

# Lions Tales

**DISTRICT 25-G**

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

District Governor Brian Thomas 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 574-596-7411, or send an email message to brian10k@aol.com.

## A Message from District Governor Brian Thomas

One of my travels with Lion Susan several weeks ago was to Milford for the visitation for PDG Bud Seely in Milford. On the way home, Lion Susan, being a new Lion, had many questions as to why PDG Bud was so important to District 25-G. After several stories about the Seely's and some of the long-standing clubs and projects in District 25-G, she remarked that we had quite a heritage. Out of the mouths of babes! That



answer got me to thinking about the heritage that we do have in 25-G dating back to our formation in 1956. The stories about clubs that have lasted almost a hundred years, the projects that have impacted communities and lives, the long running fund raisers that have provided the funds for projects and initiatives and of course the countless number of Lions that have been the basis of those stories.

All associations and service groups have a heritage that they can look back on with pride. A heritage can provide the foundation for memories and the incentive to continue forward. Any heritage that is honored can provide a rock hard foundation, but a heritage can be as fragile as a snowflake if it is not continuously nurtured by current members who continue the efforts of their predecessors and strive to breathe new life into respective clubs and their communities. A heritage does not guarantee success - we have a hundred-year-old club in South Bend that has disbanded, and we have a second club in a vibrant community that is beginning the process of folding. These are not events that have happened suddenly, but rather have been the result of slow decline in interest and effort. Is this the future of Lions in 25-G? It doesn't have to be, if every Lion takes the time and effort to ensure their respective clubs are vital to their community and also offers membership whenever possible!

It's certainly not doom and gloom in District 25-G by any stretch of the imagination - we all have climbed out of the morass of COVID and are meeting, running projects and fundraisers, and participating in our communities and district activities.

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## A Message from District Governor Brian Thomas

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Most importantly, we are welcoming new members into Lions - everywhere I have visited I have had the honor of inducting new members. New Lions who will forge their own path in Lions and contribute to the heritage we all enjoy.

Hope you all had a fun Halloween, a thoughtful Thanksgiving and will enjoy a very merry Christmas.

### Club Visitations

I recently had a new President from a club inquire why I hadn't come to visit his club. Being a new President, he hadn't been advised on the protocol of a District Governor visit. I don't just "pop in" to visit a club. I need to be invited to a regular or special meeting, so that I may put it onto my schedule. The goal of all District Governors is to visit all the clubs in their District, but that can't occur without preplanning. I would love to make the trip with Ms. Susan to your club so please let me know.

Yours in Lionism,

Brian Thomas, District Governor 2022-23

"Making our lives better by making other lives better"

### Thought for the Month

"It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool, than to open it and remove all doubt." — Mark Twain

### Outside the Box Suggestions

1. Ask your club members to secure coloring books and crayons for children in a local hospital.
2. Take baked goods to a local police/fire station.
3. Sponsor a Santa Claus for Christmas and hold a party for the community.
4. Babysit children during a PTA meeting.
5. Host a holiday meal for senior citizens.
6. Decorate a tree in your community with coats, scarves, gloves/mittens for needy or homeless to take.
7. Foster animals that shelters don't have room for.
8. Build little borrowing libraries for locations around town.
9. Paint park benches.
10. Conduct a Diabetes Awareness program at a club meeting.

## Where Is Your District Governor?

We've had good responses to the previous pictures of my whereabouts. I am keeping score toward the year-end prize.

The previous locations have been:

August: With lion statues outside the Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge, Massachusetts

September: With lion statues at the Indiana Lions State Office in Indianapolis

October: With my lion statue on the stage at the Lerner Theater in Elkhart

November: At my favorite Lions project, "Flags from the Heart" in Elkhart

December: What's your guess?

Send your guess to DG Brian by email at [brian10k@aol.com](mailto:brian10k@aol.com).



## A Message From 1st Vice District Governor Ron Guth



Welcome to my little corner of the December district newsletter.

Has it really been four weeks since my last note to all of you? It's amazing how much has happened in the last month with training for my upcoming year. Lions Clubs International takes the training program for incoming District Governors seriously! September and October had Zoom calls with my fellow incoming DGs from the US and around the world, and structured programs online via the LCI learning center. In November, several more Zoom calls with a group of 27 future DGs and then four days of training at the Indiana Lions state office in Indy. More Zoom and online training sessions are scheduled in December and January, and then travel to St. Charles, IL for three more days in February. All of this is to prepare me for working with the finest group of Lions in Indiana! Please know that following in DG Brian's footsteps will be no easy task next year, but I will find snow shoes if needed this winter. (I hope not!)

