

Lions Tales

DISTRICT 25-G

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

District Governor Brian Thomas would like to attend one of your club meetings, share his vision for our district, and hear your concerns. Check his calendar in this newsletter, then give him a call at 574-596-7411, or send an email message to brian10k@aol.com.

A Message from District Governor Brian Thomas

At our recent District Meeting in Leesburg, I had several Lions inquire as to how my year as District Governor has gone. The short answer was "Fine, busy, busy, thank you". The more complete thought is that some days it feels like the past eight months have gone by in a flash while on other days it feels like the year is going to last forever. Of course, we all know that all things come to an end eventually and it all happens on its own time. Regardless, the time remaining until the turnover in July will be filled with planning and activities and will pass much too quickly. Even with four months to go, it's not too soon to pass along a tremendous "thank you" to all who have made this journey a memorable one.



My one regret so far is one of a common refrain - we have lost more members than we have welcomed. A large part of the negative number is the discontinuation of three clubs - South Bend, Bristol, and Pierceton, but even taking those numbers out of the equation, we are still facing a loss of membership. The solution is both the simplest and hardest thing to do in any organization - ASK someone to JOIN! Invite an acquaintance to help out on a Lions project, engage them over a cup of coffee, ask them to attend a meeting. If several Lions are together in a situation with a non-Lion, talk about how much fun it is to be in Lions. If the initial answer is "no", stay after them, short of stalking and harassment! You've heard this refrain ever since you became a Lion, but it still remains the only way to grow: ASK!

The District Meeting in Leesburg was a resounding success despite the morning driving conditions. 42 Lions enjoyed fellowship and shared information. Planning for the March 4th District Convention is speeding along as I write this article and will probably be over by the time you read it. I'm sure it will be a success also and that you will have had the opportunity to attend. A large part of the District Governor's part in the Convention is to host a visiting International Director for the weekend. Lion Susan and I are looking forward to spending time with our featured guest, ID Jeffrey Gans from New Jersey. Following our own Convention will be State Convention in Bloomington, featuring International President Brian Sheehan, our 4th District meeting in

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A Message from District Governor Brian Thomas

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Culver, and International Convention in Boston.

Of course, the most important aspect of the next couple of months will be to assist 1st VDG Guth in his planning to become our next District Governor.

Yours in Lionism

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

"Making our lives better by making other lives better"

Thought for the Month

"We are all ordinary. We are all boring. We are all spectacular. We are all shy. We are all bold. We are all heroes. We are all helpers. It just depends on the day." -- David Meltzer

Outside the Box Projects

1. Repaint community fences.
2. Create a public service announcement against substance abuse.
3. Sweep sidewalks around the town square.
4. Adopt an acre of rainforest.
5. Pick up litter at a local park.
6. Collect coins for a Lions initiative.
7. Start a Little Free Library.
8. Maintain a local walking/hiking trail.
9. Become a member of a museum or theater, and volunteer for their events.
10. Put on a talent show at a nursing home.

Where Is Your District Governor?

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

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

Send your guess to DG Brian by email at brian10k@aol.com.



At the end of the day it's not about what you have or even what you've accomplished... it's about who you've lifted up, who you've made better. It's about what you've given back. -- Denzel Washington

A Message From 1st Vice District Governor Ron Guth



Welcome to the month of March. Will this month start as a Lion and end as a lamb?

How about we start the month as Lions and end the month as better Lions?

Before I sit to write an article each month, I review what has been said in past years by other Lion leaders to provide inspiration and thoughtful insight to what I would like to share with you. Sometimes this creates a group of words that sounds familiar to you, but the subject is important enough it should be repeated to all that read it.

