

District 25F Newsletter

May 2024



Learning, Fun, Friends found at State Convention

I just got home from the Indiana Lions State Conference in Noblesville, Indiana. I had a great three days spending time with my Lion friends, making new friends and enjoying learning more about Lionism. Over 60 Lions from around the state were first time attendees to an Indiana Lions State Convention. I talked to several Lions from District 25F that was attending for the first time and they said they would be attending the convention next year.

We had two outstanding keynote speakers on Saturday. At lunch, Miss America 2009, Katie Stam Irk made a presentation that had Lions both laughing about stories of her family experiences and how her son, who was born on Oct. 31, 2016, became to be named Wrigley. (Think about baseball and Chicago.) She also had people crying about how people she was helping on mission trip and how much the people suffered and need help. What a great half hour her presentation was!

On Saturday evening Past International President of Lions Club International, Frank Moore shared with us what is happening at the national and international level in Lions Club. He gave many facts about how Lions are helping around the world and what we as Lions can do to help in our community, state and nation. His presentation was very informative and inspiring to all that were in attendance.

Many reports were presented by Indiana Lions as to what is happening with district and state projects here in Indiana. Many groups presented donations to their favorite projects, there was even a "pie in the face" fun event where many Lions got whipped cream in the face and over \$4,000 was raised for Lions Club International Fund from that fun event alone.

Fifteen Indiana Lions were nominated as Distinguished lions for the state of Indiana. Lion Merle Goldman from the Washington Township Lions Club was awarded the honor of being the Lion of the Year for 2024 in the state of Indiana.

Voting on Sunday took place and many amendments and changes to the Indiana Lion By Laws and Rules were voted on. More on those changes to come in the future. Also, there was an election of a Lion to represent Indiana as a member of the International Lions Club Board of Directors. PCC Reed Fish and PDG Charle Short were running for that position. PCC Reed won the election and will be running as our representative on the International Board in 2025.

I would highly suggest and encourage you to attend a District Cabinet meeting, a District Convention or State Convention in the future. There is much to learn about Lionism and many new Lion friends to meet and be made at these meetings.

Yours in Lionism
DG Ed

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Busy in 25F

1st VDG Nancy Baxter

It has been a busy month for DG Ed Harper in District 25F. We are still doing official visits and only have a few clubs left to meet.

Milan Lions Club had a charter night on April 15, 2024. The club did a great job giving examples of their history and introducing their new members. The dinner was great and everyone had a wonderful time.

The State Convention was April 26-28, 2024. There are always new things to learn and new people to meet. I hope you were able to attend and had a great time.

Club Presidents, Secretaries or Club Administrators

It is that time of year again. If you have not done so already, please submit your officers for the 2024-2025 year in LCI. If you have issues doing so in the new Lion Portal, please contact me at angbelc@iu.edu.

This information must be submitted before the end of May so the incoming District Governor can create a directory with the correct/current club information. This is where names, addresses, email addresses and phone numbers of club presidents and secretaries are pulled from to list in the directory.

Thank you,
Angela Locke
25F Cabinet Secretary

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 im-

District Governor's Calendar

May

- May 9—Charlestown Club Visit
- May 14—Lawrenceburg Club Visit
- May 16—Indy Downtown Club Visit
- May 21—Morristown/Manilla Club Visit

Camp Woodsmoke -The Best!

Clean Up Day was a great success. We had 23 persons who worked at cutting, splitting, and placing split wood at the fire pit areas. Work of cleaning and painting cabins was completed. Painting of trail arrow signs was completed as well. Lunch was a wonderful selection of fine food after a morning of hard work with much accomplished for the Camp. Many thanks to all our volunteers!!! You are the ones who help keep it happening at Camp Woodsmoke.

Thank you to the entries to the Camp Woodsmoke Pin contest for our 60th year celebration. The Trustees voted on the entries and the winner will be revealed soon.

Many thanks to the Town of Clermont for the donation of 12 large Christmas wreaths that they were retiring. This is a great addition to the Camp's Christmas Drive Thru.

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.

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. Come down for a day and help with our continued 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.

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



The Centerville Lions Club Community Awards were held April 15, 2024 at the Centerville High School Cafetorian. Winners were from Left to Right: Lion Dennis Steven—Melvin Jones Fellowship; Retired Fire Chief Dennis Spears—Chief's Award; Valerie Hood—Outstanding Educator Award; Janel Sparks—Outstanding Citizen Award.



Lion Andy Schweir, Milan Lions club, presented Presidential award at State Convention Banquet on Saturday night, April 27 by DG Ed Harper, for all of his hard work and dedication to his club, community, Camp Woodsmoke and Lions.



Cancer Control Trustees present \$100,000 check to Riley Children's cancer research. This will be doubled as it is part of the Walther Cancer Foundation fund raising challenge. Cancer Contraol Trustees hope to raise \$500,000 in the next 5 years for a total donation of \$1,000,000



Special Olympics received a check for \$5,000 check for the Summer Cornhole Tournament.



