

# 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

A little rambling this month—a lot has happened in six months and an immense amount needs to be accomplished yet.

Lion Susan and I have made 20 visits to clubs so far and are so appreciative of the welcome we have received at each one.

I remain amazed at the volume of projects and the impact each club has on their respective community. Lion Susan, being a relatively new Lion, has many questions and comments on each trip home and that keeps my perspective on Lions fresh and energetic. If you haven't made arrangements for a club visit, I urge you to do so.



A promotional plug and/or plea for you to attend one or more of the next three District events and the upcoming State Convention. The next District meeting will be in Leesburg on Saturday February 25th from 9 to noon. Immediately following that on Saturday, March 4th will be the annual District Convention in Argos, where we welcome International Director Jeffery Gans and his wife Ellyn from New Jersey as our special guest. The District Convention is where we select next year's leadership. A daylong event, it will feature uplifting messages, an informative seminar, breakfast and lunch, and of course, fun and frolic. Find a registration flyer in this issue. The State Convention will be held in Bloomington over the weekend of May 12-13-14. Indiana will be honored to welcome International President Brian Sheehan and Lion Lori as our special guests and keynote speaker. I can tell from personal experience, you don't want to miss the energetic message on Lions that he will present. Finally, the fourth and last District meeting of this Lions' year will be in Culver on May 20th.

The scope and reach of Lions go well beyond your local club to the District, State, National, and International level; your attendance at any of these events will drive that home for you.

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## A Message from District Governor Brian Thomas

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Elkhart recently lost a great Lion with the passing of Lion Stan Rupnow. Stan and I went back 50 years in Jaycees, Lions, family, and friends so it was a personal loss to me. As part of his funeral service, we heard the well-known parable of a man dreaming of seeing two sets of footprints in the sand during his life—his prints and the Lord's. At several times in his life he noticed only one set of prints. When he asked the Lord why that was, he was told "During your life, that's when I carried you".

I felt that was an apt description of our involvement in Lions. You can probably look back on your time in Lions and pick out a time where you were the difference in someone's life—whether that difference was small or large and you left your prints in a single line in the sands of time because you carried them. We have, do, and will make a difference in Lions.

Yours in Lionism

Lion Brian Thomas, District Governor, 2022-23

"Making our lives better by making other lives better."

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### Thought for the Month

Years from now (probably sooner than you think), you will be more disappointed in the things you didn't do than the things you did do.

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### Think Outside the Box

The way your club has ALWAYS done things may need to be rethought! Here are some ideas for new projects.

1. Start a butterfly garden in your community.
2. Build and set up bird houses.
3. Help repair or raise funds to repair a rundown playground.
4. Paint over graffiti in your community.
5. Encourage members become CPR certified.
6. Campaign for more lighting along poorly lit streets.
7. Host a cleanup day at a park.
8. Plant a number of trees that matches your club's age.
9. Collect donations in lieu of birthday gifts.
10. Participate in a local charity walk, especially a Lions Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness.

## Where Is Your District Governor?

This is a year-long contest with a major(?) prize (TBD) awaiting the winner. In each issue of the district newsletter, there will be a picture of DG Brian posing with a lion. You need to guess where the picture was taken. Every guess—right or wrong, will be given one entry for the prize drawing, every right answer will be given three entries. Every snarky answer will be given a negative entry! You can amass as many entries as possible to increase your odds. Join in the fun!

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

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 the shortest month of the year! It may be a short month, but it's packed with things to do! I will be in St. Charles, IL for more District Governor training February 6th through 10th. Next is the all-important Valentine's Day on Tuesday the 14th. (If you don't think the 14th is important ask your better half for clarification.) Saturday the 25th is set for the 3rd District meeting in Leesburg, then the beginning of next month the District Convention comes marching in on March 4th.

I was fortunate to once again attend the Indiana Lions Mid-Winter conference this past weekend and I truly don't understand why more District 25-G Lions don't attend. It's an hour drive from the south end of our district and two and a half hours from the northern part, but it's worth the drive, Lions! So much information is presented between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM and the only bad part is only being able to attend 4 seminars from the 12 that are offered. (That's why you need to bring friends). Information on Service, Membership, Tail Twisting, Diabetes, Grants, Partnerships, Sponsorships, KidSight, Leader Dog, and the list goes on. We will try to bring some of this information to our district convention, so you still have a chance to learn more about Lions. We would love to have you ask questions about any of this and make DG Brian or me earn our Lions pay! Please plan to come to the district meeting on the 25th!

