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Have you scheduled the District Governor's visit to your club?

District Governor Ron Guth would like to attend one of your club meetings, share his vision for our district, and hear your concerns. Check his calendar in this newsletter, then give him a call at 765-460-7177, or send an email message to guthron@comcast.net.

A Message from District Governor Ron Guth

Hello August,

The heat is on, the corn and soybeans are growing fast, and the winter wheat is now straw bales. Time is not stopping for anyone and this Lions year is roaring to go. Lion Beth and I returned from the International Convention in Boston on Thursday the 12th and continued on up to the Mishawaka Lions Club the same day to help celebrate 100 years as a club. Interesting to note that we attended the 105th Lions Convention and this was the 100th anniversary for the Mishawaka Lions Club, chartered only five years after Lions International was formed!

Boston was great, although we didn't see too much as most of our time was spent inside the convention center or marching in the Parade of Nations on Saturday morning. Marching along is what we are doing and supporting our new President Dr. Patti Hill with her slogan "Changing the World". We as Lions are changing the world everyday with our service projects and we need to continue with our mission to improve the lives of others.

Is your club struggling with membership and need help? Two ways to approach the problem with two words. "Just Ask", You can "just ask" friends, neighbors, community leaders to be a Lion. Or if you need more hands for the project your club is doing "just ask" other groups to team up with your club to provide service. Rotary, Kiwanis, FOP, Youth groups like 4-H or Scouts, church groups, school athletic groups and boosters are willing to help and gives you more folks to "just ask" if they want to be a Lion! Our club, the Peru Lions, is doing our major fundraising event of the summer as I write this and are using over 7 different groups to help us serve tenderloins during the Circus City Festival.

Speaking of the Circus City, make sure you come down to Peru on August 5th for the first District Cabinet Meeting of the year and plan on attending the Banner Night celebration on August 26th to learn more about the circus!

Don't forget to sign up to work the ticket booth at the State Fair to support our Indiana Lions Foundation.

Lions in Action, it's what we do.

Lion Ron Guth, District Governor



A Message From 1st Vice District Governor Warren Allender



Well, here it is July, I made it right? It's been a busy month that's for sure. I would like to start off with recognition and congratulations again to the Mishawaka Lions for their 100th year celebration. Thanks for a great evening out. I am sort of a history nut, so seeing and reading the articles were of great interest to me. What a "can-do" attitude exemplified right from the start. Nine community members came together to start the club only to be instructed that they needed twenty-five to officially form. That recruitment happened in short order, and the membership was capped at twenty-five. If you were in, you were in a "select" group. Obviously that cap has been lifted and now all are welcomed to join Lions and serve their community. The service projects they focused on from the start were phenomenal, and that continues to this day. What part of that community hasn't the Lions touched? From the parks to the scouts, to the

schools, and a lot of ground in between. A club focused on service. Great job Mishawaka! You are an example for all of us to follow.

My next shout out needs to go to the Milford Lions for inviting Susi and me to their installation of officers meeting. What a great group of Lions, yet more importantly is what a great service they provide to their community. We were lucky enough, to be there not only for the installation of new officers, but also for their presentation of scholarships to students in college and those about to embark on that adventure. Those students were in attendance with their parents, some to receive renewable scholarships and some to receive their first scholarship. For me, this format; students and parents in attendance at a Lions meeting, was exceptional and served several purposes. First, the students were recognized for their achievements by all the Lions present. Second, the parents were present and saw firsthand their neighbors, "Lions" and the good they do for their community. Lastly, it appears that such actions provide a great springboard for recruitment of new Lions. Again, I say, Great Job Lions. We Serve.

Then there was my very first Council meeting hosted by District 25-A at Red Mill County Park, in LaPorte. The learning curve continues as I try to wrap my head around the responsibilities for each of the Lions state focused projects: Cancer Control, Vision First, Leader Dogs, Speech & Hearing, Indiana School for the Blind & Visually Impaired, and the Lions Foundation. Not to mention the thirty-two committees and what each of those do. And let us not forget to remember the names of all those great Lions we meet along the way. OK, my head is spinning.

