



# *Lions Tales*

**DISTRICT 25-G**

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## **A Message from District Governor Marlyn Fast**

Well, my year is about to get started. What a year this past year has been! It feels like we need to start fresh in Lionism. My theme this year is "Kindness in Action". When I think of "We Serve", I feel that I am serving in kindness on my part. I also think for Lions it becomes second nature to want to help and do it with kindness. This is also a good time to ask others to join you in your service activities. I feel my theme fits right in with the International Motto, "Serve from the Heart". Kindness does come from the heart.



Here are a few housekeeping items to start off the year.

- There are still a few clubs who need to send in their election results, even if the officers for the coming year are the same as last year. Lions Club International needs to know this.
- Club Excellence Award applications have a deadline of August 31 (That's just around the corner!). Find out if your club qualifies and get the Club Excellence Award Application at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-excellence-awards>
- Local club budgets will help your club plan for the year. Don't forget about the 5 State Projects and donations to LCIF Campaign 100.

By the time you get this newsletter the first Virtual International Convention will be history. I had hoped to make a trip to Montreal, Canada, but that is not to be this year. How this Virtual Convention will be pulled off is not known to me. However, I am sure it will be a success just like all the Zoom trainings I've had. I will give you an update in our next newsletter in August.

I have had a few Officer Installation events and have two club visits already set up. Keep them coming.

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Have you scheduled the District Governor's visit to your club? District Governor Marlyn Fast would like to attend one of your club meetings, share his vision for our district, and hear your concerns. Check his calendar on page 11 of this newsletter, then give him a call at 574-875-5963 (home) or 574-538-1090 (cell), or send an email message to mafa1107@gmail.com.

### **A Message From District Governor Marlyn Fast** *(continued from page 1)*

Our 1st District meeting has been set for August 7, 2021, 9:00 a.m.—Noon at the Dunlap Lions Club (see the registration form on page 8). Also, the District 25-G Banner Night is set for August 21, 2021 at Camp Mack (see the registration form on page 9). Your attendance at these events will be a good way to begin a new Lion Year.

COVID-19 has been hard on membership in our District. So, one of our major pushes will be getting our member numbers back up so we can do a better job of serving our communities. The success of our District depends on our ability to recognize turning points we need to make to correct our downward turn in growth. I'm repeating this quote from Helen Keller that says it well, "A bend in the road is not the end of the road ... unless you fail to make the turn."

Let's have fun serving our communities with Kindness in Action as We Serve this year!

Kindness in Action

Lion Marlyn Fast

District Governor, 2021-2022

## **District 25-G Vision, Mission, & Goals for 2021-2022**

### **International Motto**

Service from the Heart

### **Vision Statement**

District 25-G Lions will engage themselves in their respective communities with "Kindness in Action" projects and activities.

### **Mission Statement**

District 25-G Lions will strive to provide "Services from the Heart" for the International goals and programs.

### **District Motto**

"Kindness in Action" -- District 25-G will demonstrate "Kindness in Action" as Lions in service.

### **District Goals**

- By the end of the 2021-2022 fiscal year, our District will start 1 new club with 20 charter members. This will be the first new club in four years.
- By the end of the 2021-2022 fiscal year, our District will show a net gain in membership.
- By the end of the 2021-2022 fiscal year, our District will have 75% of the clubs reporting services in MYLion which is a 35% increase over last year.
- By the end of the 2021-2022 fiscal year, our District will have 75% of all clubs donating to LCIF. This will be 30% increase over last year.
- By June 30, 2021, the District will have a virtual or in-person Officers Training sessions with representatives of over 50% of the clubs attending.
- By July 31, 2021, the District will have a virtual or in-person training session with at least 6 Zone Chairs attending.
- Starting July 1, 2021, the District will highlight the Eyeglass Recycling Program.

## **A Message from 1st Vice District Governor Brian Thomas**

Greetings and welcome to the start of a new year in Lions, as we turn a page in the history of Lions in District 25-G. Last year as Governor was memorable for me with informative visitations and projects filled with purpose and service, yet a year that went by too fast - a year filled with achievement coupled with unmet goals due to the impact of COVID.