Last month, I talked about membership and I could continue with the same message because the need for new members is great, but instead I'll say "I'm grateful". I'm blessed with working side by side with Lions serving others in need. My home club in Peru gave warm clothes, blankets and bears for children to our local FOP to distribute to needy families. A donation was given to our local food bank to help those in need to help make sure the lights and heat stay on in their homes. I was fortunate to attend a meeting with the Fulton Liberty Lions Club where they were discussing repairs and upgrades to the Christmas décor they display in Fulton, and a Christmas movie event for the children. Another evening, I attended a Mexico Lions Club meeting as they discussed repairs they were making to the red arrow "Mexico" sign we have all seen as we pass by on US 31. The following week, they were headed up to North Miami Elementary School for vision screening. These are just a few examples I saw this month and I'm confident that I would have seen the same type of events happening in most of the Lions clubs in our district.

I am thankful to be part of this great association of Lions and what we give to others during this holiday season and throughout the year. Lion Beth and I wish that you and your families have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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### On the Road With 1VDG Ron Guth



Left: 1VDG Ron presented a 10-year chevron to Lion Betty Pugh during a Fulton Liberty Lions Club meeting on October 25th. Lion Betty has served as a club officer for 4 years including President and LCIF Coordinator.

Right: 1VDG Ron presented his "More than you wanted to know about boilers" 5-minute speech during 1VDG training on November 13th at the Indiana Lions State Office in Indianapolis.

*Submitted by 1VDG Ron Guth, Peru Lions Club*



## Call for Nominations



## District Officers/ Trustee Positions Open for Nominations

Letters of intent and club endorsement letters for the 2023 District 25-G elections are now being accepted for the following officer positions: **District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor**. Also to be elected at the District Convention will be trustees for the **Indiana Lions Foundation** (3-year term) and the following state projects: **Indiana Lions Cancer Control Fund, Inc.** (3-year term); **Vision First Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Inc.** (3-year term); **Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc.** (3-year term); **Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc.** (3-year term); **Indiana Lions for Leader Dog, Inc.** (3-year term). Each candidate must submit his/her own letter of intent to run. Additionally, the candidate's home club must submit a letter of recommendation. Both letters must be submitted to the Chairman of the Nominations and Elections Committee **prior to** the February 25th District Meeting. Letters can be submitted to *PDG Marty Juel, Nominations Chair, 3204 Village Court, Goshen, IN 46528*.

## Announcement of Special Election for 2nd Vice District Governor

### Special Election Set for District Meeting on February 25th

Since the beginning of the current Lions year, we have not had a 2nd Vice District Governor. DG Brian Thomas has called for a special election to fill this position. The election will be held at the next District Meeting in Leesburg on February 25, 2023. The District Cabinet, composed of the District Governor, the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors, the Immediate Past District Governor, Zone Chairpersons, Region Chairpersons if they are used, Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer or Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Treasurer, GLT District Coordinator, GMT District Coordinator, GST District Coordinator, and LCIF District Coordinator, and the District Governor's Honorary Committee will consider Lion Warren Allender for this position for the remainder of the current term.



**Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference**  
**With the Power of You, Together We Can**  
**January 20-21, 2023**  
**Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport**  
**Download information & registration form at**  
**[indianalions.org](http://indianalions.org)**



## A Message From Cabinet Secretary PDG Marty Juel



# Here's an easy way to find potential members

We've all heard the same story: "I've asked every person I know and NOBODY is interested in joining." Well, how about asking a person who already said "Yes"? How can that be, you ask? We all know that recruiting new members is a whole lot harder than keeping current members. But how about contacting FORMER members of your club?

Lions leave for a variety of reasons, some we know about, others we don't. After a period of time, situations may change and a former member may once again be 'ripe' for recruiting. But how do you identify these potential members?

LCI has a terrific tool that all clubs should use and refer to often in looking for members. Club secretaries can go to MyLCI and print a list of dropped members going back 20 years. Then you can review each person and determine if that person's situation has changed (kids are grown up, job changes, etc.) that might provide an opportunity to 'recruit' that former Lion to rejoin. One club secretary reported that her club had 80 dropped members in the last 20 years. In our district, we have dropped over 3000 members in the last 20 years. This does include deceased members and individuals who may have moved, but there are probably a lot of potential former Lions to contact and discuss their rejoining.

Here's how to create the report: Go to MyLCI, login and select 'My Lions Club'. On the drop down list, select 'Members'. On the right side, click 'Find Members' and on the next drop down list, select 'DROPPED MEMBERS'. That will display a list of all dropped members for the last 20 years.

PDG Marty Juel, Cabinet Secretary

## A Message From Cabinet Treasurer Lion Kim Polk



As I write this article, our temperatures are cold for this time of year. Our pond is frozen over. Warm temperatures are forecasted for this week, so that ice will go away.

As we are coming to the end of 2022, your Club Treasurer will want to work with your Club Secretary to make sure your club's member count is correct as of 12/31/22. LCI will be sending out dues invoices for the second half of the year based on your club's member count as of 12/31/22. I will be sending out invoices for State and District dues to your club based on this member count in early January.

