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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

Saturday October 22 - At the crack of dawn, traveling to the second District Meeting held in Peru. Actually, it was before the crack, we didn't see the sunrise until we were around Rochester. Once in Peru we were treated to a yummy breakfast and presided over an informative and timely agenda and meeting.

So much information and topics were discussed at the gathering that the balance of this article is devoted to the main points covered.



*** Awards:** We all love awards and recognition - we have several deadlines to adhere to for several of the most coveted Lions awards.

Distinguished Lion of the Year is given by the Indiana Lions Foundation to an outstanding Lion with at least 25 years of membership. Clubs must submit nominations by January 31.

Presidential Medal and International Leadership Medal - the second and third highest awards presented by LCI to a member. We need nominees by November 30.

*** Trustees:** We have several openings for trustee positions - a 3-year position on the Indiana Lions Eye Bank, 2-year position on School for the Blind, 1-year position on Indiana Lions Foundation. These can be appointed by the District Governor during their year. If you are interested, let me know.

*** Service Reporting:** Lion Alan Beehler serves as our Global Service Chair, and he reminds us that reporting every month on membership is only half the job. Lions Clubs International needs the reporting of your members' service time also. Any time spent on a Lion activity counts toward the service report and aids International in our validation to sponsors, grants, and promotions.

*** Membership:** Remember, PDG Mary Klempay is the District Global membership chair and is available to help your club with your membership recruitment efforts. Also, I recently appointed her to serve as Zone Chairperson for Region 3 Zone 3 (Claypool, Laketon, North Manchester, Pierceton, Sidney, and Silver Lake).

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A Message from District Governor Brian Thomas

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* **Speaking of zones:** Presidents, please familiarize yourself with your appointed Zone Chair and invite them to a member meeting to share ideas.

* **Speaking of visitations:** My calendar is filling up. Don't miss an opportunity for a DG visitation to your club.

* **Upcoming Events:** The Mid-Winter Conference is in January in Indianapolis, the third District Meeting is in February in Leesburg, the District 25-G Convention is in March in Argos, and the State Convention is in May in Bloomington.

* **District meeting attendance:** The District Meeting in Peru was well-attended by representatives from throughout the area, however it was disappointing that several clubs very close to Peru were unable to make the meeting despite several contacts and pleas to attend. We have made a concentrated effort to spread the events in different areas of the district to make it as easy as possible for everyone to attend. As leaders of your respective clubs, it's to your benefit to attend at least one District Cabinet Meeting this year. We hope to see you at the next one.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Brian Thomas, District Governor 2022-23

Making our lives better by making other lives better.

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!

Here's the fifth photo.

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



Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference
With the Power of You, Together We Can
January 20-21, 2023
Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport
Download information & registration form at
indianalions.org

A Message From 1st Vice District Governor Ron Guth



OK, now I'm really confused - a week or so ago we had snow flurries in the southern part of the district and heavy snow in the northern part. This past Saturday, the 22nd, after our district meeting in Peru, we were dragging out our shorts and sandals for the mid-seventies' temperatures. The weather patterns have changed from what we are used to and the Lions have changed from what we are used to, as well.

Not that long ago, the Lions and other service clubs were flush with members and growing by adding members from family, friends and people from work.

Something happened and now it's a struggle to find new members. Why? People are busy! In the 60's and 70's school sports were during the school year with fall football and winter basketball. Spring was track & field and maybe baseball. Now we have the same sports with the addition of soccer, golf, wrestling, bowling, archery, band contests, and the list goes on. What were high school sports are now grade school and middle school sports. Let alone how many activities we take pre-school kids to. We need to rethink the concept that Lions Club members must attend every meeting. Let's embrace social media to appeal to the new age of potential Lions. Ask a potential new member if they want to help you for a few hours on a service project, maybe later a small fund raiser project. Don't start with we meet twice a month for meetings, do you want to be a Lion? Use Facebook to post pictures of how much fun we have helping others. We want others to see what we do, not just how we raise funds.

I think what I've written above is a little scattered, like the leaves outside. Maybe I should just find a big pile and jump in for fun. You know, like a Lion.

Lion Ron Guth, 1st Vice District Governor
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A Message From Cabinet Treasurer Lion Kim Polk



LCI will be sending out dues invoices in January based on your club's member count as of 12/31/2022.

