



Lions Tales

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A Message from District Governor Marlyn Fast

It has come to my last article as District Governor. I want to personally thank each of the 48 clubs of District 25-G for the hospitality given to Amanda and me during our visits to every club in the District. It has been a fantastic learning experience that I will never forget. Thank you. Your Club, Your Way! That is very true, as each club has a unique way to operate, and each is making a difference in their community, creating a positive and inviting atmosphere. Keep up the great work! "We Serve."



We have one more month to go in our LCIF 3-year \$300,000,000 fund drive. As of May 20, \$297,744,228 has been pledged and donated. We will reach the \$300 million goal by June 30, 2022. Two more clubs have been added to the District 25-G Model Club list. They are the Clay-Granger Lions Club and Dunlap Lions Club. 29 of our 48 clubs have donated to LCIF this year for a total of \$37,682.10. That is great! Clubs that have LCIF in their budget should make those donations before June 30. Can we reach 100% of our clubs donating?

Membership has been an important part of Lions this year. My personal goal was to have a net gain this year. With the help of LCI exempting the Entrance Fee of \$35.00 until June 30, it has helped clubs add members. In fact, there have been 93 new members added throughout the year, but at the same time, we have, for various reasons, let 84 members slip away. A number of clubs have told me they have people wanting to join their clubs. Let's encourage them to join by June 30 and also make sure our present members stay with us. I know we can have a net gain which we have not had since 2017 in District 25-G. New members joining in June would pay only \$3.58 in dues to LCI. New members joining in July would pay a one-time Entrance Fee of \$35, plus the Club dues.

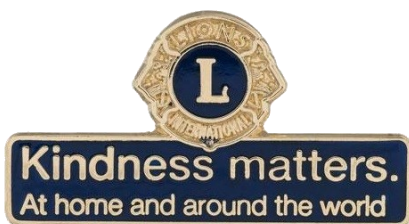
Since our last newsletter, the Lions of District 25-G have been at the State Convention in Indianapolis with 21 attending, and the 4th District Meeting at the Culver Lions Club with 36 in attendance. These were great times for renewing old friendships and making new friendships, as well as being inspired about Lionism.

Thank you to all who helped make 2021-2022 a great Lions Year in District 25-G!

"We Serve with Kindness in Action!"

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Marlyn Fast, District Governor



A Message from District Governor Elect Brian Thomas



Busy, busy, busy with the transition from DG Marlyn to DGE PDG Me.

First, congratulations to our own PCC David Eisen from the Mishawaka Lions Club for receiving the Distinguished Lion Award from the Indiana Lions Foundation at the State Convention in Indianapolis. Every year the Foundation looks at nominations from around the state of Lions who have a membership of over 25 years. Beyond the years of membership, the award speaks to the service provided to Lions within those years. Of all the nominees, PCC David was deemed the winner! This award was well-deserved.

Kudos to the convention organizing committee for putting on a sterling convention. Working on all the particulars of a convention while operating a few hours from Indy in a home base of District 25-A made the effort even more impressive. And we are just coming off the 4th District Cabinet meeting in the beautifully restored train depot in Culver, which serves as the home of the Culver Lions Club. It's always fun to visit Culver, and the exchange of information and ideas will boost us into the next year. Along that note, next year's Cabinet meetings are set in Elkhart-August, Peru-October, Urbana-February, Culver-May, north, south, east, and west to make it easy for everyone to attend at least one. Watch for specific dates and details. Also, watch for information on the upcoming Banner Night to be held at Camp Mack in Milford on August 27.

Part of the transition process is to turn in a list of district officers, trustees, and appointees to the State Office by May 25th. This was done with several vacancies reported. Just turning in the list does not mean the search is over for interested position holders. Several Lions are considering some of the vacancies and other spots will remain open until a qualified Lion is found. Currently open are 2nd VDG, Treasurer, several trustees, one Zone chair, GMT, diabetes, and Reading Action Program. I will continue to reach out to fill these spots, but eventually it will be time to move on to other activities in the Governor year. Please consider stepping forward and let me know of your interest

Thank you

DGE PDG Brian

"Making our lives better by making other lives better"

Thought for the Month

"Imagination is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited to all we now know and understand, while imagination embraces the entire world, and all there ever will be to know and understand." — Albert Einstein

A Message from 2nd Vice District Governor Jason Smith



Lions of 25-G,

Boy, this year had flown by. It was great seeing some of your smiling faces at the State Convention. We had a great time and I encourage you to make arrangements to attend in Bloomington next spring.