PDG Tom & I wish each one of you a Merry Christmas.

Together We Can,

Lion Kim Polk, Cabinet Treasurer

## Global Leadership Team

### The Unsuccessful Skydivers Club



Now that I've got your attention, stop to think about what kind of meetings the Unsuccessful Skydivers must have: small attendance, lack of service projects, only speakers on medical topics, lots of room for wheelchairs, and little enthusiasm for recruiting new members.

Unfortunately, that seems to describe some of our own Lions Club meetings. Lengthy, boring, lots of finger drumming, and out-of-control discussion are just some of the reasons we lose far too many Lions. So what can we do to have more effective meetings?

First of all, let's take a closer look at our meetings. Perhaps it's time to have a survey, either written or oral, outlining what members like or dislike about Club meetings. If there is a consistent theme, maybe it's time to make some changes. After all, why do we have these meetings in the first place? Two good reasons: to keep members informed and enthusiastic, and to keep the entire Club running successfully.

What I'd like to discuss is the meeting process and the Club President. A successful meeting depends largely on the Club President, the presiding officer. With the help of a good Secretary, the President determines the success or failure of a meeting. Step one is a good, printed agenda. Step two is preparation. Step three is a basic knowledge of parliamentary procedure, and step four is the willingness to keep the meeting moving.

A good agenda keeps the meeting on track and hopefully on schedule. In a typical meeting, there are generally only a few major items that need to be covered. The committee reports and guest speakers should predominate, again controlled so that, for instance, the guest speaker doesn't grossly overrun the 20-minute time slot he had been assigned. A good agenda also allows for some flexibility, like officer-member interaction, but not so much that the meeting gets derailed over the brand of coffee being served.

Having a good, printed agenda in advance demands preparation. Do the work. Good Presidents do not announce "Well, what shall we talk about tonight? Anyone got any good ideas?" Comments like these immediately set members to mentally composing their resignation letters. Having a basic knowledge of parliamentary procedure is not that difficult. If you can't find a good summary, ask your Zone Chair, Global Leadership Chair, District Governor, or PDG Vern Tincher for a brief summary. Do not attempt to memorize Robert's Rules of Order.

And lastly, maintain a positive attitude. Allow for a little latitude in discussion, a very active Tail Twister, time for special member recognition, or new member inductions. Remember, the President is not the dictator. And please don't spend 15 minutes recounting your bad experience at your bank's ATM machine.

Large Club or small Club, you can have successful Club meetings. If you don't, consider joining the Unsuccessful Skydivers Club. They need healthy new members.

PCC Dave Eisen

*A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be. -- Rosalynn Carter*

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. -- Margaret Mead*

## Global Membership Team



What happened to November? We had beautiful weather all the way to a week before Thanksgiving, then everything changed from high 50's to lows 20's. After observing a top-four warmest start to November, cold air came crashing in. Just over 30 inches of snow fell at South Bend, Indiana from the 12th through the 20th. Similar snowfall totals were recorded in southwest Michigan.

I hope everyone was able to enjoy Turkey Day with family and friends. As we start getting ready for Christmas and shopping for our loved ones, we need to remember those that are less fortunate. We are helping those in need and being available to help with fruit baskets or Christmas baskets or breakfast with Santa Claus. We know this is the time for giving and as Lions that's what we do: WE SERVE in and around our community and where there is a need, there is a Lion!

I hope everyone has a wonderful December. I am available for any club visits and I look forward to seeing all your club photos showing what you are doing during the holiday season. I hope to see everyone from District 25-G at the Mid-Winter Conference in January 2023.

Thank you,  
PDG Mary Klempay, Global Membership Team  
Speech and Hearing Trustee  
Zone Chair R3-Z3

## Global Service Team



Lions, I hope everyone is having a great Holiday season. This is a prime time for Lions to be active in our communities. There are many families who can use the Lions help to put food on their tables during this time of the year. Whether a club sponsors a family and buys groceries for them or donates to a Food Pantry, we are showing a great amount of kindness.

Another way to show support is to donate gifts or make donations to Toys for Tots or to individual families. Remember the power of teamwork. So much good can be done by working together within our clubs, with other clubs, or neighboring organizations. Be sure to let your club leaders know the projects being completed so they can report them to LCI and local news outlets. It's in every Lion's best interest to tell your club's story of the good work being done.

I am interested in hearing about all the service being done in our district by our clubs. Talk to your club leadership and have them send me a report on great work you are accomplishing. I can use this information to give struggling clubs service ideas.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season.

Lion Al Beehler, Global Service Team



**Where There's A Need, There's A Lion!**  
**From July 2021 through June 2022, Lions and Leos served**  
**495 MILLION PEOPLE**  
**in communities around the world.**



## Here We Grow Again

Since July 1st, 19 district clubs have welcomed 31 new or returning Lions to the largest and greatest volunteer service organization in the world. We welcome these new Lions and thank their sponsors for offering them the opportunity to make a difference in their communities and the world.