We have truly fabulous Lions who are stepping up in leadership for the Vice District Governors positions. I've heard from some of you who want to continue to serve next year and I thank you. That said, we need more Lions to take a smaller step in leadership to serve as Zone Chairs and in district committees. It's fun to learn about other clubs and delve a little deeper into what a committee might do for our district. You didn't join the Lions to sit at home, did you? Come on in, the water is fine, and have fun with us!

Lion Ron Guth, First Vice District Governor  
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## 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 Saturday, February 25, 2023. The District Cabinet, composed of the District Governor, the 1st Vice District Governor, the Immediate Past District Governor, Zone Chairpersons, Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer, GLT District Coordinator, GMT District Coordinator, GST District Coordinator, LCIF District Coordinator, and members of the District Governor's Honorary Committee will consider Lion Warren Allender of the Baugo Township Lions Club for this position for the remainder of the current term.



*Never pass up an opportunity to  
recognize someone for a job well-done.*

## A Message From Cabinet Treasurer Lion Kim Polk



The district dues invoices were sent out on January 1st. VDG Ron was surprised I got them out that soon after the New Year. PDG Tom and I work on church books on Sundays, so I just added the Lions District invoicing to my to-do list for that day. As of January 24th, I have received dues payments from 33 clubs. Thank you for your great response

If your club has not already supported the Indiana Lions State Projects, now is a great time for your club to consider supporting them. The State Projects include: Vision First Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Indiana Lions for the School for the Blind, Speech & Hearing, Cancer Control, Leader Dog, and the Indiana Lions Foundation.

If I can be of assistance to you, please contact me.

Together We Can,  
Lion Kim Polk, Cabinet Treasurer  
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## A Message from Cabinet Secretary PDG Marty Juel



### Get Ready for Your Club Elections

Club Nominations and Elections: March is the month when your club's nominating committee should meet to propose a slate of officers for the 2023-2024 Lions year. Elections should be held by April 15 and your officers reported on the MyLCI website by May 1.

Either the club secretary or president can do this. In the Officers section for your club, be sure to choose Select Term and click on Next Year before reporting each officer for next year.

All information for your president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary, treasurer, and membership chairperson should be reported. LCI now asks each club to report an LCIF coordinator, service chairperson, and marketing communications chairperson. Your club's directors can also be reported.

It is important that each officer's information is updated before you file the report. You will probably need to add officers' birth years in order to update their information, if the year is not already recorded with their entry. Please make sure names, addresses, phone numbers, spouses' names, and e-mail addresses are correct. It is very important that e-mail addresses for all officers are included and correct.

As you report each officer for next year, be sure to click "save" before reporting the next officer. Before you log out, click on "Club Information" and check to make sure the correct days of the month and meeting times are recorded along with the place and address of your meeting place.

Once you have finished, click on "Reports" and then "Lions Club Officer Report for Next Year." Save the report to your computer and then e-mail it as an attachment to 1st VDG Ron Guth at guthron@comcast.net so he can get a head start on his district directory for next year. The report will not include spouses' names, so when you e-mail the report to him please include in your cover note the name of the spouse of each officer.



**You joined a Lions Club because someone offered you the opportunity to make a difference in your community. Offer that same opportunity to someone else.**

## Nominations & Elections



### Nomination and Letters of Intent Must Be Received PRIOR to District Meeting on February 25th

The procedure for letters of intent and club endorsement letters for the 2023 District 25-G elections was detailed in previous newsletters. The positions include the following officer positions: District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor, and 2nd Vice District Governor. Also to be elected at the District Convention will be 3-year trustees for the following state projects: Indiana Lions Cancer Control Fund, Inc.; Vision First Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Inc.; Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc.; Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc.; Indiana Lions for Leader Dog, Inc.; and a 3-year term for a trustee for the Indiana Lions Foundation. Each candidate must submit his/her own letter of intent to run. Those letters can be hard copies or email documents. Additionally, the Lion's home club must also submit a letter of recommendation. Both letters must be submitted to the Chairman of the Nominations and Elections Committee prior to the District Meeting on February 25th. Those letters can be hard copies or email documents. Letters can be submitted to the Nominations & Elections Committee, c/o PDG Marty Juel, 3204 Village Court, Goshen, IN 46528. Email documents are to be sent to [marty@martyjuel.com](mailto:marty@martyjuel.com).



