8 & 9^{th,} I had the privilege of meeting and escorting our special quest, International Director (ID), Judge Anthony Paradiso, around the District 25 D area. Judge Anthony, got to see vision screening at the Eastern Performing Arts building in Greentown. The eighth-grade class of 120 students took a little less than one hour to screen. Lion Henry Rodriguez ran through the procedure for the ID so he had a good idea of what the students would be doing and how the evaluation of the student's sight would be recorded. The day's screening ended up spotlighting 20 students that may need glasses or at least a trip to the optometrist to get a better look at their vision. It helps to see better to read better.



After the school trip, ID made his way to the Howard County 4H-Fairgrounds to meet Lion Maggie Guyer of the Greentown Lions Horse and Pony Club. Judge Anthony was interested in the youth in the club and how they might make the transition from Horse and Pony Club to a Lions Club. The group then made their way to the Greentown Fairground's Round Barn, which is the centerpiece to the Christmas lights display and many other areas that are used year-round to promote the 4H program and most importantly, the Greentown Lions Club. The tour was completed at the Russiaville Lions Club Environmental Project.

On Saturday, March 8, the district put on the convention at Greentown Lions Club. It was an early start for many Lions and the reports kept us on the edge of our seats. The ID presented awards to Mike Imbler for his work for LCIF, Jeff Kozicki for his effort in starting a new club in Muncie. Anglia Mounsey and Mike Careins received Certificates of Appreciation from Judge Paradiso for their work as Diabetes Chairman for the State and Global Extension Team Chair for his work at Gas City Lions Club.

I would personally like to thank all the Veterans who were present and made the Flag Presentation to the new US Citizen so special. Lion Grethel Mendoza appreciated your military bearing during the flag presentation. That's was a moment she'll always remember.

On Sunday the 9th, we said good bye to Judge Anthony at the Indianapolis Airport. We didn't get to experience a breaded tenderloin, but the ID was invited back someday to experience more Hoosier hospitality (I think he'll come back here soon).

So here we stand for the Mission 1.5 goal of 34 new members. We are at 27 with adding the Gas City Lions Club. We are 10 members behind District A. I have faith in our district that we will rise to the occasion and make the district proud. Our other goals of 100 % service have been accomplished. That is key to us as Lions and documentation of our motto, "We Serve". LCIF, Lions Clubs International Foundation, has us a little behind on our goals, but most of the big fundraisers happen between now and the end of summer. Please contact Mike Imbler or Steve Holtzleiter for any questions or request for how the process works.

Training the next set of club leaders is important. The team of district 25 D scheduled training at the following locations. For Club Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Membership Chairs, two available sessions will be at Westfield Lions Club, June 11 from 6-8 PM and also at the Saratoga Lions Club from 6 – 8 PM on the 30th of June. You only need to only attend one. The training for Zone Chairs will be in Gas City at Fire House No. 2 on Saturday 21 June from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM for 4 hours, Lunch will be provided. Please call Doug Lozier at 317-408-0615 to register for the training. I think you'll find it informative for the new club leaders.

Let's plan for May and our Beautify a Park prep. Every weekend in May we'll be doing things to the park on Wildcat Creek, south of Greentown. It will be fun to get out and do something important for others to enjoy the park.

District 25 D has done a great job this year. Besides the membership enrollment, I'm tickled pink of all our accomplishments. You, as Lions in this District, should be proud of all you do. I'm blessed to have a great team behind me and we have a great team coming. During our convention, we elected a new District Governor, Jim Dubeansky, new 1VDG, Mike Careins, and new 2VDG, Christine Woodward, starting 1 July 2025. I'm impressed with the talent coming to carry on the goals and service to our district. If you get a chance, say "hi" and "congratulations" to our new board as they start the new Lions year with fresh ideas and other projects to enhance our district. Please give them the max support that you gave me. I know they will do well

Yours in Lionism, Rocky





<u>25D District Convention</u>
The 25D convention was held on Saturday, March 8. Our guest for the day was International Director, Dr. Anthony Paradiso. While he was in the area, DG Rocky took Dr. Paradiso to several locations around Greentown, Kokomo, and Russiaville. There were lots of celebrations on Saturday, too.







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Top Service Reporting Districts

Districts with 90% or more of clubs reporting service 2023-2024

25D had 100%

Congratulations to these district leaders and all the Lions and Leos who completed and reported service activities. Your dedication builds our global legacy of humanitarian service.

