



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

I sit to write on the day after Christmas, as I recover from a marvelous, hectic holiday and the inconvenience of bitter cold and snow.

I look forward to a warming period later this week so I can reconsider my move to Florida. I trust that you and yours had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to the start of a new year. The turning of the calendar is strange for Lions and Lions' leadership in that we operate from July through June, so our "year" is half over (pessimism) or we have a whole six months to go (optimism). I hope you use the traditional old year/new year transition to include Lions in your resolutions. Either resolve to continue to be an active part of your club or resolve to become an active part of your club-either way works for me!



Several weeks ago, Lion Ms. Susan and I had roles in a radio script rendering of "It's a Wonderful Life" put on by Elkhart Civic Theater at the Opera House in Bristol. I was cast in the role of Clarence the angel (I'll pause until the snickering dies down). I had a line that resounded with me-"George, you've really had a wonderful life, it would be a shame to throw it away". It was Clarence's attempt to remind George Bailey of his importance to Bedford Falls even though George doesn't realize it. The same goes for you, if you enhance your community by being part of any service group, church, government, school, etc. This, of course, should and must include Lions. If you sit and reflect on everything you've done in Lions that has impacted your community, you'll see that you've had "A Wonderful Life". Don't waste or throw that away- be an active Lion!

Yours in Lionism

Lion Brian Thomas, District Governor, 25-G, 2022-2023

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

Thought for the Month

Three from Mark Twain

- "The two most important days in your life are the day you were born and the day you find out why."

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A Message from District Governor Brian Thomas

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- "The trouble is not in dying for a friend, but in finding a friend worth dying for."
- "I have never let my schooling interfere with my education."

District Governor's Official Visits

Is your club in the following list?

Clay/Granger
Culver
Dunlap
Elkhart
Grass Creek

LaFontaine
Leesburg
Lydick
New Paris
Peru

Pierceton
Roann Covered Bridge
Rochester
Somerset
Syracuse

These are the clubs I've been able to visit since the start of our Lion year or will visit soon. If you don't see your club listed, it's because I haven't heard from you to arrange a visit. What are you waiting for?

Thinking Outside the Box

1. Produce a neighborhood/Lions newspaper.
2. For your next birthday, ask for charitable donations instead of gifts.
3. Hold a Life Skills workshop based on the skills of your members: sewing, home repairs, cooking, etc.
4. Collect used sporting goods to donate to families or after-school programs.
5. Coach or sponsor a youth team.
6. Deliver groceries and meals to elderly residents.
7. Donate blankets to a homeless shelter.
8. Perform a concert or play at a senior home or center.
9. Build flower boxes for homes in your community.
10. Volunteer at a police or fire station.

Previews of Coming Attractions

As you all know, the District and State levels of Lions are all about meetings and training. The upcoming functions can be important to you in your evolution as an active Lion.

- Mid-Winter Conference - Indianapolis - Saturday January 21 - 1 day filled with useful seminars
- District Cabinet Meeting #3 - Leesburg - Saturday, February 25
- District 25-G Convention - Argos - Saturday, March 4 - Guest speaker: ID Jeffery Gans
- State Convention - Bloomington - May 12-14 - Guest speaker- IP Brian E. Sheehan
- District Cabinet Meeting #4 - Culver - Saturday, May 20

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.



A Message From 1st Vice District Governor Ron Guth



Welcome to the New Year! Or is it Welcome to the 2nd half of this Lions Year?

Yes, it is a new calendar year and for those of us who still write paper checks, remember it's 2023 not 2022.

It was really tough for me going from 1999 to 2000 and waiting for the utilities, banks and government services to crash with the Y2K bug. That didn't happen, but we sure did plan for it, just in case.