### Who Can Vote at District Convention?

Delegate Notice: In order to be certified to vote at the District Convention as a delegate or alternate, your club's dues must have been received in their entirety by both Lions Clubs International and District Cabinet Treasurer Kim Polk by February 10, 15 days before the convention.

Clubs in good standing with Lions Clubs International, the state, and district will be entitled to one delegate and one alternate for each 10 members, or major fraction thereof, who have been enrolled for at least one year and one day in the club according to the records of the international office on the first day of February. The major fraction shall be five or more members.

In addition, the District Governor and all Past District Governors who are in good standing in a club in good standing in District 25-G are entitled to one vote in addition to their club delegate quotas.



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From July 2021 through June 2022, Lions and Leos served  
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in communities around the world.





## Global Leadership Team



### Puttin' On The Ritz

Title sound familiar? This magnificent song has been used and abused so many times that I couldn't help but join the crowd. I'm using it in the context of your Club providing a class act stage for your guest speakers.

District Governors are tasked with visiting every Club in their District. They've seen it all, from Clubs happy to see them to Clubs who seemingly consider them a nuisance. When the Governor does come, make sure he or she is the only program for that meeting. If you want the Governor to induct new members, install officers, or present awards, do tell them in advance. Advise them how much time they have to speak and when the meeting will end. Have your members primed to rise when the Governor comes to the podium. Provide a respectful introduction. At the previous meeting, remind your members not to do such distractive things as playing with cell phones, shuffling decks of cards, whispering, or napping. A small gift to the Governor is appreciated but not mandatory. As discussed last month, the possibilities for speakers are endless. However, there are certain things you can do to make sure this is a good experience for all speakers and Lions.

First, make sure the speaker knows what sort of space you will be using: large or small, microphone or no microphone, and your ability to provide equipment for PowerPoint presentations or not. Be sure they know how much time they have for their speech and where on the agenda they are.

Second, greet the speaker and assist with any set up. Show them where they will sit and with whom they will be sitting. If they are not familiar with the glorious art of Tail Twisting, explain it to them. Actually give them the amount of time you told them they had for their presentation. Providing a small memento afterward is not out of line. Do not desert the speaker the second the meeting is over. And above all, learn how to pronounce their name(s) and position(s).

Third, prepare the Club. Hopefully, you have a Club culture of welcoming and including speakers. Hopefully, you have enough communication so that members know who is coming and the topic of their speech. Hopefully, your Club treats the speaker respectfully and does not engage in distractive behavior. Having an audience looking at the speaker instead of doodling on placemats is encouraging to the speaker. Lead the applause after the speech. Have a question ready if there is time for questions. Be sure to thank the speaker. And I hope that you ask if they would consider joining the Club.

Being a Lions Club speaker is not difficult, but it goes much better if the speaker perceives that the audience is listening and cares. I suppose it all goes back to the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you".

Showing common courtesies, attention, and support to speakers, that's Puttin' on the Ritz for any speaker.

PCC Dave Eisen, Global Leadership Team Coordinator



## Global Membership Team



We welcome all new members to our Indiana Lions Clubs, and we look forward to meeting you and working with you. I am sad to report that we lost 2 Lions Clubs in December: South Bend Lions Club and Bristol Lions Club. We are always looking for suggestion to help our fellow clubs. We currently have 1,212 members in District 25-G.

You can increase membership in your club by inviting family members, friends, anyone you think would be a great fit to your Lions Club. LCI provides a wide variety of tools and resources to help you increase membership and improve membership satisfaction in your club. Your district Global Membership Team is here to help you in those efforts.

Here are some resources you can use to motivate new and existing Lions to become involved in your club and its community service projects.

### Service

[Service Project Planners Webpage](#): Provides access to a collection of downloadable tools designed for clubs that are ready to serve their communities in our global causes areas.

