



# Lions Tales

**DISTRICT 25-G**

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## A Message from District Governor Warren Allender

Let me start off by saying "Thanks" to a lot of clubs for activities in November. New Carlisle, you've got a new neighbor coming to town by the name of AMAZON. That should be stimulating. Mentone, Bowling Buddies looks like a great project to support and a great way to recruit new members. Argos, thanks for hosting our 2nd Leadership/Cabinet meeting. We had a great turnout and great conversations. Lydick, thanks for the salute to our veterans, Army, Navy, Marines, & Air Force. The only missing service was the Coast Guard. Greene Township, great job with your bazaar. Claypool, thanks for inviting me to your fish and tenderloin fry. Now that was community support, I only had to wait in line 40 minutes to get my order and both were delicious. New Paris, what an honor to be there for your 70th anniversary. What an honor to be able to present a Charter Member Chevron to Lion Bob Lutz and then induct 2 new members, Kari & Kevin Silcox. As my pin says, we need old and new members to cook up service. Service is our gift that keeps on giving.



I'm going to close with this, International President Fabricio Oliveira has asked that we Lions Make Our Mark and has allowed the District Governors latitude to support two of our stated causes. I chose vision

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

District Governor Warren Allender 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 574-361-7942, or send an email message to warrenallender@comcast.net.



**"What does it mean to Make Your Mark? It means stepping up in our clubs and our communities and changing lives. It means amplifying the voices that may go unheard. It means showing the world that Lions care and we are here to stay." 2024-2025 Lions International President Fabrício Oliveira**



## A Message from District Governor Warren Allender

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(Leader Dogs) and Cancer Control. As I have travelled to each club, I have promoted my desire that we as a district support Indiana Lions Cancer Control and the Walther Cancer Foundation matching grant program. Those funds are used by Riley Children's Hospital, as they seek to treat children with cancer. I have asked each club to sell just 1 Cancer Control candle for at least \$20.00. OK, that hasn't happened. What has happened is an outpouring of support! Clubs have donated hundreds and thousands of dollars to support that program. I won't mention any clubs here and now because number one, I don't know all the facts and number two, I wouldn't want to miss a club. I do know I just sent our Treasurer a check for over \$2000.00 and another club just asked where to send their check for \$200.00. That is a Christmas miracle. Just think about it, neither you nor I will ever know the lives that we touch by our simple act of giving. November is a time of giving thanks. December is a time of receiving many blessings.

Merry Christmas!

District Governor Warren Allender

## A Message From 1st Vice District Governor Jackie Kurley



Merry Christmas, Feliz Navidad, Joyeux Noel, Vrolijk Kerstfeest, Frohe Weihnachten, Wesolych Swiat, and Happy Kwanzaa!

'Tis the season for sharing, caring, and doing what we Lions do every day. This is the time of year when we give to the food pantries; collect hats, gloves, and coats for the shelters; help ring bells for donations; pass out food baskets for those in need; and deliver to children all those gifts that we collected as we rode our motorcycles and collected toys. All these things make our hearts feel energized. We feed your souls by doing these acts of kindness, and in turn, we make our marks on those we help. Lions really do not know how much those acts of kindness mean to the individual we help. We feel it is just what we do, but the recipient's life could be changed forever. When we are out collecting donations on White Cane Days, how many of us have heard, "It was the Lions that helped me get my glasses when I was in school," or "It was the Lions that sent me to a camp," or "It was the Lions that gave me my first book, a dictionary"?

These are the moments I love as a Lion. My favorite holiday is Christmas, not because I receive gifts, although I am incredibly grateful for anything I receive, but for the joy it brings me when others receive a gift. Growing up, my parents made sure we understood that it was better to give than to receive. To give to those less fortunate than us and to never take anything for granted is a lesson that I carry with me today. The key for happiness and fulfillment is not how much money you spend on gifts and useless items; it is in volunteering. Even though we may not see the results of our volunteer work, as some people may never know that we helped them, I can assure you that they are grateful for any help they receive. Besides, it is a known fact that volunteering makes most people happier than materialism does. That is why one will always, well mostly, see me smiling.

I want to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas, and a rewarding New Year!

Lion Jackie Kurley, 1st Vice District Governor

## A Message From 2nd Vice District Governor Steve Weld



Our district has given great support to the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) over the past several years, due both to the enthusiastic promotion by our LCIF coordinator, 1VDG Jackie Kurley, and to your bighearted generosity, with so many Lions and Clubs in our district donating selflessly and with great kindness.

Even as you may recognize the many ways LCIF, "our foundation for service through grants and programs", serves communities across the nation and around the world, have you ever considered how an LCIF grant might be able to transform the ways your Lions Club can serve your own community? Has your club been thinking about a project which could greatly benefit your community, if only you had more finances available? Grants are intended to provide the additional resources which may be needed to

accomplish an effort, leveraging locally available resources for larger impact. LCIF grants are offered in a variety of flavors, though each category has both common and unique rules. All have a clear intent for using funds to meet humanitarian needs, with particular rules for how the funds can or cannot be used. Most have a requirement for matching funds, that is, local clubs have to provide some portion of the total project funds.