Just two more things and I'll wrap up. First, I need to apologize to the Grass Creek Lions Club. They held their 50th Anniversary celebration on Sunday, July 23rd. It was a "free" hog roast with all the trimming at the Lions Club Park in downtown Grass Creek. If that doesn't sound like service to a community, (a park) I don't know what does!!! I was unable to attend due to our very sick thirteen-week-old puppy. I know it would have been a great time. So let me just say Great Job Lions...You Serve.

Lastly, a reminder of Banner night at Camp Mack, August 26th. I would encourage all clubs to send a delegation, along with their banner, as we celebrate with our new District Governor Ron Guth and his wife Lion Beth. I'm confident that we will learn about his vision. It is our responsibility then to determine how we can best do our part in promoting that service to our District, club by club. It's what we do, "We Serve".

Lion Warren Allender, 1st Vice District Governor

A Message From 2nd Vice District Governor Jackie Kurley



As I pen this article, our International Convention in Boston has just wrapped up and everyone is returning highly motivated. We also just celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the Mishawaka Club - two events that really get you thinking about all the remarkable things we accomplish as Lions.

Our International President, Dr Patti Hill, talked about the environment, about service, and introduced Mission 1.5. Mission 1.5 is our goal of growing to 1.5 million members by 2027. She reminded everyone that LCIF had a lofty goal of raising 300 million dollars in a 3-year period and we exceeded that goal by 25 million dollars. She noted that whenever Lions get a challenge, we rise to the occasion.

Ok, so how do we get over this hump of 1.4 million that we have had for like the past 30 years? We ASK! I became a Lion 8 years ago, and what stayed in my mind was the phrase, "Just Ask!". At two different conferences, I witnessed us getting 2 members just because at the end of a presentation, the moderator "just asked" the presenter if they would become a Lion, and they accepted. We need to ask. I have also heard numerous stories about how it took so long for Mabel to become a Lion because no one would invite her to join. We engage with people every day of our lives. Why not start a conversation about the Lions? If you wear your pin everywhere that could spark a conversation. When someone asks, "what's new?", you can show your enthusiasm for the service project you just completed. Invite those people to a service project. Let those acquaintances see what we as Lions do and the satisfaction, we get from serving others.

Another great analogy I read was closing the back door. Folks, we not only need to get new members to increase our service to "Change the World," but we also need to quit losing our members out the back door. Obviously, we are all going to depart this earth at some time. Death is inevitable. But, please, do not let our current Lions quit us. Are we doing everything we can to make sure that our present members feel needed? Are we making sure our members have a task to do that makes them feel they are contributing to their club? I felt like I was punched in the gut when I had a member come up to me and say that she was thinking about quitting the club because she just did not feel she could contribute anything to the club. She was in declining health and felt useless to our club. First, we talked about her gift of gab and what she might be able to do to help the club. Then we talked about what she was comfortable doing without any strenuous activity. We came up with reintroducing the collection of pop tabs as a donation to Ronald McDonald House, and assisting another member with scheduling visits to other clubs. She was thrilled. She had her bucket out at every meeting reminding us to collect those tabs. She also collaborated with our club Matriarch to schedule visits, helping both remain active as members. She remained a Lion until her recent death. Calling members that have not been to a meeting lately, writing thank you cards to a guest speaker, checking members in at the meeting, or just greeting are some things our members can do to feel a part of the Lions. It is our job to make sure our Lions do not quit us.

I am sure we will be receiving a lot more information on Mission 1.5 soon. In the meantime, make sure you "Just Ask", and make sure you keep that back door closed.

Lion Jackie Kurley, 2nd Vice District Governor

A Message From Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Kim Polk



I hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer. We were able to vacation in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan with our family the first of July. It is a place of peace and relaxation for us. Our granddaughter provided all the entertainment we needed.



Secretary Items:

- District Meeting, Saturday, August 5th at Peru. If you have not mailed your reservation, please call or email me your reservation. This will assist the Peru Club in their planning.
- The transition to the New Lion Portal will not occur until the fall. In the meantime Clubs still need to do their reporting of membership and activities on MYLion or MYLCI. If you have questions, please reach out to me.
- There are 8 Clubs who have not updated this year's officers in LCI as of this writing. If you are having difficulty with this, please contact me.
- Club Excellence Award Application is due to PDG Brian Thomas this month. He needs to submit them to LCI by August 31, 2023. If you need more information about this award, please contact me.
- Banner Night is Saturday, August 26th. Cost is \$28.00. **Reservations with payment must be received by August 16th.** Reservations after this date or at the door will be \$33.00.