Keep up the good work asking people to join your Lions Club! Get creative in your membership campaigns. Try something new, think outside the box, collaborate with neighboring clubs, team up and help each other. Lions work well together, so let's not be afraid to ask for help, or remember to help a club or person that asks for help.

Thank you to the Lions of District 25-G for a wonderful year. Keep up the great work.

Lion Jason Smith, 2nd Vice District Governor

A Message from Cabinet Secretary PDG Marty Juel



Year end is the best time to get to know your members

If this sounds counter-intuitive, let's take a closer look. As a club secretary, log into MyLCI and do a report of your members as listed with LCI. Better yet, print it and distribute a copy to each of your board members along with this challenge: BEFORE the end of June, divide the list evenly and have board members PERSONALLY contact every member. The reason for the calls is simple. Tell your members you are checking on the information you have on file, including their address and phone number(s); email address; birthdate; and all the other information you have, or is lacking from the printout. For those members you haven't seen for a while, take this opportunity to find out the reason for their absence. You may discover a health problem or other situation that causes their inactivity.

When you check the LCI listing, make sure any family members you have are listed correctly with LCI. For example, if you have family members and do not have them classified thus with LCI, you are costing your club money!

It's common for most clubs to have two rosters with their Lions' information. The one you use in your club for mailing and emailing announcements and other news, and the one used by LCI to mail the LION Magazine. The Indiana Lions also use this database to distribute The Hoosier Lion. If you don't keep LCI updated with your members' information, they will not receive news about what Lions are doing in the state and throughout the world.

I mentioned at the beginning of this article to do this before June 30. Remember, if you have to drop a member, be sure to do it BEFORE June 30. Your club will be billed for all the members you have on record with LCI on July 1. Dropping a member on or after July 1 will NOT relieve you from paying that person's dues for the six-month period of July 1- December 31. And if your member pays his/her dues after July 1, you can simply reinstate that member.

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At the 4th District Meeting in Culver on May 14th, District Governor Marlyn Fast reported that, by the end of May, he will have visited every club in the district at least once. But you can keep him busy in June by inviting him to install your club's new officers and induct new members. Check the calendar on page 15 of this newsletter, then give him a call at 574-875-5963 (home) or 574-538-1090 (cell), or send an email message to mafast1107@gmail.com.

July 1 will be here before we know it. It's not too early to schedule the 2022-2023 District Governor's visit to your club. Check your club calendar, then give DGE Brian Thomas a call at 574-596-7411, or send an email message to brian10k@aol.com.

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.

A Message from Cabinet Treasurer Lion Ron Guth



Good Morning Lions,

Ok, so it looks like this will be my last message to you as Cabinet Treasurer for at least two years, as I can't be the CT and the VDG or DG at the same time.

The new CT will be sending out dues invoices in July based on your club's member count as of 6/30/2022. Please have your club's membership up to date with the June MMR filed before the end of the month so you are not charged for members who are no longer with your club.

You can expect a district dues invoice via e-mail after we receive the member count from LCI. Invoices are sent to the Club Treasurer and/or Club Secretary using the email address on record with LCI. If none are listed, or your Secretary or Treasurer has contacted me with changes, they are sent via postal mail.

I will work with the new Cabinet Treasurer and help with the dues billing, if he or she requests my assistance, but expect that the remittance will be to a new address this year.

It has been my pleasure to work with all of the clubs the last few years as Cabinet Treasurer, and I look forward to continue working for you as 1st Vice District Governor starting in July.

