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

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

A Message from District Governor Ron Guth

Hello District 25-G!

This is the start of the new Lions year 2023-24 and I am honored to have been chosen to be your District Governor and help my fellow Lions serve our communities. Well, almost anyway, the Lions year starts on July 1st and ends on June 30th, but I won't officially take the leadership role until the end of the LCI convention, which runs from July 7th to the 11th in Boston, MA this year. Lion Beth and I will be flying back on the 12th, stopping by our home in Bunker Hill for a few minutes and then continuing on up to Mishawaka to celebrate the 100th anniversary of their Lions Club Charter. So yes, I will be starting the year running and I want to continue my running to visit all of your clubs this year. Some have me on their schedules already, but I need many more to call or email me to schedule your club visits. Unlike many of the recent governors, I don't live in the northern part of the district and I would really like to visit you before the snows come!



The district motto for my year as governor is "Lions in Action". It's how we will accomplish our service to our communities. Yes, we need to do fundraising to support our service, but let's promote our service projects just as strongly as the fundraisers. Sure, it's nice to be known for the best fish fry, pork chops, or tenderloins in the state, but we also need to be known for the service projects we do for our friends and neighbors. Be bold and roar about our accomplishments to help others! Need more help to meet your club's goals? Don't forget your neighboring Lions Clubs or other service clubs in your area. Many clubs struggle with membership to support activities, so ask for help to join you, be it Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis, Church or Youth groups. We are all working towards the same goal of helping others.

Two of my goals this year are to reactivate a club in the South Bend area and help struggling clubs find ways to rebuild their membership levels. Adding a club in a community that already has one, but could support another is also a goal, but it requires assistance from nearby

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A Message From District Governor Ron Guth

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clubs to sustain the effort. Too many new or struggling clubs are lost because we haven't been working with them to sustain Lionism.

What's coming up soon? The first district meeting to be held on August 5th in the Circus City, Peru. See the flyer in this newsletter, so that you can let us know you will take action by attending. The annual Banner Night celebration will be on August 26th at Camp Mack and the flyer for this event is in this newsletter, as well. Let's not forget to support the Indiana Lions Foundation by working a few shifts at the ticket gates during the State Fair, July 28th through Aug. 20th. Please go to <https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/what-we-do/indiana-state-fair-volunteer/#signup> to sign up and earn W.P. Woods Fellowship credits, as well.

Are you part of the "Lions in Action" team? I hope so, and can't wait to see you on August 5th in Peru.

District Governor Ron Guth

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Meet Our New District Governor



Lion Ron Guth has been a member of the Peru Lions Club since 2003.

During this time, Lion Ron has served on various committees and in officer positions, including club president, and has served as the club treasurer since 2007.

Lion Ron served as 1st Vice District Governor in 2022-2023, and as the district cabinet treasurer in 2017-2018 and 2019 thru 2022. He has been serving as a district zone chairman since 2019. He currently serves as a Trustee for Vision First, Eye and Tissue Bank.

Lion Ron is a Melvin Jones Fellow, W.P. Woods Fellow and has been honored with the Richard T. Miyamoto Fellowship. He has received the

International President Leadership Medal, International President Certificate of Appreciation and Silver, Gold, and Diamond Centennial Awards for membership by LCI. He is a graduate of the Indiana Lions Leadership Workshop.

As a member of the Peru Lions, Lion Ron works with other members in the club's fund raising and service projects efforts in Peru, Bunker Hill, and southern Miami county.

Lion Ron retired as National Sales Manager in 2014. He has developed skills in selling application concepts and products and will take this opportunity to present the Lions' story to the district.

Lion Ron Guth and Lion Beth have been married since 1979. They have twin daughters Amy & Lisa and granddaughter Kara.

Leadership is about inspiring people to do things they never thought they could. — Steve Jobs

A Message From 1st Vice District Governor Warren Allender



As I begin to write this, I feel it is a bit presumptuous as I have titled it News from the 1st Vice District Governor and that will not be until July and we are still here in June. In any case we must move forward and July is just around the corner. Ah yes, July. I'm sort of a sentimental kind of guy and July is special for many reasons. I have fond childhood memories of my cousins coming to visit us in Davenport, eating ice cold watermelon by the slice, and going to see the fireworks at Annie Whitmire Orphanage. It is also special because I'm a patriotic person and July 4th celebrates the birth of our great country. So, with that in mind, let's move on into the world of Lionism.

First, I would reference to the Lions Pledge which begins with, "I pledge allegiance to my country..." and so I do and what a great country we have. Next,

I want to step back to Memorial Day and give a BIG THANK YOU to the Elkhart and Dunlap Lions for their program "Flags from the Heart". It provided an opportunity to purchase a 3x5 American Flag, commemorate it to anyone you wished, and have it displayed over the Memorial Day weekend. For me, the beauty of the program is the fact that you can keep the flag or leave it with the Lions for display in future years. My choice this year was to take it and replace my old flag at home on the 4th of July. Their program appears easy to replicate so if your club is so inclined, reach out and get the details from Elkhart or Dunlap Lions.