Treasurer Items:

- Dues Invoices were emailed/mailed out the first part of July. Thank you to those clubs who have paid their dues. For those who have not paid by July 31, you will receive a statement requesting payment. Your prompt payment is appreciated and allows the District and Multidistrict to operate.
- **Administrative vs Activities (Program) Funds:**
 - Administrative Funds are used for the internal running of the club. Income from dues, tail-twisting and money raised directly from members. Expenses for international dues, district dues, printing, postage and other costs related to club operations.
 - Activities (Program) Funds are used to fulfill the exempt purposes and goals of the club. Income from public fundraising projects. Expenses for the direct costs of the fundraising, as well as donations and charitable activities of the club.
 - Remember: Under no circumstances may the net income (from money raised through public club projects or activities) be used in any manner whatsoever for administrative expenditures, (such as compensating for club dues).
 - If you are a new Treasurer and were unable to attend the Officer Training in June, I would be glad to answer any questions you may have about keeping accurate records for your club.

We Serve

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Global Leadership Team

Is It Too Late To Be A Zone Chair?



This isn't a hard question. The answer for every thinking Lion is no. And just what does a Zone Chairperson do for you?

Just to review: Every District is subdivided into Regions and Zones. In District 25-G, we have four Regions, and each Region has at least two Zones, just enough so that each Zone has no more than five or six Clubs in it. Each Zone has a Chairperson (if all the positions can be filled, which is an annual issue for each District Governor and the Global Leadership Team Coordinator).

Zone Chairs can no longer be Past District Governors and terms are limited. Thus each District needs a steady supply of Lions interested in leadership positions who have been Presidents in their own Clubs and wanting to do still more.

Being a Zone Chairperson means more than just an annual visit to a Club, chairing a few multi-Club meetings, or even just showing up at District Cabinet meetings. Being a Zone Chair means keeping a commitment to the District and to the Clubs in the Zone to watch out for their well-being, as well as keeping the typically overly-busy District Governor apprised of what's really happening in that small part of the District.

However, this does not mean that the Zone Chair is a snitch to the Governor, nor does it mean that the Zone Chair rules the Clubs. The Zone Chair is not some sort of super President. The Zone Chair is there to provide support to each Club, to visit as often as desired, and to offer advice, not orders. For instance, the Zone Chair cannot order a Club to contribute to LCIF, but only encourage the Club to do so. The Zone Chair cannot tell you how to run your meetings, only offer suggestions as to what might make them operate more smoothly or stay within LCI rules and policies. The Zone Chair cannot order you to have a fish fry but can suggest other fundraisers that might be successful in your area, either as a single Club or as partners with another Club.

While the Zone Chair may focus on the Clubs, the Zone Chair should also pass along information from the District Governor, the Multiple District, or Lions International itself to help the Clubs become more informed as to what is happening outside of the local Club. Thus the Zone Chair becomes a discreet pipeline carrying information to and from each Club.

The Zone Chair is also equipped to help with new member inductions, officer installations, and even memorial services. Zone Chairs can provide you with tips as to who sits at head tables, the proper sequence for introducing guests, and what Lions awards are available. They can also discuss with you keeping your Club legal and that touchy question about what your two accounts can be used for.

All in all, the position of Zone Chair is a wonderful position. It will be one that I will miss. I've made some great friends, seen some awesome projects, and been able to present some awards that were much deserved. It has been, for me, undoubtedly the most enjoyable job I've ever had in Lions.

So be sure to check with your District Governor to volunteer your services. Don't wait for him or her to come calling. Enjoy the best year in Lions you'll ever have. How about it?

PCC Dave Eisen, Global Leadership Team Coordinator

Celebrating Service

Club: Middlebury Lions Club Charter Date: August 31, 2016 Years of Service: 7

District 25-G recognizes our newest club, the Middlebury Lions Club. They are the only club in District 25-G that was chartered during the month of August. The Middlebury Lions Club was sponsored by the Dunlap Lions Club. The club is very active in their community and at the District, State & International level. Congratulations Middlebury Lions on serving your community for 7 years.