[Service Toolkit Webpage](#): Provides access to resources designed to help Lions assess, position, and activate their clubs for greater impact.

[Service Reporting Webpage](#): Information about the importance of service reporting and resources to help with the reporting process.

[Lions Advocacy Webpage](#): Information about advocacy as a service opportunity to further the mission of our association and foundation.

[Membership Reports Toolbox](#): Provides access to reports that are vital to the health of your club.

### Fellowship

[Improving Club Quality Webpage](#): Provides ideas and elements to help clubs function effectively while meeting the needs of their members and their communities.

[Club Quality Initiative Webpage](#): A strategic planning tool to help clubs identify opportunities for improvement.

[Club Health Assessment Reports](#): Provides access to reports tracking membership growth, financial health, reporting trends, club officer vacancies, LCIF donations and the overall health of the clubs in your district.

[Club Health Assessment Action Strategies](#): Document outlining strategies to help improve club health.

[Your Club, Your Way](#): Guide to customizing club meetings.

I am here to help you with your membership programs. If you need a guest speaker, give me a call at 574-286-4499.

PDG Mary Klempay, Global Membership Team Coordinator

# Global Membership Approach

Where there's a need, there's a Lion—when our membership grows, our communities grow. Our service strengthens. Our future brightens. The Global Membership Approach provides a process and resources for districts to achieve this growth.

## Global Service Team



Greetings Fellow Lions:

We are well on our way through the Lions year. I have seen many great service projects clubs are doing throughout the District. Club members should encourage your leaders to get the information out to the public by all forms of media, to show how Lions Clubs impact their communities as well as reaching out to other areas. I want to remind everyone that it is also important to report your club activities to Lions Clubs

International (LCI). All members need to let their club Secretary or Service Chairperson know what activity you worked, with the amount of time volunteering and number of people involved in the activity including non-members.

There are many reasons reporting Service Activities to LCI is important. We as Lions may think that what we do in our local communities has little bearing to LCI and therefore don't bother with filing reports. This couldn't be farther from the truth. By letting LCI know what you are accomplishing through service, they can use the information on a large scale to pave the way to partnerships with other organizations. It also enhances LCI's support in identifying projects which could be implemented in other regions of the world. Your reported activity may be one that other clubs have not considered and becomes an initiative for them to pursue. Always be proud of your club's accomplishments and tell your story to everyone. All Lions should tell our act of kindness loudly and be proud of all the good we do in our communities.

Clubs in the district can apply for the Club Excellence Award at the end of the 2022-2023 Lions year. The requirements for this award are:

- Membership: A club must at least maintain its membership count as it was at the start of the Lions year or charter a new Lions, Leo, or Branch Club;
- Service: Contribute to LCIF, start a new service project, and list three three projects participated in that were reported on MyLion;
- Leadership & Organizational Excellence: Club in good standing, not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension, District dues paid, no unpaid balance to LCI, reported club officers to LCI, and key officers participate in club officer training; and
- Marketing: Have your club's service activities published through local or social media.

The one key element to clubs not receiving this award is the lack of activities being reported on MyLion. All members encourage your club officers to file the activities report so your club can be recognized by receiving this award.

"WE SERVE"

Lion Al Beehler, Global Service Team Coordinator





## Here We Grow Again

Since July 1st, 19 district clubs have welcomed 34 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. The following list is cumulative since July 1, 2022. This month's additions are highlighted in red.

### **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.  
Transfer from St. Joseph (MO) E. Side LC

### **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

New Member: Lion Sherry Maciejewski  
Sponsor: Lion Larry Ort

New Member: Lion Lloyd Mehaney  
Transfer from South Bend Lions Club

### **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 Chrystal Burton**  
**Sponsor: Lion Kim Burton**

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

## News From Around the District

### Rochester Lions Roar with Pride for Hometown Heroes



The Rochester Lions Club named four late Lions Club members as Hometown Heroes, a program of the Rochester Downtown Partnership and the City of Rochester.

All four of the honorees were veterans, Lions Club members, and Melvin Jones Fellows. Their Hometown Heroes banners will be displayed on light poles in downtown Rochester from January through May 2023.