Please have your club's membership up to date with the December MMR filed before the end of the month so you are not charged for members no longer with your club.

Please verify your club's officers information on the myLCI website to ensure the name, USPS address, and email address are correct. This enables both LCI and your Cabinet Treasurer to send invoices to the appropriate person in your club.

You can expect a district dues invoice from me via e-mail in early January, after I receive the member count from LCI. Invoices are sent to the treasurer and/or secretary email address on record with LCI. If none is listed or your treasurer has contacted me with changes, they are sent via postal mail.

We Serve

Lion Kim Polk, Cabinet Treasurer

Global Leadership Team

We Can't Blame Everything on COVID



Our October 22nd District Meeting was both exciting and depressing. It was great because we heard about some wonderful things happening around the District, things like Club growth, new projects, State Project changes, plus being challenged to nominate deserving Lions for awards. It was depressing to hear about Clubs in trouble or planning to disband.

I've heard over and over that "since COVID" things have fallen apart. Clubs that had to cease meeting or meet only by ZOOM are still having trouble getting back together or recapturing members who drifted away. My sense is that "getting back together" should have started well before COVID, but we didn't really realize then the symptoms leading to today's situation. COVID is so easy to blame. So what's happening to today's Lions? Why is this happening?

Sure, there are the normal reasons Lions leave: deaths, moving elsewhere, family challenges, job changes, or physical infirmities. All of these can, and will, happen, but I suspect it's also because we have failed to keep Lions both fun and challenging. It's not always easy to restart something again after a period of inactivity. So what do we do to bring our Lions back?

First of all, we need to stimulate the desire to be (or remain) part of Lions. We need to add fun and variety to our Club meetings. We need to do more than just "meet, eat, and talk". Outside speakers, well-advertised in advance, add spice. Good Tail Twisters can brighten meetings. Varying the kinds of food served can build anticipation. Keep the meetings upbeat. Don't focus on the shouldn't haves, the couldn'ts and the can'ts. And end the meeting when you say you will.

Second, work to ensure that the Club is a Club of the whole. Don't let the Club dissolve into cliques. Keep all members informed. Welcome everyone to Board meetings. Communicate Club plans and try to include all members on various committees or activity groups. Do things that require member participation. Don't settle for just writing checks as a community service. Take a talent inventory and use it. Do a Club-wide orientation. It's amazing how much Lions have forgotten about Lionism.

Third, honesty goes a long way. Set the example yourself. Don't let unresolved issues fester. Listening has become a lost art. Develop it.

And these lists could go on and on. Remember, the officers set the tone. Work hard to convince your best members to take office. Don't let officers exhibit pessimism. And above all, set the example yourself. Wear your Lions pin. Come to meetings prepared.

If we can work hard at some of these suggestions, I'm betting that our Clubs will be more and more successful. If we want to attract new members, and keep existing members, we must show them that they are part of a successful, energetic Club.

Anything less leads us to blame COVID again.

PCC Dave Eisen, Global Leadership Team



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



Global Membership Team



Well, it is that time of the year when we say "goodbye" to Fall and those beautiful colors and all those leaves that we are raking up or blowing to the curb. And how about all the ghost and goblins or firemen and many more Halloween favorites for all the kids in all of us? What did you do for Halloween? Did you hand out candy from home, or did you get together with a group of people from work or church, or did you do a trunk or treat with your club?

As we begin November with the holidays that are coming, our numbers are looking good. We are still supporting our 1200+ members of District 25-G, so keep up the great job, and remember - we still need to add new members. We hope that each member will bring in one new member a month. I hope that each member will "Just Ask" one person, especially since the holidays are upon us very soon.

If you would like to have a guest speaker, I would like to come and speak to your club. I look forward to meeting with your club soon.

Let's enjoy the last few days of October; before you know, it will be November and we will have snow on the ground.

Thank you,
PDG Mary Klempay, Global Membership Team
574-286-4499

Global Service Team



A quarter of the Lions fiscal year has passed, with many service projects and fund raising events completed. It is important for the growth of Lions Clubs that these events are reported to news outlets and to Lions Clubs International. How else will members of your community and LCI know what wonderful work we are doing? It would be nice if every Club appointed a public relations committee to report their projects to all the various available news outlets. A member who is comfortable working on a computer would be ideal to head this committee. So if you are that member, don't wait to be asked, volunteer.

