

District 25F Newsletter

January 2025

2025
HAPPY NEW YEAR



Time to Reflect and Plan for the new year

By the time you get this newsletter Christmas will be behind us and we will have begun the New Year. As we reflect on 2024, let's ask ourselves, did I do my best to be a good Lion? Did I invite others to become a Lion? Did I support my club by attending club meetings? Did I help with service projects? Now ask yourself what can I do in 2025 to be a better Lion? I am sure we can all do something to serve our communities.

While the holidays are a time for personal reflection, they also remind us of the importance of giving back. My wishes this Christmas are centered around the continued growth and success of our district and our Lions Clubs. I am incredibly proud of what we've accomplished together this year, and I look forward to what the future holds.

Thank you for your hard work, your dedication, and the service you provide every day. From my heart to yours, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with joy, purpose, and continued service to those in need.

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What will the New Year bring?

1st VDG Angela Locke

2024 is in the books and 2025 is here. Did you make any resolutions? Have you broken some already? I hope you have taken a moment to reflect on all the good things you have done as Lions and are now looking forward to all the Great things you are going to do as Lions to serve your community.

Here is to everyone on having a healthy and happy new year!

Feeling Blessed!

2nd VDG Brenda Wilson

December has certainly been a very busy and festive month for me. On December 8th, I celebrated my 80th birthday with a party thrown by my daughter, Yvette. I was surprised by many of my Lions, church members and many long time friends I had not seen for years. Then on December 9th, the Indianapolis Center Township club celebrated our Holiday Dinner at MCL Cafeteria with our Dist Governor Nancy Baxter, her husband, and The Washington Township Lions Club. We donated many toys to the New Direction Church toy give away. On the 15th,

my daughter Yvonne, took me on an eight day cruise on The Wonder of the Sea cruise ship. I celebrated Christmas with my great grandchildren. I am now ready for the Mid-winter Conference and to resume the many training sessions ahead of me. I hope everyone had a Blessed and Happy Holiday season

District Governor's Calendar

January

Jan. 6 —Franklin Club Visit

If you haven't scheduled our official visit yet, be sure to contact CS Angie Crouch at mwam2893@gmail.com to get on DG Nancy's calendar.

Mark your Calendars

Dec. 31—Clermont Lions New Year's Eve Party—Doors open at 8pm \$25 per person.
All are welcome!

Jan. 12-14, 2025—Winter Games for Special Olympics. Opening Ceremony Jan. 12

Jan. 17-18—Mid-Winter Conference—Crown Plaza, Indianapolis

March 1— 25F District Convention—Crown Plaza, Indianapolis. Details to come.

April 25-27—MD 25 State Convention—Shipshewana, IN

Add your event to the DGs calendar!

E-mail DG Nancy directly or newsletter25f@yahoo.com

Camp Woodsmoke -The Best!

Greetings to all 25F Lions.

Happy New Year!

The Christmas Drive Thru at Camp Woodsmoke was held December 6 – 7 – 13 – 14. We had over 400 visitors to see the beautiful Christmas decorations. Kids had an opportunity to see Santa, make elves from pinecones & enjoy hot chocolate & cookies. There were 90 letters written to Santa. I want to thank all the volunteers & special thanks to Belinda, our caretaker, for all their hard work to make this event happen. Thank you also to the 3 Lions that stepped up to make Santa happen.

The infirmary needs repairs. This is a requirement to keep the camp running. **Costs for repairs are \$23,700.** We are seeking grants to help with costs. **If you can help financially send to PDG Jeff Locke 2219 Oak Park Dr. Richmond, Ind 47374.**

We are still looking for a club that would be interested in sponsoring Cabin 7 or the Infirmary.

Camp Woodsmoke depends on our volunteers to help keep our camp and events great. With your help we can provide an amazing atmosphere for the people we serve and create memories that will last a lifetime.

With the recent storms we still have a lot of down trees and wood already cut that needs splitting and stored. If you can help with either contact Belinda Flashpohler @ 812-209-0191 to arrange a time and day.