I look forward to serving with District Governor Marilyn Fast as we strive to achieve some of those unmet goals. Some of the items we hope to see are:

- Recruitment - We need to stem the ongoing loss of members by having clubs search their communities for prospective members and then have the courage and commitment to ask them to join.
- Retention - Every club needs to have projects that are useful and purposeful, along with meetings that are friendly and informative to keep the interest of all members, both old and new.
- Extension - We hope to restart the Lions organization in at least Goshen this year, then move on to Nappanee perhaps.

District Governor Fast has assembled a great team of Lions to aid and guide members of District 25-G, but we need your involvement to be successful. I am committed to making this year one to remember as we bounce back from the COVID interruption. Will you join us?

Lion Brian Thomas, 1st Vice District Governor



## **A Message from 2nd Vice District Governor Jason Smith**

Greetings Lions of 25-G:

I am looking forward to my journey in serving your needs for the next 3 years. I look forward to visiting your clubs, meeting new people, and expanding new friendships over the next few years.

Relationships are key among members. The relationships that we make, nurture, and grow throughout this organization spread a culture, a transfer of new ideas, a sense of belonging. I challenge each and every club to reach out this year and expand your relationships with other clubs and your community. Be proud of your accomplishments and don't be afraid to share them with others. You never know who you might help or entice to join your club because of the wonderful things you are doing!

Finally, if there is anything I can do to help, please let me know. My family and I enjoy traveling, helping out, and meeting new people!

Lion Jason Smith, 2nd Vice District Governor

# Some things you should know for next year



Lions recently were notified of a change in the location for the 2022 International Convention. Due to the ongoing challenges presented by the coronavirus, the LCI Board of Directors voted to relocate the 2022 Lions International Convention from New Delhi, India to Montréal, Canada. The ongoing travel and health advisories, and the size and complexity of our convention, led to this difficult decision.

Unfortunately, this is not the first time COVID-19 has required our organization to make adjustments for the health and safety of our Lions, staff, vendors and local communities. In 2020, the board of directors voted to cancel the Singapore convention due to the government of Singapore restricting entry to the country. In January 2021, the 103rd Lions Clubs International Convention was transformed from an in-person event in Montréal, Canada to the organization's first virtual convention in response to the ongoing global pandemic. Future LCI conventions are scheduled for: 2022 - Montreal, Canada; 2023 - Boston, MA; 2024 - Melbourne, Australia; 2025 - Mexico City, Mexico; 2026 - Atlanta, Georgia; 2027 - Washington, DC; 2028 - Singapore.

You will shortly receive dues invoices from LCI and the District 25-G Treasurer Ron Guth. As of July 1, you can no longer remove a member without paying for the July 1-Dec 31 period. If you already removed a member PRIOR to July 1, and that Lion has subsequently paid dues for the new year, you can add that Lion back without having to pay a new member fee.

LCI recently announced that the new member fee and the fee to charter new clubs, have been waived through December 31, 2021. This \$35 new member savings should be a real plus for clubs to use in soliciting prospective members.

DG Marlyn Fast will be distributing his district directory shortly after July 1. But to help you start planning your year, here are some dates you should set aside now.

- Banner Night - August 21, Camp Mack (registration form included in this newsletter)
- District Meetings - August 2, October 30, February 19, and May 14.
- Mid-Winter Conference - January 22, Indianapolis
- District Convention - March 12, Argos UM Church
- State Convention - April 29-May 1.

If you have questions about any of the above or other topics, please don't hesitate to contact me.

PDG Marty Juel, Cabinet Secretary

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## A Message from International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

Dear Lion Leader,

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to impact the work of Lions and communities around the world, creating financial hardships for Lions and the people we care for.

To support the incredible men and women serving with us, the International Board of Directors passed another resolution to help our clubs in the new Lion year.

### Here is an overview of the new resolution approved by the board of directors:

- **Charter and entrance fees waiver** - We have waived all charter and entrance fees from July 1 through December 31, 2021. Charter and entrance fees are also currently waived through June 30, 2021.

