

District 25F Newsletter



July 2024



It's a new Lions Year

I hope you are all well and enjoying your summer, and I know you are excited to start a new year as a Lion.

One of my last visits as 1st Vice District Governor was at the Middletown Lions parade with DG Ed Harper. He drove one of his many collector cars in the parade. It was a great parade and very well attended. I saw many Lions hard at work and doing what they do best, "serving the community"

By the time you get this article I will be back home from Australia where I got to be with Lions from all over the world. It is really an amazing sight to see all the formal attire in the parade and I am looking forward to it. Then the fun really starts when I return because I will get to visit all your clubs as District Governor. My first visit will be with the Milan Lions Club. I have the honor to be a part of their Fourth of July parade and I am excited to hear all that their club is doing.

If any club in District 25F has a project, a pancake breakfast, fish fry or just a service you have performed that you are proud of, let us know! Send a picture along with a note letting the district know what you are doing. Please send those along with any flyers or any article to 1VDG Angela Locke at newslet-ter25F@yahoo.com. All submissions are due by the 20th of each month!

I want to invite all of you to attend my first Cabinet Meeting/Organization Day at Camp Woodsmoke! It is Sunday, July 21, 2024. There will also be officers training that day. If you are a new officer or would just like to attend for a refresh, training begins at 9:00am. We will be having lunch at noon under the shelter. I will be providing the entrée, tea, water, paper plates, plastic ware and napkins. If you are attending, please bring a side dish or dessert. The cabinet meeting will begin following lunch. It is so beautiful out there and it promises to be a fun day! It is a great way to meet new Lions and visit with others from our district. CS Angie Crouch will have the new District 25F Directories there for Club Presidents or Secretaries to pick up and she will also have my calendar so that you can schedule my official visit with your club. I really hope to see all of you there! Don't forget the State Fair is August 3rd through the 18th. They still need volunteers and it is a fun way to serve!

Lastly, I want to thank DG Ed Harper for all his patience with me and the knowledge he shared with me. I wish him well in his next adventure! Thank you Ed, it has been a great year!

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Looking forward to a new Lions Year

1st VDG Angela Locke

It is the start of a new Lion year and it looks like it is going to be the year of the woman. For the first time in district history we have an all female district cabinet. DG Nancy Baxter, myself 1VDG Angela Locke, 2VDG Brenda Wilson, Cabinet Secretary Angie Crouch and Cabinet Treasurer Pat Bigham. I am looking forward to a great year with these wonderful women.

I will be attending my first council meeting on July 20th in Riley, which is near Terre Haute, IN. Then our first district meeting will be Organizational Day on July 21st at Camp Woodsmoke. So that is going to be a busy weekend for me. Can't wait to meet with my fellow 1VDGs in the District on the 20th and the great lions of 25F on the 21st.

If you are a new president, secretary or treasurer or just want to see what's new I suggest you join us for the training taking place on July 21st for club presidents, secretaries and treasurers at 9 am. Or please join us around noon for food, fun and fellowship as IPDG Ed will pass the gavel to DG Nancy. I hope to see you there.

PDG Jeff and I will also be at the State Fair helping at one of the gates. We haven't picked a weekend yet but will be signing up soon. This is a great opportunity to spend time with other Lions from around the state and to help raise money for the Indiana foundation. And the people watching can be quite entertaining. So please consider volunteering this year at the State Fair.

It is a busy summer

2nd VDG Brenda Wilson

Time is moving fast. We are now in July beginning our new fiscal year. This summer the Indianapolis Center Township Lions Club is volunteering with the Summer Camps for children on the east side of town. Lion Leonard Brown, Lion Yvette and I are serving lunches daily. Lion Mike Gant is teaching Chess and Lion Jerilene is helping. She is also helping with the Cooking Class that the Board of Health is instructing. I am helping with the Sewing Class as well. Lion Judy Cornett is helping with many activities. We have Robotics, Drumming, Softball and other activities are starting. We have been enjoying spending time with about 75 children ages 8 to 14.

I am looking forward to meeting the other 2VDG's in District 25.