Now, more about the month of July. July is the start of a new year for Lions around the world. New officers have been or will be installed, and new ideas of how clubs and members can best serve their own communities are brainstormed. It's a great time to be a Lion. Again, I would like to regress just for a moment and comment on the recent 25-G Lions Club Officers Training. There were two sessions, one at the Rochester Lions' Den on June 7th and the second hosted by the Etna Green Lions in their community building on June 14th. I must confess, the Baugo Lions Club is not well known for participating in district functions and that was true again this year. In fact, many clubs are in this same category and that is a shame. While I lead the Secretary portion of the training, I had only five secretaries over the course of the two-night training. I believe there are 45 clubs in 25-G.

When I became Secretary, a new officer, I knew two things. One, I knew how to take minutes at meetings. And two, I **did not** know anything about the duties of a **Lions** Secretary. Because of this, I decided to attend the Lions officer training that year. That was just a few years back, -say 10 or so. The trainer was PDG Ann Haffner. I am eternally grateful for that training. She knew the ins and outs of what was needed and explained it all in a straight forward manner. I came away from that training knowing that when I had a question, she was the one I would turn to for the answer. I also came to recognize the importance of her information in the monthly newsletter such as when the federal tax 990 was due or the Business Entity report was due. The point being, new officers, myself included, may know a great deal to begin with but we can always absorb one more bit of information. Also, we can make one more acquaintance in a fellow Lion who we know we can later turn to either for assistance or simply friendship.

My hope is that in the future, like this new year, Lions around the district will participate not only in their club functions but district and state functions as well. It's what we do, WE SERVE. Happy New Year, Lions!

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

A Message From 2nd Vice District Governor Jackie Kurley



Hello, my name is Jackie Kurley, and I am your District 25-G 2nd Vice District Governor. I am honored to be able to represent our district in my new role. One of my goals is to learn and execute my current responsibilities and to engage with my peers to improve as I advance with the Lions.

3! 2! 1! HAPPY NEW YEAR! That is what we say every traditional New Year on January 1st. Well, for us Lions, July 1st is our Happy New Year. At the beginning of every calendar year, we reminisce about all our accomplishments and all the things we could have done a little better in our everyday lives. We should be doing the same thing in our clubs. We should be setting goals for all the different things we do to make our

clubs successful. As you may or may not know, I come from a retail background, 38 years to be exact, and we always had goals to reach. Folks, we need goals. Otherwise, how will we know what we are striving for in any area. Captain Obvious is a membership goal. Be it plus 1, or get up to 20 members, it does not matter. The idea is that everyone in the club knows what goal they are trying to reach. Hopefully, our president has already, or is working on a budget, that is a goal. Let us raise \$10,000 this year and spend every dime on our community. Another goal. What about making a nice contribution to LCIF? Well, wait a minute, does everybody know what LCIF stands for or what it is about? There you go...another goal, how about the goal of having a trustee from each of our state projects come speak at a meeting? This way we are educating every member on what we do as Lions. As a new Lion, I did not know the verbiage being thrown around at meetings. Thank goodness, I had a mentor that was there to answer all my questions. Please take the time with any Lion, to answer any questions they ask and show them things that might not be familiar to them. It will make them more comfortable and in turn make them a better Lion. Monthly service goals, pork chop sales, candles, chocolates, participation in community events, etc., everything can become a goal. But EVERYBODY in the club must know the goal. So, as we celebrate this new year, let us come up with those S.M.A.R.T. goals and "ROOOOOOAR" as we accomplish them one by one, so we can really have a New Year's Eve celebration next June.

Lion Jackie Kurley, 2nd Vice District Governor

Opportunity for Service

A graphic for "THE ULTRA SOUND PROJECT". The text "THE ULTRA SOUND PROJECT" is in a stylized font with horizontal stripes. Below it, "TUESDAY July 11" is written in red. At the bottom, it says "9-11 & 11-1 At the Eyeglass Processing Center (Fairview Grange) 22482 County Road 45 - Goshen, IN Reserve your spot (ONLY 5 per session)- info@elkhartlions.org You will receive confirmation of your reservation". There is an illustration of a pair of glasses with a globe as the lens.

THE ULTRA SOUND PROJECT

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You will receive confirmation of your reservation

Make it a club project!

Two more eyeglass washing sessions have been scheduled for July 11 at the District's Eyeglass Processing Center. The center is located at the Fairview Grange between Elkhart and Goshen on County Road 45. Because there is room for only 5 Lions at each 2-hour session, 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.

Call early to assure a spot in one of the two sessions. If you're interested in coming at another time other than those listed in the accompanying graphic, let us know and we'll try to accommodate your preference. Contact PDG Marty Juel, marty@martyjuel.com or (574) 322-1660.