Well Lions, I need to plan for the start of my year as DG. In six short months, I will take over the leadership of our district in July at the LCI convention in Boston, but I need to compile my list of team members long before then. I have to let LCI know who is doing what right after our district convention in March. So, guess what, I've got 2 months to make my list (and I thought getting my list to Santa on time was tough). Our district needs Zone Chairs who can visit their 5 or 6 clubs a few times a year to let them know what is going on in the district. We need Lions who want to serve as trustees for the 5 state projects and state foundation. We have over 30 district committees that need Lions who will take charge. And of course, we need to continue our district leadership with 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer and Global Leadership, Membership, and Service Team Leaders.

Hopefully, many of those who have served in the past will continue to serve, and I ask that they please let me know if they are willing to serve on the district team for 2022-2023. Some may not, due to new LCI term limits or changes in health, job, or family. So please let me know if you are willing to join as a new team member! I may be calling you, so be prepared to say "yes" for service to others.

As a final note, I believe in equality for race, gender, age, or experience so we will all receive equal compensation regardless of job title.

We Serve!

Lion Ron Guth, 1st Vice District Governor
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A Message From Cabinet Treasurer Lion Kim Polk



I am writing this on Thursday, December 22nd as we prepare for the blizzard that is coming. Time will tell if we receive the rain, ice, snow, and wind that is predicted. Our Christmas plans have been altered as Tom's mother who is 92 does not want to get out in the cold.

My plan is to send out district dues invoices on January 1st & 2nd. Your club's invoice will be based on the number of members in your club as of end of day on December 31st. Invoices will sent to the club treasurer and/or secretary email address on record with LCI. If no email address is listed then the invoice will go out via postal mail. LCI will send invoices for LCI dues, as well. If you have questions regarding your dues invoice, please feel free to contact me.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year as we serve together. Together We Can.

Lion Kim Polk, Cabinet Treasurer
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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**, **1st Vice District Governor**, and **2nd 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); and **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 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.

Your State Convention Needs You



The Indiana Lions State Convention which will be held in Bloomington, May 12th through 14th, needs your help. We would like every club to donate an item for the Silent Auction. The International President will determine where the money will go. IP Brian is a penguin guy so he or his wife may possibly bid on an item or two.

Please assist if you can. You can contact me for more information at clermontlionlady58@yahoo.com or by calling me at 317-271-3314.

Thank you,

Lion Cheri Faulkner

Global Leadership Team



In the Bleak Midwinter

(with apologies to poet Christina Rossetti, 1872)

Christmas is over. The anticipation, the Club Christmas projects, and our delight at seeing the happy faces of gift recipients are now just great memories. And now as some of our members are heading for warmer climates elsewhere, the months until the lilacs bloom look long and bleak.

But even with our cold and damp weather, Club meetings don't have to be equally cold and dreary. Now is the time to put some real sparkle into our meetings. It's not too early to begin planning for those Spring and Summer events and fundraisers. In today's economy, it's never too early to nail down those contracts for supplies and services.

I'd also like to suggest that your Club review its guest speaker lineup. Whether you have a speaker at every meeting or just once a month, speakers should be both educational and entertaining. No matter the size of your community, the array of speakers is endless.

But first, be sure you have the District Governor signed up for his official visit. If the Governor has already visited, ask the 1st Vice District Governor to come. And Trustees for our State Projects are always delighted to speak. The information they can provide will certainly capture your attention.

Don't forget your own Club members. Some have accomplished great things. Give them a chance to share their experiences. Or listen to a member with a fascinating hobby share his story. Others may have unusual jobs they'd love to share with others. And don't skip the possibility of traveling to see a business or hobby firsthand.

Community organizations would also love to speak to you. Some you may financially support, others not. I'd suggest a mix so that every group isn't there to plead for money. Consider first responders. A K-9 demonstration at our Club convinced me to stay on the right side of the law. Representatives of your local school corporation, whether administrators, classroom teachers, or students, always have exciting and unique stories or projects to share. Nor is there anything wrong with entertaining a musical group. The possibilities are endless.

And don't forget individuals in the community. Have a kidney transplant survivor describe their experience. A local physician can discuss some new procedures or medicines. Someone could reminisce about their years in the military. Someone could describe a fascinating genealogy or their discoveries about local history. Every single person has a story to tell. Every single Lion knows someone with a story to tell. However, plan. Don't do as I once did: schedule a plastic surgeon right after a spaghetti dinner. His pictures did not enhance the dinner at all.