PDG Merle Goldman receives Lion of the Year from the Indiana Lions Foundation for his years of continuous service to the Indiana Lions organization at the State Convention Luncheon on April 27th.



L: Former Miss America 2009, Katie Stam Irk, gives inspirational speech as the keynote speaker at State Convention Luncheon on April 27th.

R: Former International President Frank Moore was the keynote speaker at State Convention Dinner Banquet on April 27th.



Below: L-R Lion Janet & PCC Reed Fish with Lion Tim Ramion of Speedway ready for the State Convention Dinner Banquet on April 27th.





All of the 1st Vice District Governors Elect in attendance at State Convention Dinner Banquet on April 27th. From Left to Right—Lions John Spurgeon District E; Paul Scheetz District C; Angela Locke District F; Jackie Kurley District G; Pam Arnold District B; Jim Dubeansky District D & Jim Furlong District A



PDG Jeff Locke, PCC Scott Smith (District D) and PCC Mitch Seamans (District A) are hearing, seeing and speaking no evil at the State Convention.



R: PCC Reed Fish gets pie in the face from DG Ron Guth as PDG Ken Faulkner takes pic from a safe distance.

Below: PCC Sue Topf gets a pie in the face from a Lion and PCC Suf after the pie.

Tickets were sold to raise money for LCIF and these are just a couple of the winners. Fun and many laughs was shared by all in attendance.



Above: PDG John Scott donated \$2,000 to LCIF for the opportunity to put a pie in PIP Frank Moore's face.



R: PCC Sue not quite done with the pie in the face fun. PDG Charlie short of C gets one more as PID Linda Tincher, PID Doug Lozier, PID Nick Xinopolis, PIP Frank Moore and PCC Reed Fish pose for picture.

The Clermont Lions Club Outdoor Movie Night!

Showing this Friday!

May 3, 2024

Kung Fu Panda 4

@ 3201 Tansel Rd.
Clermont IN 46234

Park opens @ 7:00pm
Movie will begin @ 8:30pm!

Free Admission & Pop Corn!
Drinks available for purchase!



Event hosted by the Clermont Lions Club



2024 Summer Games

2024 SOIN Summer Games – 55th Anniversary Registration Reminder!

Thank you to everyone who has already registered!! If you have not registered please consider joining us at our biggest event of the year!

The 2024 Special Olympics Indiana Summer Games are returning to the campuses of Indiana State University and Rose Hulman. This June 7th, 8th & 9th SOIN athletes and Unified Partners will travel to compete in Bocce, Bowling, Cycling, Powerlifting, Swimming, Track and Field, and Volleyball! We need your help in filling over 2,000 volunteer positions to help make these games a success!

Register today using the link and instructions below!

2024 Special Olympics Indiana Summer Games General Volunteers

1. Registration Link: <https://2024summergames.my-trs.com/>
2. Click the Purple "Register for Summer Games" Button.
3. Scroll down and click the Blue "General Volunteer".

2024 Summer Games Con't

4. Select all the positions and shift(s) you are interested in.
 - a. Don't forget to click whether you would like to offset or not offset your shirt.
5. Click the Green "Next" button.
6. Log In or create an account if you don't have one already.

After you register you will receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive one, please check your spam or junk folder as your security settings might have filtered the email.

More information will be sent once you are registered, and the event draws near.

If you have questions with registering, please reach out to me at jbrown@soindiana.org.

We can't wait to see you at Summer Games!

ANNUAL CONNERSVILLE LIONS CLUB

GOLF TOURNAMENT



HELICOPTER GOLF BALL DROP



ARBOR CROSSING GOLF CLUB

SATURDAY, JUNE 22ND

**2:00 SHOTGUN START
4 PERSON SCRAMBLE
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**



**DINNER AFTER THE TOURNAMENT
WILL BE LOCATED AT THE CLUB HOUSE**

**ALL NUMBERED BALLS
WILL BE DROPPED AT
APPROX. 6:30PM**

\$25 EACH / 5 FOR \$100



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



SECOND PRIZE
 One year's membership in the
FREEDOM BOAT CLUB
 of the Grand Strand
 Good at any Freedom Boat Location



We Serve

Drawing
July 4th 2024
 7:30 p.m. at Southport Waterfront
 Need not be present to win



Scan QR Code or visit
www.southportlions.org

*****TICKETS*****

1 ticket - \$20
3 tickets - \$50
7 tickets - \$100
Only 10,000
Tickets Available

Indiana Lions Foundation at the Indiana State Fair

The dates for the Indiana State Fair this year are August 2, 2024 through August 18, 2024.

There are a couple 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 at 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 Foundations 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



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LeaderDog.org/lions-club/resources

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

For questions call 248.218.6421

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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

DIST 25-F PRGRM

EYEGASS RECYCLING	SPECIAL OLYMPICS	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:
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Indianapolis, IN 46240-3133

25F Donation 2021