These additional measures will help Lions facing financial hardships and give our clubs the support and encouragement they need during these challenging times. For more than a century, Lions have taken on the greatest challenges facing humanity, and together, we will overcome this.

The world needs Lions now more than ever, so thank you for your outstanding service and commitment to our communities and the world.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, International President

## Starting Over ... Again



June 30th marks the end of another Lions year. July 1st begins a new year... again. These dates may not seem particularly important to most Lions, but to Club officers, some leaving, some beginning, these dates are milestones.

We are leaving a year filled with uncertainties and some unwanted pauses. Zoom meetings seemed the norm. Some Clubs didn't meet at all. Some did, following the government's guidelines. It was all very challenging to retain/regain some sense of normalcy for meetings and activities. The year may have cost us some members, but that's a challenge for the new year.

But now we have a new year with new leaders and a fresh start, from the District Governor on down. We can, and will, rebound from the virus years. I challenge all Club leaders to reinvigorate their Clubs, to meet again, to try new fundraisers, to find new ways to serve, and to reach new goals. That may seem like a huge challenge, but taken one piece at a time, can be accomplished by every Club.

If you are a new (or returning) Club officer and missed our two Zoom officers training sessions, that doesn't mean you are done learning. Please feel free to contact the District leaders, and we will help in any way we can. We make house calls, too. And don't forget to check the Lions Clubs International website. The opportunities for learning on the web are nearly endless. But whatever, don't go into your new year with lots of unanswered questions.

Watch for information on our first District Meeting and 25-G's Banner Night. Two great occasions to meet District Governor Marlyn Fast and to thank Past District Governor Brian Thomas for a tough year of service. Start thinking now about scheduling DG Marlyn for his official visit. Your Zone Chair would also like to meet with you. And above all, share your successes.

Thank you to all outgoing officers and best wishes to all incoming officers. And while we are thanking people, don't forget to thank those who worked behind the scenes to make Zoom meetings possible. Without them, I would have been lost.

As Tony the Tiger used to say, let's make this new year "Gr-r-r-eat!"

PCC Dave Eisen, Global Leadership Team coordinator

## Make A Difference In Your Community and the World



As we begin another year in Lionism, let's not forget those in our communities that can use a helping hand. This help can be done as a group of Lions, a few, or individually. No type of service is too small to make a difference in making someone's life better. Most of us joined a Lions Club in order to help others in ways we couldn't do on our own, but we can all still do those little acts of service as well. Think of new ways as well as those we do yearly to better serve our communities. All Lions should work hard to start District Governor Marlyn Fast's year on a high note!

Another way for all Lions to serve is by taking on a leadership role in your club or district. Leadership is needed to continue the great work being done by Lions locally, in the district, and throughout the world. We all take pride in the service that is accomplished, but remember it takes members to accomplish these activities and leaders to put the projects together. "Service = Members = Leaders". It takes all three for a club to be successful.

Lions have an opportunity to make a difference in many lives as we are getting closer to a normal way of living. Get out and join together as members and clubs to find those opportunities to make a difference.

**WE SERVE**

Lion Al Beehler, Global Service Team coordinator



## District Lions Clubs Award Scholarships



At our June meeting, the Madison Township Lions Club awarded scholarships to Addyson Farias (left) and Kiara Marker (right). The recipients are pictured here with Treasurer Lion Mike Hunsberger.

*submitted by Lion Al Beehler*

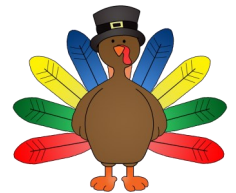


The Rochester Lions Club recently celebrated with their 2021 Rochester High School scholarship recipients at the Streamliner Sweet Shop. Each student was awarded a \$500 scholarship at RHS Honors night. Pictured here (left to right): Dalanie Chipps, Eleanor Shank, Carlee Blackburn, Brock Beehler, Grant McCarter and Hannah Houston. Not pictured: Mya Musselman. The Lions have awarded more than \$98,000 to RHS graduating seniors over the years. The scholarships are made possible from the sales of the greatest shakes, floats and other chilling, brain-freezing coolers found at the Fulton County 4-H Fair, Marshall County Blueberry Festival, and other area events.

