

District 25F Newsletter

February 2024



You can help Recycle Eyeglasses

I wrote an article for the Lions District 25F newsletter a few months ago mainly about PDG Tom Slattery. In the article I included his new address in the assisted living facility that he had moved into in July. I was notified by a few lions that their letter or card that they sent Lion Tom was returned because of an incorrect address. I stopped at the facility and got the correct address for Lion Tom. It is:

PDG Tom Slattery
Five Star Residents of Clearwater
4519 East 82nd Street
Indianapolis, Indiana
46250

When I stopped to visit Tom the first time he wasn't in his room and I asked employees and residents if they knew where Tom was. It didn't surprise me when I asked about Tom that all of the people at the residence knew Tom. Some things never change!

Tom drove the old van over 352,000 miles before it's engine went bad. I have taken over picking up glasses in the new van that has been purchased. I am trying to change the procedure for picking up glasses so that it isn't a full-time job for me. I have encouraged Lions to pick up glasses in their area of residence at several stores and then call me when they have a lot of glasses. I have five Lions doing that in the Indianapolis area and it has saved me a lot of driving time by me going to one place rather than many locations. A good example of how it works is what past Lion Allan Dillman is doing in Columbus. Allan is no longer a Lion because he can't drive at night. He still picks up glasses in the Columbus area at 22 locations and then lets me know a couple of times a year to come pick them up. Many stores will call me and say they have lots of glasses. I was driving many miles to get to the store and find maybe one or two plastic grocery sacks of glasses. When I went to Allan's house the last time, he had 12 good sized boxes and 72 grocery bags full. One of the best parts of the trip was a nice visit with Allan and Harriet and the home-made cookies that Harriet always has waiting for my visit! Let's give it a try in your area. If you can store what you collect until you have several bags and or boxes of glasses for me to pick up, that would be a great help to me.

Yours in Lionism,

DG Ed

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Special Olympics is truly a “Special” Experience

1st VDG Nancy Baxter

I hope everyone is well and you are enjoying your Lions projects. Most of all, I hope you enjoy each other.

In early January, I had the privilege and honor to attend the Special Olympics again. I plan to do everything I can to attend every year. This event is such an amazing opportunity. I always walk away with a new look on life. As I watched the contestants receive their awards, I realized these folks look at life with rose colored glasses. They don't see their DIS-abilities, only their ABILITIES. No one complained when they got a 6th place ribbon or a participation ribbon, instead, they were so excited for the winner and praised them for their win with a smile on their faces. Personally, I think they all should have received gold ribbons for their attitudes and great sportsmanship.

We, as Lions, could learn a few things from these Olympians. Don't envy what other clubs are doing or what they have; instead, be thankful for what you have and be excited for the other clubs' successes. Challenge yourself and your own club to reach out to more potential members and strive to grow your club one member at a time. Most of all, learn from those Olympians to love one another.

Thank you to all the Lions who worked at the Special Olympics this year. I hope to see you all next year. For those who have not had the opportunity to work the Special Olympics, I invite you to volunteer next year. It is truly an incredible experience.

Have an event coming up be sure to let us know so we can put it in next month's newsletter. Email us by the 20th of the month so guarantee inclusion at newsletter25f@yahoo.com

District 25F Cabinet Treasurer

Due to a recent change, I will be emailing all **Club Treasurers** the State/District dues invoices beginning **July 1, 2024**. This will enable the District to save postage expenses. **So I ask that all Clubs ensure that all Club Treasurers information, especially their email addresses, be inputted and updated into the Lions Club International data base before July 1, 2024.**

I appreciate your assistance in this important matter.

Patricia Bigham,
District 25F Cabinet Treasurer

District Governor's Calendar

February

Feb. 3 Winter District Meeting—
Connersville

Feb. 8 Club Visit—Ben Davis

Feb. 12 Club Visit—Greenfield

Feb. 13 Joint Club Visit—Economy,
Fountain City, Nettle Creek &
Williamsburg

Feb. 14 Club Visit—Middletown

Feb. 15 Club Visit—Decatur Central

Feb. 28 Club Visit—Charlottesville

Camp Woodsmoke -The Best!