Global Membership Team

"Together We Can And Together We Will"



In last month's report, I expressed concern about the District's **DOWNWARD** trend in membership. How do we change our **DOWNWARD** curve to an **UPWARD** curve?

Let's begin this Lions year with a focus on "Being Visible". Lions everywhere are doing a great thing with a great attitude and keeping Lions events in the forefront of club activities. People don't join if they don't know who Lions are or the good work they are doing. Keep being visible; here are some ways:

1. Wear something with a Lion logo such as a cap or shirt. People will ask about it.
2. Get a Lions license plate on your vehicle.
3. Find a way for your club to do visible service in the community, possibly by partnering with another local organization.
4. Get articles about all the service your club does into your local news outlets. Do a little bragging!
5. Chat with other club members about ways they would like to help in their community. The more ideas, the better.
6. Have a member information night that showcases the service your club does. Along with that, have a club contest to see who can bring the most guests to this event.
7. I am sure each of you Lions have other ideas about how your club can be more visible in your community. Let your club leaders know your ideas. Go for it!

Whatever you do, have fun doing it.

- Thank you for all of the time and energy you put into your club and your community.
- Thank you for helping others understand Lionism.
- **Thank you for being a Lion!**

PDG Marlyn Fast, Global Membership Team Coordinator

Here We Grow Again

During the 2022-2023 Lions year, 29 district clubs welcomed 66 new or returning Lions to the largest and greatest volunteer service organization in the world. Since the start of the new Lions year, 1 club has added 1 new member. We welcome these new Lions and thank their sponsors for offering them the opportunity to make a difference in their communities and the world. The following new members were not previously listed in the newsletter.

Argos Lions Club

New Member: Lion Monte McCollough
Sponsor: Lion Eugene Cooper

Plymouth Lions Club

New Member: Lion Edward Kelso
Sponsor: Lion Barry Capper

Mexico Lions Club

New Member: Lion Jerry Fry II
Sponsor: Lion William Love

North Manchester Lions Club

New Member: Lion Haley Bryant
Sponsor: Lion Karen Fawcett

New Member: Lion Kari Gish
Sponsor: Lion Karen Fawcett

Global Service Team



As we go into the dog days of summer, it's a good time to review the activities you want to accomplish as a club. Set up the necessary committees to get a good start for the rest of the year. The more planning that is achieved, the better chance for a successful activity. Your activities include service projects, fund raising events, advocating for various causes, and District meetings and conventions.

Always be on the lookout for a new need within your communities and in surrounding areas where your help may be required. DG Ron's motto for this year is "Lions in Action", so keep that in mind as you go through this year. We all need to stay active to be a successful club.

One activity to consider as a club is to help out the Indiana Lions Foundation by working at the Indiana State Fair. Their work shifts are 6 1/2 hours. so there is time to enjoy the fair as well. The fair started on July 28 and ends on August 20. Sign up is on the Indiana Lions Foundation web site at <https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/what-we-do/indiana-state-fair-volunteer/>.

"WE SERVE"

Lion Al Beehler, Global Service Team Coordinator

A Message From PR Chairman PDG Marty Juel

All those logos!!!



Marketing your club is crucial for growing membership. In doing so, it's important to remain consistent with Lions Clubs International (now called simply Lions International, but more on this next month) branded materials to maintain the brand equity we've built over the last century. This article features the tools you need to publicize your club's events, updates, recruitment and more while staying true to the Lions brand.

Lions clubs are completely autonomous. However, one of the reasons that members choose to join a club is because they identify with what our association stands for as a whole. Correctly using the graphic elements, verbal tone and personality developed by Lions Clubs International will ensure that all clubs are communicating clearly and effectively with a unified voice.

The link below provides several links to download the approved Lions' logos and emblems you can use for your club. Plus, be sure to download the 'Our brand guidelines' for additional information. If you want to develop a special brochure, you can also several templates that you can customize for your club.

Now, can you answer which of the above logos are approved by Lions International for use by your club?