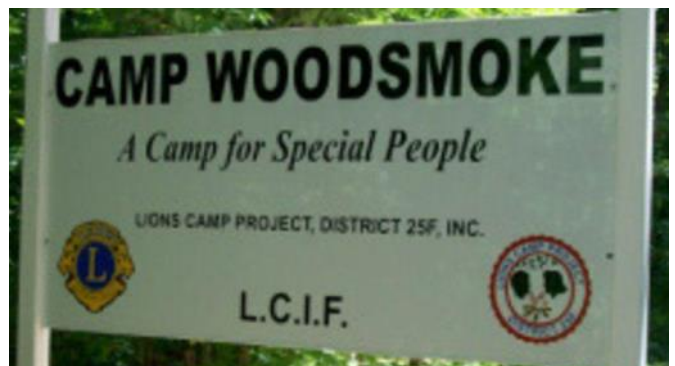
The camp is celebrating its 60th anniversary with a pin. Contact a trustee to purchase your pin. All proceeds support the camp.

I want to invite Lion members & others to come and visit the Camp. It needs more awareness in the community and in District 25F. It truly is a hidden treasure. Spread the word! Many thanks to the Clubs and individuals who continue to support Camp Woodsmoke financially as well as participation in Camp events. THE BEST!

A big thank you to all Camp Woodsmoke trustees and our camp caretaker Belinda for all that you do. If you would like to be a trustee contact Lion Andy @ 812-621-1451.

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
Lion Andy Schwier CWS Chair
Cell: 812-621-1451 Email:
ajschwier@gmail.com



Camp Woodsmoke Needs a Tractor



Send Donations to PDG Jeff Locke

2219 Oak Park Dr. Richmond, IN 47374

District 25F Lions,

Greetings from Camp WoodSmoke.

Many of you know the camp dining hall received wind damage.

We have a contractor scheduled for repairs.

Many thanks for your financial support.

Our current tractor a 1970 International is now longer operational. We are in need of financial assistance to purchase a 2019 John Deere tractor & attachments.

Note;Tractor purchase

The Camp thanks you for your continued support.

Lion Andy Schwier Chair Camp Woodsmoke

Ripley County resident, David Underwood, his wife Julie, and his new Leader Dog, "Kane," were guests of the Milan Lions Club at their November 18th meeting. David and Kane just began their journey together recently at **Leader Dogs for the Blind** in Rochester, Michigan. Mr. Underwood said that Leader Dogs had placed just under 100 dogs in the last year alone. He is grateful for all the Lions do for the Leader Dog Program.

David told of his lifelong eye problems that have continued to worsen and at his wife's urging, sought help through Leader Dogs. He explained that the facilities in Michigan were fantastic and care of the dogs superb with 190 employees and about 900 volunteers. David commented that Kane had changed his life. He was able to walk independently at night for the very first time, as he has also had night blindness since a very young age. He and Kane are developing a routine, and he is gaining confidence with each day.



Growing Lions Workshop

Join Lion leaders from across Global Action Team Area 1E to learn tips & tools you can use to start new clubs & grow membership in existing clubs.

This Workshop is designed for your District Growth Team to work through the process of starting new clubs together & use these same tools to rejuvenate membership in current clubs --- and, if all goes well, have a new club chartered, or well on its way to being chartered, by the end of the 6 week session or soon thereafter.

All sessions are virtual & begin @ 7 PM CST (Central)



Thursday, January 16
Thursday, January 30
Thursday, February 13

Advance Registration Required

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

<https://bit.ly/AreaEGrow>

Workshop Overview

- Session 1 - Mission To Grow, Resources, Clubs Types & Formats, Develop Your Team, Identify Areas of Opportunity & Site Research
- Session 2 - Promoting the New Club, Inviting A New Generation, Recruitment Models, Recruiting Tips
- Session 3 - Formation Meetings, Club Process & Approval & Launching the Club
- Each session involves a 120 minute virtual learning component, success stories, and an assignment to complete before the next session
- District Teams will work together during each session to plan & strategize
- Live participation in all sessions is strongly encouraged
- Session recordings will be available

REGISTRATION FORM
36th Annual Lions of Indiana Mid-Winter Conference
SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025
(Each Attendee Is Asked to Complete a Separate Form)

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: \$40.00
EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR EMAILED BY NOVEMBER 29, 2024

Registrations received or postmarked after DECEMBER 1st and ON-SITE \$50.00
Conference Registration with no meals included: \$25

Registration includes: morning coffee and pastries, buffet luncheon, use of hotel meeting rooms,
 audio-visual equipment, keynote speaker expenses, printing, and supplies.