Lions of District 25F, A new year has started by the time this newsletter is published. Now is the time to get out your 2024 calendar to mark the following date for Camp Clean Up.

Spring Clean Up Date: Saturday, April 6, 2024. Backup date if weather is inclement, Saturday, April 13, 2024. There will be plenty of work to do. Clean up the grounds, cut and haul firewood, paint various items, and clean cabins. Plan to come and help. Even if you have trouble walking, need to sit to do a job, or anything like that, plan to come down and we will find a job for you to do.

This year is the 60th year of Camp Woodsmoke serving people with special needs. The Camp is having a contest among the Lions of 25F to design a pin to commemorate this accomplishment. We will accept submissions until April 2' 2024. Camp Trustees will vote on the pin that best represents the Camp. It must have the number 60 in some form and show Camp Woodsmoke recognition on the pin. Once a selection is made, the design will be made into a pin and made available for sale to guests and Lions.

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.

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. 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.

Yours In Lionism,
PCC Ron Bigham, CWS Chair
Cell: 317-695-0683 Email: ronbigham25f@gmail.com



District Governor Ed Harper's



Winter Cabinet Meeting!

February 3, 2024

Meeting will be held at the
New Heights Christian Church
2752 IN - 44, Connersville, IN. 47331

Doors Open @ 9:00 am (with donuts & coffee provided)

Meeting begins @ 10:00 am

*Lunch menu: Choice of a ham, turkey, or chicken salad sandwich, choice from one of
2 homemade soups, salad, fruit cup or cookie. Tea and lemonade to drink.*

**Registration w/lunch \$25 before January 26, 2024
\$30 after or at the door.**

**Please make all checks payable to Pike Township Lions Club
and mail along with registration to
Lion Angie Crouch @ 9051 Greystone Ct. , Indpls, IN 46234**

Name: _____ Email: _____

Club _____ District _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Club _____ District _____



Mark Your Calendar – All Lions **Welcome**

February 3

**Winter District Meeting
Connersville, IN**

March 23

**District Convention
Clermont Lions Club Bldg.**

April 26-28

**State Convention
Noblesville, IN**

June 21-25

**International Convention
Melbourne, Australia**



We Serve

Centerville Lions Club Breakfast

February 3rd

7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**Eggs, Sausage Gravy and Biscuits,
Pancakes, Sausage, Drinks**

\$7.50 Each

Children 12 and under \$5.00

Dine In or Carry Out

Centerville Senior Center

**Come Share a Meal with Your
Neighbors**



Williamsburg Lions Club



**All you care to eat breakfast
Williamsburg Community Center**

**Saturday, Feb. 17
7am-9:30 am**

**Sausage patty, scrambled eggs, biscuits &
sausage gravy, pancakes, coffee and orange
juice will be served. Dine-In or Carry-Out**

\$7 for adults

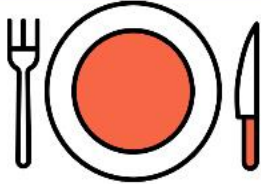
\$3 for children 6-12

Children under 6 - Free



Speedway Lions Club

Pancake Breakfast & Bazaar



- Pancakes
- Biscuits and Gravy
- Sausage
- Juice, Milk and Coffee



Saturday: Feb. 24th, 2024
8:00 - 11:00 AM

Join Us!

**Speedway
High School
Cafeteria**

Admission:

- \$20 per Family of 4**
- \$10 per Adult (Ages 16+)**
- \$5 per Child (Ages 5-15)**
- Free for children under 5**

**All proceeds fund Speedway Lions Club
community initiatives!**

Visit Community and Craft Booths!

- Local Non-Profits •Businesses •Community Organizations
- Craft Vendors •Artists



25F District Convention

Saturday, March 23, 2024



Hosted by the Pike Township Lions

at the Clermont Lions Club
3201 Tansel Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46234

Keynote Speaker ID Steven Middlemiss

Doors Open @ 9 am, meeting begins @ 10 am.

Lunch at Noon provided by Lion Joe Shead

Morning refreshments: Fruit, Muffins, Pastries, Milk, Coffee, & Tea.