Four categories of grants are directly tied to four of the Association's long-standing Global Causes: Vision, Diabetes, Hunger, and Childhood Cancer. Each of these grants enable local Lions Clubs to invest in solutions for local needs, ideally in partnership with other local organizations meeting those needs and serving the community.

A number of grants are available to address the Foundation's Global Cause of Disaster Relief. Beyond the large grants awarded by the international president and LCIF chair for Major Catastrophes, grants for emergency assistance, disaster preparedness, and community recovery are available to local Clubs.

For the Global Cause of Youth, Leo Service Grants enable our Leos to assess, plan, and implement their own service projects. Additionally, Lions Quest Grants aid the implementation and expansion of Lions Quest, our Association's premier social-emotional learning program for youth.

If a project to address local needs does not fit into one of the Global Causes aligned grant programs, then it may be possible to obtain a Matching Grant. Similar in structure and requirements as other grants, this can be used to provide equipment and construction for almost any humanitarian need.

Finally, District & Club Community Impact Grant (DCG) enables Clubs to fund local projects with up to 15 percent of their past LCIF contributions. Unique among the grants, this one not only does not require matching funds, but can be used as a local match for another LCIF grant.

Would you like to know more? Check out the LCIF Grants Toolkit at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/lcif-grants-toolkit>.

Yours in Lions Service,  
Lion Steve Weld, 2nd Vice District Governor



## A Message From District Cabinet Secretary Lion Kim Polk



Autumn is my favorite time of year. The colorful leaves dancing in the wind remind me of my 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Miss Thompson. She insisted that the trees were like ladies in their vibrantly colored ball gowns dancing at an elegant ball. The temperatures have been fluctuating. The winds and rain have brought down most of the leaves in my yard. The rain has been much needed. Our fall work continues. Our yard will need to be mowed again. The leaves will need to be raked and vacuumed in areas and we got our delivery of wood for the winter stacked this past weekend.

Our Lions' work is never done as well. This month of December, Club Secretaries need to review your members listed in the Lion's portal. Do members' information need to be updated? Are there members that need to be dropped? LCI will be issuing dues billing for the number of members listed on each club's roster as of 12-31-24 early in January. Also, this would be a good time to look at the officers listed in LCI to make sure that your Treasurer's information is correct. That will make sure LCI and CT PDG Ron Guth can send invoices to the correct Lion.

I have received questions about entering a new member under the Family Membership Program. The Family Membership Program provides families the opportunity to receive a special dues discount when they join a Lions club together. The first family member pays the full international dues and up to four additional family members pay only half the international dues. When you enter these members into the portal there is an option to waive the discount and the club will then be charged the full amount. If you want the family member discount, do not click the box to waive the discount and just click the next button. See the graphic below. If you have questions, please contact me.

A screenshot of a web portal titled "Manage Club Members". The text reads: "By waiving the discount, this member will become a full-paying member. This member will count towards their club's delegate entitlement once they have served consecutively for one year and one day at full dues-paying membership. For more information, refer to Board Policy Chapter XVII." Below this is a link "Board Policy Chapter XVII" and a checkbox labeled "Waive Discount". At the bottom right are "Previous" and "Next" buttons.

PDG Tom & I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Yours in service,

Lion Kim Polk,  
District 25-G Cabinet Secretary

## A Message From District Cabinet Treasurer PDG Ron Guth



Good morning, Lions,

Can you believe that we have reached the last month of 2024? The elections are over and now we are swamped with Christmas ads instead of political ads. We can spend our time better on how we can help others in their time of need instead of the newest air fryer, game console or ninety inch plus tv.

We have received state and district project donations from 7 of the district's 44 clubs so far this year, with another 5 clubs sending funds for the Walther Cancer Matching Grant Challenge to date. Please remember the projects depend on club donations and if club fundraising efforts have fallen a little short this year you might just reduce your gift

amount. A little less still goes a long way to help others.

As always, any checks sent to my attention should be payable to District 25-G for any district or state projects or committees.

Club treasurers will want to collaborate with your club secretary to make sure your club's member count is correct as of 12/31/24, so the club is not billed for members who are no longer with your club.

Please take care of yourselves and others during the holidays and into the new year.

It may be cold outside, but Lions have warm hearts,

IPDG Ron Guth  
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## Celebrating 171 Years of Service

District 25-G recognizes Lions Clubs chartered during the month of December. These clubs have been serving their local communities for a total of 171 years. Each has impacted its local community in its own unique way, and has supported district, state, and international projects. Each is an example of DG Warren's theme - "Cooking Up Service - Back to the Basics" and IP Oliveira's theme - "Make Your Mark".