Constitutional Area I - U.S. and Affiliates, Bermuda and Bahamas

District 11 B1	District 13 OH5	District 31 O	District 5M 5
District 11 B2	District 13 OH6	District 36 R	District 5M 8
District 11 C2	District 13 OH7	District 39 E	District 6 C
District 11 D2	District 14 C	District 4 A2	District 6 W
District 13 OH1	District 14 L	District 4 C4	District 7 I
District 13 OH2	District 20 E2	District 40 S	District 10
District 13 OH3	District 25 D	District 44 H	
District 13 OH4	District 27 E2	District 5 NE	

Constitutional Area II - Canada

District 5M 13	District A 2	District N 3	District U 4
District A 16	District A 9	District N 4	

Constitutional Area III - S. America, Central America, Caribbean and Mexico

District B 4	District D 1	District LA 1	District LA 6
District B 5	District D 4	District LA 3	District LB 1
District B 7	District F 1	District LA 5	District R 2

Constitutional Area IV - Europe

District 103 E	District 108 YB	District 108TB	District 130
District 107 E	District 108AB	District 118 T	
District 107 H	District 108TA2	District 118 U	

Constitutional Area V - Orient and Southeast Asia

District 300A 3	District 332 B	District 333 E	District 337 B
District 300D 1	District 332 D	District 334 B	District 337 E
District 308 B3	District 333 C	District 334 D	District 355 C



Constitutional Area VI - India, South Asia and the Middle East

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District 306 A2	District 317 F	District 322 H	District 3233 C
District 306 B1	District 318 A	District 322C1	District 3233G1
District 306 C1	District 320 B	District 322C3	District 3234H2
District 316 G	District 320 C	District 3231A2	District 324 E
District 317 A	District 320 D	District 3232B1	District 324 K
District 317 C	District 320 F	District 3232B2	District 325 F
District 317 D	District 320 G	District 3232B3	
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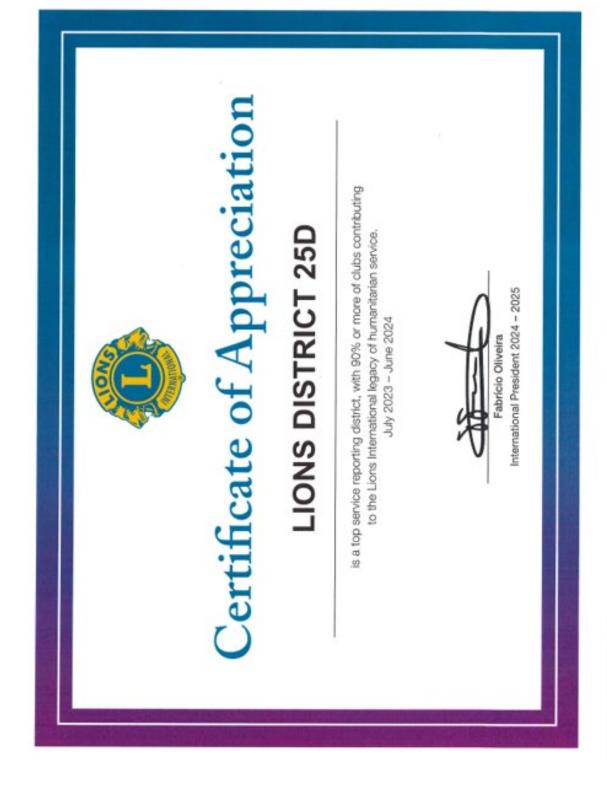
Constitutional Area VII - Australia, New Zealand, PNG, Indonesia, S. Pacific

District 201V2 District 201V5 District 201V6

Constitutional Area VIII - Africa

 District 403 A2
 District 403 A4
 District 410 W
 District 352

 District 403 A3
 District 404 A4
 District 411 C
 District 418



Elections Report for 25D

Congratulations to our newly elected district leaders for 2025-26!

- District Governor Elect: 1VDG Jim Dubeansky, Union City Lions Club
- 1 st Vice District Governor Elect: 2VDG Mike Careins, Matthews Lions Club
- 2 nd Vice District Governor Elect: CT Christine Woodward, Carmel Lions Club
- Indiana Lions Foundation: PCC Scott Smith, Carmel Lions Club
- Indiana Lions for Leader Dog: Lion Cathy Stover, Greentown Lions Club
- Indiana Lions Speech & Description (Amp): Lion Gary Chastain, Noblesville Lions
 Club
- Vision First/Indiana Lions Eye Bank: Lion Gloria Careins, Upland Lions Club
- Indiana Lions Cancer Control: Lion Jeanie Stiers, Anderson Noon Lions Club
- Indiana Lions for Indiana School for the Blind & Elind &

Let DGE Jim know if you are interested in serving on the ISBVI board or if you'd like to serve on one of our district committees.