We Serve,

Lion Ron Guth, CT & 1st VDGE

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Random Thoughts From A Random Mind: If You Don't Ask, the Answer Is Always "No"

When was the last time your Lions Club got a new member who asked to join your club, rather than being invited to join your club? It happens, but not very often. The vast majority of our members joined our Lions Club because they were asked. Perhaps they were not asked directly "Do you want to join our Lions Club?". Perhaps they were invited to participate in a community service project, accepted that invitation, and as a result of that experience, expressed an interest in becoming more involved. The point is: Someone in our club **ASKED** them to become involved, even if only for an hour or two, in our efforts to improve our community and the world at large.

You don't have to be a super seller to recruit new members; you simply need to be willing to tell others about your Lions Club and invite them to join. If you wear your Lions pin everywhere you go, you might not even have to start the conversation. On more than one occasion, a stranger has seen my Lions pin or the Lions logo on my shirt and asked "What do Lions do?" I simply answered their questions, and at least one of those conversations resulted in a new member for a Lions Club in the community where the conversation occurred.

You won't get a positive response every time you ask. In fact, you will probably get more negative responses than positive responses, but don't be discouraged by those negative responses. Take a lesson from your kids or grandkids: They don't stop asking for what they want simply because you said "No" this time.

If you don't ask, the answer is always "No".

Global Leadership Team Report

Awards: It's That Time Again!



This isn't the first time I've written about Lions awards, but I'm too lazy to look up what I wrote the first time. I hope this is different. However, this is one topic about which not enough has been written.

Having just gone through another District Convention and Multiple District Convention season, we have all seen awards being presented to multiple individuals being recognized for their achievements. After the past few tough years, it's a real pleasure to see Lions being deservedly rewarded for the service they have provided.

Sadly, not enough people are being recognized. Far too many Lions do things quietly in their own Clubs and communities without any (or much) recognition at all. Not everyone qualifies for a Lions Clubs International award, a Multiple District award, or a District award, but everyone qualifies for a Club-level award. Every Club can honor its own. Please check with your District Governor about which awards might be appropriate, or even check the Lions Clubs International web site to discover the vast array of honors available. Then apply.

But there is certainly nothing wrong with Club-level awards. I think these are special awards since they come from our immediate peers. Maybe you already have a tradition of Club awards, like your own Lion of the Year award, or your own system of perfect attendance awards. But feel free to create your own awards, anything from "World's Best Fish Breeder" to "Club's Most Vocal Supporter of Diabetes Awareness" to "Club's Best Salesman of 2021-2022." You are limited only by your imagination and the names of those who deserve awards.

Although we all deny it, we are all secretly pleased to be thanked for our efforts. It may just be that publicly thanking a member could tip the scales between them staying or leaving. Everyone is struggling for members these days, and offering appreciation for services performed is a wonderful, and necessary, part of keeping an active Club.

The actual award need not be an Indy 500-type trophy. It could be a certificate or a gift card, but it should be given openly, respectfully, and gratefully. Don't just casually toss it in the recipient's lap. Hand it to them with a handshake and a smile. Show your appreciation. Mean your appreciation. Then continue to show your appreciation long after the award has been given. Remember, it's not about the giver, it's about the recipient.

PCC Dave Eisen, Global Leadership Team

Coming Soon: Club Officers Training

There will be two Club Officers Training sessions this year, on Wednesday, June 15th and Wednesday, June 22nd. One session will be held virtually, via Zoom; the other will be held in-person. PCC Dave Eisen is currently working to confirm the date and location for the in-person training. Watch your inbox for an email message with more information.

Why, you ask, should I come to Club Officers Training? After all, I've been my club's President (or Secretary, or Treasurer, or Tail Twister, or whatever) since PCC Dave was a schoolboy. What can he possibly tell me that I don't already know? We encourage experienced club officers to come to Club Officers Training for two reasons: To find out what might have changed in the past year, and to share your experience with those who are just starting their journey as Lions leaders. We hope to see you, in person, via Zoom, or both, when we gather for Club Officers Training.

Global Membership Team Report



Just a quick note ... We are close to the end of DG Marlyn Fast's year, and we need only about 20 new members to meet his membership goal, so let's see if we can help him out.