A Message From Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Kim Polk



I look forward to continuing to serve District 25-G.
I will continue to serve as your Cabinet Treasurer,
as well as your Cabinet Secretary.



Please mark these dates on your calendar & plan to attend:

- August 5th – 1st District Meeting in Peru
- August 26th – Banner Night at Camp Mack in Milford
- October 21st – 2nd District Meeting at Madison Township
- January 19 & 20th – MidWinter Conference in Indianapolis
- March 8 & 9 – 3rd District Meeting & District Convention in Wabash
- April 26 – 28 – State Convention in Noblesville
- May 18th – 4th District Meeting in Leesburg

Dues invoices for District and State Dues will be emailed out to your club treasurer on record the second week of July. If no email address is on record they will be mailed out.

Reservations for District events should be emailed, called, or mailed to me.

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

Yours in service,

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Celebrating 328 Years of Service

Club Name	Charter Date	Years of Service
Mishawaka	Jul 12, 1923	100
Millersburg	Jul 20, 1945	78
Etna Green	Jul 5, 1946	77
Plymouth	Jul 12, 1950	73
Total		328

District 25-G recognizes these Lions Clubs chartered during the month of July: Mishawaka, Millersburg, Etna Green and Plymouth.

These clubs have been serving their local communities for a total of 328 years. Each club has impacted their local community in their own unique way, and has supported district, state, and international projects.

They continue to be examples of "Lions in Action" and demonstrate the Lions' motto: "We Serve"!

Congratulations on your years of service!

Global Leadership Team

ANOTHER YEAR, ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY



It's a strange feeling. It's one of the few times in Lions that I've been told I can't do something. After more than a decade of being a Zone Chair, I was reminded that Lions International says Past District Governors can't be Zone Chairs, so out I go. It's not that I was the world's greatest Zone Chair, but I really liked the job.

I shouldn't feel too sorry for myself. This is the time of the Lions year when lots of Lions are giving up positions and/or assuming others, some happily, others not so much. I've been wondering how I can best make myself useful to the new Zone Chair. There has to be a line somewhere between "it's all yours now" and smothering them.

How do we decide where to draw that line? Is it up to my successor to come to me for advice, or should I initiate that conversation? Actually, I don't think there is one, single answer for that. But when you look across the spectrum of offices being changed, from International President to Club Lion Tamer, I think there are a few general comments that can be made.

First, collect all your old documents and notes into a file. Then when you might be asked about a certain process or procedure, you have everything right at hand. And if you have a spouse like mine whose priority is neatness, you are already in compliance.

Second, be ready to transfer all necessary documents or account numbers to your successor. There isn't any point in holding on to these things for six months while the new officer struggles.

Third, allow the new officer time and room to set their own goals and work to put them into practice. New officers may have a different view of the job than you had, or simply want to approach it differently than you did. Nobody has a monopoly on the "right way."

Fourth, because there is no "one right way" to do many Lions jobs, make sure any advice you give is only constructive. We all had to start somewhere, and belittling a new office holder is not conducive to healthy Clubs or Districts.

Fifth, find your own new way to serve. Maybe you always had a secret desire to be a Tail Twister, a District Governor, or a State Project Trustee. Check with your new District Governor to see what their greatest needs are, and work to make their year a bit easier. Lions has too many members who want to be Lions without any responsibilities except to "meet, eat, and talk". We need leaders and officeholders.

And finally, be positive. Don't try to second guess your successor. Be encouraging. Offer your help, but don't demand they accept your help. Smile and enjoy your own new position. Remember, we all serve.

PCC Dave Eisen, Global Leadership Team Leader

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.

Global Membership Team

"Together We Can And Together We Will"



I would like to use Past International President Brian Sheehan's slogan for our 25-G Global Membership Program this year. It fits well with membership since membership is not one person's job - it's a job for all 1,174 club members in the District.

In the last 6 years, 25-G has had a net loss of 354 members. There are many reasons for that loss and with concentrated effort, we can change that

DOWNWARD curve to an **UPWARD** curve this year.

My membership goal for 25-G is to have a net gain of one member per club, which is +45. Let us revitalize our clubs with new members and let us re-motivate existing members with fellowship and exciting service!

How is that going to happen? One way that I see is through encouragement. This could be a phone call to a member you haven't seen in a while, or a text or a note to someone you know is going through a bad time. Maybe it is as simple as saying "It's good to see you. How are things going?" to a member at a meeting that you don't spend a lot of time with. Whatever the encouragement is, it will pay ten-fold in offsetting the problems of the day. You may not ever see the long-term effects of doing this, but they are there. I am guessing that you are like me, giving positive encouragement to others will make you feel better and lift their spirits as well. That can be a great service to a Lion, yourself, and a great plus for the retention of fellow Lions.