Past District Governors Report

Past District Governors – did you know there's a page of resources and information on the main LionsClubs.org site just for PDGs? Search for "past district governor" in the member resource center for more information on how you can use your Lions knowledge to support our district.

Hello Fellow Lions:

Hope you're all doing great! The weather is starting to go in the right direction just as our membership numbers are going up. I know Union city had 2 new members that joined, as our Governor Swore them in during his club visit. We have a few more coming in the near future and hope to hear from other clubs the same great news.

I made a visit to Westfield's new Lions Club building on March 27. WOW! What a beautiful building - very well designed and laid out. Their club has worked very hard and needs to be proud of their new building. It's fabulous and every one of their members were so kind. Thank you for having me and my wife. It was very much appreciated. We will see you in October for sure.

April is a busy month for sure, with the State Convention coming up at Shipshewana. Hopefully everybody's registered and got their lodging reservations made. If not, you might be camping out somewhere. Hope to see everybody there and excited to get there. One reason is their Custard Pie which is my all-time favorite pie. I'll will make sure I get my fill of it while there.

Yeah, I've been asked if I am ready for the new position as Governor and my reply is, "ready as I'll ever be." I've got a good support team and a fabulous mentor and a great team behind me. With all that being said, I feel I'll be ok and in good hands. Plus, my district D is a fabulous district because of all the great clubs and hardworking people in those clubs. I feel more relaxed than I was at first.

I have been told to get a physical and make sure my health is good to go because in the past, some of our governors became sick or had heart issues. Well, I've had a check-up and a cardiologist check-up recently and I am all good to go! I am ready to start my mission when the time comes.

I continue to make club visits with our Governor and pick up things from him and the clubs I visit to hear what's going on. I am always open for a visit, but I know being so far east that I've got lots of driving ahead of me. I already figured out. Keep bringing in those new members and speaking highly of our club to others about what we do. Thank you again for your support you've given me. I plan to be the best I can be as your next governor.

Sincerely yours: Jim Dubeansky Governor Elect./District 25D

Mentoring Young Lions Club Members Into Tomorrow's Leaders

Mentorship is the foundation of any successful organization, and the Lions Club is no exception. As one of the world's largest service organizations, the Lions Club thrives on leadership, vision, and dedication to community service. To ensure its continued growth and impact, experienced members must take on the responsibility of mentoring young Lions Club members, guiding them into becoming tomorrow's leaders.

How do we know who might become the leaders of tomorrow?

I seriously doubt that the Lions that I consider my Mentors looked at me as a goofy 15 year old running the weedeater at the fairgrounds and thought "that's a future District Governor right there." The thing is I have service in my heart. That is what has lead me to be a leader as a Lion. I love helping people. We can develop a good young Lion into a good servant leader.

Why Mentorship Matters in the Lions Club

The strength of the Lions Club lies in its members, particularly those who will carry its mission forward in the future. Mentorship fosters leadership skills, builds confidence, and ensures that the core values of service, integrity, and collaboration are upheld across generations. Through mentorship, young Lions develop the necessary skills to take on leadership roles, manage projects, and inspire others to serve their communities effectively.

Recommendations for Mentoring Your Young Lions

1. Instilling the Values of Leadership and Service

A great leader is first and foremost a servant. Mentors should emphasize the Lions Club's motto, "We Serve," helping young members understand that leadership is not about authority but about making a difference in people's lives. Encouraging participation in community projects, organizing service initiatives, and fostering a spirit of compassion will shape young Lions into impactful leaders.

2. Providing Hands-On Experience

Leadership is best learned through experience. Young Lions should be given opportunities to take charge of events, lead fundraising campaigns, and manage service projects. By guiding them through these responsibilities and offering constructive feedback, mentors help them develop essential organizational and problem-solving skills.

3. Encouraging Personal and Professional Growth

Beyond club activities, mentoring should also focus on individual growth. Providing career advice, enhancing public speaking skills, and encouraging networking within the Lions community can set young members up for success both inside and outside the club.

4. Teaching Effective Communication and Teamwork

Successful Lions Club leaders must be able to communicate their ideas effectively and collaborate with diverse groups. Mentors should teach young members how to express themselves clearly, resolve conflicts diplomatically, and work harmoniously with others to achieve common goals.