Welcome, ALL New Lions, to the Indiana Lions and District 25-G. We look forward to meeting you.

On Monday, May 23rd, I met 2 of the 5 new members at Etna Green Lions Club who were brought in during the pandemic. It was a great honor for me to meet Lion Anna Damron with her sponsor, her husband Lion Matthew Damron, and Lion Bill Johnson with his sponsor, Lion Allan Sharkey

Do you have any new members? We would like to hear about them so that all Lions can welcome them to our Lions community?

Be safe and enjoy the Memorial Day weekend.

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Global Service Team Report



It's hard to believe we are going into the last month of DG Marlyn's Lions year. Many wonderful projects have been completed during his tenure. There is still time to get your club's service activities accomplished before the end of his term. District clubs have been working on LCI's five major causes: Vision, Hunger, Environment, Diabetes, and Pediatric Cancer, and many other areas of concern. As I look at the reported activities, I've noticed clubs are not doing as much work on Pediatric Cancer and Diabetes. We should all look for ways to support these causes as we do the other three. There are so many ways to serve these causes within and outside our communities.

Every member should offer ideas to their club with ways to serve through Lionism, not just the club's Board of Directors. Every idea for serving should be considered as a good way to help improve the lives of others.

Every member should set up a Lions Account on the LCI web site. With this account, you can use MyLion to see what activities are being reported by your club as well as neighboring clubs. Your club's upcoming events can be shown to all clubs throughout the world. Also, when logged into your account you're able to get insights, a learning feature, and the shopping catalogue. To login, click on Member Login at the top of the page. It will bring up a place to register for an account or sign into an existing account. To register you will need an email address and your Lions membership number. Your Club Secretary can provide your membership number for you. Every Lion should take advantage of this account to see all of the great work being done by our clubs.

Those serving as club officers are important to the success of your club. Members should encourage those in positions of leadership to attend the officer training events to better understand the duties each office holds. Leading your club is serving your club.

A big "Thank you" goes out to everyone for your service during the 2021-22 Lions year.

Lion Al Beehler, Global Service Team

News From Around the District

Akron Lions Club Donates to Compassionate Healthcare Network



Akron Lions Club officers visited the Compassionate Healthcare Network in Rochester. The clinic aids in offering health care to those in the community who have low incomes. Mary Kay and her team supported us at our March fish fry, this becoming a constant ritual each year. For this, and their hard work in serving our community to continuously thrive in good health, the Lions gave a generous donation to the group.

Pictured here (l. to r.): Faith Kamp (Club Vice President), Mary Kay (Compassionate Healthcare Network), Josh Manns (Club President), and Ron Dittman (Club Secretary)

Submitted by Lion Faith Kamp, Akron Lions Club

Argos Lions Club Donates U.S. Constitution Booklets

The Argos Lions Club recently donated 100 U.S. Constitution booklets to Argos High School.

Pictured here (l. to r.): John Fishburn, Government & U.S. History teacher; Lion Monty Peden, Argos Lions Club Secretary; Lion Jane Hall, Argos Public Library Director; and Ned Speicher, Argos Schools Superintendent.

Submitted by Lion Monty Peden, Argos Lions Club



Lakeville Lions Club President Lion Larry Ort Honored at District Meeting



At the District Meeting in Culver on May 14th, Lakeville Lions Club President Lion Larry Ort received a Global Action Team Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding effort in the areas of Leadership, Membership, and Service. This award is presented on behalf of the Lions Clubs International President by the regional Global Action Team. Recipients are selected from nominations submitted by the state Leadership, Membership, and Service chairs, and a limited number of these awards are presented each year. The certificate was presented by Indiana Lions State Membership Chair PDG Charlie Short of the Lafayette Lions Club.

Madison Township Lions Club Blood Drive

The Madison Township Lions Club sponsored a Blood Drive on May 7th. The club says "Thank you" to those who made a donation at this drive. A total of 15 units were donated which will help 45 patients at local hospitals. It's wonderful to see so much kindness being given for the sake of those in need. Club members also prepared and served a free all-you-can-eat breakfast to everyone who stopped in during this event.