Rochester Lions Club Hometown Heroes, pictured on banners (l. to r.): Lion Robert "Bob" Bridge, Lion John Howkinson, Lion Robert A. "Bob" Cessna, and Lion David Miller.

Rochester Lions Club members in the photo (l. to r.): Lion David Jackson, Lion John Roberts, Lion Corinna Summers, Lion Katie McCarter, Lion Phil McCarter, and Lion Stephen Williams.

*(submitted by Lion Jeri Good & Lion Mary "Katie" McCarter, Rochester Lions Club)*

### Claypool Lions Club Donates Hygiene Products to Elementary School "Closet"

The Claypool Lions Club donated boxes of personal hygiene products to the Claypool Elementary School "Closet"

"The Closet" is composed of newly purchased or out-grown clothing, shoes, and coats that have been donated. Nurse Jan, school staff members, or volunteers help the students select their needed items.

The club holds 7 Fish and Tenderloin Frys for their fundraiser budget.

Pictured here (l. to r.): Claypool Elementary School Principal Missy Reese, Lion Don Morris, Lion Jerry Johnson, and Claypool Lions Club President Lion Jack Warren.

*(submitted by Lion Donna Morris, Claypool Lions Club)*



### Dunlap Lions Club Speaker Talks About Providing Beds for the Needy



(left) Joel Conrad, President of the Elkhart County chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a non-profit that provides beds to children and families in need, spoke to the Dunlap Lions Club in January.

(right) Lion Eunice Wenger made hats, scarves, and lined mittens for the Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference "Sock It To Me" project.

*(submitted by Lion Jackie Kurley, Dunlap Lions Club)*



## News From Around the District

### Plymouth Lions Club Provides Reading Glasses for Senior Citizens



The Plymouth Lions Club provided 160 pairs of reading glasses which will be distributed to senior citizens through Miller's Merry Manor, Miller's Senior Living, and the Marshall County Council on Aging.

Pictured here (l. to r.): Robin Cupka, Plymouth Lions Club President Lion Stephen Eggleston, Janis Holiday.

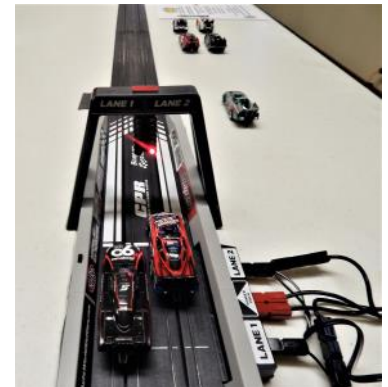
*(submitted by Lion Susan Eggleston, Plymouth Lions Club)*

### Urbana Lions Club Sponsors ECHO Racing for Wabash County Youth

For the past 13 years, the Urbana Lions Club has sponsored ECHO (Electric Car HO scale) racing for youth in Urbana and throughout Wabash County. Lion Michael Snell, Lion Bonita Snell, and their son Matt are the key "movers and shakers" behind the program. They hold races twice a month in January, February, and March, to provide Wabash County youth with something to do during the winter months.

*(submitted by Lion Michael Snell, Urbana Lions Club)*

*Editor's note: We are not publishing photos of youth participants in this program because we do not have copies of signed photo releases from parents or guardians of any of the youth participants.*



### Lakeville Lions Learn About American Red Cross "Sound the Alarm" Program



At their January dinner meeting, the members of the Lakeville Lions Club heard from two local representatives of the American Red Cross. The speakers provided an overview of American Red Cross services including blood donations, first aid training, services for military and veteran families, and disaster response services, particularly for residential fires. Lions Club members learned that a residential fire occurs somewhere in the USA every 8 minutes, and that if a fire starts in your home, you may have just 2 minutes to escape. The American Red Cross "Sound the Alarm" program is an effort to improve fire safety by installing **FREE** smoke alarms in homes and apartments. For more information about the American Red Cross "Sound the Alarm" program, please call 888-684-1441.

### PDG Tom Polk Appointed to Vision First Indiana Lions Eye Bank Board

District Governor Brian Thomas has appointed Past District Governor Tom Polk of the LaFontaine Lions Club to fill the vacant seat on the board of trustees of the Vision First Indiana Lions Eye Bank. His term will expire in June 2025.