SERVICE, it's what Lions do and we need to do more of it! Yes, most clubs do a great job in the local community and that is important for the club and you as a member. Of course, we are here to serve our community, friends, neighbors and the family down the street we don't know yet. But there is more to service. We as Lions need to also support our district and state level programs and most importantly grow in our service as leaders. The district's goal is to provide the information passed down from LCI to the clubs and in turn provide LCI with the information that we get from the clubs. So yes, the district works for you and your club, but to do so we need members from the clubs to assume various leadership roles in the district: Trustees, Zone Chairs, Committee Chairs, and members of those committees. These slots can't be filled from the district bucket because there isn't one! These positions are filled by members of the 46 Lions Clubs in our District 25-G. I've talked to clubs and they want to be heard! Come join my team so we can listen to you and others. For those clubs and members in the southern half of the district - where are you? We need to see you at the district meetings and convention. How do we know what you would like to see if you don't come and tell us?

Sorry if this sounded a little harsh, but we need to take action to make our district stronger. I've been a Lion for twenty years, but only started being involved with the district for the last five years.

Don't wait like I did to be involved; the time is now.

Lion Ron Guth, 1st Vice District Governor

Where There's a Need, There's a Lion



Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. -- Margaret Mead

2nd Vice District Governor Elected at District Meeting



Lion Warren Allender of the Baugo Township Lions Club was elected 2nd Vice District Governor of District 25-G in a Special Election held at the District Meeting in Leesburg on Saturday, February 25, 2023.

Lion Warren has been a Lion for nearly 27 years and has served two terms as Club President. He is currently serving as Club Secretary and Zone Chair.

Learn more about the newest member of our district leadership team in his Lion's bio below.

Meet Our New 2nd Vice District Governor

(Editor's note: I asked Lion Warren to provide us with his Lion's bio.)

I'm not exactly sure how to start this so here goes:

I would like to introduce myself to my fellow Lions in District 25-G. I am Lion Warren Allender, from the Baugo Township Lions Club in Elkhart, Indiana. I joined the Lions Club on April 1st, 1996. I have held the office of President twice during those years. I have also served on the Board of Directors, and most recently I was the Club's Secretary. It was a big surprise to me when I received the Lion of the Year award in 2018. Currently, I serve as a Zone Chairman at the District level. For me, Lionism gives me an opportunity to serve my community.

I grew up in Davenport, Iowa, entered the Air Force in 1971, served a tour in Korea, and finished up at K.I. Sawyer AFB in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. It was during that time that I met and later married my soul mate, Susi Ferrel Allender. We have 2 daughters and 2 sons-in-law. Erin & Adam Kennedy have 2 daughters, and Derek & Amy Smith have 2 sons.

With respect to my professional life, I was a police officer in the Air Force. From there I worked as a Park Police Officer for the City of Mishawaka, and then finished out my career with the Elkhart County Sheriff's Department, serving 24 years. The last 8 years I served as Sheriff Tom Snider's (a New Paris Lion) Chief Deputy.

Having a heart of service, after retirement I worked for a period of time as the Emergency Manager of Elkhart County and then went on as a private consultant to do public health preparedness work.

Once I really retired, my/our focus became our young grandchildren. When they are not around, I enjoy gardening, cooking, and the great outdoors. I am currently President of the Elkhart Conservation Club, an organization dedicated to conservation of our natural resources. Currently we are raising around 20,000 brown trout to be released next fall.

In summary, I enjoy being busy and busy to me means service to others. Enjoy Today and Every Day.
Respectfully,

Lion Warren R. Allender

*Life's most persistent and urgent question is, What are you doing for others?
— Martin Luther King, Jr.*

A Message From Cabinet Treasurer Lion Kim Polk



Spring is slowly approaching. The fresh air smells like spring. My narcissus are poking out of the ground, the geese are returning to our pond, and the back yard has been full of robins. My granddaughter Matilyn enjoys watching the birds and squirrels. She calls all of them "ca...." (everything is a cat).

