

# District 25F Newsletter



## May in Indiana

*District Governor Linda Scott*

Have you seen the commercials? It's MAY in Indiana! We as Lions are racing into May. I recently toured the Indianapolis 500 Museum with International Director TJ. If you haven't been you should stop by. There are lots of things to see and do. April has been a busy month and I see May will also be a busy one too. I am looking forward to many things coming up soon. In April there were Fish Frys and Pancake breakfasts. I did an eye screening and visited several clubs. Lots of fun things happened!

Unfortunately, we had some bad things happen in April. We had tornadoes tear through Indiana. Sullivan and Whiteland suffered terribly. Whiteland is in our District. I want to let you know that I applied for and received a grant for \$10,000 from LCIF. It was approved overnight. They were willing to help those in need. I have spent some of the funds on tarps, hardware for tarps, trash bags, and 100- 27-gallon totes. A huge thank you to Lion Bill McDonald! He and his wife did the shopping and delivery. He had suggested this was a good way to begin disaster relief. He was not wrong! He was able to get us some discounts that will help funds go further. Whiteland was very thankful to receive all the items. We are purchasing more trash bags and 200 more totes. That is what they asked for. We are also taking down gallons of milk, food, and produce. They asked we not bring water or clothing. We are still working to supply what they truly need. I will keep you updated. I have had an email sent about training for volunteers to help people fill out forms for insurance purposes. That training has happened. I hope some Lions were able to help. This will take a while to complete, and they may need people later as time goes on. I have let them know that the Lions are here to help. Let's look ahead to May. We have the State Convention coming up! It will be held in Bloomington this year. The dates of the convention are May 12-May 14. I hope to see lots of Lions there. There are some different things to do this year. It is always fun to go and talk with other Lions and catch up on all that has been going on around the state! Also, in May I will be visiting more clubs. If your club has not given me a date to visit, please do so soon. This year is going by so fast! I do not want to leave a club out! I enjoy visiting and talking to the Lions in our District and hearing about all the things they are doing. I have heard some fun things clubs are doing. Keep up the good work and let me know when I can visit.

Keep spreading the sunshine! Happy Mother's Day to all the moms!

Sunny saying for May: The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away. ~Pablo Picasso~

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## Looking Forward

*1st VDG Ed Harper*

This Lions year has gone passed quickly and I have enjoyed learning the many functions of the position of District Governor. I have had much support from Lions around the district and look forward to working with all of the Lions and Lions Clubs during the 2023/24 Lions year. We have the state Conventions coming up in Bloomington and I hope to see many of my friends there as well a meeting new friends. The Council of Governors that I have had the privilege to work with the past two years has been great and we will continue to work to serve the Multiple District 25.

Please mark your calendars for the dates for District 25F meeting for my year as your Governor:

Organizational Day, Camp Woodsmoke, July 15, 2023  
District 25F Banner Night, Clermont Club House,  
August 27, 2023

Fall District Meeting, Middletown, September 30, 2023  
Winter District Meeting, Connersville, February 3, 2024  
District Convention, March 23, 2024, Location TBD

Please check your calendar for a date that would be good for my official visit to your club. You will have an opportunity to sign up for my official visit to your club on Organizational Day at Camp Woodsmoke. I hope to see you there.

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**Share your events with  
District 25F!**

**E-mail your flyers and articles to**

**Newsletter25f@yahoo.com**

**by the 20th of the month for  
inclusion in the following months  
newsletter!**

## Spring

*2nd VDG Nancy Baxter*

I hope everyone is enjoying this Indiana Weather! 80 degrees one day and 40 degrees the next! To be honest, that is one of the things I like about Indiana. I always say, if you don't like the weather today, wait until tomorrow, it will be different.

I have been a Lion since 2005 and would think that

I knew what Lionism was; but after taking the 2VDG training class and the Leadership training, I've learned that I didn't know as much as I thought I did! I do know that I have some big shoes to fill. District 25F has had some great District Governors and I am sure I will learn even more from 1VDGE Ed Harper. When I accepted the nomination for 2VDG, I heard so many wonderful Lions say, "We won't let you fail!" I am dedicated to do my best for District 25F.

I am looking forward to Indiana Lions 102nd State Convention in Bloomington, IN on May 12 – 14 and I hope to see all of you there.