Use this link: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/brand-guidelines>.

PDG Marty Juel, District PR Chairman
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News From Around the District

Eyeglasses Shipped for Mexican Eyeglass Mission

On June 29, more than 13,600 pairs of used eyeglasses were shipped to Mexico for this year's eyeglass mission in Uriangato, GTO Mexico. In addition, more than 4,000 pairs were shipped to Ceredil, a Lions eyeglass recycling center located in Chihuahua, Mexico. The Lion who facilitates getting our glasses over the border from El Paso operates this facility and will use these glasses to support other missions in northern Mexico. There are certain prescriptions we receive in excess of our needs each year so we periodically send them for use by Ceredil.

Our work, however, does not stop when the glasses are shipped. We are already busy collecting and processing glasses for the 2024 mission. Crews are scheduled to sort, clean, and continue reading prescriptions, and ultimately filing and packaging the eyeglasses for shipment next year.

If your club would like additional information, including a program that details the numerous steps taken in the district's eyeglass processing center, please contact PDG Marty Juel, marty@martyjuel.com, or (574) 322-1660.



Lions loading glasses at the district's eyeglass processing center were (l. to r.): John Krzyzanowski, Clay-Granger Lion; Merv Bontrager, former Dunlap Lion; Marlin Culp, Elkhart Lion; John Preheim, Dunlap Lion; and PDG Marlyn Fast, Dunlap Lion. Not shown, PDG Marty Juel, Elkhart Lion.

Unloading boxes to be shipped are: (l. to r.) Lion Marlin Culp, Lion John Krzyzanowski (in truck), PDG Marlyn Fast, and Lion John Preheim.

(Submitted by PDG Marty Juel, Elkhart Lions Club)

Greene Township Lions Club Train Spotted in The Lakes Magazine

The July 2023 issue of The Lakes magazine includes an article about Camp Millhouse, a residential camp for children and adults with special needs. The print version of the article includes a photo of the Greene Township Lions Club train, which makes weekly visits to the camp. You can read the article on the magazine's website at <https://townepost.com/listing/camp-millhouse/>, but you will need to find a print copy of the magazine to see the photo of the train.

(Submitted by PCC David Eisen, Mishawaka Lions Club)

News From Around the District

Lakeville Lions Club Food Booth Featured on Local TV News

On the final day of the 2023 St. Joseph County 4-H Fair, a news team from WNDU Channel 16 visited the Lakeville Lions Club food booth at the 4-H Fair and interviewed Lion Max Feitz and Lion Mike Wozny, who were working the breakfast shift. Lion Anne Weber reported that Lion Max and Lion Mike did a terrific job talking about the Lakeville Lions Club and the Club's long history with the St. Joseph County 4-H Fair—this is the club's 80th year of being involved with the St. Joseph County 4-H Fair.



Above left: Lion Mike Wozny, Lion Max Feitz, and Lion Max's granddaughter Celeste Feitz worked the breakfast shift on the last day of the 4-H Fair.

Above center and right: Lion Mike and Lion Max were interviewed by the Channel 16 News team.

(Submitted by Lion Anne Weber, Lakeville Lions Club)

Madison Township Lions Present Scholarships, Work at District Eyeglass Recycling Center

In June, the Madison Township Lions Club presented scholarships to students from three area high schools—Bremen, Mishawaka, and Penn.



Left to right: Club President Greg Hunsberger (R) presented a scholarship to Elaina Wright, a Penn High School graduate.

Club President Lion Greg Hunsberger presented a scholarship to Samantha Simons a Bremen High School graduate.

Lion Doug Moore (R) presented a scholarship to Jayden Hanley a Mishawaka High School graduate.

On July 11, five members of the Madison Township Lions Club worked at the District Eyeglass Recycling Center in Dunlap.

Right: (l. to r.) Madison Township Lions Doug Moore, Mike Hunsberger, Al Beehler, Larry Kulczar, and Tom Green dry and inspect washed eyeglasses at the District 25-G Eyeglass Recycling Center in Dunlap, Indiana.