The second half of the dues has been coming in. 40 clubs have sent in their dues. Thank you. If your club hasn't sent in their dues, your club Treasurer will be receiving a statement March 1 or shortly thereafter. Speaking of dues, during last year's International Convention, a dues increase was approved. International dues will increase by \$3.00 for the 2023-24 year. LCI Annual dues will be \$46.00. Please plan for this when planning for next year. District and State dues will stay the same. If you have questions, please contact 1st VDG Ron Guth or myself.

14 Clubs have sent donations to the District for our State Projects. Clubs can either send their donations directly to the State Projects, or send their donations to the District and I will send their donations on to the projects. Thank you for your ongoing support of our State Projects.

Together We Can,
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A Message from Cabinet Secretary PDG Marty Juel

Get ready for your club elections



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

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

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

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

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

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

PDG Marty Juel, Cabinet Secretary

Election Rules

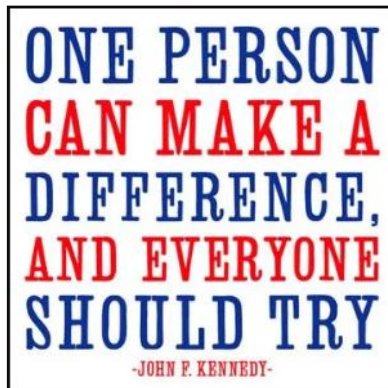


Who Can Vote at District Convention?

Delegate Notice: In order to be certified to vote at the District Convention as a delegate or alternate, your club's dues must have been received in their entirety by both Lions Clubs International and District Cabinet Treasurer Kim Polk by February 17, 15 days before the convention.

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

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



Global Service Team



Another month has gone by and clubs have been very busy working on their service activities, fund raising events, and attending functions to learn more about Lionism. It's really great to follow all the work clubs are doing in our District to making those less fortunate have a little better life. There is still plenty of time to continue working on service projects before the year ends in June. Always consider trying a new activity that may be of interest to a member of your club or community.

Lions and Leos have broken the record for service. Collectively we have served 495 million people throughout the world. This was accomplished by holding more than 1.4 million service projects. Knowing how many clubs don't bother to report service activities to MyLion, I wonder if these numbers would almost be double of what they are if all clubs reported their activities. Every Lion can see the completed activities on MyLion and follow what is being done in our District by going into your individual Lions Account.

"WE SERVE"

Lion Al Beehler, Global Service Team Coordinator

Global Leadership Team

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR ALREADY?



PDG Paul Russell can check, but I am sure I write this same kind of article every Spring. Yes, it's about elections for the coming Club year. This is a reminder that Club elections aren't optional, even if the same people are going to stay in the same offices another year. The Standard Form Lions Club Constitution & Bylaws says that a Club shall hold an election each April. It then goes on to note that there is also a reporting deadline. There are several

reasons for this April deadline. First, it gives the incoming District Governor time to gather all the names, meeting places, and meeting times he (or she) needs to be an effective District Governor and to create the new District Directory in a timely manner. And the second reason is that it gives Lions International that same time to update their records to be as accurate as possible. Do you want to be the one that holds up the District and International?

At our District Convention on March 4th, we elect District officers for the coming year. Even though there might not be any tight races, let's be sure all Clubs are represented. This is an important piece of business, and not just because we are doing it in front of a visiting International Director. But being elected is another big step for the First Vice District Governor to become the District Governor Elect. Then comes his headache of finding Zone Chairs, committee chairs, committee members. How about lending him a hand by volunteering for a job before he has to ask you? I'm sure you would be much appreciated. The work is never insurmountable, and it gives you a great opportunity to see how Districts operate, the problems and issues we face, and the missed opportunities because no one wants to take on a job. And it might just challenge you to take a greater responsibility in District administration. Our District has been blessed with many, many capable members, but not everyone steps forward to help. How can you do something to change that?

And if you have other ideas, there are also trustee or committee member positions available on the Multiple District level. Some of these positions have been vacant for years for lack of willing Lions. Again, how can you help?