**Congratulations on your years of service and leaving your mark on your community and beyond!**

CLUB NAME	CHARTER DATE	YEARS OF SERVICE
Elkhart	December 20, 1923	101
Lake City	December 27, 1954	70

## Global Leadership Team



### Leading By Learning

First you thought you were done learning when you got your high school diploma. Then it might have been your college degree or some work-related education. Lions International seemed like a great organization to join without a lot of pressure. But now something new has entered the picture.

If you attended the recent District Meeting, you heard that Lions International would now like to keep track of your Lions educational achievements. First of all, for us, Lions wants District 25-G to submit the names of faculty and attendees at our Spring officers training sessions. After that, in my opinion,

it gets a little murky. I'm not sure there is a requirement to list the officers who didn't attend, but the ultimate goal is to encourage all District officers to make use of some Lions educational opportunities, whether working alone through courses, going to classes, or attending other activities, like Mid-Winter Conference. The options seem endless.

All these learning activities will then be entered into the new Lions portal. It's not exactly clear who will be doing all that entering, how far back you may go in listing activities (for instance, having attended officers training for the past 10 years), or if this all begins with just this Club year. There are lots of unanswered questions, and as we find out more information, we'll do our best to keep you up to date. In the meantime, start compiling your own list of educational opportunities completed, then look for additional opportunities. I do think, however, that Lions is looking for more significant learning experiences than learning how not to burn your fingers at a fish fry.

A great place to begin is the Lions International website itself ([www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)). It is reasonably simple to use, and often you can find more than you wanted. When you have the chance, open the site and do some exploring. When the website opens, you will see two options. The first is the magnifying glass in the upper right corner. Clicking on that icon takes you to a page with a category marked "Member Resource Center". This lists several options including one called "Training." Clicking on that brings you to a page with more options, including the category "Leadership Training". Then choose the topic you want.

This should lead you to the Lions Learning Center. Follow the directions there to access the Center. But if all this sounds confusing, go back to the first page with the magnifying glass and click on the icon. A page featuring a long line will appear. You can simply key in the term you want to search, like Club President, then click on Search. For Club President, you will get 624 items, although probably 623 of them are not what you wanted. Another choice brings you to the e-books directed at any one of eight Club officers. Nicely compact, these should answer your basic questions or suggest further items for you to search, but I'm hoping you all know more about this than I do through your own experiences.

This new initiative does not appear to be a race for credits or some basis of qualification for office or another pin to wear. In my opinion, this whole process can be used to show other organizations that we take ourselves seriously and are working to improve the organization. I see it as much like recording service hours and projects. It may also show Lions International where there are training gaps that should be addressed to make us more efficient and effective. Now we just have to get started. Let's help build the organization in a positive manner.

PCC Dave Eisen, Global Leadership Team Coordinator

## Global Membership & Extension Team

### MISSION 1.5 \* A Mission to Grow



Lions of District 25-G:

One of the most rewarding aspects of joining a Lions Club is the opportunity to create a lasting friendship with other Lions. The bonds formed through working together on service projects and attending club events often turn into lifelong friendships. What a better reason for encouraging people to join your Lions Club! It is a positive way of impacting your community. You can truly make a difference right where you live. So why wait, Just Ask and help others to experience this lasting friendship AND make a difference.

Yes, MISSION 1.5 will be promoted throughout the next years. As we strive to achieve this goal, encourage community members to join us in our humanitarian service, and remember to share how Lions Clubs International Foundation enhances our impact.

Whatever you do, have fun doing it.

- Thank you for all of the time and energy you put into your club and your community.
- Thank you for helping others understand Lionism.
- Thank you for being a Lion.

PDG Marlyn Fast, Global Membership & Global Extension Coordinator

## Here We Grow Again

Since the start of the current Lions year, 15 district clubs have welcomed 29 new 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 Lions were not previously reported in the district newsletter.

#### **Akron Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Dale Heltzel  
Sponsor: Lion Karen Heltzel

#### **Dunlap Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Colleen Nafziger  
Sponsor: Lion Jackie Kurley

#### **Milford Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Michael Krikau  
Sponsor: Lion Gervas Schafer

#### **Peru Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Thomas Eddy III  
Sponsor: Lion Jack Holderman

**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.**

## Global Service Team



Good day Lions,

Halloween came and went with all the Superheroes, Beetlejuice, Sonic the Hedgehog, and Witches, just to name a few. I saw all kinds of awesome costumes and hope everyone had a blast with Halloween and all the kids who went out to enjoy some candy. Did you help with Trunk and Treat at your club, church, or home? If so, those are Service Hours.

Well, here we go with the leaves changing fast for the end of November. My leaves are about 70% done and with the wind, we are getting everyone's leaves. Fall colors are the most beautiful colors and I enjoy seeing all the colors come to life.

It's important that we Lions continue serving by thinking outside the box and not just relying on doing only what we have done in the past. There are many projects we can accomplish in our communities with limited funds. We can serve by building food baskets for those in need, supplying items volunteering at local food pantries, or checking on our elderly neighbors, friends, or family members to ensure their safety as winter arrives.