(Submitted by Lion Al Beehler, Madison Township Lions Club)



News From Around the District

Syracuse Lions Hold Annual Fish Fry

The Syracuse Lions Club held their annual fish fry fund-raiser on July 7th at the Syracuse Community Center. Members of the Syracuse High School Honor Society served as "car hops" at the drive-through and walk-up event.



A beautiful day for a fish fry in Syracuse. Cars are lined up for drive-through Jonah Fish and the walk-up table is in the background.

(Submitted by Lion Marie Butler-Knight, Syracuse Lions Club)



Lion Doris Yoder assisted two walk-up customers. Penny Pruitt and her Girl Scout team shared the table, selling cookies.

Grass Creek Lions Celebrate 50 Years of Service

There was a huge rolling roarrrrrr in downtown Grass Creek as the Lions celebrated 50 years of Lionism and our mantra, "We Serve"! Hosting multiple clubs from District 25-G, more than 250 Lions, family members, and friends converged on the pavilion and town park to enjoy the beautiful day!!! Roasting two hogs with the trimmings and multiple home cooked desserts and ice cream followed by the installation of officers and celebration of club members milestones were highlights on the agenda.



Left to Right: Pinnacle awards were conveyed to Lion Dale Herrold 40-year member, Lion Roger Field 50-year member, installed and recognized by District Governor Lion Ron Guth of the Peru Lions Club, and club President Lion Jim Dague, also a 50-year member and a member of the Indiana Racing Lions.

Each member received a special pin reflecting the image of the Grass Creek Lions Club Friendship banner specially designed by Lion Martin Van Meter and his wife Lion Sherry Van Meter. The community's passion and love for agriculture that embraces the town is prominently emblazoned at the top with the Lions logo and the 50-year notation.

(Submitted by Lion Jeri Good, Rochester Lions Club)



News From Around the District

Mishawaka Lions Celebrate A Century of Service

More than 80 Lions and guests attended the Mishawaka Lions Club's 100th Anniversary Celebration on Wednesday, July 12th at the Chicory Event Center in Mishawaka. Past Council Chair David Eisen served as the master of ceremonies and introduced Mishawaka Mayor Dave Wood, who presented a mayoral proclamation which designated the day as Mishawaka Lions Club Day. Past International Director Nick Xinopoulos of the Brownsburg Lions Club and District Governor Ron Guth of the Peru Lions Club were the guest speakers. PID Nick presented International President's Certificates of Appreciation to Lion Richard Currey, Lion Becky Wertz, Lion Colleen Hesch, and Past Council Chair Dave Eisen.

The first organizational meeting of the group that would become the Mishawaka Lions Club was held on June 23, 1923 with 13 men in attendance. The club was authorized by LCI on July 12, 1923 under a special dispensation because it did not yet have the required 25 members. The additional members were soon recruited and the Club's charter was formally presented on November 16, 1923. The Mishawaka Lions Club was the 12th Lions Club chartered in Indiana.

Below left: Mishawaka Lions Club members with Past International Director Nick Xinopoulos.

Below right: Mishawaka Mayor Dave Wood presents the Proclamation to PCC Dave Eisen.



Above (l. to r.) International President's Certificates of Appreciation recipients Lion Richard Currey, Lion Becky Wertz, and Lion Colleen Hesch, with PID Nick, DG Ron, and PCC Dave.

Left: PID Nick presented an IP Certificate of Appreciation to PCC Dave.

Right: PID Nick presented his Friendship Banner to Club President Lion Sarah Hickle.



(Photos by Lion Becky Wertz, Mishawaka Lions Club & PDG Paul Russell, Lakeville Lions Club)

State Project Update

LaFontaine Lions Invite You to Blinq Vision Screening Training

Members of your Lions Club are invited to the LaFontaine Community Building, 105 W. Branson Street, LaFontaine, IN on Monday, August 7, 2023 at 6:30 pm for a training session by Sheila Christoff of Operation KidSight on the new Blinq vision screener. This screener is a new device that utilizes a new technology to more accurately and quickly detect strabismus ("cross eyed") and amblyopia ("lazy eye"). These vision defects affect an estimated 4% of the population and the sooner they are discovered, the higher the likelihood of success in correcting them. The American Academy of Family Physicians considers amblyopia "a major health problem and is the leading cause of monocular vision loss in children and young adults". The group recommends that all children between the ages of 3 and 5 be screened for the condition (Amblyopia Detection/Prevention). As Lions, vision projects have been a cornerstone project for our organization and are an important way for us to have significant impact on the local communities that we serve.