If you don't think you have enough leadership skills, there is the Indiana Lions Leadership Institute on April 14-16 in Indianapolis. Typically all your expenses are paid except for your transportation costs to and from the Institute. Each District is allotted a limited number of seats at the Institute, and I understand we have at least one seat open from 25-G. You can also be put on a "stand by" list in case another District doesn't fill their allotment. If you are interested, call District Governor Brian right away to reserve your seat. If not this year, then next year. It's a weekend you won't regret.

But first, get your Club's Nominating Committee working so that you can have your Club election in April. Be sure to follow your Club's protocol for announcing candidates, and work to involve new people in new positions. Don't forget, April will be here before you know it!

PCC David Eisen, Global Leadership Team

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

Global Membership Team



The 3rd District Meeting was hosted by the Leesburg Lions Club on February 25th, with approximately 40 Lions in attendance. We talked about membership, noting that, since July 1st, we have inducted 45 new Lions, but we have lost 87 Lions. We currently have 1,206 Lions in District 25-G.

We have many opportunities to recruit new members. Every club needs members to achieve its goals. To help clubs recruit new members, Lions Clubs International offers several membership options. In addition to regular membership, there are special membership programs for family members, college students, and former Leos.

Just as every journey begins with a single step, one act of service, one encouraging word, and one gift of generosity is often all it takes to bring hope where it's needed most. Over the past 100 years, the kindness of Lions and Leos has multiplied across borders, oceans, and continents.

Our Global Causes provide us the opportunity to address significant challenges to humanity. They are:

- Diabetes – We serve to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and the quality of life for those diagnosed with diabetes.
- Vision – We serve to prevent avoidable blindness and to improve the quality of life for those who are blind or visually-impaired.
- Hunger – We serve to ensure community members have access to nutritious food for all who are in need.
- Environment – We serve to sustainably protect and restore our environment and to improve the well-being of all communities.
- Childhood Cancer – We serve to support children and families who have been affected by childhood cancer.

Can you bring in 1, 2, 3 new members in your club? Can you bring in 5 new members before the end of DG Brian's year? I know you and your club can do it! Let's start bringing in new members and let them join you and your club members in serving your community.

Have a great St. Patrick's Day and enjoy the weather. I am here to serve. If you would like a guest speaker at your club meeting, please contact me at 574-286-4499.

PDG Mary Klempay, Global Membership Team

Here We Grow Again

Since July 1, 2022, 20 district clubs have welcomed 40 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 reported in the past 2 months.

Baugo Township Lions Club

New Member: Lion Larry Newland, Sr.
Sponsor: Lion Larry Newland

Culver Lions Club

New Member: Lion Joy McCarthy
Sponsor: Lion Jennah Fairchild

Mishawaka Lions Club

New Member: Lion Chico B. Reyes, Jr.
Sponsor: Lion Kane Brolin

New Carlisle Lions Club

New Member: Lion Tricia Snyder
Sponsor: Lion Elva Sanders

Peru Lions Club

New Member: Lion Chrystal Burton
Sponsor: Lion Kim Burton

Richvalley Lions Club

New Member: Lion Kaleb W. Kelsheimer
Sponsor: Lion C. Ben Smith

New Member: Lion Kyle R. Kelsheimer
Sponsor: Lion C. Ben Smith

New Member: Lion Andrew Smith
Sponsor: Lion C. Ben Smith

News From Around the District

Camp Ray Bird Executive Director Speaks to Madison Township Lions Club

The guest speaker at our February 14th dinner meeting was Mr. Mitch Machir, the Executive Director of Camp Ray Bird located at 25765 Edison Road, South Bend, Indian. He worked as a boys counselor during his college years and has served as Executive Director for the past four years.

This is a faith-based camp that is "dedicated to sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with Michiana children and teens, nurturing those believers, and preparing them for participation in local churches. Ray Bird Ministries specializes in serving families who could not otherwise afford meaningful camping experiences."