## News From Around the District

### Somerset Lions Club President Lion "Boots" Jack Receives W.P. Woods Fellowship

Somerset Lions Club President Lion "Boots" Jack recently received a W.P. Woods Fellowship. She is pictured here with a cake made by her daughter to celebrate the occasion.

Indiana Lions Foundation Trustee Lion Mary Ann Mast wrote the following to Lion "Boots":

*We know that you have been the "driving force" behind the Somerset Lions Club for many years. You have served as President for 22 years, during which time the Somerset Lions Club helped the Somerset community by providing glasses for adults and children when needed and helping a family when their house was destroyed by fire. The Somerset Lions Club made many improvements to the Somerset Community Building in return for holding their meetings and fundraisers there. Your Club put a new roof on the building, redid the floor, put in air-conditioning, and improved the playground outside the Community Building by adding new playground equipment and a bench, and planting four trees. In order to fund all of the above, the Club had pork chop suppers, breakfast with Santa, and your last fundraiser - a Euchre tournament that was enjoyed by many! In addition to this, you worked at the Indiana State Fair.*



Congratulations, Lion "Boots"!

### Baugo Township Lions Club "Adopts" 57 Families for the Holidays



57 local families with 178 children benefited from the Baugo Township Lions Club's annual Adopt-A-Family project. Before Christmas, each family received boxes of food, a ham, a \$100 Martins gift card, a Jimmie card, games, and lots of warm wishes.

In addition to Lions Club members and family members, several local organizations participated in this project. DECA students and staff sorted and packed food; Jimtown Schools held a food drive, Jimtown baseball members filled cars with goodies. Altogether, 82 participants gave monetary gifts or purchased gifts for the families.

*(summarized from Baugo Township Lions Club newsletter)*

Can you identify  
the 25-G Lions in  
this banner?





## News From Around the District

### Our District Governor In Action



Left: DG Brian presented service chevrons to long-time members of the Leesburg Lions Club.

Right: DG Brian inducted a new member at the Leesburg Lions Club.



Left: DG Brian inducted a new member at the Roann Covered Bridge Lions Club.

Right: DG Brian attempted to recruit a new member for the Roann Covered Bridge Lions Club.



Left: DG Brian and 1VDG Ron study documents during a meeting of the Council of Governors on January 22nd. Also in the photo: 2VDG John Waymire, 25-C (left), PID Linda Tinchier (back center), and PID Nick Xinopoulos (far right).



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## News From Around the District

### District 25-G Lions at the Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference

36 Lions and guests from 11 clubs in District 25-G attended the 2023 Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference in Indianapolis on Saturday, January 21st. Many also attended the conference dinner on Friday, January 20th, and participated in the "Sock It To Me" and "Care-ing Cases" service projects.



## Opportunities for Service

### Diabetes Screening Kits Available



Are you looking for a new service project that supports the Indiana Lions cause of Diabetes Awareness? Well, guess what? All districts in the state of Indiana have diabetes screening kits for clubs to use. The District Governor or your Diabetes Chair has the kits, provided by our State Diabetes funds. It has two systems you can use. Instructions for using both systems are included in the kit. If there is sufficient interest, I will come to your club to conduct training. The key is to get trained and set up an event (health fairs, conventions (doesn't have to be Lions), ball games, etc.). You must publicize it any way possible. Check your supplies to make sure they are not outdated (MD-25 Diabetes funds will reimburse the resupply). If you don't screen a lot of people, don't feel bad - not everyone wants a finger stick. No matter the number, you may have

identified someone with Blood-Glucose problems. The benefits of this new service project are Lions Clubs visibility, helping our communities, identifying health problems, and increased membership. The project does not require many people - two to three Lions can easily conduct the screening. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact your District Diabetes Chair, District Governor, or me. You can reach me by phone or text at 812-320-4258, or by email at kennywilliams78@hotmail.com.

Yes We Can!

PDG Kenny Williams

MD-25 Diabetes Chair

### Find Your "One Thing"

by PDG Tom Polk

In the 1991 movie "City Slickers", Curly (Jack Palance) is an old, wise cowboy. When he is asked what the secret of life is, he held up his index finger and said "just one thing". When asked what the "one thing" was he said, "That's what you have to figure out". For the rest of the movie, Mitch (Billy Crystal) is trying to guess what Curly's "one thing" is. At the end of the movie (sorry for those who haven't seen it), Mitch figures out that there is no secret. The "one thing" is whatever you make it. It is whatever is important to you - that thing that you are willing to give up time, money and expend energy to accomplish. It is the most important thing in your life and everything else is measured against it.