Everyone is to be commended for their efforts in keeping our clubs as active as possible. All Lions members have the opportunity to help those in need, either as a group or individually. As we accomplish our projects, please report the activities so more than just your club members know what you're doing, and you can also show our district what your club is doing as well.

Our Club Health Assessment numbers are down. We have about 17 Clubs that have not sent in any Service Hours, I can help you add your service hours and PDG Ann Hafner is able to help all you need to do is ask.

The Lions Motto of "WE SERVE" is alive and well in District 25-G.

PDG Mary Klempay, District 25-G GST Coordinator

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## LCIF Coordinators Update

### How You Can Support LCIF On #GivingTuesday December 3rd, 2024



Hello Lions! Please Save the Date! We invite you to join us on Tuesday, December 3rd as we participate in #GivingTuesday, the online global generosity movement. It is a day of giving in any way that you can to help support @LCIFLions and empower Lions Service locally and worldwide. Go to [lionsclubs.org/givingtuesday](https://lionsclubs.org/givingtuesday) for more info on all the ways you can get involved!

Have a WONDERFUL Holiday Season!

Lion Sopheap Long and 1st VDG Lion Jackie Kurley!



#### Donate online

[lionsclubs.org/WaysToGive](https://lionsclubs.org/WaysToGive)



#### Make a Pledge

[lionsclubs.org/jotform.com/90524105483149](https://lionsclubs.org/jotform.com/90524105483149)

#### Mail

Mail USD checks drawn from a U.S. Bank and payable to LCIF to:

Lions Clubs International Foundation  
Department 4547  
Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 USA

Visit [lionsclubs.org/WaysToGive](https://lionsclubs.org/WaysToGive) for mailing checks in Canada and India

#### Wire transfer

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.  
ABA Routing Number: 021000021  
10 S. Dearborn St.  
Account Name: Lions Clubs International Foundation  
Chicago, IL 60603 USA  
Account Number: 754487312  
Swift International Banking number: CHASUS33

Email a copy of your receipt or transfer form – along with your name, Member ID, club name, and district name – to [donorassistance@lionsclubs.org](mailto:donorassistance@lionsclubs.org).

If requesting recognition for someone else, please include the recipient's name, Member ID, club name, and district name.

#### Contact Donor Services

For assistance, contact Donor Services at +1.630.203.3836 or [donorassistance@lionsclubs.org](mailto:donorassistance@lionsclubs.org).



Lions Clubs International Foundation  
300 W. 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523 USA  
[www.icif.org](http://www.icif.org)

LCIF/EN/EN/2024

(Click anywhere on the image above to make a donation.)

## News from Around the District

### Lydick Lions Recognize Veterans at Club Meeting on Veterans Day

On this Veterans Day, with our meeting place decorated to honor it, we held our General Meeting as usual. District Governor Warren Allender encouraged our club in many ways, of membership and service.

Following special refreshments served up by our club members, including a specially decorated cake by Debra Hannah. She and Lydick Lion Karen Trzaskowski are daughters of former Lydick Lion Henry Salvageot (U.S. Navy, deceased).

We took time to recognize Veterans Day, to honor all veterans, especially those within our club, and DG Allender. A small service began with a Veterans Prayer, then all veterans were asked to stand, and a special poem entitled *Heartfelt Thanks to Veterans* was read.

On this special day, we proudly honored: DG Warren Allender (U.S. Air Force), Lion Jim Day (U.S. Navy), Lion Ralph Rutkowski (U.S. Army), and Howard Morse (U.S. Marine Corps).

Thank you to all men and women of our armed forces for your service to our country and its people. We are forever in your debt. God bless your heart and soul.

*(Submitted by Lion Teckla Lane, Lydick Lions Club)*



Left (l. to r.) Lion Ralph Rutkowski, District Governor Lion Warren Allender, Lion Howard Morse, Lion Jim Day, Club President Lion Wendy Yuhasz

Right: Veterans Day Cake



### *Heartfelt Thanks To Veterans*

*To those who serve now or served in the past  
I thank you with all my heart for your service.  
Thank you for my life in freedom  
in this unique and wonderful nation.  
Freedom is not an abstract idea.  
It is the difference between the life I choose  
and the life others choose for me.  
I am free to think, feel, and speak the way I wish.  
I am free to live where I want as I want  
and with whomever I want.  
I am free to speak my opinion  
And stand for my beliefs.  
You have given me that freedom,  
as you've sacrificed your life to do so  
in part or in whole,  
without complaint, without reservation,*

*You gave, even when giving  
cost you dearly.  
Thank you for your sacrifice,  
Your care and dedication  
To make my life better.  
I have no way to repay you,  
for my sacrifices in life  
cannot compare to yours.  
Please know my thanks to you  
are sincere and deep,  
for without you,  
Freedom would not exist.*

*Author Kelly Roberts*

## News from Around the District

### Madison Township Lions Club News

The Madison Township Lions Club purchased and delivered 192 dictionaries to the third grade students at three local schools. We couldn't get into the classrooms, so we gave a note explaining a little about Lionism for the teachers to deliver with the books.