The camp serves approximately 800 children, ages 8-15, over 8 weeks for mostly low income, ethnically-diverse children. The cost per camper ranges from \$30 to \$500 and is determined by household income. The majority of campers are from the South Bend area.

The camp is funded through donations. The Madison Township Lions Club donated \$500 to the camp.

For more information about Camp Ray Bird, go to www.raybird.org

Above: Lion Al Beehler (right) presented a check to Mitch Machir, Executive Director of Camp Ray Bird.

Submitted by Lion Al Beehler, Madison Township Lions Club

Syracuse Lions Club Celebrates Trailblazer in Vision Research



Lion Brian Bussard of the Baugo Township Lions Club speaks to the Syracuse Lions Club. Brian's wife, Tracy, is seated next to him.

The Syracuse Lions Club hosted fellow Lion Brian Bussard from the Baugo Township Lions Club, at their dinner/program meeting on Monday, February 27. A year ago in early February, Lion Brian became the pilot participant in groundbreaking vision research, receiving the first Intracortical Visual Prosthesis (IVP) implant. This artificial vision implant connects directly to the visual cortex, offering future hope to individuals who are totally blind as a result of complete functional loss of retinas and optic nerves. Lion Brian experienced multiple retinal detachments beginning in high school and resulting in complete loss of sight by 2016. In 2018 his blindness was determined to be permanent due to subsequent loss of optic nerve function. While Brian's contribution to this research as a pioneering volunteer is not likely to benefit him personally, he believes it may someday help restore some form of vision to others, demonstrating ultimate commitment to the Lions motto, "We Serve". In his presentation to the Syracuse Lions he described his experience: "Being in this experimental program knowing that you will probably never benefit from it in your lifetime is like planting trees knowing you will never enjoy the shade of those trees but someone else may."

For more details on Brian's journey and IVP research, read the full article, "A New Frontier" in the Summer 2022 LION magazine, page 26.

Submitted by Lion Marie Butler-Knight, Syracuse Lions Club

News From Around the District

Our District Governor In Action



District Governor Brian Thomas visited the Argos Lions Club where he presented the Club Excellence Award to club officers (left) and a 60-year plaque and service chevron to Lion David Scheetz (right).

Pictured at left (l. to r.) Lion Monty Peden, DG Brian Thomas, and Lion Gene Cooper

Pictured at right (l. to r.) Lion Joe Krom, Lion Jane Hall, Lion Laura Jones, Lion Monty Peden, 60-year member Lion David Scheetz, DG Brian Thomas, Lion Pat Rensberger, and Lion Gene Cooper



District Governor Brian Thomas visited the Lake City Lions Club where he presented service chevrons to several members. Pictured here (l. to r.) Lion Robin Claassen, Lion Caroline Fawley, Lion Sheri Reeve, PDG Brian Thomas, and Lion Keith Claassen.



District Governor Brian Thomas visited the Guidance Ministries drug rehab center and the Salvation Army, both in Elkhart, to distribute first aid kits, socks, gloves, and other winter wear. These items were collected and/or assembled by Lions at the Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference in Indianapolis in January.



Baugo Township Lion Sponsors Dad As New Member



Left: Lion Larry Newland presents his Dad, Lion Larry Newland, Sr. with his new Lions membership pin at the Baugo Township Lions Club meeting in February.

Submitted by Lion Jim Eggleston, Baugo Township Lions Club

Opportunities for Service

Here's an opportunity to learn more about district eyeglass recycling.

The Lions of District 25-G have a very active eyeglass recycling program. The project began more than 40 years ago and for many years we operated out of a double-wide trailer located near LaPaz. In 2015, we relocated to a more spacious facility in Dunlap, between Goshen and Elkhart.