Come join us on Monday evening, August 7th, to see how to use the Blinq screener and how your club can make an impact on the lives of children in your community. It is another way for us, as Lions, to make a difference.

Please let me know how many are coming from the club, or feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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Our State Projects



VISIONFIRST
Indiana Lions Eye Bank



Volunteer to work for the Indiana Lions Foundation at the 2023 Indiana State Fair ----- July 28th - August 20th

Want to visit the Indiana State Fair and save money? Work at the State Fair for the Indiana Lions Foundation as a ticket seller, monitor, scanner, or hand stamper and you do not have to pay either the admission or parking fees. Sorry, you still have to buy your own fair food! Work the morning shift and you'll be finished by 2:30, which is still plenty of time to visit the fair, or come in the morning, enjoy the fair, and check in at our booth at 2:00 for the afternoon shift.

Need a place to stay if you're volunteering for more than one day at the State Fair? There are two options this year. Three bedrooms are available for your use at the Indiana School for the Blind and 4 camping spaces at the Indiana State Fairgrounds are reserved for Foundation use. Both options are FREE and on a first come first serve basis. Call Lion Rose Russell, Indiana Foundation State Fair Committee member, at 574-250-0125 to make your reservation or for more information.

Who can volunteer to work for the Indiana Lions Foundation at the Indiana State Fair? A person need not be a Lion to volunteer at the Indiana State Fair. Ask your friends, your children, and grandchildren to volunteer – all are welcome who are at least 15 years old.

What are the starting and ending times for the shifts? There are four shifts available this year. The start time listed for each shift is the time you are expected to check in at our booth. These times have changed from previous years.

5:30 am—8:30 am Volunteers on this shift will earn 1 W.P. Woods credit.

8:00 am—2:30 pm Volunteers on this shift will earn 1 W.P. Woods credit.

2:00 pm—8:30 pm Volunteers on this shift will earn 2 W.P. Woods credits.

4:00 pm—8:30 pm Volunteers on this shift will earn 1 W.P. Woods credit.



Sign up today to make new friends and renew old friendships with Lions from all over the state.

Scan the QR code on the left with the camera on your smartphone, or enter the following URL to go directly to our State Fair signup page.

**[https://IndianaLionsFoundationMD25.org/what-we-do/
Indiana-state-fair-volunteer/](https://IndianaLionsFoundationMD25.org/what-we-do/Indiana-state-fair-volunteer/)**

For more information, contact any member of the Indiana Lions Foundation State Fair Committee.

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2023 FULTON FESTIVAL LINEUP
SATURDAY, AUGUST 5
THEME: "Our Library-Our Town-Our History"
A 100+ Years Journey