So what does that have to do with Lions Club? We, as Lions, have various projects, programs and events to support. Have we stepped back from them and said, "What is our one thing? What will make the most change?" or do we just approve the same projects, the same programs that we did last year? We elect the same officers, ask the same people to serve on the same committees; the same people are doing the same fundraisers as we always have done. But have we found our "one thing"? Have we looked for it? Do we consider how can we make the most impact? Do we consider changes like asking new members, adding women to the club, changing what we have "always done"?

As Lions, let us all find our "one thing" - and together we can serve our communities and local areas to be better places.

*(This column was originally published in the August 2015 issue of the District 25-G newsletter.)*

*The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. — Mahatma Gandhi*





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:

CT Kim Polk  
 260-571-6125 • tomkimpolk@gmail.com  
 5378 E 975 S  
 LaFontaine, IN 46940





# District 25-G CONVENTION

Argos United Methodist Church  
570 N. Michigan St., Argos, IN

Saturday  
March 4, 2023  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## Special Guest ID Jeffrey Gans



Jeffrey R. "Jeff" Gans, from Voorhees, NJ was elected to serve a two-year term as international director at the association's 103rd International Convention in 2021. Director Gans has been an attorney since 1982 and is a frequent speaker for Continuing Legal Education. He is a member of the Camden Lions Club. In recognition for his service, he has received numerous awards, including a Life Membership Award, a Grand Master Membership Key Award, an International President's Award, numerous International President's Certificates of Appreciation, an LCIF Helping Hands Award, a Club President Excellence Award, a 100% District Governor's Award, Club and District Lion of the Year Awards, and a MD16 Harold P. Nutter Distinguished Service Award. Director Gans is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow Humanitarian Partner for having achieved the 100th Progressive Melvin Jones Level.

**\$20\***  
Per Person

Enjoy Continental breakfast items before the meeting.  
Dinner includes: Chicken, ham, cheesy potatoes, green bean/corn vegetable, tossed salad, rolls, & peanut butter or chocolate sheet cake

### DISTRICT CONVENTION RESERVATIONS

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ reservations at \$20 each.

Mail this reservation and your check payable to District 25-G  
by March 1 (reservations after February 25 will be \$25 per person) to:

CT Kim Polk  
5378 E 975 S, LaFontaine, IN 46940

## Indiana Lions State Convention News

### International President to Speak at State Convention



Lions Clubs International President Brian Sheehan and Lion Lori will be our guests at the 2023 Indiana Lions State Convention, to be held in Bloomington, Indiana, May 12-14, 2023.

President Sheehan was elected to serve as international president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 104th International Convention, June 22 through June 28, 2022.

President Sheehan is the founder and CEO of Rural Computer Consultants, a software development company.

A member of the Bird Island Lions Club since 1991, he has held many offices within the association, and has received numerous awards in recognition of his service to the association. In addition to his Lions activities, President Sheehan is active in numerous professional and community organizations.

President Sheehan and his wife, Lori, also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two sons and two daughters. And in their spare time, they have enjoyed raising many types of exotic animals.

### A Message From State Convention Co-Chairs PDG Mark Clark & PDG Gary Ochs



TOGETHER WE WILL (IN BLOOMINGTON IN MAY, 11-14, 2023)

PDG Gary Ochs and I want to give EVERY Lion a personal invitation to attend the 102nd 2023 Indiana Lions State Convention in Bloomington, Indiana on May 11-14 -2023. All Lions will have a great opportunity to meet other Lions, hear great speakers, attend wonderful seminars and learn what wonderful things that the Lions are doing across the State of Indiana. But for one especial reason to come to the convention, you will have the opportunity to meet one particular Lion, OUR INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT BRIAN SHEEHAN. President Brian and his wife, Lion

Lori, will be the special guests of Indiana Lions and will be traveling to Indiana just TO MEET YOU, HEAR FROM YOU, AND TO GET YOUR INPUT FOR THE BETTERMENT OF LIONS.