HEY EVERYONE, if you have not signed up to work at the INDIANA STATE FAIR sign up for GATE 1W. 😊 THE FUN GATE

Governor's Calendar

July 4 - Milan Parade
July 15—Milan Official Visit
July 20th—1st Council Meeting—Riley Club (Terre Haute, IN)
July 21st—Organization Day—Camp Woodsmoke
July 28th—Officers Training—Versailles

Indiana Lions Foundation Update

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.

HELP! Southport Lions need your HELP!

The Southport Lions are looking for help with one of their biggest fundraisers of the year. They man a booth at the American Festival at the Sara Bolton Park in Beech Grove. This year it will be on July 3rd. They sell Walking Tacos and drinks. They need help with set-up, serving, and tear down. The hours are 2:30pm until patrons leave the park, usually around 10 or 10:30pm. There is a large fireworks display that begins at dark and lasts around 30 minutes. The booth will be located in the southeast corner of the park.

For more information or to let them know you will be there to help, please contact Lion Wayne Orkin at 317-645-6104 or Lion Mike Ault at 317-496-7593.

Please consider helping out if you can, even if it is just for a few hours. And if you are there when it gets dark you will get to enjoy a fireworks show.



Camp Woodsmoke -The Best!

I want to thank all the Trustees who helped with various projects at the Camp on Monday, June 10. Much work was completed on that day.

Fellow 25F Lions, please introduce yourself to our new CWS Trustee Lion John Santen. If you are interested in serving as a Camp Trustee, please contact your area Trustee.

Starting this new Lions year, the Camp leadership is as follows: Lion Andy Schwier will serve as Chair, Lion Carla Blair will serve as Vice-Chair, Lion Patricia Bigham will serve as Secretary, and PDG Jeff Locke will serve as Treasurer. Thank you, Lions, for stepping up to lead the Camp for the next year.

Camp Woodsmoke will have Pork Chop Sunday tickets available for all Clubs to sell to their Club members. They will be made available for pickup at Org. Day on Sunday, July 21st. Pork Chop Sunday is September 29 serving from 11:00 to 2:00. Pork Chop meals are still \$15.00. Also, available will be two pork chops in place of a meal for \$15.00 with the purchase of a special ticket in advance. We ask Clubs to send money for each ticket sold and return any tickets not sold by September 15 to:

Lion Patricia Bigham 1840 Randall Court Indianapolis, IN 46240.

The Trustees want to extend to our Clubs who sponsor a cabin the opportunity to help improve our Christmas fun at Camp Woodsmoke and raise funds for your cabins' escrow accounts. Decorate your cabin and we will have those who visit donate money to their favorite cabin Christmas decoration. The cabin that collects the most funds will receive a special recognition yet to be determined. Come join in the Christmas joy.

Recently, the Camp has had issues with sponsored groups not cleaning and returning the used space to the condition prior to the group's arrival. Effective July 1, 2024, the Camp application will have a clause for the sponsoring Lions Club: "The sponsoring Club accepts responsibility for any damage done by the sponsored group. The Club accepts responsibility for the charges associated with the facility not being cleaned and returned to the condition it was in prior to the group's arrival. This fee will be \$100 for EACH building left in disarray after Check-Out." Invoices will be mailed to the sponsoring Club. We regret this happening. The Camp is a benefit for all to use. We only ask that it is returned to the same condition they received it for the incoming group for their same enjoyment.

I want to invite Lions members to come and visit the Camp whenever you get the opportunity. It truly needs more awareness in the community and in District F. We want more Lions and non-Lions to be aware that we are here.

Thank you all for your support during my opportunity to serve the Camp and my Fellow District Lions these past years. I am still going to remain as a Trustee here at Camp Woodsmoke. Looking forward to an exciting new year.

As always, many thanks to the Clubs and individual Lions who continue to support Camp Woodsmoke "The Best" both financially as well as participation in the Camp events. Come down for a day and help with our continual improvement of our Camp. Just contact Belinda at the Camp to let her know you are coming to work at the Camp. Without you, we could not do all the things that we do at the Camp.

We live in the Land of the Free because of the Brave. Thank you, veterans, for your service to our country. Remember Those Deployed!!!!!!

Yours In Lionism,
PCC Ron Bigham, CWS Chair
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What's Happening in 25F?



IPDG Ed and DG Nancy getting ready for the Middletown Parade that was on June 4th.