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8:00 a.m.	MUSHBALL TOURNAMENT sponsored by Towne Home Furnishing
8:00– 10:00	LIONS BREAKFAST sponsored by Rochester Telephone Co. and Rochester FORD
8:30	5K RACE/WALK begins – sponsored by Caston Cross Country
9 – Noon	LIBRARY BOOK SALE & CASTON ELEMENTARY ART SHOW sponsored by The Smith, Sawyer & Smith Agency
11:00 – 1:00+	LIONS PORKBURGERS STAND sponsored by Zane's LP Gas LLC
11:00 – 1:00	LIONS POPCORN STAND sponsored by Mary's Stitch "N Knit
12:00 – 12:45	PARADE sponsored by Zimmerman Brothers Funeral Home
1:00 – 5:00	LIONS SOUND SYSTEM MUSIC - stage
1:00	PEDAL TRACTOR PULL sponsored by Evans Agency LLC
1:00 – on	LIONS ICE CREAM STAND sponsored by Solid Waste District and RTC
1:00 – 2:00	CHALK ART CONTEST – sponsored by McGrew's Well Drilling
1:00 – 4:00	DUNK TANK - sponsored by Mike's Trash
1:30 – 3:00	PRINCESS MAKEOVERS - sponsored by Flirt Boutique
1:30	DOUBLES HORSESHOE TOURNEY sponsored by Craig Welding
2:00	FREE BINGO – Pavilion One sponsored by Affordable Hearing Store
2:00	PUPPET SHOW – Library Staff at the Stage
2:00 – 4:00	FREE BOUNCE HOUSES – sponsored by Fulton Baptist Temple
2:00 – 7:00	SOFTBALL U14 - Round Robin Tournament
3:00 – 4:00	STREET MAGICIAN-NORM BASILLE sponsored by Beacon Credit Union
4:00	MARK'S ARK ANIMAL SHOW sponsored by 12 Mile Vet Clinic, Republic First National, and Macy Elevator LLC
4:00	LIONS FREE POPCICLES for YOUTH sponsored by Ag Source
4:00	FREE THROW & 3 POINT CONTESTS sponsored by Affordable Hearing
4:30	ELEM and MIDDLE SCHOOL 3-on-3 TOURNAMENTS sponsored by The Winning Edge
5:00	EUCHRE TOURNAMENT
5:30 – 8:30	ADAM GUNDRUM ACOUSTIC GUITAR SHOW sponsored by Zimpleman Excavating , INC
6:00	CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT sponsored by Baker Vacuum LLC
6:00	HIGH SCHOOL & OPEN 3-on-3 TOURNAMENT sponsored by The Winning Edge

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Peru Lions Club
 First Baptist Church
 53 E. Main St. • Peru, IN
 Fellowship Hall entrance
 off Wabash Street
 (Elevator lift under awning)

Saturday
August 5, 2023
Breakfast: 9 - 9:30 am
Meeting 9:30 am - Noon

\$6⁰⁰ ea.

Continental breakfast- Assorted pastries, fruits and beverages. Please register so we'll know how many Lions to expect.

You haven't been to Circus City? Be sure to sign up and plan on attending District Governor Ron Guth's first district meeting for 2023-24. In addition to the usual updates, learn about the mission and goals he's established for the district and meet the district's leadership team for this coming year. And, experience the great hospitality of the Peru Lions.

1st DISTRICT MEETING RESERVATIONS

Name _____ Club _____

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Mail this reservation and your check payable to District 25-G to:

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Camp Alexander Mack
1113 Camp Mack Road
Milford, IN 46542

August 26, 2023
5 pm Social Hour
6 pm Dinner

BRING YOUR BANNER TO RECOGNIZE YOUR CLUB

\$28⁰⁰ ea.

Dinner Includes:

Chicken Cordon Bleu, Pot Roast, Parsley Potatoes, Vegetable Mix,
Salad, Assorted Cream and Fruit Pies

*** Reservations with payment must be received by August 16, 2023. Any payments received after this date or at the door will have an additional \$5 fee.**



BANNER NIGHT RESERVATIONS

Name _____ Club _____

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Name _____ Club _____

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Name _____ Club _____

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ for _____ reservations at \$28 each.

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August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 DG Visit Dunlap LC	4	5 District Meeting, Peru
6 Work at State Fair	7 KidSight Training @ LaFontaine	8	9	10 DG Visit Leesburg LC	11	12
13 Work at State Fair	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Work at State Fair	21	22	23 DG Visit Culver LC	24	25	26 Banner Night, Camp Mack
27 Eyeglass Mission Meeting	28	29	30	31		



September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 25-D Banner Night
10 Vision First Meeting	11	12	13	14	15	16 25-B Banner Night
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Eyeglass Mission to Mexico
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Mark Your Calendar

Aug 5, 2023 District Meeting #1
1st Baptist Church, Peru, Indiana

Aug 26, 2023 Banner Night
Camp Mack, Milford, Indiana

Oct 21, 2023 District Meeting #2
Madison Township Lions Club, Wyatt, Indiana

Jan 19-20, 2024 Mid-Winter Conference
Indianapolis, Indiana

Mar 8-9, 2024 Dist. Conv. & Dist. Meeting #3
Honeywell Center, Wabash, Indiana

Apr 26-28, 2024 State Convention
Noblesville, Indiana

May 18, 2024 District Meeting #4
Leesburg, Indiana