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## District Governors Calendar

### May

May 3	Rising Sun Lions Club
May 12-14	State Convention - Bloomington
May 16	Madison Lions Club
May 25	Official Visit to Batesville
May 26	Attending ISBVI Graduation

Add your event to the DGs calendar!  
E-mail DG Linda directly or  
newsletter25f@yahoo.com



# DG Photo Favorites



Lawrenceburg Lions donated to the Tornado Relief fund.



Lee Guthrie presenting a check for Donations for the Fortville Lions Club.



Vevay Lions Paul Hewitt (35) and Matt Schmitt (20) received chevrons for membership years



Lion Bill McDonald shopping for and delivering supplies.



Indianapolis Warren Twp Denise Salsbery presented donations to our State



International Director T.J. enjoying a visit to the Indianapolis 500 Museum, trying out a race car and race car simulator

# Camp Woodsmoke

Lions of District 25F, please mark your calendar for Saturday, May 6, 2023, for Camp Woodsmoke Clean Up Day!!!! Breakfast 8 to 8:45. Donuts and Coffee provided by the Camp. Work Assignments from 8:45 to 9:00. Cabins will need some cleaning, wood cut and split, then placed near fire rings, benches, swings, and picnic tables will need to be painted. This is only a few things that needs to be done. I am sure the Caretakers will have other items that will need attention. Lunch at 12:30 pm. The Camp will furnish Harvest Market chicken, coffee, and water for lunch along with plates, plastic ware, and cups. The Camp Trustees ask that all attendees to please bring a covered dish to share with everyone. Anyone who wants to stay after lunch to finish up a small project if it needs to be completed, it would be appreciated.

The Easter Egg was a successful event. There were approximately 30 participants. The Camp is planning to have one for 2024.

The Camp is asking Lions or other individuals to donate any Christmas lights, extension cords, use of generators of any size to help us in improving our Christmas at Camp Woodsmoke for next year. We had many positive comments this year and we want to keep improving this each year.

We are still looking for Lions to be part of the Board of Trustees at Camp Woodsmoke "The Best". The more Lions who participate as a Trustee, the more diverse of ideas and plans for the future of the Camp, the better. Be sure to contact any of our Trustees to come and make a Camp Woodsmoke presentation to your Club.

Contact any of our Trustees for any ideas that will help with the needs of the Camp. Thanking all 25F Lions for your help specific to these projects. The Camp has applied for some grants at this time but are always open for more possible grant information.

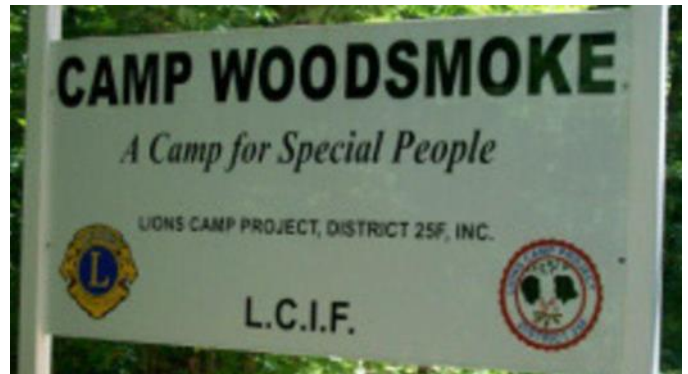
As always, many thanks to the Clubs and individual Lions who continue to support Camp Woodsmoke "The Best" both financially as well as participation in the Camp events. Without you, we could not do all that we do at the Camp. For those who have had problems locating Camp Woodsmoke, here are two routes that I use regularly.

First route: Follow I-74 out of Indy to State Route 244 which is the first exit past Shelbyville. Get off at that exit and turn left. Follow 244 through Milroy and Richland to County Road 450 E. Turn right and follow to T at County Road 1000 S. Turn left onto 1000 S and travel to 500 E. Turn right and follow to stop sign in downtown Clarksburg. There is a Camp Woodsmoke sign at that intersection. Turn left onto 640 N and follow to the Camp Woodsmoke entrance where there is a sign indicating right turn at Camp entrance. FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR VISITORS, SPEED LIMIT IS 10MPH!!!