However, there is still so much we can do to serve our communities, the District, and the world. Survey your members to find out what types of projects they would like your club to do. It could be anything from doing lawn care for elderly residents to going on a mission of kindness, donating to LCIF, or advocating for a cause. Remember, there is no task too small or too big to tackle as a Lion or Lions Club. Consider partnering with neighboring Lions Clubs or local organizations, and applying for grants for large projects. Many hands can do great things.

As the year moves on, let's all keep kindness at the forefront and continue helping those in need.

"WE SERVE"

Lion Al Beehler, Global Service Team



Here We Grow Again

Since July 1st, 15 district clubs have welcomed 25 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.

Atwood Lions Club

New Member: Lion Jay Robinson
Sponsor: Not reported

Baugo Township Lions Club

New Member: Lion Jeff Broadwick
Sponsor: Lion Dale Billet

Culver Lions Club

New Member: Lion Gary Butler
Sponsor: Lion Don Freese

New Member: Lion Mic Butler
Sponsor: Lion Don Freese

New Member: Lion Lynn Crist
Sponsor: Lion Barbara Winters

New Member: Lion Gail Orangias
Sponsor: Lion Don Freese

Dunlap Lions Club

New Member: Lion Shad Guyton
Sponsor: Lion Pamela Bertrand

New Member: Lion Jay Michael
Sponsor: Lion John McClure

Elkhart Lions Club

New Member: Lion Susan Arneaud
Sponsor: DG Brian Thomas

New Member: Lion Richard Trowbridge
Sponsor: Lion William Van Patten

New Member: Lion Clarence Vetter, Jr.
Sponsor: Not reported

LaFontaine Lions Club

New Member: Lion Joseph Turner
Sponsor: Lion Stacey Turner

New Member: Lion Stacey Turner
Sponsor: Lion Kim Polk

Lakeville Lions Club

New Member: Lion Ethan Horner
Sponsor: Lion Larry Ort

LaPaz Lions Club

New Member: Lion Stephen Barber
Sponsor: Lion Don Balka

Mishawaka Lions Club

New Member: Lion Katherine Sorg
Sponsor: Lion Becky Wertz

New Member: Lion Barry Wertz
Sponsor: Lion Becky Wertz

New Carlisle Lions Club

New Member: Lion Tricia Snyder
Sponsor: Lion Elva Sanders

North Manchester Lions Club

New Member: Lion Kelly Kerlin
Sponsor: Lion Katrina Kerlin

Peru Lions Club

New Member: Lion Chad Douglass
Sponsor: 1VDG Ron Guth

New Member: Lion Kelly Douglass
Sponsor: Lion Beth Guth

New Member: Lion Karen Magers
Sponsor: Lion Ken Magers

Pierceton Lions Club

New Member: Lion Pauline Borton
Sponsor: Lion Jack Borton

Rochester Lions Club

New Member: Lion Joshua Zehner
Sponsor: Lion Virgil Biddinger

Silver Lake Lions Club

New Member: Lion Anthony Middleton
Sponsor: Lion Nichole Taylor

November Holidays



News From Around the District

Peru Lions Club Hosts 2nd District Meeting



The Peru Lions Club hosted the second District Meeting of the 2022-2023 Lions year at the First Baptist Church in Peru on Saturday, October 22nd. 31 Lions from 10 clubs attended the meeting.

The next District Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 23rd, and will be hosted by the Leesburg Lions Club at the Leesburg Community Center.

(Photos by Lion Beth Guth, Peru Lions Club & Lion Jackie Kurley, Dunlap Lions Club)

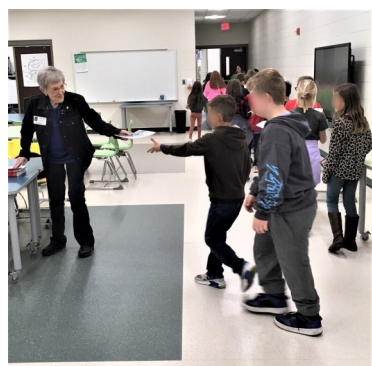


(left) In addition to the usual reports from district officers and state project trustees, attendees heard a report from 1VDG Ron Guth about his recent visit to the Leader Dogs for the Blind campus in Rochester Hills, Michigan.

(right) DG Brian Thomas presented IPDG Marlyn Fast with a District Governor's Appreciation Award.