Submitted by Lion Al Beehler, Madison Township Lions Club



News From Around the District

Madison Township Lions Volunteer at Cultivate Food Rescue



On April 27th, seven Madison Township Lions Club members and one volunteer spent two hours working at Cultivate Food Rescue, packaging meals for their backpack program. Backpacks are filled with six meals and given to food-insecure children to be eaten over the weekends throughout the school year. Backpacks are distributed to school children in Saint Joseph, Elkhart, and Marshall Counties.

Pictured here (l. to r.): Lions Mike and Pam Hunsberger, Julie Moore, Lions Doug Moore, Bill Davis, Larry Kulczar, Joyce Schalliol, and Tom Green

Submitted by Lion Al Beehler, Madison Township Lions Club

Mishawaka Lions Club Continues International Relationship with Lions Club in Japan

At the regular meeting of the Mishawaka Lions Club on April 28th, Mishawaka Lion Jacob Crawford and Mishawaka High School Senior Payton Krueger told the club members about their planned trip to Shiojiri, Japan this summer on a diplomatic visa to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Mishawaka-Shiojiri Sister City Relationship, and to honor the 6th anniversary of the Mishawaka and Shiojiri Lions Clubs Twin Club Resolution. The Mishawaka Lions Club is underwriting a portion of Payton Krueger's expenses as an International Youth Exchange contribution. Lion Jacob Crawford's grandfather Lion Don Crawford, a Mishawaka Lions Club member with 50 consecutive years of perfect attendance, was instrumental in establishing the Sister City and Twin Club relationships, and organized numerous cultural exchanges between the citizens of Shiojiri and Mishawaka.



Submitted by Lion Dick Currey & Lion Becky Wertz, Mishawaka Lions Club

Lydick Lions Club Welcomes DG Marlyn Fast



District Governor Marlyn Fast and Lion Amanda visited the Lydick Lions Club on May 9th. We enjoyed spending time with DG Marlyn and Lion Amanda, bouncing ideas off each other on how to gain members and keep our club serving our community.

Pictured here (l. to r.): Secretary Teckla Lane, Lion Mike Lane, DG Marlyn Fast, President Wendy Yuhasz, Lion Paul Yuhasz, and Membership Chair Leroy Wise.

Submitted by Lion Wendy Yuhasz, Lydick Lions Club

News From Around the District

Lakeville Lions Club Member Don Milzarek Nominated for Distinguished Lion Award

At the Lakeville Lions Club dinner meeting on May 24th, Lion Don Milzarek was presented with a plaque recognizing him as a nominee for the Indiana Lions Foundation's Distinguished Lion Award. A nominee must have been a Lion for at least 25 years and have an impressive record of service to their Lions Club and their community. Lion Don was one of only 16 Lions from throughout the state of Indiana who were nominated for this award in 2022. Lion Don (center) is pictured here with Lakeville Lions Club President Lion Larry Ort (left) and Indiana Lions Foundation Trustee Lion Rose Russell (right).



District 25-G Donates \$4,500 to Cultivate Food Rescue

On Thursday, May 12th, District Governor Marlyn Fast delivered a check for \$4,500 to Cultivate Food Rescue to support their school backpack program. These funds will enable Cultivate to provide six backpack meals every weekend to ten elementary students for the entire school year. Cultivate rescues excess food and relies on its volunteers and staff to reprocess that food into nutritious, frozen meals.

As of December 2021, Cultivate has rescued a total of 2.1 million pounds of food and is producing over 6,000 meals a week.

The presentation of this donation was the culmination of a process which started in March when Todd Zeltwanger, Cultivate's Director of Fund Development, spoke to the attendees at the District Meeting in Leesburg. After his presentation, DG Marlyn suggested that the district should apply for a District and Club Community Impact Grant from LCIF to support the backpack program.

Pictured here: DG Marlyn Fast (left) gives a check to Todd Zeltwanger (right) from Cultivate Food Rescue.