5. Creating a Supportive and Inclusive Environment

A strong mentorship program fosters a welcoming environment where young Lions feel valued and empowered. Encouraging open dialogue, recognizing achievements, and providing guidance during challenges will help them gain confidence and a sense of belonging in the organization.

Practical Ways to Mentor Young Lions

- Pair New Members with Experienced Mentors Assigning a seasoned member as a mentor to each new recruit fosters one-on-one guidance and a strong support system.
- Host Leadership Workshops Organize training sessions on topics like public speaking, event planning, and conflict resolution to enhance leadership skills.
- Encourage Participation in Lions Leadership Programs Programs like the Lions Leadership Institutes offer excellent learning opportunities for young members to develop their leadership potential.
- Provide Continuous Feedback and Recognition Regularly acknowledge young Lions' contributions and provide constructive feedback to encourage growth and improvement.
- Lead by Example Mentors should embody the values of dedication, service, and ethical leadership, inspiring young members through their actions.

Mentoring young Lions Club members is not just about preparing them to take on leadership roles; it is about equipping them with the skills, values, and vision to serve their communities effectively. By investing in mentorship, today's Lions ensure that the organization remains strong, dynamic, and impactful for generations to come. Through guidance, encouragement, and hands-on experiences, young Lions can confidently step into leadership roles, carrying forward the legacy of service and making a lasting difference in the world.

Lion Michael Careins SVDG 25D LIONMIKEC@GMAIL.COM

Lions of District 25-D:

Greetings to all Lions. In honor of Indiana native David Letterman, whose birthday is April 12th, I present you with a Lions Top Ten List (er, Top Five, they only give me so much space):

The Top Five Reasons to avoid Zone, District and State Lion Events

#5. I am very busy and have other things to do.

Definitely. We all have the same limited amount of time, and it seems we have less of it every day. Of course, we decide where we want to invest our time. Interacting with Lions from other areas will help us all be more productive with the time we do have and find new and interesting things to do with that time.

#4. The events are too far away, are boring, etc.

Some events at a distance. A plan is needed to get to them (consider sharing the trip with a few friends). Similarly, events might be dry at times (no, really, I love all committee reports). However, I have learned something new or heard an exciting and motivating story that I could take back to my club at every event I have attended. Set a goal for what you want out of the event and watch it happen.

#3. I don't know anyone there.

And that is a great reason to go. There are fabulous Lions everywhere. One purpose for these events is so we can all meet and build our circle of positive experiences.

#2. I only want to help my community.

Most people join their local Lions Club to help their immediate community. This is the focus of the Clubs and that is great. But if we only meet with our own club, where will new ideas come from? You might find a new or better way to help your community.

#1. The events are only for "important" Lions.

YOU ARE THE IMPORTANT LIONS! It doesn't matter what position someone has or had. We are all Lions together working to make the world better and that works best when we come together to share our ideas and enthusiasm.

All of which is another way to say Lion Events provide Fun, Fellowship, and Fulfillment. Come and find out for yourself. As always, thank you for being a Lion!

Jeff Kozicki, District Membership Chair





District 25D

Build a Vision/Build a Plan District Zoom Event

Join DGE Jim Dubeansky in setting our district goals for 2025-26!

Saturday, April 12, 2025

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Click the QR code to register for the Zoom or email <u>Julia@TheKozickis.org</u> for details

Indiana Lions District 25D Cabinet Meeting

Hosted by The Upland Lions Club May 10, 2025

Upland Lions Den

Social hour 9 a.m. meeting 10a.m.-2p.m. break for lunch at noon.

Please use one form per person

Deadline: All registration forms must be postmarked by April 26, 2025

Name and Lion Title:	
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
Phone:	
Email:	1 1
Club:	
Please list any Special Dietary needs here:	
Breakfast:	
Donuts	
Lunch:	
Buffet: BBQ pulled pork, mac & cheese, assorted veggies,	
coleslaw, potato salad, fruit salad, dessert	

Registration Fee Due: \$25

Mail this form with payment to:

Upland Lions Club, 328 Lake St, Upland, IN 46989

glboyle74@gmail.com or (765) 506-3461

Registration must be postmarked by April 26, 2025

Make checks payable to: Upland Lions Club

Noblesville Lions Honored by Visit of 25D District Governor

On the evening of March 26th Noblesville Lions Club President Jeff Kozicki introduced the 25D Governor, David "Rocky" Simpson. Rocky is a member of the Greentown, IN Lions Club; and happens to also be the district governor. Rocky highlighted all the good things clubs in his district have been doing this Lion's year. He noted that the Noblesville club has been noted as an "Excellence Club" and presented our club leadership with a couple items of memorabilia. Rocky also highlighted the activities of Lions International, and what great things Lions are doing around the world. Photo: DG Rocky Simpson being given "thank you" from Noblesville Lions VP Hayden Parsons



Noblesville, Carmel, Westfield Lions Assist Gleaners in March

On Tuesday, March 11th, the Lions clubs from Noblesville, Carmel, and Westfield assisted Gleaner's Food Pantry with their monthly mobile pantry at Grand Park in Westfield. 134 families received donations from the pantry. *Photo (left to right): Joe Connerley, Scott Willis, Linda Williamson, Jerry Baker, Ron Williamson, Steve Shaw, Jeanne Auffrey, Jim Foote, Ron Sinicki, Don Collins, Bill Ryan, Amber Best, Matt Best, and Jeff Kozicki. Not pictured were Mark Bachar and Ron and Tiny Ekes*





Lions and SOS Club Serve the Miracle League (and Pancakes)

Raises \$2250 For Program Helping Disabled Play Baseball

On Saturday, March 29th the Westfield Lions Club helped the Westfield H.S. Service Over Self (S.O.S.) Club serve pancakes and raise funds for the Miracle League of Westfield. This is the third year in a row the S.O.S. Club has teamed up with the Lions to support the Miracle League.

Megan Springer, the WHS sponsor for the S.O.S. Club did an amazing job (again) facilitating the event and organizing the students to plan, promote, and run the breakfast. The Westfield Lions provided support by purchasing the supplies and volunteering to serve alongside the S.O.S. Club at the breakfast. The Lions have been supporting and serving the S.O.S. Club since it was formed during Covid. Before that, the Lions worked with the WHS LEO Club for 12 years serving the community and raising funds for various charities.

The Lions and the S.O.S. Club owe a huge debt of gratitude to the WHS Food Service staff for their help making the last three pancake breakfasts successful. Paul Sherrer, Director of Food Services for the WHS School District, managed the coordination of setting up and holding the breakfast in the high school's cafeteria. He and his staff members spent their Saturday morning assisting the S.O.S. Club and making sure the event ran smoothly.

The Miracle League of Westfield is an amazing organization that provides the opportunity for children and adults with disabilities to play the game of baseball. They run the program out of the Roundtripper Sports Academy at 16708 Southpark Drive in Westfield. For more information on how the Miracle League is helping bring joy of the game of baseball to kids and adults that haven't been able to play the game, go to www.miracleleagueofwestfield.com. You can see firsthand how the program works and what you can do to support it.

The Westfield Lions Club has been serving the community since 1930, and they are looking for men and women that would like to help them in the mission. Please go to www.westfieldlions.org to find out more about the Club and how you can become a member.

Photo 1: Westfield H.S. baseball team and (L to R) Camilla Richmond and Londyn Hoffman (Miracle League players); photo 2: Londyn Hoffman (Miracle League player) and Margo Hoaglan; photo 3: Westfield Lions and SOS Club members with (L to R) Graham Vollmer, Londyn Hoffman, and Camilla Richmond (Miracle League players).







Union City Lions Club Celebrate SPRING PANCAKE DAY

THE UNION CITY LIONS CLUB will hold the Semiannual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Saturday April 5 at the Union City Elks Club from 7:00 AM to NOON. Whole Hog Sausage is from Winners Meat Farm.

Adult tickets are \$10.00 and Children (12 and under) Tickets are \$5.00. Tickets can be purchased from Lions Club Members or purchased at the door. DINE-IN or Carry-Out Drive through pick up is also available.

This event is the UC Lions major fund raiser; proceeds go to help numerous Community charities and activities.

Please come and support the Lions who serve the Community throughout the year.

Photo: Long time Lions member and chairman of the Spring Pancake Day is Gary Miller preparing Pancakes (earlier photo)



Union City Lions March 25 Meeting (Pics and article by Kevin Lehman)

The Union City Lions Club met on Tuesday evening, March 25th, for the second regular meeting of March. Fifteen members, along with two guests, enjoyed a delicious fried chicken, potato wedges, and coleslaw dinner prepared by Diana Dubeansky. Our guests for this meeting were Indiana District 25D Governor David "Rocky" Simpson from the Greentown, IN Lions Club and our Zone Chairman Jeff Manning from the Saratoga, IN Lions Club. DG Rocky spoke to the club about some of the accomplishments around the district during this past year. We are one of the top 20 Lions districts in the United States in new membership and we had 100% participation across the district in our service projects.