The list goes on. Perhaps some year this topic could be a roundtable discussion at a Mid-Winter Conference or State Convention. We are all looking for fresh ideas. But the overall goal is to keep Club members engaged, looking forward to the next meeting, and thinking about someone they could invite to hear the next speaker. We don't need winter Lions blahs.

More next time.

PCC Dave Eisen, Global Leadership Team Leader

Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in. — Author unknown

Global Membership Team



What a year it has been! Thanks to all your efforts, we have broken down barriers, created opportunities, and generated tangible results. You make each day count, for what you do as Lions and Lionesses and Leos is amazing. I cannot wait to spend another year with everyone.

It was too cold outside this past weekend with our blizzard conditions just before Christmas with temperatures below zero, heavy winds, blowing snow, and power outages just a few days before Christmas. I hope everyone was safe and had a great Christmas with family, friends, and fur babies. Did you eat a lot of food and all the desserts? YUMMY! Are you looking forward to the warm temperatures coming just before New Year's Day? Oh, wait, it's Indiana - the weather can change in an hour or less. I would like to wish everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR as we welcome 2023.

To all our Lions: Every year comes with its challenges and wins, and you have been with us every step of the way. Thank you for keeping us in your corner! Whatever this year brings, we will crush it together. Happy New Year!

I hope to see each one of you this coming year. I am open for any Club visits, and I hope everyone has signed up to join us at the MID-WINTER CONFERENCE in Jan 20-21, 2023. Let us come together and join in the fun at the Mid-Winter Conference.

PDG Mary Klempay, Global Membership Team Leader
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Global Service Team



As I write this report, I see snow falling and hear the wind howling outside my window. It reminds me of all the ways Lions' work is needed by members of our communities as we start the winter season. This is a great time to consider new ways for our clubs to help those in need with acts of kindness. We are going into the time of year when it is a little harder to be of assistance, but now is a time our help is needed by many. Work as a club or partner with other clubs to hold a food drive for local pantries, hold a winter clothing drive, or clear the sidewalks and driveways of the those who need the assistance. These are simple projects that will enhance the lives of many in our communities.

I hope everyone has a Happy New Year and we all continue doing Lions work to the best of our abilities in our district, state, and internationally. Service is the basis of our organization and can only be achieved through a strong membership with great leaders.

Lion Al Beehler, Global Service Team Coordinator

Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.... You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love. -- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Lions Clubs International Foundation

A Message from District 25-G LCIF Coordinator PDG Marlyn Fast



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

The major fundraiser, Campaign 100 for 2017-2022, has finished. The goal of raising \$300 million was surpassed by \$25 million plus, because of the hard work and dedication of Lions like you. WOW!

What happens now? We all know that the needs of the world continue to grow, and we must build on this campaign success to ensure the future of our Foundation's ability to magnify our services. Our goal for District 25-G, July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023 is \$31,824, which is \$25.50 per member. We know this is doable since 3 of the last 5 years we have donated more than that.

Last Lion year alone, LCIF mobilized more than \$6 million for Lions service in the wake of natural disasters. To date, more than \$140 million has been awarded for disaster relief programs worldwide.

As of the end of November 2022, 9 of the 47 clubs in District 25-G have already given \$9,272, leaving about \$22,500 for the 38 other clubs that have not yet responded. Your response is urgently needed.

100% of your donation will benefit LCIF grants and programs.

Lions Jackie Kurley and PDG Marlyn Fast, your co-chairs, are willing to present a program to your club. Just call Jackie Kurley at 219-689-8424 or PDG Marlyn Fast at 574-538-1090

A Message from MD-25 LCIF Coordinator PDG Ken Faulkner

Hello Lions All,

LCIF has approved all the District Coordinators. Congratulations to the following LCIF District Coordinators.