Submitted by DG Marlyn Fast, Dunlap Lions Club



Peru Lions Club Welcomes New Member

Here we grow again! At the May 3rd meeting of the Peru Lions Club, President Lion Ken Magers (left) inducted new member Lion Kim Burton (right).

Submitted by Lion Ron Guth, Peru Lions Club



News From Around the District

Milford Lions Club Presents First Annual Jeri Seely Memorial Scholarships

Bud and Jeri Seely were long time, active members of the Milford Lions Club. Both served the club in various offices, including president and secretary. Bud and Jeri were both Governors of Indiana Lions District 25-G. They served on numerous state and national Lions Club committees and were participants in several Lions Eyeglass Mission trips to Central America.

Upon PDG Jeri's passing, PDG Bud chose to honor his wife and fellow Lion by establishing the Jeri Seely Memorial Scholarship. The Milford Lions Club Scholarship Committee administers this scholarship. In keeping with the Lion's motto "We Serve", the scholarship of \$1,000, renewable for three additional years, is given to a Milford area graduating senior of Wawasee Community School Corporation. The



recipient has shown outstanding service to their school and community in addition to having maintained high scholarship.

The first annual Jeri Seely Memorial Scholarships were recently awarded to Arrington Krull and Emily Haines. In addition, the Milford Lions club awarded their regular \$500 renewable scholarship to Grant Brooks. This scholarship has been awarded annually by the Milford Lions Club for the past 34 years.

Submitted by Lion Amber Chapman, Milford Lions Club

Random Thoughts From A Random Mind: Pay It Forward

In some parts of the world, membership in a Lions Club is a privilege reserved for the rich and powerful. In the USA, it is an opportunity we should offer to all men and women, regardless of race, creed, color, education, occupation, or social standing. Individual differences which might, in other contexts, define the boundaries of our social circle, disappear in Lionism, where we find bankers and bus drivers, plumbers and poets, lawyers and laborers working side-by-side to help our neighbors around the corner and around the globe meet the challenges which life throws at them. Someone offered you the opportunity to make a difference in your community. Pay it forward, pass it on, offer the same opportunity to someone in your community.

Check your club's eyeglass collection locations



Lions Clubs with used eyeglass collection boxes are reminded that our work to process glasses doesn't take time off just because of COVID-19. Whether your club is meeting or not, we are still working to reprocess used glasses and prepare them for our next mission next fall. If you have used eyeglasses, contact the Lions Eyeglass project and we'll make arrangements to pick up the glasses. Please contact PDG Marty Juel at marty@martyjuel.com or 574-322-1660.

LCIF Committee Report

I would like to offer a big "THANK YOU!" to all the Lions who participated in our Coins in the Bottle fundraiser for Childhood Cancer. As many of you know, our late PDG Jim Reeve had a big heart for our Childhood Cancer Project. His niece Kendall, who is 11 years old, has neurofibromatosis and lost her bladder to cancer. So, to honor PDG Jim, the District 25-G LCIF committee started the Coins in the Bottle fundraiser and contest.

The winning clubs were the Fulton Liberty Lions Club with \$523.00 in quarters, and the Etna Green Lions with \$431.00 in dimes and nickels. Other clubs that participated in this fundraiser were Lake City Lions \$414.00, Leesburg Lions \$83.73, Peru Lions \$54.60, Lydick Lions \$100.00, Elkhart Lions \$152.40, Dunlap Lions \$160.00, Madison Township Lions \$60.00, Grass Creek Lions \$100.00, Milford Lions \$226.05, and miscellaneous donations \$301.00.

As of May 26th, we have collected \$2,379.73. If you have not sent in your funds, please do so. Give us a call or send us an email message with your total and we will add you to the list in next month's newsletter.



Left: The Fulton Liberty Lions Club collected \$523.00 in quarters, and will receive a pizza party and a certificate.

Below: The Etna Green Lions Club collected \$431.00 in nickels and dimes, and will receive a doughnut party.

More good news: As of May 20th, Campaign 100 has raised \$297,744,228

That means "Everyone" has been working to meet the goal of \$300 million!