*submitted by Lion Jeri Good*



## Laketon Lions Club All-Holiday Bazaar



**Warvel Park, North Manchester**

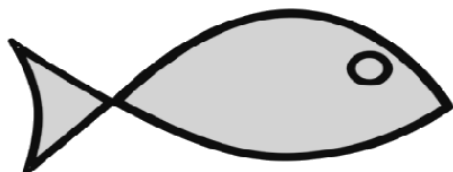


**Saturday, July 10, 2021  
8:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**



**Lunch items prepared and sold by Laketon Lions Club.  
We have a large variety of craft items available.**

**Please join us for  
the Syracuse Lions Club's Annual  
JONAH FISH FRY**



**Friday, July 9, 2021 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm**

**Drive-Through Only at the Syracuse Community Center**

(3 blocks east of downtown stoplight, across from Lakeside Park)

**\$10 for a full Jonah fish meal, including cole slaw,  
applesauce, tarter sauce, dinner roll, and cookie**

**Advance tickets available from any Syracuse Lion.**

**Madison Township Lions Club  
Pork Chop Sale**



**Saturday, July 17, 2021**

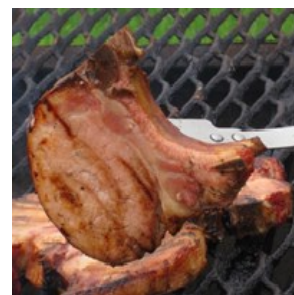
**11 am to 2 pm**

**Madison Township**

**Fire Station**

**SR 331, Wyatt, Indiana**

**(only one location this time)**



**Chops \$6.00 each — 7 for \$40 — 8 or more \$5.00 each**

**Carry-Out Only**



# 1<sup>st</sup> District 25-G MEETING

**Saturday**

**August 7, 2021**

**9 am - Noon**

Hosted by  
Dunlap Lions Club  
Fairview Grange  
22482 County Road 45  
Goshen, IN 46528

**\$8 \***

Per Person  
for Breakfast

**COME CELEBRATE  
OUR DISTRICT**

50/50 drawing  
will support the  
District 25-G  
Eyeglass  
Recycling Program



**Breakfast includes Eggs, Sausage,  
Pancakes, Juice, Coffee and more!**

## 1<sup>st</sup> DISTRICT MEETING RESERVATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ reservations at \$8 each.

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

CT Ron Guth  
2386 W. Broadway  
Bunker Hill, IN 46914





# District 25-G BANNER NIGHT

Camp Alexander Mack  
1113 Camp Mack Road  
Milford, IN 46542

Saturday  
**August 21, 2021**  
5 pm Social Hour  
6 pm Dinner

## BRING YOUR BANNER TO RECOGNIZE YOUR CLUB

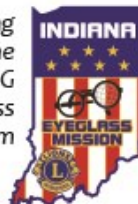
**\$20\***  
Per Person

*Dinner includes:*

Chicken Cordon Bleu, Pulled Pork, Parsley Potatoes,  
Vegetable Mix, Salad, Assorted Cream and Fruit Pies

**\*Reservations must be received by August 7, 2021. If payment at the door or received after Aug. 7, all reservations will be \$25. No reservations accepted after August 14.**

50/50 drawing  
will support the  
District 25-G  
Eyeglass  
Recycling Program



### BANNER NIGHT 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 to:

CT Ron Guth  
2386 W. Broadway  
Bunker Hill, IN 46914

## Indiana Lions Foundation Needs Your Help at the Indiana State Fair



The Indiana State Fair project is the single largest fundraiser for the Indiana Lions Foundation. Once again, we are asking for your help to staff 3 gates at the Fair. We have more than 800 positions to fill, but only 300 are filled so far. Committee members are working diligently to recruit volunteers, but the time for recruitment is considerably shorter this year.