To guarantee meal availability, Registration must be received by Monday, January 13, 2025

CANCELLATION POLICY: CANCELLATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO JANUARY 7, 2025
TO RECEIVE A REFUND. CANCELLATIONS REQUESTED AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY REFUND.
REFUNDS WILL NOT BE GRANTED BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER.

Seminars and Workshops will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Send registrations early to
 ensure the seminars of your choice.

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND CORRECT REMITTANCE
 TO: Lion Cheri Faulkner, 1021 Woodpointe Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46234
clermontlionlady58@yahoo.com 317-271-3314

Make Checks Payable to: Lions of Indiana, Inc. OR

Card Type: VISA MC Discover Card# _____

Exp. Date: _____ Security Code _____ Signature: _____
Note: If using a Visa, MC, or other credit cards you will be charged a 3% processing fee added to the sale. Debit cards will have NO fee added.

Name: _____ Club: _____

Address: _____ Title or Position: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ District: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

This is my first Mid-Winter Conference. I was encouraged to attend by: _____
 (Name of person or name of club)

Registration: \$40.00 early-bird; \$50.00 after Dec.1; \$25.00 Conference Only – No Lunch
 \$30.00 Friday Dinner – Circle Pork Chop or Chicken Marsala;
 = Total Amount Due per Registration _____

Review the Seminars offered and note the session time each seminar will be offered. Please circle your selections for each session to help us plan sufficient seating and handouts for each seminar.

9:45 – 10:30	Seminar Session 1	1	2	3	4
10:45 - 11:30	Seminar Session 2	5	6	7	8
1:30 – 2:15	Seminar Session 3	9	10	11	12
2:30 – 3:15	Seminar Session 4	13	14	Speed Learning	

Make Your Mark In Indiana!

Mark Your Calendar

Make plans now to attend the Indiana Lions 2025 Mid-Winter Conference, Saturday, January 18, 2025, at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport Hotel.

Holding the Line on Costs

It seems like the price of everything has been going up lately. That's why we've decided to hold the line on the prices for the 2025 Mid-Winter Conference. The prices for the Friday night dinner and the conference on Saturday will be the same as they were in 2024.

Best Place for Learning

Some Indiana Lions say the Mid-Winter Conference is "the best place for learning" about leadership, service, and all aspects of Lionism. The following seminars will be offered:



The Lions Portal	Eyeglass Recycling (and Mission Trips)
Membership Orientation	The Secret Sauce
How To Take Care of Your Heart (Which allows us to serve better)	Building Fellowship in Your Club Through Icebreakers and Recognition
LCI Insurance and Retention: Not Just For Membership Anymore	Emergency Preparation / VOAD
Gaming Rules	Understanding Diabetes (without the big scary!)
Cancer Control	Artificial Intelligence In Promoting Lions
All You Need Is Love: Understanding Lionism Through the Music of the Beatles	LCIF From Giving To Grants To Legacy

New This Year: Speed Learning

During the last two seminar sessions, we will offer several "speed learning" sessions—short sessions that will give you an overview of a specific topic. Speed learning gives you the opportunity to learn about a number of topics in a very short time. When you arrive at this session, you will select a topic that interests you. After approximately 12 minutes, everyone will switch to a new topic. At the end, you will have received an overview of four topics that interest you.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum	Indiana Lions for Leader Dog
International Convention 2025 Orlando Florida	Indiana Lions for ISBVI
Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Inc.	Vision First Indiana Lions Eye Bank
Indiana Lions Foundation	Having Fun In Your Club

Rewarding Service Projects

"Sock It To Me" – Please bring new socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, knit hats and blankets to be collected and divided among the district governors who will share them with individuals in need in their districts.

"Care-ing Cases" – After the dinner program on Friday evening, we will assemble our Care-ing Cases, which consist of first aid kits using cleaned hard eyeglass cases and toiletry kits made up of personal hygiene items. These cases will be given to the district governors who will share them with individuals in need in their districts.

Registration Form Available Now

Download the registration form and information packet from the Indiana Lions website at indianalions.org.



Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference Make Your Mark In Indiana



The Best Place for Learning

Some Indiana Lions say the Mid-Winter Conference is “the best place for learning” about leadership, service, and all aspects of Lionism. We offer seminars on club administration, community service, fundraising, and membership recruitment and retention, as well as opportunities for service, fellowship with Lions from around the state, and plain old everyday Lions fun.



Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport
January 17-18, 2025



Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference Make Your Mark In Indiana



Silent Auction

We are in need of items for the silent auction at the 2025 Mid-Winter Conference. If you would like to donate something, please contact either Co-Chair Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos at liongretchen@att.net or PDG Linda Scott at lindamscott@comcast.net.

Funds raised from this silent auction will go toward support of the Mid-Winter Conference, to help defray the costs of the conference. Thank you for your willingness to make this event a success.



Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport
January 17-18, 2025



Williamsburg Lions Club

All you care to eat breakfast

Williamsburg Community Center

Saturday, Jan. 18

7am-9:30am

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



25F District Convention



Saturday, March 1st, 2025

At the Crowne Plaza Hotel

2501 South High School Rd, Indianapolis, IN



Doors Open at 9am, meeting begins at 10am, Lunch at Noon

Morning refreshments: Bagels & Cinnamon Rolls, Coffee, Tea & Water

Lunch Menu: Garden Salad, Fresh Fruit Salad, Charcuterie Board, Ham, Smoked Turkey and Roast Beef Sandwiches, Veggie Wraps, Chef's Choice Soup (Vegetarian), Desserts, Coffee, Tea & Water

Pre-Register by **Wednesday, February 12, 2025**

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

*Limited number of rooms are available at the Crowne Plaza Hotel for a discounted rate of \$119/night + taxes and fees. Contact the hotel directly to make your reservation (317-244-6861). Use code **H7F** to book at the discounted rate. Rooms must be reserved by January 28th.*

Make checks payable to District 25F

Please mail registration and check to:
Lion Angie Crouch
9051 Greystone Ct, Indianapolis, IN 46234

Name: _____ Title: _____ Club: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____ Club: _____

Total # Registering _____ x \$25.00 Total Enclosed: \$ _____





CLUB VISITS

DG NANCY BAXTER WANTS TO VISIT YOUR CLUB
AND WOULD LIKE TO DO SO BEFORE DECEMBER

IF YOU HAVE NOT SCHEDULED YOUR CLUB VISIT YET PLEASE
CONTACT CS ANGIE CROUCH at mwam2893@gmail.com TO
RESERVE YOUR DATE
THANK YOU TO ALL CLUBS WHO HAVE ALREADY
SCHEDULED THEIR VISIT

What's been happening in 25F?

Christmas at Camp Woodsmoke



DG Club Visit with Madison



Madison's Club President, David Brandon, installing their newest members



Lions celebrating 2VDG Brenda Wilson's 80th Birthday!



Center Township Club Visit





Delta Theta Tau presents a check to Beech Grove Lions.

Centerville Lions club celebrates 80th Anniversary.



Council Christmas party— L-R DG Erica Thomas, DG Rocky Simpson, Admin. Secretary Ann Ninness, CC Julia Kozicki, DG Warren Allender, DG Nancy Baxter, DG Patty Cooke-Furlong, DG Jim Bush, Comptroller Bob Yunker, DG John Waymire





Camp Woodsmoke Cabin Christmas Decoration contest winner. Cabin #4 who is sponsored by the Ripley County Lions Clubs, Milan, Osgood, Versailles & Batesville.

MD-25 LIONS

2026

International Pin Design Contest!



2024



2025



What
will be
2026?

Let your Creative side shine and you could
be the next designer chosen!

The International Convention is heading to
HONG KONG, CHINA JULY 3-7, 2026.

Pins MUST include: - MD 25 Indiana (as text)

- The Intl Convention year – 2026

- Lion Club Intl Logo

- Intl Convention Host City representation

*MD 25 graphic representation of MD-25 usually includes a race car and/or the outline of Indiana.

Please note that the completed design will be NO larger than 1 ¼ inch to 1 ½ inch in diameter when it is finished, so make your design includes all of the above while maintaining clarity.

Each Club can submit one design. If there are multiple designs submitted by one district, one design will be selected by the District Governor. All District designs need to be submitted to your District Committee chair by January 3, 2025. You can scan and attach it to an email and send it to mwam2893@gmail.com. Each District's selected design will be presented to the State Council on January 19, 2025. You will be notified if your design was chosen. Remember: pin designers do not have to be (a) Lions, you do NOT need to be a professional designer, and jewelers can clean up your drawings.