Thank you for being a Lion. Thank you for all of the time and energy you put into your club, and your community, and **especially for encouraging other Lions. Let's meet this challenge!**

PDG Marlyn Fast, Global Membership Team Coordinator

Here We Grow Again

Since July 1, 2022, 29 district clubs have welcomed 60 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 new members were not previously listed in the newsletter.

Lakeville Lions Club

New Member: Lion Sherry Maciejewski
Sponsor: Lion Larry Ort

Leesburg Lions Club

New Member: Lion Mark Kralis
Sponsor: Lion Robert Ferguson

Milford Lions Club

New Member: Lion Nathan Cline
Sponsor: Lion James Smiley

New Member: Lion Steven Myers
Sponsor: Lion James Smiley

Nobody cares how much you know, until they know how much you care. — Theodore Roosevelt

Global Service Team



Greeting Lions to the start of a new Lions year under the guidance of DG Ron Guth. The district leadership team is looking forward to another great year of serving those within our communities and other areas that need a helping hand. Lionism is more than just your local club. We are a part of Lions International, which is a world wide brand.

Putting together an activity calendar with projects, fund raising events, or acts of awareness is a good way to set goals for the year. Insert club activities you do on a regular basis in the months in which they usually occur. Add new ideas for the remainder of the open months with new endeavors to be fulfilled. While filling out your calendar, don't forget the LCI global causes and state projects, as they will not only have a local impact, but the impact will go beyond our communities. Poll your members as to what type of projects they would like to do. It could be anything from doing lawn care for an elderly resident to going on a mission of kindness, donating to LCIF, or advocating for a cause. As your Global Service Team leader I have a list of ways to serve that I can send you.

Please remember to get the word out as to what your clubs are doing to serve your communities and beyond. Send articles to your local newspapers, use social media, and use newsletters to let others know what great work your clubs are doing to make lives better in your communities and the world. Getting the word out about what your Lions Clubs do is a tool to getting new members. Every club should appoint a public relations committee to report their projects to all the various available news outlets. A member who is comfortable working on a computer would be ideal to head this committee. So, if you are that member, volunteer, don't wait to be asked.

Clubs in the district can apply for the **Club Excellence Award** at the end of the 2022-23 Lions year. The requirements to receive 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 projects that were reported on MyLion;
- **Leadership & Organizational Excellence:** Club must be 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 service activities published through local and/or social media.

The one key element to clubs not receiving this award is the lack of activities being reported on MyLion. Members, please 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 Leader



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

News From Around the District

District Leaders Offer Training for New & Returning Club Officers

Nearly 50 Lions from 16 clubs participated in Club Officers Training sessions hosted by the Rochester Lions Club on June 7th and the Etna Green Lions Club on June 14th.



Left: Club Officers Training hosted by the Rochester Lions Club on June 7th.

Below: Club Officers Training hosted by the Etna Green Lions Club on June 14th.



Above left: PDG Tom Polk discusses club administration with incoming presidents and vice presidents.

Above center: PDG Paul Russell makes a point during a discussion of membership issues.

Above right: The Dunlap Lions Club was well-represented at Club Officers Training.

Below left: 1VDGE Warren Allender leads the training for club secretaries.

Below right: CT Lion Kim Polk leads the training for club treasurers.



(Photos by Lion Beth Guth, Peru Lions Club, & PDG Paul Russell, Lakeville Lions Club)

News From Around the District

New Officers Installed at Baugo Township Lions Club



District Governor Brian Thomas installed club officers for the 2023-2024 Lions year at the Baugo Township Lions Club.

(submitted by DG Brian Thomas, Elkhart Lions Club)

Dunlap Lions Support Brentwood at Elkhart Independent Living

Dunlap Lions Frieda Method, Jeanine Juel, and Elli Struckel (a Brentwood resident) volunteered at Brentwood at Elkhart Independent Living recently, helping with games for their Family Night Carnival. We also picked up glasses from our Lions eyeglass donation box, gave them a large box of new hearing aid batteries that we received and could not use, and enjoyed a great meal. 'Clown' John Coleman, Brentwood's Senior Vibrant Life Director, was a hit with everyone attending. This was a fun service event. And we may have a potential new member from their staff.

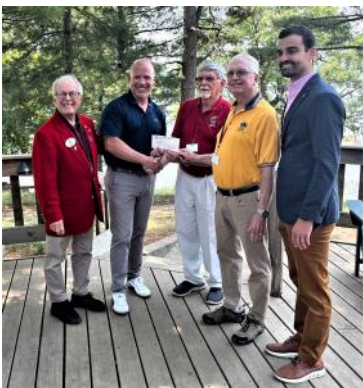


Since this Family Night Carnival, Brentwood Independent Living asked the Dunlap Lions Club if we would be interested in donating a gift basket worth \$20-30 for their bingo night in August. Proceeds of the bingo cards and 50/50 raffle at the event will be donated to the VFW. The Dunlap Lions Club Board of Directors approved the \$30 donation and Lion Kori Fortunato immediately offered to make the gift basket.