A donation was made to the Grace Food Pantry in Bremen which serves local communities.

Four members worked at the District 25-G Eyeglasses Recycling Center on November 8 cleaning used eyeglasses. We were part of a group of 17 Lions who washed and sorted over 2,500 pairs of eyeglasses. A box of about 250 pairs of eyeglasses was dropped off for sorting.

On November 12, the club held an Appreciation Dinner at Del-Mar Catering Banquet Hall in Nappanee for all Lions and other volunteers who worked on our past Pork Chop Sales. There were more than 30 attendees. Without these volunteers, we would not be able to have the successful sales we have.

"WE SERVE"

*(Submitted by Lion Al Beehler, Madison Township Lions Club)*

### 3 District Lions Clubs Join Forces to Support Families Affected by Apartment Fire

On November 19th, representatives from the Lakeville and Mishawaka Lions Clubs presented Juanita Ayala of Autumn Lakes Apartments with \$1,900 in gift cards. That's 19 \$100 gift cards for the 19 families that lost their homes. The Lakeville Lions donated \$1,000, the Mishawaka Lions Club donated \$500, and the Clay-Granger Lions Club donated \$400.

Pictured here (l. to r.) are Lion Becky Wertz, Mishawaka Lions Club; Juanita Ayala, Autumn Lakes Apartments; Lion Darlene Shock, Lakeville Lions Club; and Lion James Tibbs, Lakeville Lions Club President.

*(Submitted by Lion James Tibbs, Lakeville Lions Club)*



### Elkhart Lions Club Sponsors Strides Walk for Diabetes

On November 16th, the Elkhart Lions Club held a Strides Walk for Diabetes at Elkhart Health & Acquatics with more than 20 participants. Our goal is to raise \$2,000 for Camp John Warvel in North Webster, Indiana. This is the second year we have done this project.



Left: Elkhart City Councilman Brent Curry presented an official proclamation for the event.

Right: Some Strides Walk participants.



*(Submitted by Lion Martin Culp, Elkhart Lions Club)*

## News from Around the District

### Peru Lions Serve the Community In Many Ways

We love serving our community at Peru Lions Club! This fall, we have been in the two school corporations our club serves distributing dictionaries and doing vision screening with 830 students screened. We have inducted 5 new members. We had a Diabetes Awareness Month event at the local YMCA, where we encouraged people to walk a mile to receive a gift of healthy snacks, tested sugar/glucose levels, had information available that encouraged people to eat healthy, sold raffle tickets for a prize of \$50.00, took any donations, and of course, encouraged those who came by to join the Peru Lions Club. We had our fall fundraiser selling tender "lions". We continue to support the Buddy Bag program monthly by unloading the food truck and stocking the shelves. Each week, we are very excited to meet our new Cheer Club members at local nursing homes or at their homes by visiting, sending cards, and a planter.



Left: Our newest and youngest member Lion T. Fred Eddy, sponsored by Lion Jack Holderman (not pictured), with PDG Ron Guth, who inducted him.



Right: 8th Grade Vision Screening at Peru Jr/Sr High School (l. to r.): Lion Beth Guth, Lion Kenny Magers, PDG Ron Guth, Lion MK Frushour, President Lion Kim Burton, Lion Chrystal Burton



1st Grade Vision Screening at Pipe Creek Elementary

Back row (l. to r.): Lion MK Frushour, Tom Casper, Lion Chrystal Burton, President Lion Kim Burton, PDG Ron Guth, Lion Dave Frushour

Middle row (l. to r.): Trish Kuepper, Lion Karen Magers, Lion Kenny Magers

Front row (l. to r.): Lion Karla Sinkovics, our little Lion Myklen, and Lion Beth Guth

Right: Lion Karla Sinkovics and Eden Townsend



*(Submitted by Lion Beth Guth, 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

### Lydick Lions Club Sponsors Peace Poster Contest at Holy Cross School

The Lydick Lions Club sponsored the 2024 Peace Poster contest at Holy Cross School in South Bend, IN. Three Lydick Lions -Stephanie Sczepankiewicz, Grace Downey, Denise McDowel were the judges and chose 3 winners out of 128 entries. It was not easy!

Nine Lydick Lions were present at the school to announce the winners, presented prizes to the winners, and consolation prizes to the remaining students who entered. The 1st prize winner's poster will go to the District competition. The winning poster at the district level will go to the State competition, and the winner at that level will go the International competition. The winning poster at that level will be the LCI Peace Poster for 2024.

We want to thank Lion Lori Ferro, Lion Karen Trzaskowski, and our judges for making our first Peace Poster contest a success.