State Pin Committee Contact: CT Angie Crouch @ 317-518-4070 for District 25F.



Special Olympics
Indiana



Indiana Lions Special Olympics Committee

Presents

Indiana Lions Special Olympics Premier Medal Sponsorships

Support the 18,000 plus Indiana Special Olympics Athletes with the opportunity to compete in the
Winter Games and Corn Hole Competitions.

Gold Medal – donate a min. of \$500.00 per year.

Silver Medal – donate a min. of \$250.00 per year.

Bronze Medal – donate a min. of \$125.00 per year.

Send your donations to the Indiana Lions State Comptroller

Robert Yunker

8780 Purdue Road, Suite #9

Indianapolis, In 46268-1173

Make checks to Lions of Indiana with Special Olympics in the memo line



APPLICATION FOR USE OF CAMP WOODSMOKE

COMPLETE information regarding proposed use of Camp Woodsmoke is required.

Application must be filled out by the Person in Charge listed below.

Arrival Date: _____ Time: _____ Departure Date: _____ Time: _____

-ORGANIZATION

Organization Name: _____

(To avoid confusion, we ask that only one person oversee all communications with Camp Woodsmoke pertaining to your group.)

Person in Charge: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

-SUPERVISORS

Adult supervisors will share responsibility with the person in charge. Please list any additional adult supervisors on a separate paper and attach them to this application. No less than 1 adult supervisor is required for every 8 campers. 1 adult supervisor per 5 campers is preferred. Each cabin must have at least 1 adult present, including night-time. Each group is responsible for bringing their own food, towels, pillows, linens, toiletries, and first aid supplies.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

-ATTENDEES

Total Number in Group: _____ Boys: _____ Girls: _____ Age Range: _____ to: _____

-FACILITIES DESIRED

- Dining Hall (80-person Maximum Occupancy)
- Kitchen
- Main Shelter
- Motor Home Area (5 Spots with Electric Available)

Amphitheater

Chapel

Shelter #2

Shelter #3

-CABINS

Head Quarters Cabin (8 beds, Walk-in Shower, Restroom)

Infirmary Cabin (4 Rooms with 2 Beds in Each, Step-In Shower, Restroom)

-8-Person Cabins (7 Cabins available, 8 beds in each, bath house restrooms available) Check each Cabin you are requesting

Cabin 1 <input type="checkbox"/>	Cabin 2 <input type="checkbox"/>	Cabin 3 <input type="checkbox"/>	Cabin 4 <input type="checkbox"/>	Cabin 5 <input type="checkbox"/>	Cabin 6 <input type="checkbox"/>	Cabin 7 <input type="checkbox"/>
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-10-person Cabins (4 Cabins available, 10 beds in each, Restrooms) Check each Cabin you are requesting

Cabin A <input type="checkbox"/>	Cabin B <input type="checkbox"/>	Cabin C <input type="checkbox"/>	Cabin D <input type="checkbox"/>
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Application must be signed by a President or Secretary of a District 25-F Lions Club for sponsorship. 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 is completed. Application is to be approved or disapproved by the Camp Woodsmoke Board of Trustees.

Applicant Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Sponsoring Lions Club: _____

President/Secretary Lion Signature: _____

President/Secretary Printed Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Caretaker Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

TRANSFER STATE FAIR CREDITS

Transfer Credits From: _____
(Name of individual or club)

Transfer Credits To: _____
(Name of individual, club, or district)

APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT

CLUB REQUEST (One \$200 grant allowed per year)

Club Name: _____

Club Address: _____

APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT

INDIVIDUAL REQUEST (One \$200 grant to an Indiana Lions State Project, LCIF, or Indiana Lions Foundation per year)

Individual Name: _____

Individual Address: _____

Check will be made payable to Grant Recipient specified below and mailed to individual named above.

Grant Recipient (check one):

- Cancer Control Fund
- Eye Bank
- ISBVI
- Leader Dog
- Speech & Hearing
- LCIF
- Indiana Lions Foundation

Complete this form and send it to PCC Sue Topf.
Email: PCCSue@indianalions.org
Mail: PCC Sue Topf
9152 Key Lane
Clermont, IN 46234

This box is for Indiana Lions Foundation use only.
Credits verified by:

**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

EYEGASS 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
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

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
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

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

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