### There are many changes at the Indiana State Fair this year.

- The schedule has been expanded from 3 weekends to 4, but the Fair will be closed Monday and Tuesday of each week. The Fair will open early on the first 2 Fridays, so a few positions will start at 5:30 a.m. on those days. There are also staggered start times for the morning and afternoon shifts every day. Please check the Foundation website for details. Gates will close at 8:00 p.m. daily, instead of 9:00 p.m. or 9:30 p.m., as in previous years.
- No more riding the shuttle from the 46th Street parking lot! We will enter through Gate 10 on 42nd Street at the northeast corner of the fairgrounds. Identify yourself as a Lions Foundation volunteer and you should not be asked to pay entry or parking fees. It will help to wear a Lions shirt or hat. As you enter the gate, you will see a large gray building on your right. Park as close to that building as possible.
- Our check-in area will be set up in a small free-standing building on the west side of the large gray building. The bank will be in a similar building nearby. Volunteers will be transported to their gates after they complete the check-in process.
- In addition to ticket sellers and tickets scanners, we will also provide kiosk monitors to monitor new self-service ticket kiosks. All ticket sellers and kiosk monitors will be in air-conditioned buildings. Ticket scanners will still be outside under tents. This year, the scanning devices will be mounted on tables, fairgoers will scan their own tickets, and our ticket scanners will simply approve entry after tickets are successfully scanned.

If you work a morning shift, you will receive 1 W.P. Woods credit for each shift worked, if you work an afternoon shift, you will receive 2 W.P. Woods credits for each shift worked, or you may choose to have \$10 donated to any of the 5 state projects or your club. W.P. Woods credits are worth \$50 each when you use credits to purchase a W.P. Woods Fellowship for yourself or someone else.

Contact any member of the Foundation's State Fair Committee for additional information.

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Lion Rose Russell (574-250-0125)

Please volunteer by visiting our website at <https://IndianaLionsFoundationMD25.org> and encourage your club members, family members, and friends to volunteer, as well.

*submitted by Lion Rose Russell, Indiana Lions Foundation Trustee*

## You Never Know Where You Might Find A New Lion

For several years, until the COVID pandemic interrupted everything, PDG Paul Russell and Lion Rose had been frequent guests at a hotel near the Indiana Lions State Office in Indianapolis. When they checked in one evening, the desk clerk asked PDG Paul to tell him about Lions Clubs – who we are and what we do. At the end of the conversation, the young man asked how he could join a Lions Club and PDG Paul asked him to complete a membership application. The young man lived on the south side of Indianapolis, so PDG Paul gave the application to the president of the Southport Lions Club, when he saw her at a Certified Guiding Lions Workshop the following day. The young man was inducted into the Southport Lions Club a few weeks later.

Never pass up the opportunity to tell someone about Lions Clubs, no matter where you meet them, and regardless of whether they can join your Lions Club. And it always helps to have a membership application in your pocket.

# July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Indiana Lions Foundation
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Council Meeting, LaPorte	23 Council Meeting, LaPorte	24 Council Meeting, LaPorte
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

# August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Cabinet Meeting, Goshen
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Banner Night, Camp Mack
22	23	24	25 DG Visit, Culver LC	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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*The only thing worse than being  
blind is having sight but no  
vision. — Helen Keller*

### **Mark Your Calendar**

Sat, Aug 7, 2021 District Cabinet Meeting #1  
Fairview Grange, Goshen, Indiana

Sat, Aug 21, 2021 Banner Night  
Camp Alexander Mack, Milford, Indiana

Sat, Oct 30, 2021 District Cabinet Meeting #2  
Community Building, Urbana, Indiana

Sat, Jan 22, 2022 Mid-Winter Conference  
Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport, Indianapolis

Sat, Feb 19, 2022 District Cabinet Meeting #3  
Leesburg Community Building, Leesburg, Indiana

Saturday, March 12, 2022 District Convention  
Argos United Methodist Church, Argos, Indiana

Apr 29—May 1, 2022 State Convention  
TBA

Sat, May 14, 2022 District Cabinet Meeting #4  
Vandalia Railroad Station, Culver, Indiana

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### **Campaign 100's Final Phase**

How will we make our goal? With your help! Find out more about how you can support your fellow Lions as they transform lives and communities at home and around the world.

**CONTRIBUTE**