Dunlap Lions continue to SHARE THE VISION in their community.

(submitted by Lion Jeanine Juel, Dunlap Lions Club)

Elkhart Lions Support Diabetes Camp



District Governor Brian Thomas, with Elkhart Lions Marlin Culp and Terry VanTine, presented a \$2000 check from the Elkhart Lions Club Strides Walk to Camp John Warvel, a camp held at Camp Crosley in North Webster, specifically for children with diabetes.

(submitted by DG Brian Thomas, Elkhart Lions Club)

News From Around the District

Elkhart Lions Club Presents Awards, Inducts New Member at Year-End Dinner



(left) District Governor Brian Thomas with Elkhart Lions Club Citizen of Year award winners, Dunlap Lions Tom Graber and Richard Litwiller.

(right) Lion Karin Frey (left) announced that Kari Nichols (right) and her business, United Pie, was named Business of the Year. United Pie has been instrumental in the club's success at the pie sales held at McNaughton Park during our two weeks at the Municipal Band Concerts.



(below left) District Governor Brian Thomas with Lion Marlin Culp, Lion of the year, and Lion Susan Arneaud, Cub of the Year.



(right) District Governor Brian Thomas inducted Lion Amy Morton (center) into our club. Her sponsor is Lion Diane Parker (right).



(source: Elkhart Lions Club weekly newsletter)

Leesburg Lions Club Presents Melvin Jones Fellowships



Leesburg Lions President Todd Kammerer presented Melvin Jones Fellowship plaques to new Melvin Jones Fellows, Lions Robert P Ferguson and Robert David Ferguson.

(submitted by Lion Michael Webb, Leesburg Lions Club)



News From Around the District

Dunlap Lions Install New Officers, Present Awards



(left) 2023-2024 Board of Directors (from left) Lions Kay Adams, Steve Weld, Steve Page, Duane Klein, Debra Page, Jeanine Juel, Kori Fortunato, Jerry Smith, Judy Gable, John McClure. Not pictured Lion Laura Doty.

(right) Incoming President Lion Duane Klein presents Outgoing President Steve Weld with an engraved gavel.



(below far left) Lion Mike Dines receives the "President's" Award

(below left center) Lion Jay Michael receives the "Cub of the Year" Award

(below right center) Lion LouAnn Smith receives the "Lion of the Year" Award

(below far right) Lion Kori Fortunato presented PDG Marlyn Fast with a scrapbook commemorating his District Governor year



(submitted by 2VDG Jackie Kurley, Dunlap Lions Club)

New Paris Lions Club Officers Installed by District Governor Elect Ron Guth



(left) Outgoing President Dave McFarren, in Lions vest, passes the presidential gavel to incoming President Michael Kirkdorffer as DGE Ron Guth watches.

(right) Newly-installed officers have a laugh at the expense of DGE Ron Guth, who forgot to install the incoming president.

(submitted by DGE Ron Guth, Peru Lions Club)



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

News From Around the District

Peru Lions Club Scholarship Program Awards 11 Scholarships at 2 High Schools

The Peru Lions Club Memorial Scholarship Fund was started in December 1999 after the passing of two of our members, Lion Jim Busta and Lion Frank Drake. Their families had requested that money be donated to the Peru Lions Club in their memory to be used in the community. It was decided that we would start a scholarship fund that would be on-going for years to come. From small beginnings - initially \$580 - good things have happened. Over the past 23 years, we have given \$60,200 in scholarships to 130 students.

In 2022, we awarded 8 scholarships of \$500 each. Thanks to the community support of the Peru Lions Club, we were able to increase the scholarship amount to \$600 this year, and award scholarship to 11 students—5 from Maconaquah High School and 6 from Peru High School.



Peru Lions Club Scholarship recipients at Peru High School (photo releases on file).



Peru Lions Club Scholarship recipients at Maconaquah High School with Peru Lions Club President Dick Galvin (photo releases on file).

(submitted by Lion Ken Magers, Peru Lions Club)

Peru Lions Club Supports Public Library Summer Reading Program



The Peru Lions recently had a speaker from the Peru Public Library who told us about their Summer Reading Program. We decided we would help them by supporting this program, as it benefits the children in the community and it is free for them to attend. As an additional benefit for the Peru Lions Club, we are getting great exposure on their new sign advertising that we help sponsor the program.