*(Submitted by Lion Teckla Lane & Lion Lori Ferro, Lydick Lions Club)*



Winning Peace Poster Entries

Upper left: 1st place

Lower left: 2nd place

Lower right: 3rd place



### Roann Lions Serve Cider, Coffee, & Donuts for Local Customer Appreciation Day

The Roann Covered Bridge Lions Club served apple cider and their famous fresh cooked donuts at Raber's Country Store for Raber's Fall Customer Appreciation Day. We accepted free will donations and people were very generous to the Lions Club. It was a great way to serve the community and people who come from near and far to shop at Rabers.



Left: In the Lions Club donut trailer was Lion Lisa Dobrovodsky, one of the people who was cooking the donuts that day.

Right: Lion Joe Menna, Lion Keith Ford, and Lion Chris Ponchot served apple cider, coffee, and donuts.

Not pictured but also helping were Lion Phil Dale, Lion Beckie Elliont, and Lion Donna Harman.



*(Submitted by Lion Donna Harman, Roann Covered Bridge Lions Club)*

## News from Around the District

### District Eyeglass Mission Team Prepares for 2025 Mission to Mexico

Recently, PDG Marty Juel and Lion Jeanine Juel visited the city of Tezuitlan, Puebla, Mexico. This will be the location of the district's eyeglass mission next September 27-October 4. Lions from that city met with the Juels and they reviewed the many details required to host a mission. PDG Marty and Lion Jeanine met with PCC Victor Osbaldo Gonzalez Marque (in Mexico he is referred to as the 'President' of the Mexican Lions) and his team, as well as the mayor of the city to make plans for next year. They all remarked how it is very unusual for anyone to visit a year in advance to help plan and make sure there will not be surprises during the week.

Currently the district's eyeglass mission is finalizing the team that will travel and provide support for the nearly 3,000 individuals that will be served that week.



Left: Tezuitlan Lions Club building where the mission will be held.

Right: This is about one third of the 60'x60' room that will be used for the mission.



Left: At the city government building, a special meeting was held with the city's mayor (center, between PDG Marty Juel and Lion Jeanine Juel) to discuss the mission. PDG Marty asked her if she was a Lion and when she said no, he mentioned that she would be getting an application. She wants to become a member!

Below: PDG Marty and Lion Jeanine Juel were guests of the Tezuitlan Lions at a special meeting where he discussed the details about the upcoming mission. The local club president is seated to the right of PDG Marty Juel.



*(Submitted by PDG Marty Juel, Elkhart Lions Club)*

## Opportunities for Service

### **Lions Quest Keeps Growing in Indiana!**

by PDG Charlie Short, State Lions Quest Chair

#### **New programs:**

Lions Quest (LQ) is expanding from last year's successful programs in Clinton and Carroll Counties! Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Greater Lafayette, SURF Center, and Lafayette Lions are partnering to support a community LQ program for at-risk youth in Tippecanoe County. "Bigs" is implementing a national level program called Big Futures, and LQ will be a component of their Lafayette rollout.

This community model can be duplicated to include other Big Brothers/Big Sisters affiliates, youth organizations, juvenile court programs, and other interested parties. As happened in Carroll County, a successful LQ program in the community can then be adopted in schools with less friction. See lionsquest.org for more program information.

SURF Center hosts and coordinates all the area twelve-step process addiction programs, as well as Primary Prevention programs for reducing initial substance abuse, suicide, and other process addictions. LQ will be made available to interested groups like Ala-Teen, Al-Anon, and other family recovery support groups.

With support from LCIF and local funding, establishing the standard county-wide five-year license will allow us to expand the program to other area groups, schools, and agencies on demand. Another major agency participant is expected to join the Tippecanoe County effort.

#### **Grants Are Available!**

An LCIF Community Development Grant of \$15,000 and a Promotional Grant for \$1,500 are being prepared for submission by November 22. The development grant will pay for the County Community Program, while the Promo grant will be used for Lions Quest Open Houses, booth supplies, and other promotional efforts to bring LQ into new areas. These grants are available to all districts and do not conflict with other LCIF grant opportunities.

#### **New Outreach**

LQ is being informally presented to school principals and counselors as an add-in to Lions Vision Services acuity screenings. While we are already in the schools, why not make them aware of Lions Quest, develop contact information, and prepare for follow-up? This is also a great contact opportunity for preschool KidSight screenings. Seven school districts have been approached in this way and four have requested further information for 2025.

Discussions on LQ are continuing with the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI), Indiana University School of Public Health, and the Indiana Supreme Court. Meetings with all of these groups are pending. ICJI Behavioral Science and Youth divisions are big fans of LQ. Their positive opinions are acting as a Center of Influence for other State level organizations and is opening additional doors.

For more information on items in this report or to schedule a LQ presentation, contact me at your convenience. Lions Quest truly changes lives, schools, families and your community. Let's keep the momentum going and make Lions Quest happen for your community too!

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# Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference

## Make Your Mark In Indiana!

### Mark Your Calendar

Make plans now to attend the Indiana Lions 2025 Mid-Winter Conference, Saturday, January 18, 2025, at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport Hotel.