Our Lions are realizing the wonderful things LCIF can accomplish if the funds are available!

Don't forget the Tell-A-Thon coming up in June.

Please just keep trying to make your club, your district, and your MD 100% LCIF, because we are not all the way there yet. We still need to raise \$2,255,772.

Thank you!

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Google Workspace Now Operational for Indiana Lions!

Our Google Workspace system for all Indiana Lions clubs and leadership is now operational! This commercial-grade family of products will provide all clubs and officers with a standard set of online tools for communication, club management, record-keeping, cloud storage, teleconferencing, and much more, and at no charge to our association, clubs or officers.

Club, district and state officers will be receiving an activation email from inlions.org for their presidents, secretaries, treasurers, membership chairs, and marketing/communications chairs. They will have a standard email naming convention by office, like pres.acme@inlions.org, sec.acme@inlions.org, treas.acme@inlions.org etc, along with instructions on how to activate their account(s). By naming these accounts by office and function, future directories and access to our leadership will be made much simpler.

Officers above club level all have designated accounts by office too, like zone chairs at zone1A.25A@inlions.org, District Governors at dg.25B@inlions.org, and State Office at state.sec@inlions.org, and controller.md25@inlions.org. GAT team members and major state committee chairs are usually identified as gmt.25g@inlions.org, vision.25F@inlions.org, mcc.md25@inlions.org, etc

PIDs and PDGs also have free courtesy accounts on the full system, using their first initial and last name in almost all cases.

If you hold an office, please start using these accounts as soon as you can. The activation email that everyone eligible will receive has a temporary password to access the account. Change it to a personal one right away. After that, try out the chat feature, Google Meet for video conferencing, or just send a few emails on your new inlions.org gmail account.

This is the largest installation of any combined software system for Lions in the US this year. It will provide us a durable administrative support platform for many years to come and save thousands of our dues dollars to boot.

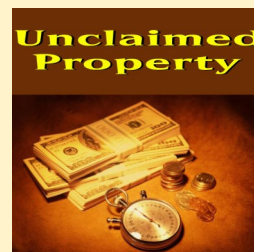
Yours in Lions Service,

PDG Charlie Short, State Membership Chair

Lion Carlyle Edwards, State Marketing/Communications Chair

The Unclaimed Property Division of the Indiana Attorney General's Office may be holding a small BMV settlement or other unclaimed property for your Lions Club. To find out, go to the website at <https://www.indianaunclaimed.gov/>, enter your Lions Club name in the field labelled "Last or Business Name", then scroll down and click the "Search" button.

Submitted by Lion Scott Fox, North Webster 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.



Grass Creek Lions Club



All-You-Can-Eat

Fish & Chicken Supper

Dine-In or Carry-Out

Thursday, June 9, 2022

4:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Adults \$11 Children 6-12 \$6

Dessert included with meal

Grass Creek Fire Station

7309 S. SR 17, Grass Creek, Indiana

Dan's Frying Service

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July 29—August 21, 2022
IndianaLionsFoundationMD25.org
See the flyer enclosed with this newsletter
for more information.**

June 2022

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Mark Your Calendar

Jun 15, 2022 Club Officers Training
TBA

Jun 22, 2022 Club Officers Training
TBA

Jun 24-28, 2022 International Convention
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Jul 29-Aug 21, 2022 Indiana State Fair
Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis

Aug 6, 2022 First District Meeting
Elkhart Lions Den, 127 N. Main, Elkhart

Aug 27, 2022 Banner Night
Camp Mack, Milford

Sep 15-17, USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Oct 8, 2022 Second District Meeting
First Baptist Church, Peru

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

(TBA) Third District Meeting
Urbana Lions Club, Urbana

Mar 11, 2023 District Convention
Argos United Methodist Church, Argos

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

May 20, 2023 Fourth District Meeting
Vandalia Depot, Culver

LCIF Campaign 100—Empowering Lions Service

By the Numbers... Where We Stand

Fundraising and grant funding are directly linked. Here's where we stand as of May 16, 2022:

Campaign 100

- Fundraising: US\$297,744,228
- Model Clubs: 4,927

FY2021-2022 Grants

- Awarded: 1,113
- Total funding: US\$29,846,486

Thank you for pushing hard to reach our Campaign 100 goal and encouraging applications for LCIF grants.