Union City Lion Jim Dubeansky will take over as the District 25D Governor for next year on July 1. District Governor Rocky gave two Union City Lions members recognition for their years of service. David Lenkensdofer received a 15-year certificate, and Owen Griffith received his 20-year certificate. Governor Rocky also inducted Bob Tillman as a new member of the Union City Lions Club.

The UC Lions are looking forward to their Spring Pancake Day and the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Harter Park. The Lions Pancake and Sausage Breakfast is on April 5th at the Elks Club in downtown Union City from 7:00 AM until Noon. All the pancakes and whole hog sausage you can

eat for \$10. Kids 12 and under eat for \$5. The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 19th at 1:00 PM at Harter Park in Union City. *Photos: DG David "Rocky" Simpson; DG Rocky Simpson and David Lenkensdofer; DG Rocky and Owen Griffith; Rocky, Bob Tillman, and Jim Dubeansky*











First Aid for the Blind Offers Life-Changing Skills Westfield Lion Provides Training for Blind Individuals

Kurt Deichmann, a member of the Westfield Lions Club, walks the talk of Lions Clubs International's charge to be "Knights of Blind." Not only does Deichmann regularly serve alongside his fellow Lions, but he does so while being 100 percent blind and running his own business. He started First Aid for the Blind (FAFTB) in 2023 to help those on a journey of vision loss to learn valuable individual living skills.

On March 6, Deichmann was the speaker at the Westfield Lions' monthly "Program Night" to introduce his FAFTB efforts. FAFTB provides training and tools to help blind and visually impaired people learn to live life to the fullest. The training includes 25 lessons taught over Zoom by blind trainers who bring unparalleled compassion and knowledge to each session. The program also allows for a "training buddy," usually a family member or friend, who can attend the lessons with the client to offer moral support and get a first-hand look at the new skills and adaptations that are possible for blind folks. The ultimate goal of FAFTB is to replace fear of the unknown with feelings of hope and confidence.

FAFTB-approved devices include an \$800 iPhone with unique software, an Amazon Echo device, and a digital recorder. The devices FAFTB provides, along with the training fees, run \$3,500. So far, the majority of his clients have been able to obtain grants for the training from the State of Indiana's Vocational Rehabilitation department, meaning they have received FAFTB assistance without needing to front the cost.

Deichmann's original goal when he started FAFTB was to help 10 clients during his first year. He ended up completing training for 50 clients located across Indiana! He is now looking to expand his service and impact further by developing a 501(c)3 organization that will raise funds to provide scholarships that can help cover the costs of the training and the equipment.

Deichmann, who suffers from retinitis pigmentosa, has embraced the challenges of his blindness and found ways to utilize technology to significantly improve his quality of life. One of his favorite devices is the high-tech Ray-Ban Meta Smart Glasses, which have built-in cameras and speakers and connect to the internet. The glasses can tell him what he is looking at and take pictures of the scene in front of him, while also telling him the weather forecast, the score of the Cubs game, and more.

In 1925, Helen Keller challenged Lions Clubs International to become "Knights of the Blind" – to assist those with vision-related issues and to help fund ways to eliminate the causes of blindness. Kurt Deichmann has risen to the challenge!

Deichmann is available to speak at events and programs to spread the word on FAFTB's life-changing service. If your club or organization is interested in having him speak at one of your meetings, please contact him at admin@faftb.com or visit FAFTB's website at www.faftb.com.





Greentown Welcomes New Member

Greentown welcomed a new member in March! 25D continues its trend of increasing membership.



Lions Meet in Greentown for March's Zone 1A Meeting

Russiaville Lions Club members Darlene Homkes, Care-Jean Rayl, Zone Chair, and Greentown Lion, Henry Rodriquez, display the embroidered Lions logo on this table covering. The group met at Greentown for a Zone 1A meeting.



Wayne-Fall Lions Club Supports Local FFA Program

The Wayne-Fall Lions Club made a donation to Hamilton Southeastern School's FFA program. The \$1,100 will help students prepare and show for the school's FFA program. DG Rocky was selected to present the check. The FFA has benefited from the Lions Club for many years and they continue their support!