### **Akron Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Emilee Manns  
Sponsor: Lion Joshua Manns

### **Atwood Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Jay Robinson  
Sponsor: Not reported

### **Baugo Township Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Jeff Broadwick  
Sponsor: Lion Dale Billet

### **Culver Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Gary Butler  
Sponsor: Lion Don Freese

New Member: Lion Mic Butler  
Sponsor: Lion Don Freese

New Member: Lion Lynn Crist  
Sponsor: Lion Barbara Winters

New Member: Lion Gail Orangias  
Sponsor: Lion Don Freese

### **Dunlap Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Shad Guyton  
Sponsor: Lion Pamela Bertrand

New Member: Lion Jay Michael  
Sponsor: Lion John McClure

### **Elkhart Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Susan Arneaud  
Sponsor: DG Brian Thomas

New Member: Lion Richard Trowbridge  
Sponsor: Lion William Van Patten

New Member: Lion Clarence Vetter, Jr.  
Sponsor: Not reported

### **LaFontaine Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Joseph Turner II  
Sponsor: Lion Stacey Turner

New Member: Lion Stacey Turner  
Sponsor: Lion Kim Polk

### **Lakeville Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Ethan Horner  
Sponsor: Lion Larry Ort

### **LaPaz Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Stephen Barber  
Sponsor: Lion Don Balka

### **Middlebury Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Cansie Witcher  
Sponsor: Lion Kelsey Tubbs

### **Millersburg Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Jerold Miller  
Sponsor: Lion Gary Kauffman

New Member: Lion Bradley Morehouse  
Sponsor: Lion Gary Kauffman

### **Mishawaka Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Katherine Sorg  
Sponsor: Lion Becky Wertz

New Member: Lion Barry Wertz  
Sponsor: Lion Becky Wertz

### **New Carlisle Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Tricia Snyder  
Sponsor: Lion Elva Sanders

### **North Manchester Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Kelly Kerlin  
Sponsor: Lion Katrina Kerlin

### **Peru Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Chad Douglass  
Sponsor: 1VDG Ron Guth

New Member: Lion Kelly Douglass  
Sponsor: Lion Beth Guth

New Member: Lion Karen Magers  
Sponsor: Lion Ken Magers

### **Pierceton Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Pauline Borton  
Sponsor: Lion Jack Borton

### **Plymouth Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Jamie Beckwith  
Sponsor: Lion James Weldy

New Member: Lion Shari Bloom  
Sponsor: Lion Anita Fretz

### **Rochester Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Joshua Zehner  
Sponsor: Lion Virgil Biddinger

### **Silver Lake Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Anthony Middleton  
Sponsor: Lion Nichole Taylor

**Editor's note: If your club has new members who are not listed above, it is because they have not been reported to LCI.**



## News From Around the District

### Etna Green Lions Club Hosts Fall Family Fun Night



The Lions Club of Etna Green hosted 200 adults and children at our annual Hay Ride, Hot Dogs, and Hot Chocolate FREE Family Fun Night. It was an amazing turn out and we will strive to make it more memorable each year moving forward.

*Submitted by Lion Todd Hoffer, Etna Green Lions Club*



### DG Brian Thomas Visits Rochester Lions Club

The Rochester Lions greeted District Governor Brian Thomas at their most recent meeting. Right: DG Brian presented one of his District Governor pins to President Corinna Summers.

*Submitted by Lion Jeri Good*



### Rochester Lions Club Supports Local Food Pantry



Rochester Lions Club members contributed food and supplies to the United Ministries Food Pantry Food Drive. Left to right: Lions John Roberts, President Corinna Summers, Virgil Biddinger, Josh Zehner, Katie McCarter and Phil McCarter.

*Submitted by Lion Jeri Good*

### Rochester Lions Club Supports Elementary School Reading Program

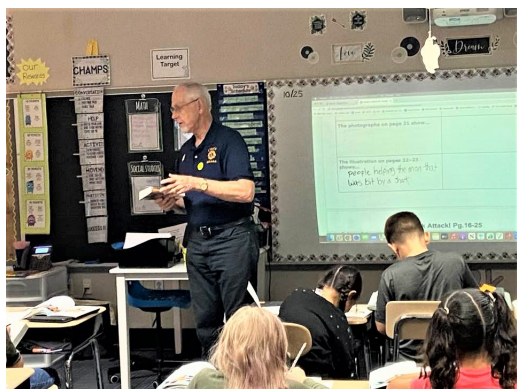
Rochester Lions Club Treasurer John Roberts (left) presented a check to Riddle Elementary School's Principal Luke Biernacki (right) to help the school reach a goal for the reading program "One Book, One School". Each student will receive a book and each class will study the book with their teacher.