Our effort is one of the very few fully vertical integrated eyeglass programs in the country. We collect, sort, clean, read prescriptions, package, and ship nearly 15,000 pairs of glasses each year for an eyeglass mission in Mexico. We also select the mission city, assemble and train a team of more than 20 Lions, and partner with a Mexican Lions Club in this mission.

One of our biggest concerns is that there are still many clubs in our district that are apparently unaware of this program, even though we frequently have articles in our district newsletter and give reports at every district meeting held during the year.



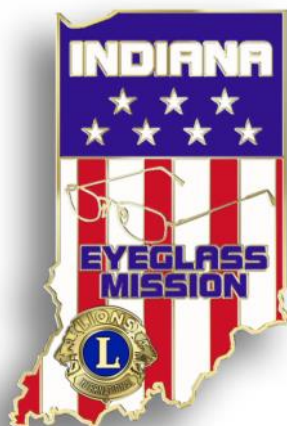
We also travel to district Lions Clubs and give programs. The result is those clubs are astonished at how extensive our recycling program is. To facilitate clubs in their eyeglass collection efforts, we developed a unique collection bucket to help clubs collect glasses. These buckets are much sturdier and hold more glasses than the cardboard boxes available through LCI and much more convenient than the older wooden boxes that were made more than 15 years ago.

This recycling program relies on contributions from clubs and individuals in order to fund all the expenses to operate. We have no regular income and we do not receive funding from the district. Club support is vital for this effort to continue providing eyeglasses at no charge to needy individuals in our Mexican mission locations.

We also depend on Lions to help during the yearlong process, including washing glasses using our new, state-of-the-art ultrasound machine; reading and sorting eyeglasses for shipping; and performing other maintenance functions at our spacious facility. We also need Lions to help construct our new collection buckets. If you are interested in helping in these areas, contact me for details.

I would like to visit your club and give a program that details our efforts. We also welcome clubs to come and visit our facility. Arrangements will be made to accommodate such visits. Contact me to schedule a time.

PDG Marty Juel
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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 our 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





District 25-G CONVENTION

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

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

Special Guest ID Jeffrey Gans



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

\$20*

Per Person

Enjoy Continental breakfast items before the meeting.

Dinner includes: Chicken, ham, cheesy potatoes, green bean/corn vegetable, tossed salad, rolls, & peanut butter or chocolate sheet cake

DISTRICT CONVENTION RESERVATIONS

Name _____ Club _____

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Name _____ Club _____

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

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

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

Previews of Coming Attractions



Baugo Lions Club 1st Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

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

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

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



Grass Creek Lions Club

All-You-Can-Eat

Fish & Chicken Dinner

Dine In or Carry Out

Saturday, March 11, 2023 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Adults \$12 Children 6-12 \$6.00

Dessert included with meal

Grass Creek Fire Station

7309 S. SR 17

Grass Creek, Indiana

Dan's Frying Service

Proceeds support local & state community service & humanitarian projects



Global Membership Approach

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



Culver Lions Club



3rd Annual Golf Invitational

Pretty Lake Golf Club 10055 Pretty Lake Trail Plymouth, IN 46563



Register your foursome now (Foursomes are limited)

All Sponsorships Levels Available

Food & Drinks are Provided following Golf
Skill Prizes, Door Prizes and Hole in One Prizes!!!

Best Ball Play!!

Reservations by June 1, 2023

Contact Amy Hartman 609.805.1942 or email

ahartman225@gmail.com



**Saturday June 17th, 2023 Registration Opens 7:30am;
Shotgun Start 8:30am**

The very essence of leadership is that you have to have a vision. It's got to be a vision you articulate clearly and forcefully on every occasion. You can't blow an uncertain trumpet. -- Reverend Theodore Hesburgh

Indiana Lions State Convention News

International President to Speak at State Convention



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

See you then,

PDG Mark Clark & PDG Gary Ochs.

Donations Wanted for Silent Auction!