The convention will start on Friday, May 12, 2023. You can come into Bloomington and stay at either the Courtyard at the Monroe County Convention Center or at the Hyatt Place on Kirkwood. Both of those hotels have blocks of rooms reserved for the Lions at rates that you will not want to pass up. See the registration form for the specific details to register with the block reserved from the Lions.

On Friday morning, there will be a presentation in the Monroe County Convention Center on the limestone industry of Lawrence and Monroe Counties. This industry has in the past provided the limestone for major monuments and buildings in Washington DC as well as in numerous states and countries. We will have a special speaker from Bloomington to make this presentation to the Lions. This will be given on Friday morning at 9:00 am, so you will want to plan to attend this event.

Friday night the Ellettsville Lions will be sponsoring a bar-b-q dinner with the High Sierra band performing at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. This will take place prior to the first general business session of the convention at the convention center. The dinner will be sure to be a good time to catch up with old friends and make new friends over great food and music. The first business session will be the official beginning of the convention.

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## Indiana Lions State Convention News

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Saturday is filled with the district caucuses, vendors, exhibits, the second general business session, seminars, and the ALL STATE BANQUET. See the full schedule of events for the convention at [www.indianalionsconvention.org](http://www.indianalionsconvention.org). Not only will we have the keynote address from IP Brian, but he will lead a seminar at 1:30 in the afternoon and his wife, Lion Lori, will lead a seminar at 2:30 pm. But make sure to plan to attend the All State Banquet to enjoy the presentation from the INDIANA SINGING HOOSIERS that will perform during our dinner meal. This will be a great performance given just for the Indiana Lions.

Sunday will be a special day of remembrance for those Lions whom we have lost in the past year. PDG Newell Clifton and his wife Lion Judy, will lead the memorial service and help us remember those we cherish for their past service. The brunch will fill you up and we will conclude the convention with the third business session. At the end of the third business session all the ladies will receive a gift for attending the convention on Mother's Day.

All in all, the convention will be a busy and exciting time for the Lions of Indiana. Make plans now to attend in Bloomington and have a great experience being a Lion. We both look forward to seeing you in May.

See you then,

PDG Mark Clark & PDG Gary Ochs.

### Donations Wanted for Silent Auction!



The Indiana Lions State Convention is quickly approaching. The Convention Committee is asking for silent auction items to help achieve our mission of providing relief to those in need. We can use items unique to your geographic locations. Perhaps there are very talented members in your local clubs that love to craft. And...who can't use a spa/relaxation treatment, or maybe a movie night would interest people. Please bring your auction items to the Convention Center. If you know in advance what you are bringing, contact me and I will prepare a bid sheet for each item.

Thank you in advance. If you have any questions, please contact Lion Cheri Faulkner at 317-271-3314, via text or voicemail or you can email me at [clermontlionlady58@yahoo.com](mailto:clermontlionlady58@yahoo.com).

Lion Cheri Faulkner, Silent Auction Chair for the Indiana Lions State Convention.

**Indiana Lions State Convention**

**Bloomington/Monroe County Convention Center**

**Bloomington, Indiana**

**May 12-14, 2023**

**Special Guests**

**International President**

**Brian Sheehan & Lion Lori**







## 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)

Print out Registration form at [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 BBO 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: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

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)





**Baugo Lions Club  
1<sup>st</sup> Annual Pancake  
& Sausage  
Breakfast**

*\$10 – All you can eat  
Pancakes, sausage, biscuits  
& gravy, juice and coffee*

**March 4, 2023  
7 am - NOON**

**Jamestown UM Church  
59218 CR 3  
Elkhart, IN**

**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 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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# February 2023

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			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	<b>9 DG Visit Argos LC</b>	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	<b>20 DG Visit Lake City LC</b>	21	22	23	24	<b>25 3rd District Meeting</b>
26	27	<b>28 DG Visit Lakeville LC</b>				



# March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	<b>2 ID Visit</b>	<b>3 ID Visit</b>	<b>4 District Convention, ID Visit</b>
<b>5 ID Visit</b>	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	<b>14 DG Visit Madison Twp LC</b>	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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### **Mark Your Calendar**

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.**