*Submitted by Lion Jeri Good*



## News From Around the District

### Lydick Lions Club Distributes Student Dictionaries at 4 Elementary Schools



The Lydick Lions Club presented student dictionaries to third-grade students at Success Academy, Wilson Elementary, Resurrection Lutheran Academy, and St. John the Baptist in South Bend. The students and teachers were excited and happy to receive the dictionaries. Lions Leroy Wise, Jim Day, Teckla Lane, Mike Lane, Paul Yuhasz, and Wendy Yuhasz presented the books to the students.

Left: Lion Leroy Wise speaks to third-grade students at Wilson Elementary School.

*Submitted by Lion Lori Ferro, Lydick Lions Club*

### Peru Lions Club Supports Local Police Department

The Peru Lions Club donated blankets, bears, and \$200 cash to the Peru Police FOP 72 for their "Christmas for Kids" program.

Pictured (l. to r.) are Officer Lee Mitchell, Officer Shelby Cochran, Lion Dave Frushour, and Officer Dillion Mongosa.

*Submitted by Lion David Frushour & 1VDG Ron Guth, Peru Lions Club*



### Fulton Liberty Lions Club Hosts Community Halloween Party



The Fulton Liberty Lions Club hosted a community Halloween Party with prizes for the best costumes in several age ranges, as well as prizes for the best Small Group costumes.

There is a full-page photo spread showing all the prize winners on page 22 of the November 9 issue of the Shopping Guide News of Fulton County. You can find it online at: <https://issuu.com/thepapersinc/docs/rs-11-09-22?fr=sZGIyNTU0NDQ5MTk>

*Submitted by Lion Linda Wade, Fulton Liberty Lions Club*

### Tell Us About Your Club's Signature Service Project

Does your club have a signature service project ... an ongoing or recurring project that wouldn't be done if it weren't for your Lions Club ... a service project that everyone in your community associates with your Lions Club? Write a short article about your club's signature service project and send it, with photos, to PDG Paul Russell <pdgpaul25g@gmail.com> for publication in the district newsletter.



**Your club news could be here. Send articles and photos to PDG Paul Russell <pdgpaul25g@gmail.com> by the 25th of the month.**



## News From Around the District

### Madison Township Lions Club Was Busy in November

On November 4th, the Madison Township Lions Club distributed dictionaries to 175 third-grade students at 3 local elementary schools. We donated 20 books to Madison Township Elementary, 80 books to Elm Road Elementary, and 75 books to Meadows Edge Elementary. The students, teachers, and administrators were all excited to receive the dictionaries.

On November 19th, the Madison Township Lions Club sponsored a Blood Drive at the Fire Station in Wyatt, Indiana for the South Bend Medical Foundation. 13 units of blood were donated. Each unit serves three people, so our donors are heroes to 39 patients. We also served an all-you-can-eat breakfast to those who stopped by the station.



The Madison Township Lions Club presented a check for \$500 to the Grace Food Pantry in Bremen on November 23. This money will help the pantry purchase food items to stock their shelves.

Pictured here (l. to r.) Pantry volunteers Maryalice Mobley, Laura Shoemaker, Marie Hartsell, Lion Mike Hunsberger and Lion Doug Moore.

*Submitted by Lion Al Beehler, Madison Township Lions Club*

### Plymouth Lions Club Distributes Dictionaries, Inducts New Members

In November, the Plymouth Lions Club distributed dictionaries to 288 third-grade students at 6 local elementary schools: Jefferson Elementary School, Menominee Elementary School, Washington Elementary School, Webster Elementary School, St. Michael's School, and Grace Baptist School. Pictured at right, Webster Elementary School Principal Brook Busse with Plymouth Lions Club President Lion Steve Eggleston.

On November 21st, the club welcomed 2 new members: Lion Jamie Beckwith was sponsored by Lion James Weldy, and Lion Shari Bloom was sponsored by Lion Anita Fretz. Pictured below (l. to r.) Lion James Weldy, Lion Terri Weldy, Lion Jamie Beckwith, PDG Paul Russell, Lion Shari Bloom, and Lion Anita Fretz.



*Submitted by Lion Susan Eggleston, Plymouth Lions Club*

## News From Around the District

### New Paris Lions Club Hosts DG Brian Thomas, Inducts New Member



Left: DG Brian Thomas inducted Ben Summers as a new member of the New Paris Lions Club during his official visit on November 21st.

Right: DG Brian Thomas joined the members of the New Paris Lions Club for this group photo.

*Submitted by DG Brian Thomas, Elkhart Lions Club*



### Lakeville Lions Club Partners With LaVille Elementary School for Holiday Food Drive

For more than 10 years, the Lakeville Lions Club has partnered with LaVille Elementary School to conduct a holiday food drive prior to the school's Thanksgiving break. The food collected by the students will be supplemented with food purchased by the Lakeville Lions Club and distributed to needy families prior to Christmas.