Indiana Lions are ready for the International Parade in Melbourne Australia on a brisk 40 degree morning.



Above: Indiana Lions gather after dinner for a group pic in Melbourne Australia.



Left: Lion Bob Roe was presented the Senior Master Key for recruiting 25 members. PDGs Linda and John Scott made the presentation to the much deserving Southport Lion.



PDG Jeff Locke (right) presented PDG Earl Whipple the Distinguished Lion nomination plaque for his 25 plus years of dedicated service to Lions and his Community.



Above: PDG Jeff Locke inducts new member Jeanie Cole (middle) into the Beech Grove Lions with her sponsor Lion Madeline Hendrix by her side.



Right: PDG Jeff Locke inducts new member Peyton Hildebrand (left) into the Williamsburg Lions Club with her sponsor Janice Wiwi (middle).



Above: PDG Jeff Locke installs officers for the Centerville Lions. Past President Ty Farmer, Secretary Wendy Cook and Lion Jeff Jenkins will serve as Board of Directors.

Left: Lion Crystal Jenkins listens intently as PDG Jeff shares with her the duties of the tailwister. Her club does not think she needs any help.



Connersville Lions enjoy time together at their annual Golf Outing on June 22.



Indianapolis Washington Twp. Lions apply their stickers to the inside cover of the dictionary. Getting them ready to be distributed to the elementary students in their community.

*****LIONS BOAT RAFFLE*****
FIRST PRIZE - 2024 CAROLINA SKIFF
19L5 with 115 hp Suzuki Engine & Wesco Trailer



SECOND PRIZE
 One year's membership in the
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July 4th 2024
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SATURDAY, JULY 20TH FROM 7AM-9AM

**PANCAKES, SAUSAGE PATTY, SCRAMBLED EGGS,
BISCUITS & SAUSAGE GRAVY, COFFEE AND
ORANGE JUICE WILL BE SERVED.**

\$7 FOR ADULTS

\$3 FOR CHILDREN 6-12

**CHILDREN UNDER 6 -
FREE**

Come for breakfast and be sure to stick around and enjoy the Williamsburg Community Day activities taking place all day.



Camp Woodsmoke Organizational Day!

Sunday July 21, 2024



Located at

9219 E CR 640 N
Greensburg, IN 47240

Please join DG Nancy Baxter at Camp Woodsmoke for “Org Day” and her first Cabinet Meeting. There will be officers training offered at 9:00 am and lunch at 12:00pm.

Never been?

What is Org Day @ Camp Woodsmoke you ask?

Well, it is a beautiful place to hold a day of fellowship with Lions from District F. If you are a new officer or in need of a refresher course, we offer training in the morning. If you just want to come for lunch, arrive around 11:30 and bring a side or dessert. The Governor will be providing pulled pork and pulled chicken. She will have water, tea, plates, napkins, & plastic ware for you to eat with! After lunch you will hear IMPDG Ed Harper say a few words and hand over the gavel to DG Nancy. This is also where Presidents and Secretaries can pick up the 2024-2025 25F District Directories and Camp Woodsmoke Pork Chop Sunday Tickets to take back to their clubs. You will be glad you came!



Car Show July 27, 2024



4th Annual Williamsburg Nazarene Car Show Saturday July 27, 2024

Registration opens at 8am – Show 10am-2pm – Awards at 2pm

Williamsburg Nazarene Church – 8503 Pleasant Street, Williamsburg IN.

All profits from this show go in the "Helping Hands" fund to help the needy in our community.

Site on 10+ acres of cut grass!

Registration fee \$15.00/vehicle. Spectators' free entry!