Second route: Follow I-74 out of Indy to Greensburg and take the exit that goes north onto State Route 3. Follow State Route 3 north to 300 N. Turn Right on to 300 N. (There is a school on the northeast corner of that intersection.) Follow to 400 E. Turn left and follow to T at 640 N. (There is a church at the top of the T.) Turn right onto 640 N and follow to Camp Woodsmoke. You will travel through downtown Clarksburg before getting to Camp Woodsmoke. FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR VISITORS, SPEED LIMIT IS 10 MPH!!!

Be safe in your travels, count your blessings each day, be grateful for your friends and family, continue to serve when you can and thank all Veterans and First Responders you meet for all they have done for our freedoms and safety. We live in the Land of the Free because of the Brave.

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# State Fair Project

## **Indiana Lions Foundation State Fair Project Needs a Golf Cart**



If you have worked for the Indiana Lions Foundation at the Indiana State Fair in recent years, you know that our project team members use golf carts to transport volunteers around the fairgrounds. In recent years, the State Fair provided a 6-passenger cart and a 4-passenger cart. This week, we were notified that the State Fair will be able to provide us with only a 6-passenger golf cart this year. Consequently, we hope to find someone who will donate the use of a 4-passenger golf cart for our use during the Indiana State Fair. If you know an individual or organization that might be willing to donate the use of a 4-passenger golf cart or rent a cart for a nominal fee, please make the initial contact with the potential

donor to confirm they are willing to work with us, then contact Lion Rose Russell (RoseWRussell@gmail.com or 574-250-0125) with the donor's contact information.

We have less than 100 days until Opening Day of the 2023 Indiana State Fair. If you have not already signed up to work, please do so today at <http://IndianaLionsFoundationMD25.org/>.

## Pike Township Lions Club

Here is a picture of the Pike Township Lions Club members presenting a WP Woods Fellowship to Dr. Larry Young Superintendent of Schools MSD of Pike Township.

In the picture from left to right. PDG John Brown, David Straughn, Terry Webster, Dr. Larry Young, PCC Steve Winegardner, Club President Kevin Gallman, DGE Ed Harper.



# Save the Date

## September 9th, 2023

### Brian's Trike Race



### & Disc Golf Tournament



22nd Annual Running!

**The Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired  
State Project's annual fundraiser 'Brian's Trike Race'  
& Disc Golf Tournament is coming Sept. 9, 2023 to the ISBVI Campus**

This event raises funds to assist both residential and outreach students of the school. Sponsorships and team participation of this event help to underwrite costs, which include but are not limited to, expenses to help students attend national leadership conferences for the blind and visually impaired, to assist with technology upgrades and many other expenses that directly effect improved learning.

Please encourage your club to send a team. You could also sponsor a Leo club, local school team or a local Boy Scout or Girl Scout troop that would like to have a fun afternoon racing around the David Letterman Track on adult trikes. Peddling not your thing? No worries. Play it through on the campus's 9 hole Disc Golf Course. You too could be a basket case!

**Bragging rights and trophies are included in all the fun and competition!**

**All are welcome and participants must be 14 years of age or older.**

Applications and sponsorship opportunity forms will be coming soon. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact an ISBVI trustee in your district or the 2023 event chairs.

Be sure to visit the ISBVI booth and attend the seminar at this year's State Convention.

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**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**

<b>CAMP WOODSMOKE GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>CAMP WOODSMOKE CARTER EVERAGE FELLOWSHIP</b>	<b>CAMP WOODSMOKE CABIN ESCROW CABIN #</b>
\$	\$	\$

**DISTRICT 25-F COMMITTEE**

<b>EYEGASS RECYCLING</b>	<b>SPECIAL OLYMPICS</b>	<b>DIST 25-F PRGRM VISION SCREENING</b>
\$	\$	\$

**MD 25 LIONS OF INDIANA STATE PROJECTS**

<b>CANCER CONTROL</b>	<b>LEADER DOG</b>	<b>VISION FIRST &amp; OPERATION KIDS SIGHT</b>	<b>INDIANA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED</b>	<b>SPEECH AND HEARING</b>
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

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\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

**ADDITIONAL**

<b>DIABETES</b>	<b>LAW CAMP</b>	<b>YOUTH EXCHANGE</b>		
\$		\$	\$	\$

**LIONS FOUNDATIONS**

<b>INDIANA LIONS FOUNDATION</b>	<b>LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION</b>
\$	\$

**TOTAL DONATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

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