(submitted by Lion Ken Magers, Peru Lions Club)

Tell Us About Your Club's Signature Service Project

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

News From Around the District

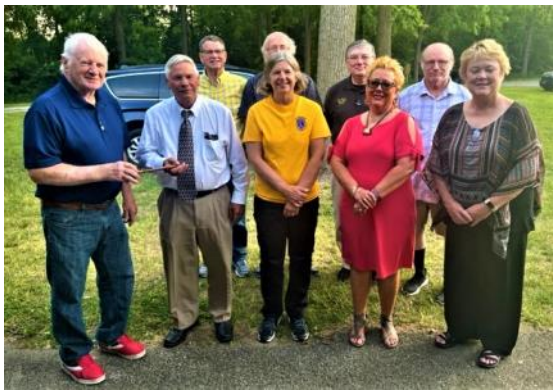
Plymouth Lions Club Welcomes New Member & Installs New Officers

The Plymouth Lions Club held their annual picnic at the Lions Park Pavilion in Centennial Park.

Outgoing President Stephen Eggleston passed the gavel to incoming President Jim Weldy, as PDG Paul Russell installed the new officers for the coming year. Installed as President was Jim Weldy; Vice President, Barry Capper; Secretary, Deborah VanDeMark; Treasurer, Terri Weldy; Communications Director, Robin Cupka; Lion Tamer, Bill Birk; and Tail Twister, Doug Feece. PDG Russell also inducted a new member to the Plymouth Lions Club. Ed Kelso, sponsored by Barry Capper, was welcomed to the Club by all members present.

Lion Rose Russell, a trustee for the Indiana Lions Foundation, was also on hand to discuss the upcoming Indiana State Fair. This is the Indiana Lions Foundation's biggest fundraiser. They need ticket takers, ticket scanners, kiosk monitors, and ticket stampers at the exit gates. Many volunteers are needed from Lions Clubs throughout the state.

Three Milestone Chevron Awards were also announced at the meeting: Robert Kizer for 35 years of service, Doug Feece for 30 years of service, and Don Morrison for 20 years of service. From the smallest project to the largest undertaking, their years of service have made an impact on their community. Just another example of our Lions motto: "We Serve."



(left) Front Row, left to right: Outgoing President Stephen Eggleston, Incoming President Jim Weldy, Secretary Deborah VanDeMark, Communications Director Robin Cupka, Treasurer Terri Weldy. Back Row, left to right, Vice President Barry Capper, Tail Twister Doug Feece, PDG Paul Russell, Lion Tamer Bill Birk

(right) New member Lion Ed Kelso (center), sponsor Lion Barry Capper (left), and PDG Paul Russell (right).



(submitted by Lion Susan Eggleston, Plymouth Lions Club)

Madison Township Lions Present Scholarships

At the Madison Township Lions Club meeting on June 13th, President Greg Hunsberger presented two of three \$1,000 scholarships. The recipients were Elaina Wright, a Penn High School graduate and Samantha Simons, a Bremen High School graduate. Both young ladies thanked the club and talked about their future plans. The third scholarship recipient is Jayden Hanley, a Mishawaka High School graduate who will receive the scholarship at a later date.

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

The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members. -- Coretta Scott King

News From Around the District

Lakeville Lions Club Members Recognized for Service to Club & Community

The Lakeville Lions Club held their final dinner meeting of the 2022-2023 Lions year on June 27th, and several club members were recognized for their service to the club and the community.



Left: Indiana Lions Foundation trustee Lion Rose Russell presented 35-year member Lion Jim Foster with a plaque recognizing him as a nominee for the Indiana Distinguished Lion Award. Lion Jim was one of only 9 Lions from throughout the state of Indiana who were nominated for this award, which was presented at the 2023 State Convention.



Right: Lion Jim Tibbs was recognized as the Lion of the Year.



Above: Outgoing President Lion Larry Ort presented plaques to several club members in recognition of their service to the club and the community during the past Lions year.

From left: Lion Anne Weber and Lion Jean Duford received Presidential Awards; Lion Tiffany Schieber received an Outstanding Lions Leadership Award; Lion Max Feitz received a Distinguished Service Award.

Several other club members received Certificates of Appreciation.



Left: At the end of the evening, outgoing President Lion Larry Ort passed the presidential gavel to incoming President Lion Jim Tibbs.



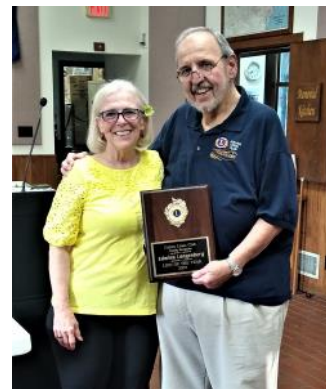
News From Around the District

Culver Lions Install New Officers, Recognize Members for Service

The Culver Lions Club held their final dinner meeting of the 2022-2023 Lions year on June 28th, and several club members were recognized for their service to the club and the community.



Left: Indiana Lions Foundation trustee Lion Rose Russell presented Lion Ned Davis with a plaque recognizing him as a nominee for the Indiana Distinguished Lion Award. Lion Ned was one of only 9 Lions from throughout the state of Indiana who were nominated for this award, which was presented at the 2023 State Convention.



Right: Lion Edwina "Eddi" Langenberg was recognized as the Lion of the Year.