Above: Student council members, faculty, staff, and Lions Club members load donated food into club members' vehicles.

Right: Lion Anne Weber and PDG Paul Russell serve pizza to students at the pizza party sponsored by the Lions Club.

Student Council members sorted, counted, and boxed more than 2,000 donated items. On Tuesday, November 22nd, Lions Club members picked up the donated food and moved it to the Lakeville United Methodist Church.

Later that day, the Lions Club sponsored a pizza party for the student council members and the classroom that collected the most items for the food drive. Mrs. Swanson's fourth grade class was the winning classroom.



Left (l. to r.): 4th grade teacher Mrs. Swanson, Lakeville Lions Club President Larry Ort, Lion Anne Weber, PDG Paul Russell, Student Council sponsor Marylynne Christy.



## News From Around the District

### Informative Presentations, Personal Recognition, & Lots of Fun at Dunlap Lions Club Meeting

At the November dinner meeting of the Dunlap Lions Club, several members of the club spoke about their experiences on the recent district eyeglass mission to Salamanca, Mexico.



The club also heard from Lion Diann Hoyt (left), who gave a program about the Women's Care Center.

The club donates baby supplies (right) to the center for mothers to purchase with tickets they earn by attending training classes in how to be the best mothers they can be.



Right: Lion Rosemary Miller received her 5-diamond Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship from President Steve Weld.



Left and below: President Steve Weld presented 5-year, 10-year, and 20-year chevrons to several members.



*Submitted by Lion Jackie Kurley, Dunlap Lions Club*



## News From Around the District

### PDG Marty Juel Receives International Leadership Medal



In mid-November, PDG Marty Juel and Lion Jeanine made a road trip to Rochester, Indiana, ostensibly to pick up used eyeglasses. To quote PDG Marty: "Instead of a casual breakfast with PDGs Charlie and Pat Short, we were joined by PID Nick and Gretchen Xinopoulos, who then proceeded to present me with an LCI Leadership Medal." The award should have been presented at the Indiana Lions State Convention at the end of April 2022, however, PDG Marty and Lion Jeanine were in Mexico at that time. The award was not announced at the convention to ensure its presentation would be a surprise.

PDG Marty Juel has been a member of the Elkhart Lions Club since 1984. He has served as Treasurer for many years and as President in 2011-2012, as well as serving as chairman for many of the club's projects. In addition to his club-level service, PDG Marty has served on several district committees, and as Cabinet Treasurer, SightFirst II District Coordinator, Zone Chair, Vice District Governor, and District Governor.

PDG Marty is a key member of the district's eyeglass recycling team and has gone on approximately 20 eyeglass missions to Mexico.

PDG Marty is a graduate of the Indiana Lions Leadership Institute, the LCI Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, and the LCI Faculty Development Institute. He has served as a presenter at the Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference and the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

PDG Marty is a W.P. Woods Fellow and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

PDG Marty and his wife, Lion Jeanine, a member of the Dunlap Lions Club, have been married for 55 years and live in Goshen, Indiana.



Left: PID Nick Xinopoulos pins the International Leadership Medal on PDG Marty Juel

Right: (l. to r.) Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos, Lion Jeanine Juel, PDG Marty Juel, PID Nick Xinopoulos



### Fulton Liberty Lions Club Starts the Christmas Season on December 1st



Fulton Liberty Lions Club members Linda Fincher (left) and Tai Walsh (right) set off to deliver four food baskets to members of our community who need some Christmas Cheer, as well as those who need a boost to their pantry this season.

*Submitted by Lion Linda Wade, Fulton Liberty Lions Club*

*Editor's note: I was still looking for something to fill this spot when I received an email message from Lion Linda Wade with this photo.*

## Opportunities for Service

### **THE INDIANA LIONS FOUNDATION STATE FAIR COMMITTEE WANTS YOUR IDEAS FOR NEW INDIANA STATE FAIR INCENTIVES**

The Indiana Lions Foundation State Fair project is the Indiana Lions Foundation's largest fundraiser. We provide volunteers to sell and scan tickets and provide other support at the two largest State Fair gates. We need approximately 45-55 volunteers each day. The Indiana Lions Foundation State Fair Committee has been discussing new incentives for volunteers who work at the State Fair. We have several ideas but thought a more effective approach would be to ask those who volunteer to provide us with input. So, please tell us what you like or don't like about the current incentives, and share any other ideas you might have for different incentives. We are open to considering all suggestions and look forward to discussing them with all of you.