Lunch Menu: Glazed Ham, Lemon Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots, Rice Pilaf, Salad, Rolls, Cake, Lemonade, Tea, & Water.

Pre-Register by Wednesday, March 15, 2024

Registration Fee: \$25.00 in advance or \$30.00 at the door

Make Checks payable to the Pike Township Lions

Please mail registration and check to:

Lion Angie Crouch
9051 Greystone Ct, Indianapolis, IN 46234

*** If you need an exhibit table or if you or your club would like to donate an item to our Silent Auction Please contact Lion Angie Crouch @ mwam2893@gmail.com prior to March 20th, 2024.**

***All proceeds from both the Auction and the 50/50 will be divided between Special Olympics and Camp Woodsmoke.**

Name: _____, Title: _____ Club: _____

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Total # Registering _____ x \$25.00 Total enclosed \$ _____

What's Happening in 25F?



Presentation of Check from Lions of Indiana at Opening Ceremony for Winter Special Olympics.



L: Special Olympic Athlete lights the Olympic Flame at the Opening Ceremony on Jan. 7th.

Below Shirley Bocock of Milan Lions leads medal winning athletes at S.O award ceremony..





Toni of Osgood and Tina of Bright Lions present medals to athletes at the award ceremony on Jan. 9th.

DG Ed and 1st VDG Nancy present medal to athlete at the award ceremony on Jan. 9th.

Presentation of Check from Lions of Indiana to Special Olympics on Dec. 6, 2023.



Lions learn from Leader Dog & its human, too!



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll

At the Noblesville Lions Club meeting on Jan. 10, the Lions were entertained by Patricia Bingham and Connie Bowman, along with Sky, a Leader Dog. Bingham spoke about the formation of the of the Indiana Leader Dog Foundation here in Indiana. Bowman gave the Lions her insight into her training along with her dog, Sky. (From left) Patricia Bingham, Connie Bowman, Sky, and Noblesville Lions Club Vice President Jeff Kozicki.

Look who made the Hamilton County Reporter Newspaper.



PDG Jeff Locke co-presented with PDG Tom Robbins at the Mid-Winter Conference on serving beyond the club.



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or scan the QR code on the left.

[LeaderDog.org/
lions-club/resources](https://LeaderDog.org/lions-club/resources)

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limited to 30!*

Experience #31 on the Lions International magazine checklist... "How Lionisitic Are You?"
by visiting to the Leader Dog campus via a FREE personalized trip!

2024 DATES - Mar 16 | Jul 20 | Oct 19
TIME - 1-4PM

For questions call
248.218.6421

FREE TOUR INCLUDES

CANINE DEVELOPMENT CENTER TOUR



BLINDFOLD WALKS with a white cane



with a Leader Dog



PRESENTATION BY A LDB CLIENT



Leader Dogs for the Blind | 1039 S Rochester Rd | Rochester Hills, MI 48307



APRIL 26 - APRIL 28, 2024

103rd Indiana Lions State Convention

EMBASSY SUITES CONFERENCE CENTER
NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA





Save the Date
October 12th 2024

Richmond Lions Club
100th Anniversary

Elks Country Club
2100 US Hwy 27

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

KEY NOTE SPEAKER PID NICK XINOPOULOS

**DISTRICT 25-F
CLUB DONATION NOTIFICATION**



Date: _____

The club of District 25-F: _____

would like to make the following donations to the projects so indicated:

DISTRICT 25-F PROJECT - CAMP WOODSMOKE

CAMP WOODSMOKE GENERAL FUND	CAMP WOODSMOKE CARTER EVERAGE FELLOWSHIP	CAMP WOODSMOKE CABIN ESCROW CABIN #
\$	\$	\$

DISTRICT 25-F COMMITTEE

EYEGLOSS RECYCLING	SPECIAL OLYMPICS	DIST 25-F PRGRM VISION SCREENING
\$	\$	\$

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
\$	\$

TOTAL DONATION: _____

CHECK NO: _____

MAIL TO:

Lion Patricia Bigham
1840 Randall Court
Indianapolis, IN 46240-3133

25F Donation 2021