Left: Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing trustee PDG Mary Klempay presented Lion Dan Adams with a Richard T. Miyamoto Fellowship.

Below: Club officers for the 2023-2024 Lions' year were installed by Lion Barbara Winters. Lion Barbara noted that she is wearing her father's Lions cap.



After the installation of officers and presentation of awards, Lion Dana Neer presented a program about the Culver Youth Club, which provides year-round extra-curricular activities for students in the Culver Community Schools.

Rochester Lions Club Support Community Fireworks Display



Left: Rochester Lions Club Treasurer Lion John Roberts presented the club's check in the amount of \$200 to Commander Rob Beckman of the Leroy Shelton American Legion Post # 36. The post sponsors the community fireworks display.

(submitted by Lion Jeri D Good, Rochester Lions Club)

State Project Update



BASIC FACTS ABOUT EYE BANK

- Established in 1959
- Primary provider of ocular tissue for transplantation & research throughout the State
- 1500+ Donors / ~2500 corneas transplanted per year / 20+ gratis corneas per year
- Close relationship with IU School of Medicine
- 25 Full Time staff members / 5+ Part Time staff members
- Office in Indianapolis
- Cost of Cornea is \$3200
- By Jan 1, 2023 over 47,000 corneas from our facility will have been transplanted since 1959
- Joined Vision Share in 2008 / Vision Share is a consortium of eye banks that work together to provide high quality vision services around the world
- Less than 50% of the Eye Banks in the US are Lions Eye Banks
- What do we do?
 - Our Main function it to provide corneas for transplantation
 - Provide resources to KidSight
 - Provide resources for Ocular Surgery Assistance program
- What is the process?
 - We have relationships established with hospitals
 - All hospitals report all of their deaths to a 1-800 referral line
 - The Eye Bank receives calls on potential donors and calls the hospital back to let them know if the family will be approached or not regarding donation
 - Either a trained requestor at the hospital or our staff will approach the family
 - If the family agrees to donation a procurement technician is sent to the hospital to remove the tissue
 - The tissue is brought back to our laboratory in Indianapolis and is processed for distribution to a surgeon
 - Blood tests, microscopic reviews, medical record reviews, and medical / social history questions are all gathered to help determine if the tissue is safe and effective for transplant
 - Surgeons call and request tissue for transplantation and the tissue is matched and shipped from our office.
- Bereavement services for the donating families are a very important part of our service to the community
- Why is it so important that we are a Lions Eye Bank?
 - An Eye Bank needs to do more than just provide corneas for transplantation. An Eye Bank needs to do all that it can to help each and every individual that has visions problems. The Lions Sight First commitment is a perfect fit with the basic services that Eye Banks provide.

State Project Update

Cancer Control Project Expanding to Address Childhood Cancer



For more than 75 years, Indiana Lions have supported cancer treatment, research, and education through our partnership between the Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc. and the Department of Radiation Oncology at the Indiana University Medical Center campus in Indianapolis. The department serves cancer patients of all ages, but the vast majority of the patients are adults.

In order to better serve pediatric cancer patients in Indiana, the Board of Trustees of the Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc. has voted unanimously to establish a partnership with the pediatric oncology programs at Riley Hospital for Children. We will kick off this partnership with a \$25,000 commitment to support ongoing research by Dr. Jennifer Belsky and her team at Riley to address severe neuropathy experienced by more than 50 percent of the children undergoing chemotherapy.



We look forward to this new partnership with Riley Hospital for Children, even as we continue our long-standing relationship with the Department of Radiation Oncology.

If you would like to learn more about the Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc., please contact one of your district's Cancer Control Fund trustees. Their names and contact information are listed below.

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Our State Projects



VISIONFIRST
Indiana Lions Eye Bank



Previews of Coming Attractions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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Lion Rose Russell	574-250-0125	RoseWRussell@gmail.com

Previews of Coming Attractions

Mishawaka Lions Club Invites You To Join Them for 100th Anniversary Celebration

The 100th Anniversary celebration for Mishawaka Lions Club will be held on July 12th at The Chicory Cafe in downtown Mishawaka. The address is 114 W First St., Mishawaka. Our 100th Anniversary Celebration is open to all Lion members, including members from other Lion Clubs, and any guests! Please come and help us celebrate exactly 100 years from when our club started on July 12th, 1923!

Doors will open at 5:45 pm, and dinner will start at 6:30 pm.

We will have the following guests:

- Keynote speaker - Past International Director Nick Xinopoulos and his wife, Lion Gretchen
- District Governor Ronald Guth and his wife, Lion Beth
- Mishawaka Mayor Dave Wood and his wife, Jaimi

The dinner will be a Polish Buffet: Salad, Fried Chicken, Polish Sausage, Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green beans, Kluski Noodles, Sweet and Sour Cabbage, and Rolls.

Dessert will be a special cake from West End Bakery.