Yours in Lionism,

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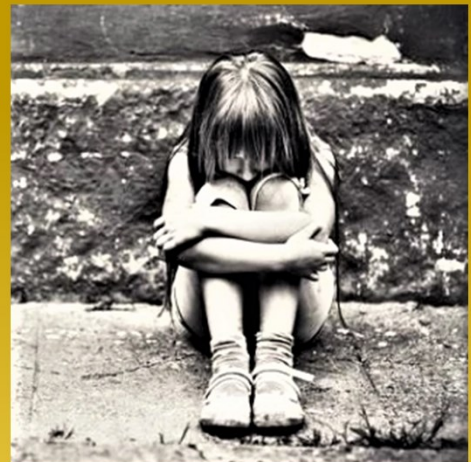


## **Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference** **With the Power of You, Together We Can**



### **Service Project: Sock It To Me!**

**We need your help to make this winter more bearable for those in need in our communities. Please bring new socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, knit hats, and blankets to the Mid-Winter Conference. Our District Governors will distribute them to those in need in their districts.**



**Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport**  
**January 20-21, 2023**



# Indiana Lions State Convention

**Bloomington/Monroe County Convention Center**

**Bloomington, Indiana**

**May 12-14, 2023**



**Special Guests**

**International President**

**Brian Sheehan & Lion Lori**

**For additional information,  
see registration form elsewhere in this newsletter**

## Our State Projects



**VISIONFIRST**  
Indiana Lions Eye Bank





## Coming Soon: Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference



The annual Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport Hotel.

Some Indiana Lions say the Mid-Winter Conference is "the best place for learning" about leadership, service, and all aspects of Lionism. We offer workshops and 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.

The conference registration fee is only \$55 and includes informative seminars and workshops, on-site service projects, coffee and pastries in the morning, lunch at noon with a motivational speaker, and fellowship with other Lions.

The keynote speaker at the Saturday luncheon will be Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter. Superintendent Carter has served 40 years in law enforcement, as an Indiana State Police Trooper, Hamilton County Sheriff, and Indiana State Police Superintendent. He has received many awards including the Indiana State Police Silver Star Award for Meritorious Service and Outstanding Heroism. Service has always been important to Superintendent Carter. He has said, "It's not about titles and career and that stuff, it's about service before self."

The conference will be preceded by a dinner on Friday evening. There is a separate fee for this event. The after-dinner speaker will be Charlie Adams. Known as "Indiana's Speaker", Charlie has been delivering entertaining and informative talks for 35 years in the Hoosier State. A former TV news, sports, and features reporter, and news anchor, Charlie has interviewed thousands of folks in Indiana. He has also done extensive research on difference-makers past and present, and tells those stories in a compelling manner! He will present an entertaining and informative after-dinner talk on people and stories from throughout the Hoosier State.

Conference attendees will be offered the opportunity to participate in two on-site service projects. After dinner on Friday evening, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in the Care-ing Cases project, using clean recycled hard eyeglass cases to assemble first aid kits and toiletry kits. Conference attendees are also encouraged to donate new socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, knit hats, and blankets to the Sock It To Me project. Collection boxes for these items will be available on Friday and Saturday. Our District Governors will share all items created/collected by these projects with those in need in their districts.

For more information about the conference and a registration form, visit the Indiana Lions website at [indianalions.org](http://indianalions.org) and click on the link labelled "Printable Forms". The list of available forms includes seminar and workshop information, a conference registration form with hotel reservation information, and information for sponsors.

We hope to see you at the 2023 Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference.



*We wish you a Merry Christmas,  
and a Happy New Year!*



## Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc. Annual Holiday Luncheon

You are invited to attend! The Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Inc. Board of Trustees will have our annual holiday luncheon on Sunday, December 4, 2022 at the Indiana School for the Deaf cafeteria, 1200 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Indianapolis, across from the State Fair Grounds. Activities will begin at 12:30 p.m. so plan to arrive early to check in at the registration table and visit with friends. The cost per person is \$21 in advance and \$25 at the door.

Our special guests will be the deaf high school students, your donations helped sponsor, who attended the Deaf Youth Leadership Camp for four weeks in Stayton, Oregon last summer. As a highlight of the luncheon program, the students will report their experiences while attending the Leadership Camp.

Also attending will be staff members of the Indiana School for the Deaf and members of the Riley Children's Hospital Audiology & Speech Department, and Riley Children's Foundation. Faculty representatives from our four state universities as well as scholarship recipients will be in attendance.

In support of your project, the Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing trustees hope you will join us for this inspiring occasion. We encourage you to bring other Lions and friends to experience the excellent work we do in fulfilling our motto "We Serve." Please complete the form below and return it with your check to arrive at the address shown below no later than November 27, 2022. Thank you for your support.

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ dinners at \$21.00 each. (Children under 4 no charge)

Amount enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Make check payable to Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc.

Name	Title	District	Club
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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Hosted by  
**Leesburg Lions Club**  
 Leesburg Community Building  
 114 School St.  
 Leesburg, IN

**Saturday**  
**February 25, 2023**  
 Breakfast: 9 - 9:30 am  
 Meeting 9:30 am - Noon

**\$8<sup>00</sup> ea.** The ladies of the church will again be preparing breakfast casseroles and assorted other items for our breakfast. YUMMY!