36 Handmade Trophies!! Awards will be:

*Best of Show
Top 20
Pastor's Choice
Pastor's Wife Choice
DJ's Choice
People's Choice*

*Best Engine
Best Paint
Best Chevy
Best Ford
Best GM
Best Vette*

*Best Truck
Best Mopar
Best Bike
Best Rat Rod
Best Non-Big 3*

- *Enjoy the soothing sounds of DJ CWB!*
 - *Car related door prizes!*
- *Lions Club will be serving breakfast onsite 7-9:30am. Come and support the Lions!*
- *Lunch will be served by Williamsburg Nazarene (all proceeds will go to the Helping Hands fund) 10am-2pm.*
 - *Indoor restrooms and Air-conditioned Family Center!*
- *For more information call/text – Ralph Downs 765.725.0075 or Pastor Doug 765.277.9131*

**Not responsible for damages, accidents, or injuries*



williamsburgnaz.org



Williamsburg Lions Club will be serving breakfast at the Nazarene Church—Biscuits and sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage patties, pancakes, OJ & coffee. \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12 and free for those under 6

Indiana Lions Foundation Needs Your Help at the Indiana State Fair

The dates for the Indiana State Fair this year are August 2, 2024 through August 18, 2024. This is just a few weeks away and we still have many, many openings.

There are a couple of changes for this year.

- Last year, the Fair was closed on Monday and Tuesday each week; this year it will be closed only on Monday.
- Automobile entrance to infield parking will be handled differently this year. In prior years, cashiers collected money for auto parking fees and entrance fees on the access roads. This year, only auto parking fees will be charged at the access roads. Four new gates are being created on the infield, and Lions will sell and scan tickets at these new gates. On the website sign-in sheets they are designated as NW, SW, NE and SE gates.

This year, we will have approximately 1,000 shifts and we need your help to fill these positions. Please sign up on the website at:

[IndianaLionsFoundationMD25.org](https://www.IndianaLionsFoundationMD25.org)

If you have any questions, please contact one of the Indiana Lions Foundation's State Fair Committee members:

Lion Rose Russell	574-250-0125
PDG Don Cooper	260-615-5350
Lion Pam Arnold	260-705-6610
PDG Kathy Lozier	317-431-7655
PCC Bob Booher	317-435-0139



(Submitted by Lion Rose Russell, Trustee, Indiana Lions Foundation)

Please join DG Nancy Baxter for her District 25F Banner Night!

Hosted by the Clermont Lions

Saturday, August 24, 2024

@ the Clermont Lions Club

3201 Fansel Rd

Clermont, IN 46234

Social Hour begins at 5:00 pm

Dinner begins at 6:00 pm

Donate a book

for the HOST program
for grades 1 – 6 and
be entered into
a drawing for a prize!

Door Prizes

& a 50/50
with proceeds
going to the
Special Olympics!



Nancy's family favorites:

*Cubed steak, chicken & rice, mashed
potatoes, mac n cheese, cooked carrots,
green beans, salad, rolls and dessert!
Water, Tea & Lemonade*

*Family is very important to DG Nancy,
& she wants to make this evening about ALL
our families! Please bring a baby or childhood
photo to be displayed for fun! Let's see if
we can guess who you are!*

Please Register by August 16th

\$25 per person or \$30 per person at the door

Please make checks payable to
the Clermont Lions Club

Mail check and registration form
to Lion Angie Crouch

@ 9051 Greystone Ct., Indianapolis, IN 46234

Lion Title & Name: _____

Spouse/Guest: _____

Lions Club: _____ District: _____

Email Address: _____

Ph # _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____



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Richmond Lions Club
100th Anniversary

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For More Info Contact Lion Jack Buckland
(765)969-8420 • jbuckland1944@gmail.com

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Conference.**

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Opportunities for Fellowship

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**DISTRICT 25-F
CLUB DONATION NOTIFICATION**



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The club of District 25-F: _____

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DISTRICT 25-F PROJECT - CAMP WOODSMOKE

CAMP WOODSMOKE GENERAL FUND	CAMP WOODSMOKE CARTER EVERAGE FELLOWSHIP	CAMP WOODSMOKE CABIN ESCROW CABIN #
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DISTRICT 25-F COMMITTEE

DIST 25-F PRGRM

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MD 25 LIONS OF INDIANA STATE PROJECTS

CANCER CONTROL	LEADER DOG	VISION FIRST & OPERATION KIDS SIGHT	INDIANA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED	SPEECH AND HEARING
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

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\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

ADDITIONAL

DIABETES	LAW CAMP	YOUTH EXCHANGE		
\$		\$	\$	\$

LIONS FOUNDATIONS

INDIANA LIONS FOUNDATION		LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION
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Indianapolis, IN 46240-3133

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