- ◆ District A – PDG Patty Cooke & PDG Randy Greer
- ◆ District B – PDG Terry Marker & 2nd VDG James Bush
- ◆ District C – Lion Karen McKellar
- ◆ District D - PDG Steve Holtzleiter & PDG Mike Imbler
- ◆ District E – Lion Laura Davis & PDG Kenny Williams
- ◆ District F – Lion Charlie Coombs & PDG Ken Faulkner
- ◆ District G – Lion Jackie Kurley & PDG Marlyn Fast

Since Campaign 100 is over what are we going to do now? LCIF raised approximately \$326 million since 2019 when the campaign began. Thank you, if you contributed. But did you know that LCIF gave \$35 million in grants in 2022? 10% of what was raised during campaign 100 is now gone, in 10 years it could all be gone. LCIF has tasked Constitutional Area 1 (USA and Canada) to raise \$50 million. In Indiana, our goal this year is \$216,750 which is \$25.50 per member for the year or \$2.13 per month. Please donate if you can.

LCIF will have a table at the Mid-Winter Conference, January 20th & 21st, and I am sure we will have something to raffle along with much information about LCIF. Register for the conference and come see us.

The District Coordinators are also working on a raffle item or two for the State Convention, May 12th through 14th.

Respectfully Submitted,

PDG Ken Faulkner, MD-25 LCIF Chair, 317-847-7884

Here We Grow Again

Since July 1st, 19 district clubs have welcomed 33 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.
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 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



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.

News From Around the District

Lydick Lions Club Spreads Christmas Cheer



Members of the Lydick Lions Club enjoyed playing Secret Santa for a local family in their community. They could hardly wait to bring some holiday cheer to their chosen family.

Pictured (l. to r.) Lion Lori Ferro, Lion Wendy Yuhasz, and Lion Teckla Lane

Submitted by Lion Lori Ferro, Lydick Lions Club

Fulton Liberty Lions Club Makes Holiday Deliveries

Fulton Liberty Lions Club members, Linda Wade (left) and Lori Gibson (right) were at Caston Jr.-Sr. High School on December 16 to pick up 23 fruit bags prepared by the school's FFA and ready to deliver to seniors and others in the community. The Grass Creek Lions Club and Twelve Mile Lions Club are also service groups to our local school and delivered bags, as well.

Submitted by Lion Linda Wade, Fulton Liberty Lions Club



Golden Anniversary Celebration for a Pair of Lydick Lions Club Members



Congratulations to Lydick Lions Mike & Teckla Lane of the Lydick Lions Club on 50 years of marriage! A celebration with family and friends was recently held at the Elks Lodge in South Bend, Indiana. Due to COVID, a party was temporarily put on hold, so when the celebration happened, we jump to 52 years! What an accomplishment, and cheers to many more!!

Submitted by Lion Lori Ferro, Lydick Lions Club

Madison Township Lions Club Donates to Several Local Charities

The Madison Township Lions Club made donations to various charity organizations in November and December. We donated to the following: The Food Bank of Northern Indiana, Center for the Homeless, Hope Ministries, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Michiana, and Reins For Life. We also purchased clothing and gifts for 9 children in two local families as Christmas donations.

Submitted by Lion Al Beehler, Madison Township Lions Club

News From Around the District

Syracuse Lions Adopt A Family for Christmas

Our local food pantry gets names of families in need and we choose to "adopt" 1 or 2 families, depending on the number of children. This year we choose a family with 3 children - a 15-year-old boy, 6-year-old girl, 5-year-old boy, and parents. The project is funded from our regular fundraisers throughout the year. Pictured below, preparing the gifts, are Lion Karen Hartley in plaid, Lion Angela Himes in red, and Lion Becky Fox in black and gray. Lion Marie Butler-Knight took the photos.