There is still time to register for the biggest event of the Lion year—the 104th Lions Clubs International Convention in Montreal. Canada, our host nation, has opened its borders and is ready to keep visitors safe while enjoying the beauty of this historic city.

I am looking forward to visiting the many beautiful churches—including Notre-Dame Basilica, touring Montmorency Falls—they are higher than the Niagara Falls, and tasting the wonderful food.

So go to <https://lcicon.lionsclubs.org/> to **Register** and find out more information about **Entry Requirements** and other travel information.

There will be sessions with great opportunities to learn more about Lions — ideas to take home to your clubs and communities. There will also be multiple service events to do what we do best—Serve. Then there will be the International Show with Smokey Robinson and my favorite — the Parade of Nations.

Make sure to purchase your new **BLUE** Indiana Lions parade shirt if you plan to attend.

Will be sending out more information as it becomes available concerning the Indiana Lions Dinner and the Midwest Breakfast.

See you in Montreal!

Lion Patty Cooke, PDG

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Lions Clubs International

Dues Adjustment Resolution Will Be Voted on at 2022 International Convention

Dear Lion Leader,

Lions Clubs International supports clubs and members around the world so we can advance our global mission of service together. Our international support and the work of Lions Clubs International is fueled by the international dues of our incredible members.

In recent years, it has become increasingly clear that the services Lions Clubs International has been able to provide to members with the available budget is no longer in line with what Lions need and expect.

The International Board of Directors voted in October 2019 to approve an international dues adjustment resolution that would be voted on at the 2020 International Convention, but it was postponed due to the cancellation of our 2020 convention and the move to a virtual convention in 2021 as we adapted to the pandemic. *The new dues adjustment model will be voted on at the 2022 International Convention.*

The Board of Directors undertook an extensive review of Lions Clubs International's financials, including the implementation of substantial budget reductions. After much consideration, the board proposed to adjust dues \$7 over a three-year period.

Under the proposal, international dues would be adjusted according to the following schedule:

- \$3 increase on July 1, 2023
- \$2 increase on July 1, 2024
- \$2 increase on July 1, 2025

Why an international dues adjustment is needed

We realize the association has been reluctant to adjust dues over the years, and we have not adjusted international dues since 2011. The proposed adjustment will help cover our costs and allow us to suitably serve our members' needs. With that said, the Board of Directors did not take this issue lightly, nor are we minimizing the value of each dollar that our members contribute.

As we consider this dues adjustment, it is essential that we keep in mind that our global efforts and initiatives support more than 1.4 million members in 50,000 clubs around the world. Through the support of staff, we are able to serve globally on the level that we do, keeping members and clubs fully supported with service resources, training events and software, club operational support, hybrid convention, international meetings, language services, technology, Foundation support, leadership support, and everything else we have come to expect as Lions.

A dues adjustment will allow Lions Clubs International to provide improved support to Lions and to continue to invest in improving programs and digital products such as our website and MyLion. It will also allow us to invest in new programs such as the Learning Management System (LMS), development of new curriculum such as digital literacy, training videos, global advertising, marketing automation, digital and video storytelling and other tools and initiatives that will enhance our impact, our brand, and our membership.

Why your help is needed

Essentially, we have to decide whether or not we want Lions Clubs International to continue to grow and thrive. Lions is more than a way of life. It's also an investment of money, time, energy and passion. As with any good investment, the more we put in, the more returns we see.

We need you to help our members and leaders understand why this adjustment is needed. We have developed an [international dues adjustment FAQ and PPT](#) to help you present it to your Lions. If you have any questions on the dues adjustment resolution, please contact LCI Executive Administrator Sanjeev Ahuja.

I hope that you will see this adjustment as we do: as an investment in the future of Lions. Through your support, we can ensure that Lions are positioned for success in the future.

Yours in Service,

Douglas X. Alexander
International President