### Holding the Line on Costs

It seems like the price of everything has been going up lately. That's why we've decided to hold the line on the prices for the 2025 Mid-Winter Conference. The prices for the Friday night dinner and the conference on Saturday will be the same as they were in 2024.

### Best Place for Learning

Some Indiana Lions say the Mid-Winter Conference is "the best place for learning" about leadership, service, and all aspects of Lionism. The following seminars will be offered:



The Lions Portal	Eyeglass Recycling (and Mission Trips)
Membership Orientation	The Secret Sauce
How To Take Care of Your Heart (Which allows us to serve better)	Building Fellowship in Your Club Through Icebreakers and Recognition
LCI Insurance and Retention: Not Just For Membership Anymore	Lions Prepared for Emergencies & Active in Disaster
Gaming Rules	Understanding Diabetes (without the big scary!)
Indiana Lions Fighting Pediatric Cancer	Artificial Intelligence In Promoting Lions
All You Need Is Love: Understanding Lionism Through the Music of the Beatles	LCIF From Giving To Grants To Legacy

### New This Year: Speed Learning

During the last two seminar sessions, we will offer several "speed learning" sessions—short sessions that will give you an overview of a specific topic. Speed learning gives you the opportunity to learn about a number of topics in a very short time. When you arrive at this session, you will select a topic that interests you. After approximately 12 minutes, everyone will switch to a new topic. At the end, you will have received an overview of four topics that interest you.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum	Indiana Lions for Leader Dog
International Convention 2025 Orlando Florida	Indiana Lions for ISBVI
Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Inc.	Vision First Indiana Lions Eye Bank
Indiana Lions Foundation	Having Fun In Your Club

### Rewarding Service Projects

**"Sock It To Me"** – Please bring new socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, knit hats and blankets to be collected and divided among the district governors who will share them with individuals in need in their districts.

**"Care-ing Cases"** – After the dinner program on Friday evening, we will assemble our Care-ing Cases, which consist of first aid kits using cleaned hard eyeglass cases and toiletry kits made up of personal hygiene items. These cases will be given to the district governors who will share them with individuals in need in their districts.

### Registration Form Available Now

Download the registration form and information packet from the Indiana Lions website at [indianalions.org](http://indianalions.org).



## Indiana Lions State Convention



**Mark your calendar and make plans now to attend the Indiana Lions State Convention in Shipshewana, Indiana, April 25-27, 2025.**

**Watch this space for more information.**



## 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 that 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.



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

## Indiana Lions State Projects & Foundation



## State Projects & Foundation Trustees

**Contact one of our district trustees to schedule a program for your club.**

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Working for a  
sound quality of life

# Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc. Annual Holiday Luncheon

You are invited to attend! The Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Inc. Board of Trustees will have our annual holiday luncheon on Sunday, December 15, 2024, at the Indiana School for the Deaf Brown cafeteria, 1200 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Indianapolis, across from the State Fair Grounds. Activities will begin at 12:30 p.m. Plan to arrive early to check in at the registration table and visit with friends. The cost per person is **\$25 in advance and \$30 at the door.**

Our special guests will be the deaf high school students, your donations helped sponsor, who attended the Deaf Youth Leadership Camp for four weeks in Stayton, Oregon last summer. As a highlight of the luncheon program, the students will report on their experiences while attending the Leadership Camp.

Also attending will be staff members of the Indiana School for the Deaf, staff members from the Riley Children’s Hospital Audiology & Speech Department, and Riley Children’s Foundation. Faculty representatives from our four state universities as well as scholarship recipients will be in attendance.

In support of your project, the Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing trustees hope you will join us for this inspiring occasion. We encourage you to bring other Lions and friends to experience the excellent work we do in fulfilling our motto “We Serve.” **Please complete the form below and return it with your check to arrive at the address shown below no later than** December 7, 2024. Thank you for your support.

We will be having a silent auction, if you have an item you would like to donate, please bring with you on December 15th.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ dinners at \$25.00 each. (Children under 4 no charge)

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Make check payable to Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc.

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# MD-25 LIONS

2026

## International Pin Design Contest!



2024



2025



What  
will be  
2026?

**YOU COULD BE THE NEXT DESIGNER CHOSEN!**

**The International Convention is heading to  
HONG KONG, CHINA JULY 3-7, 2026.**

Pins **MUST** include: **Design must be NO larger than 1 ¼ inch to 1 ½ inch  
in diameter when made!**

- MD 25 Indiana (as text)
- The Intl Convention year – 2026
- Lion Club Intl Logo
- Intl Convention Host City representation

\*MD 25 graphic representation of MD-25 usually includes a race car and/or the outline of Indiana.

Each Club can submit one design. If there are multiple designs submitted by one district, one design will be selected by the District Governor. All District designs need to be submitted to your District Committee chair by January 3, 2025. You can scan and attach it to an email and send it to [\\_warrenallender@comcast.net](mailto:_warrenallender@comcast.net) \_\_. Each District's selected design will be presented to the State Council on January 19, 2025. You will be notified if your design was chosen. Remember: pin designers do not have to be (a) Lions, you do NOT need to be professional designer and jewelers can clean it up your drawings.