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

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

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

Indiana Lions State Convention

Bloomington/Monroe County Convention Center

Bloomington, Indiana

May 12-14, 2023

Special Guests

International President

Brian Sheehan & Lion Lori



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING 2023 STATE CONVENTION

FREE SOUVENIR COFFEE MUGS



THANKS TO A NEW SPONSOR FOR THE
2023 STATE CONVENTION
THE FIRST 200 REGISTRANTS FOR
THE STATE CONVENTION WILL
RECEIVE A SOUVENIR COFFEE MUG
UPON THEIR ARRIVAL AT
BLOOMINGTON.

WE HAVE 61 REGISTRANTS ALREADY,
SO MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION INTO
CT DEBBIE ELLIS **RIGHT NOW.**

CT DEBHORAH ELLIS

8262 Center Road
Sullivan, In. 47882.



2023 Indiana Lions 102nd State Convention

Hosted by District 25E

May 12,13,14, 2023



Bloomington/Monroe County Convention Center

with special guests: International President Brian Sheehan and Lion Lori

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR OWN LODGING BY APRIL 11, 2023

Courtyard by Marriott Convention Hotel (attached to Convention Center)

310 South College Avenue, Bloomington, IN 47401 (Free Parking available at Convention Center)

Room Rate: \$109.00 per night, plus tax, until April 11, 2023.

Call 1-812-335-8000 for Reservations and mention LIONS CLUB 2023 in making the reservation

Hyatt Place Hotel: 217 S. Kirkwood Avenue, \$119 per night w/ breakfast

Hyatt Hotel does charge for parking; 1 ½ block north of Convention Center & free parking

Call 812-339-5950 and use block code LION for the reservation.

Come and visit several Lions project tables and related booths including a USA/Canada Forum apparel vendor.

Friday Golf Outing to be at Stonecrest Golf Club – 18 holes at \$39. Meet in the hotel lobby.

Scooter rental is \$120 for Friday thru Sunday.

Friday, May 12th 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, MONROE COUNTY LIMESTONE PRESENTATION

Registration Form (one per person)

Print out Registration form at www.indianalionsconvention.org

Deadline: All Registration Forms must be postmarked by April 30, 2023.

Please print name/Lions Title as desired on name badge:

Name and Lion Title: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

District: _____ Club: _____ Email: _____

Is this your FIRST Indiana Lions State Convention (circle one) **Yes** **No**

Attend the Friday morning Monroe County Limestone Presentation (circle one) **Yes** **No**

Friday Evening BBO Dinner at Monroe County Fairground Sponsored by Ellettsville Lions Club

Choose pulled pork: _____ or pulled chicken: _____ \$ 18.00= _____

Saturday Lunch: sandwich bar: chips, seasonal fresh fruit, pickle spear & drink

Choose warm beef & swiss sub w/ lettuce & tomato: _____ \$ 20.00 = _____

Or grilled ham & cheese on sourdough bread: _____ \$ 20.00 = _____

Saturday Night Banquet: Choose 1 Entrée below

Choose: citrus glazed pork chop _____ mushroom chopped steak _____ \$ 28.00 = _____

Sunday Brunch: fried chicken, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit, bacon, french toast \$ 20.00 = _____

Saturday Strides Walk T-shirt Size (S to 3XL, other) _____ \$ 18.00 = _____

2023 Indiana Convention Pin \$ 4.00 = _____

Scooter Rent (Friday thru Sunday) \$120.00 = _____

Total Registration Paid: \$ _____

Special dietary needs, list here: _____

Mail this Registration Form and Your Check, payable to

Indiana Lions State Convention 2023 to

CT Debbie Ellis, 8262 East Center Road, Sullivan, IN. 47882

Contact Info: 1-812-798-2096 or ellisdebbie259@gmail.com



March 2023

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



April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Mark Your Calendar

Mar 4, 2023 District Convention
Argos United Methodist Church, Argos

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

May 20, 2023 Fourth District Meeting
Vandalia Depot, Culver

District Directory Updates

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