**Special election set for Feb. 25 District Meeting**

Since the beginning of the year, we have not had a 2nd Vice District Governor. To eliminate this opening, DG Brian Thomas has called to convene an election to fill this position. At the next district meeting, the District Cabinet composed of the District Governor, the First and Second Vice District Governors, the Immediate Past District Governor, Zone Chairpersons, Region Chairpersons if they are used, a Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer or Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Treasurer, GLT District Coordinator, GMT District Coordinator, GST District Coordinator, and LCIF District Coordinator, and the District Governor's Honorary Committee will consider Warren Allender for the remainder of this term.

**3<sup>rd</sup> DISTRICT MEETING RESERVATIONS**

Name _____	Club _____
Name _____	Club _____
Name _____	Club _____
Name _____	Club _____
Name _____	Club _____

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

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## 2023 Indiana Lions 102<sup>nd</sup> State Convention

Hosted by District 25E

May 12,13,14, 2023



### Bloomington/Monroe County Convention Center

with special guests: International President Brian Sheehan and Lion Lori

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR OWN LODGING BY APRIL 11, 2023

Courtyard by Marriott Convention Hotel (attached to Convention Center)

310 South College Avenue, Bloomington, IN 47401 (Free Parking available at Convention Center)

Room Rate: \$109.00 per night, plus tax, until April 11, 2023.

Call 1-812-335-8000 for Reservations and mention LIONS CLUB 2023 in making the reservation

Hyatt Place Hotel: 217 S. Kirkwood Avenue, \$119 per night w/ breakfast

Hyatt Hotel does charge for parking; 1 ½ block north of Convention Center & free parking

Call 812-339-5950 and use block code LION for the reservation.

Come and visit several Lions project tables and related booths including a USA/Canada Forum apparel vendor.

Friday Golf Outing to be at Stonecrest Golf Club – 18 holes at \$39. Meet in the hotel lobby.

**Scooter rental is \$120 for Friday thru Sunday.**

Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, MONROE COUNTY LIMESTONE PRESENTATION

### Registration Form (one per person)

Register Online and pay with PayPal: [www.indianalionsconvention.org](http://www.indianalionsconvention.org)

**Deadline: All Registration Forms must be postmarked by April 30, 2023.**

Please print name/Lions Title as desired on name badge:

Name and Lion Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your FIRST Indiana Lions State Convention (circle one) **Yes** **No**

Attend the Friday morning Monroe County Limestone Presentation (circle one) **Yes** **No**

**Friday Evening BBQ Dinner** at Monroe County Fairground Sponsored by Ellettsville Lions Club

Choose pulled pork: \_\_\_\_\_ or pulled chicken: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 18.00= \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Lunch:** sandwich bar: chips, seasonal fresh fruit, pickle spear & drink

Choose warm beef & swiss sub w/ lettuce & tomato: \_\_\_\_\_

Or grilled ham & cheese on sourdough bread: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Night Banquet:** Choose 1 Entrée below

Choose: citrus glazed pork chop \_\_\_\_\_ mushroom chopped steak \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 28.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday Brunch:** fried chicken, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit, bacon, french toast \$ 20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Strides Walk** T-shirt Size (S to 3XL, other) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 18.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**2023 Indiana Convention Pin** \$ 4.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Scooter Rent (Friday thru Sunday)** \$120.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Registration Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary needs, list here: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this Registration Form and Your Check, payable to  
Indiana Lions State Convention 2023 to  
CT Debbie Ellis, 8262 East Center Road, Sullivan, IN. 47882  
Contact Info: 1-812-798-2096 or [ellisdebbie259@gmail.com](mailto:ellisdebbie259@gmail.com)



# December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Council Christmas Party
4	5	6	7	8 DG Visit LaFontaine LC	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



# January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 DG Visit Leesburg LC	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Mid-Winter Conference	21 Mid-Winter Conference
22 Council of Governors	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



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### **Mark Your Calendar**

Jan 20-21, 2023 Mid-Winter Conference  
Crowne Plaza Indianapolis-Airport, Indianapolis

Feb 25, 2023 Third District Meeting  
Leesburg Community Building, Leesburg

Mar 4, 2023 District Convention  
Argos United Methodist Church, Argos

May 11-14, 2023 State Convention  
Monroe Convention Center, Bloomington

May 20, 2023 Fourth District Meeting  
Vandalia Depot, Culver



### **Advertise Your Club's Fundraiser or Community Event in the District Newsletter**

**\*\*\* FREE \*\*\***

**Send a copy of your flyer or just the basic  
information about your event to:  
pdgpaul25g@gmail.com**

**The normal deadline for submission of material  
for the monthly district newsletter is the 25th  
of the month.**