**Be creative and have fun!**

**District \_\_G\_\_**

**State Pin Committee Contact: \_\_DG Warren Allender\_\_**

# Growing Lions Workshop

Join Lion leaders from across **Global Action Team Area 1E** to learn tips & tools you can use to **start new clubs & grow membership in existing clubs.**

This Workshop is designed for your **District Growth Team** to work through the process of starting new clubs together & use these same tools to rejuvenate membership in current clubs — and, if all goes well, have a new club chartered, or well on its way to being chartered, by the end of the 6 week session or soon thereafter.

**All sessions are virtual & begin @ 7 PM CST (Central)**



Thursday, January 16  
Thursday, January 30  
Thursday, February 13

**Advance Registration Required**

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

<https://bit.ly/AreaEGrow>

## Workshop Overview

- Session 1 - Mission To Grow, Resources, Clubs Types & Formats, Develop Your Team, Identify Areas of Opportunity & Site Research
- Session 2 - Promoting the New Club, Inviting A New Generation, Recruitment Models, Recruiting Tips
- Session 3 - Formation Meetings, Club Process & Approval & Launching the Club
- Each session involves a 120 minute virtual learning component, success stories, and an assignment to complete before the next session
- District Teams will work together during each session to plan & strategize
- Live participation in all sessions is strongly encouraged
- Session recordings will be available



# District Governor's Calendar

## December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	<b>2 Baugo LC Christmas</b>	3	4	5	6	7
8	<b>9 DG Visit Millersburg LC</b>	10	11	12	13	<b>14 Council Christmas Party</b>
<b>15 Speech &amp; Hearing Luncheon</b>	<b>16 DG Visit Grass Creek LC</b>	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	<b>25 Christmas</b>	26	27	28
29	30	31				



# District Governor's Calendar

## January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1 New Year's Day</b>	2	3	4
5	<b>6 DG Visit Silver Lake LC</b>	7	8	<b>9 DG Visit Mishawaka LC</b>	10	11
12	<b>13 DG Visit Etna Green LC</b>	<b>14 DG Visit Akron LC</b>	15	16	<b>17 Mid-Winter Conference</b>	<b>18 Mid-Winter Conference</b>
<b>19 Council Meeting</b>	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	<b>27 DG Visit Urbana LC</b>	28	29	30	31	

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## Mark Your Calendar

Sat, Nov 9, 2024 District Meeting  
B&R Building, Argos

Fri-Sat, Jan 17-18, 2025 Mid-Winter Conference  
Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport, Indianapolis

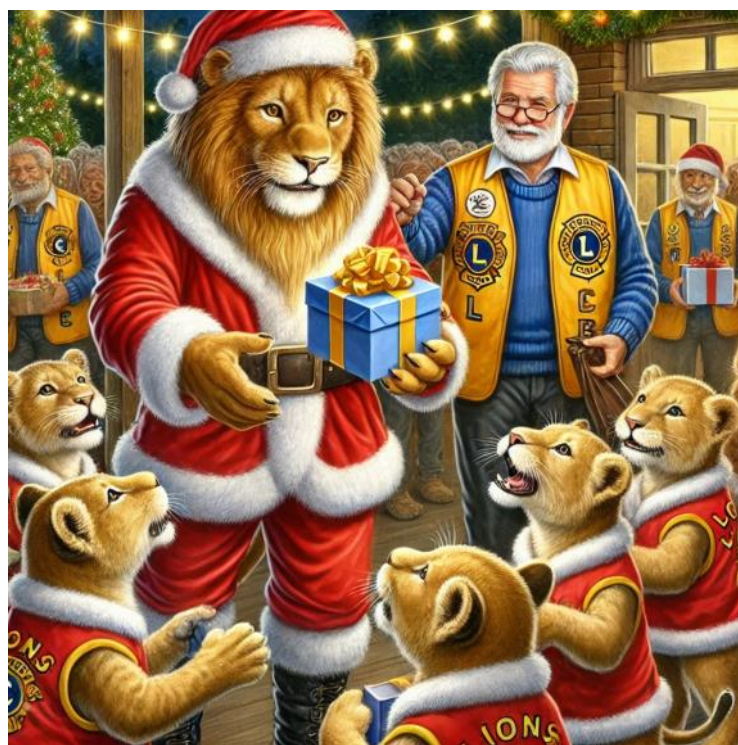
Sat, Mar 8, 2025 District Convention  
Oakwood Resort, Syracuse

Fri-Sun, Apr 25-27, 2025 State Convention  
Farmstead Inn, Shippshewana

Sat, May 17, 2025 District Meeting  
Roann Christian Church, Roann

## Directory Updates

p. 30 Lydick Lions Club  
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**Merry Christmas!**