Submitted by Lion Angela Himes, Syracuse Lions Club



News From Around the District

Dunlap Lions Club Christmas Celebration

Members of the Dunlap Lions Club enjoyed an evening of great food, fellowship, and music at our Christmas party on December 15th. We enjoyed a great dinner of steak or stuffed pork chops, followed by the delightful music from Acoustic Harmony. Great Lions fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Submitted by Lion Jason Smith



Photos submitted by Lion Jackie Kurley

News From Around the District

Lakeville & LaPaz Lions Clubs Team Up to Help 45 Families

As in years past, the Lakeville Lions Club and the LaPaz Lions Club worked together to serve 45 families in the LaVille schools community.

- ◆ Approximately 3,000 food items were collected by LaVille Elementary School students.
- ◆ Lions Clubs partnered with Lakeville United Methodist Church to host a work day for sorting the food and toys.
- ◆ 45 food baskets were distributed.
- ◆ 2 Bicycles and 2 Skateboards were donated.

The clubs want to thank the following donors:

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| * American Legion Post 363 -
Sons of the Legion | * Lakeville Conservation Club | * LaVille Summer League |
| * American Legion Post 363 -
Ladies Auxiliary | * Lakeville Eastern Star | * Jack's Bar and Grill |
| * Bellman Oil | * Lakeville Fire Department | * Woodies Supermarket |
| * Lakeville Brew Crew | * Lakeville Masonic Lodge | * Calvary Baptist Church |
| | * Lakeville United Methodist
Church | * Private donors |

The Local Impact

Toys for Tots—Lakeville & LaPaz, Indiana

1,036
Toys Distributed

Approximately 3000
Non-perishable food items distributed

45
Families Supported



News From Around the District

Lakeville Lions Club Ladies Prepare Gift Bags for Nursing Home Residents



In early December, several ladies in the Lakeville Lions Club gathered at the home of Lion Janet Weber to assemble more than 100 gift bags for residents of Miller's Merry Manor in Plymouth, Creekside Village in Mishawaka, and Briarcliff Health and Rehabilitation Center in South Bend. Items in the gift bags included: socks, lip balm, lotion, small Christmas ornaments, puzzle books, scarves, pads of paper, candy, mints, and homemade Christmas cookies. Club members and volunteers who participated in this project were: Jean Duford, Jean Gingerich, Sherry Maciejewski, Sharon Miller, Dee Milzarek, Marsha Omans, Rose Russell, Darlene Schock, Anne Weber, and Janet Weber.



After assembling gift bags, the Lions enjoyed snacks. At left (l. to r.) Lion Janet Weber, Lion Marsha Omans, Lion Sharon Miller, Lion Sherry Maciejewski. At right (l. to r.) Lion Janet Weber, Lion Marsha Omans, Lion Sharon Miller, Lion Sherry Maciejewski, Lion Jean Duford, Lion Darlene Schock, Jean Gingerich, Lion Dee Milzarek, and Lion Rose Russell.



Submitted by Lion Anne Weber & Lion Janet Weber

District Governor Visits Grass Creek, LaFontaine, & Somerset Lions Clubs



Left: DG Brian helps Grass Creek Lions Club members fill holiday bags.

Right: DG Brian with Grass Creek Lions Club Acting President Lion James Dague.



Left: DG Brian with LaFontaine Lions Club President Lion Stephan Polk at combined LaFontaine/Somerset meeting.

Right: DG Brian with Somerset Lions Club President Lion Kathy Hecker at combined LaFontaine/Somerset meeting.



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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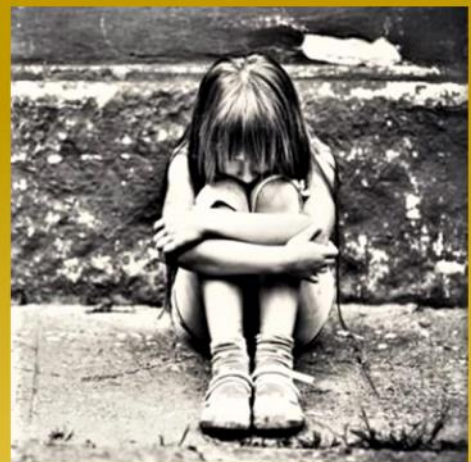


Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference **With the Power of You, Together We Can**



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**

THE ULTRASOUND PROJECT Eyeglass Washing Sessions



TUESDAY January 24

9 am – 11 am; & 11 am – 1 pm

THURSDAY January 26

9 am – 11 am; & 11 am – 1 pm

**At the Grange Eyeglass Processing Center
22482 County Road 45 – Goshen, IN**

Reserve your spot- info@elkhartlions.org

Here's your chance!