Drinks: Coffee, Tea, Lemonade, and water.

The cost will be \$27 per person thru June 30th. Then \$30 per person thru July 5th. We must turn in a final count by July 5th.

This 100th Anniversary is open to any Lion members (including members from other Lion clubs), and any guests.

To put your name in for a reservation, please email me (beckys1249@aol.com) the following information:

- Lion member name attending:
- Guest name(s):
- Telephone #:
- Email:
- Address:

Please let me know if you have food allergies, or you need to order different type of food. Then mail your checks (**payable to Mishawaka Lions Club**) to:

Mishawaka Lions Club
PO Box 22
Mishawaka, IN 46546-0022
or
Becky Wertz, Treasurer
3827 Dudley Drive
Mishawaka, IN 46544

If you have any questions, please contact me at beckys1249@aol.com or 574-292-0268.

I hope we have a good turnout to celebrate Mishawaka Lions 100 years of serving our community!

Please RSVP as soon as possible!

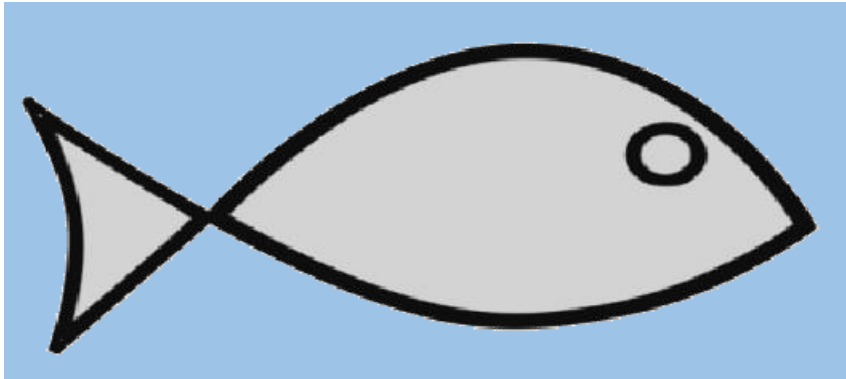
Thank You

Lion Becky Wertz, Past President & Treasurer

CATCH OF THE SEASON!

Syracuse Lions Club

JONAH FISH FRY



FRIDAY, JULY 7

4:30 – 7:00 pm

Drive-Through @

Syracuse Community Center

(across from Lakeside Park)

Some outdoor seating available

\$12.00

Fish, coleslaw, tartar sauce & cookie

Publicize Your Club's Fundraiser or Community Event in Our 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.

Previews of Coming Attractions

June 26, 2023



Re: Grass Creek Lions Club "50th" Anniversary

Dear Fellow Lions,

We hope you will come celebrate with us on Sunday, July 23, 2023 at the Lions Club Park in downtown Grass Creek. To commemorate this milestone the club would like to invite you to a free hog roast with the trimmings between 11:30 am and 1:30 pm.

At 1:30 pm a short presentation will be given reviewing the past 50 years and to recognize charter members. If anyone has anything they would like to share please let Peggy Dague know. I can be reached at 574-817-0637 or email to daguefarms@fourway.net.

The Grass Creek Lions Club has always been active and involved with the community and projects of Lions International. This celebration is a tribute to those activities.

Plan to attend and share your memorable moments with the club and enjoy a free meal and other fun activities. If you should have any questions, I can be reached at the above connections. **Hope to see you on Sunday, July 23, 2023 to celebrate 50 years with us at the park.**

Sincerely,

Peggy Dague
Club Tail Twister

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

SPONSORED BY FULTON-LIBERTY LIONS

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

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

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

\$6⁰⁰ ea.

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

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

1st DISTRICT MEETING RESERVATIONS

Name _____ Club _____

Name _____ Club _____

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Name _____ Club _____

Name _____ Club _____

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

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LaFontaine, IN 46940



Camp Alexander Mack
1113 Camp Mack Road
Milford, IN 46542

August 26, 2023
5 pm Social Hour
6 pm Dinner

BRING YOUR BANNER TO RECOGNIZE YOUR CLUB

\$28⁰⁰ ea.

Dinner Includes:

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

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



BANNER NIGHT RESERVATIONS

Name _____ Club _____

Name _____ Club _____

Name _____ Club _____

Name _____ Club _____

Name _____ Club _____

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

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

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July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6 Travel	7 LCIcon Boston	8 LCIcon Boston
9 LCIcon Boston	10 LCIcon Boston	11 LCIcon Boston	12 Travel & Mishawaka LC 100th	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Council Meeting
23 Eyeglass Mission Meeting	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



August 2023

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

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Mark Your Calendar

Jul 7-11, 2023 International Convention
Boston, Massachusetts

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

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

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

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

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

Apr 26-28, 2024 State Convention
Noblesville, Indiana

May 18, 2024 District Meeting #4
Leesburg, Indiana