Two dates with a total of four eyeglass washing sessions have been scheduled for 9:00 am—11:00 am and 11:00 am-1:00 pm on Tuesday, January 24th and Thursday, January 26th at the District 25-G Eyeglass Processing Center at the Fairview Grange, 22482 County Road 45, Goshen. There is room for only 5 Lions at each 2-hour session, so it's an ideal project for your club members to schedule. All work is done while sitting and you'll be providing a valuable service for the district's eyeglass mission program.

Sign up early to assure a spot in one of these sessions. Anyone who sends in a request for a date and time will be advised if that session is still available. Send your request to:

info@ElkhartLions.org.

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 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 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.

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**





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

\$8⁰⁰ 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.

3rd 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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Looking Forward to the 2023 State Convention



I know that at this time of year most people's thoughts are on the holidays. Thanksgiving in the immediate past and Christmas coming upon us quickly. But I am looking past all that. I am looking forward to May 11 through 14, 2023. YES, I am looking forward to the 2023 STATE CONVENTION in BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA at the MONROE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER.

Why, you ask? Because we will have the PRESIDENT of the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS in our state visiting us. What a great opportunity to meet and talk with International President Brian Sheehan and his wife, Lion Lori, in person while they are visiting our own multiple district. I can meet the International President and hear firsthand what he has been doing throughout the year on an international scale for us as our president.

What else am I looking forward to? Hearing great presenters at the various seminars that will take place on Saturday afternoon. There will be a presentation for club presidents and vice presidents by IP Sheehan, a presentation by all of the state projects, by LCIF, and Lion Lori, a presentation to increase club membership, and opportunities to meet with Lions from across our state to make new friendships and renew old friendships. I am looking forward to a Friday morning presentation regarding the history and current operations of the limestone industry in Monroe and Lawrence counties. This will be a free presentation available to everyone who arrives at the convention on Friday morning and will be at the Monroe County Convention Center.

I am looking forward to the Friday night supper being sponsored by the Ellettsville Lions Club at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. The supper will be a bar-b-que buffet and will have live music to enjoy. I am looking forward to relaxing at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel or the Hyatt Place Hotel in Bloomington. Both are located not far from the square in Bloomington and on the B-Line walking trail. I know that my wife is looking forward to going shopping in downtown Bloomington while I am at the convention.

I don't need to be concerned about food now, because the Saturday night All-State Banquet and the Sunday brunch are going to be fantastic meals to enjoy with friends around the table.

Yes, you can be stuck in all the stress and frantic activities of the holidays, but I am looking forward to a great 2023 Lions State Convention in Bloomington, May 11th through the 14th. Look for the registration form in the Hoosier Lion and on line as well as in the Governor's newsletter. I will plan on seeing you there and sharing a great weekend with you.

PDG Mark Clark



Your event can be HERE.

If you haven't seen the recently redesigned district website, be sure to take a look (<http://lions25g.com/>). In addition to a calendar that lists all known district and Indiana Lions' events, you can advertise your club's fundraising event in a rotating banner. The event should be for a day or specific time period, not an ongoing event

that has no start or end date. Simply send the What, When, Where, and other details including pricing to PDG Marty Juel. If you have artwork or a photo, send that also. Coming soon will be an area where you can send photos from a club project. Again, be sure to include information so details can be included with the photos.



2023 Indiana Lions 102nd 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 12th 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

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



January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 DG Visit Roann Covered Bridge LC	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				



February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 3rd District Meeting
26	27	28				

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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.**