Syracuse Lions Club Third-Grade Book Give-Away



On October 7th, the Syracuse Lions distributed a free book to each third grade student at Syracuse Elementary School. The purpose of the annual book giveaway is to encourage reading during the critical third year of school. In the spring, third grade students take the state IREAD test, which determines whether they are ready to move on to fourth grade (when reading instruction is no longer part of the regular curriculum).

This year's book was again My First Book About Our Amazing Earth, by Donald M. Silver and Patricia J. Wynne. This engaging coloring book about earth science, published by Dover Publications, is very popular with both students and teachers.

Above: PDG Ann Haffner hands out books to third grade students at Syracuse Elementary. Not shown are Lions Jerry Wright and Marie Butler-Knight, who also participated in the event.

Submitted by Lion Marie Butler-Knight, Syracuse Lions Club

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



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

News From Around the District

Greene Township Lions Club Supports Camp Millhouse

The Greene Township Lions had a busy September and October. In October we took the train to the Niles Apple Festival Parade in support of the Area 17 Special Olympics swimmers.



(Left) We inducted one of two new members, Dave Whitesel, sponsored by Lion Ron, his Dad.

(Below) We combined forces with ZB Falcons at their Trunk or Treat event, providing the train for a haunted after dark woods trip that served over 500 community members.

At our October dinner meeting we presented a check for \$8,000 to Camp Millhouse. This was the proceeds from our Potato Creek and Lions Strawberry Festival in June where we served over 1,500 strawberry shortcakes.

The Lakeville Lions Club also presented a check for \$2,000 to the Camp. This was the proceeds from their Loaded Potato fundraiser at the Potato Creek and Lions Strawberry Festival in June.

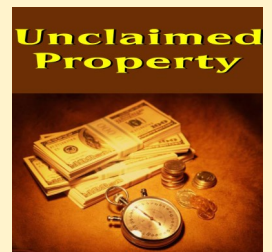


Left: (l. to r.) Lakeville Lion James Tibbs, Camp Director Diana Breden, Greene Township Treasurer Lion Ron Whitesel.

Submitted by Lion Stephen Eddy, Greene Township Lions Club

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



News From Around the District

Syracuse Lions Club at Syracuse Fall Festival



On Saturday, October 8th, the Syracuse Lions Club joined other local organizations, artisans, and vendors in the town's annual Fall Festival at Lakeside Park. At the club's booth, Lions engaged youngsters in a candy give-away game, gave Lions coloring booklets to children of various ages, and offered adults information about the Syracuse Lions Club, and Terri Lynn nut and candy products for sale. It was a crisp and beautiful autumn day, and much fun was had by all.

Above: The Syracuse Lions Club booth at the annual Fall Festival in Lakeside Park. Shown, left to right, are PDG Ann Haffner, and Lions Angela Himes, Doris Yoder, and Marie Butler-Knight.

Submitted by Lion Marie Butler-Knight, Syracuse Lions Club

LaFontaine Lions Club Participates in Dictionary Project



On Wednesday, September 28th, members of the LaFontaine Lions Club presented 68 dictionaries to third-graders at Southwood Elementary School. Before we distribute the dictionaries, we tell them about what is in it. We always tell them to write their name in the book, and that it is their very own book to keep. We have done this project since District 25-G began promoting this project in 2010. One young boy told us his older brother received a dictionary from our Lions Club.

Left to right: Lion Jerry Wilson, Lion David Ballard, and Lion Stacey Turner. Lion Ethel Eib took the photo.

Submitted by Lion Ethel Eib, LaFontaine Lions Club

Madison Township Lions Club Supports Camp Ray Bird



The Madison Township Lions Club recently donated many items to Camp Ray Bird. Ray Bird Ministries specializes in serving families who could not otherwise afford meaningful camping experiences. The camp is located at Bass Lake near Lydick, Indiana, and was started in 1919. For more information go to their web site www.raybird.org.

Left: (L-R) Lions Mike Hunsberger and Joyce Schalliol, camp staff members Jeremy Hood, Mitch Machir, Susan Titus, and Azia Humphreys, and Lion Doug Moore with some of the donated items.

Submitted by Lion Al Beehler, Madison Township Lions Club

News From Around the District

Lydick Lions Club Supports Reins of Life Therapeutic Horseback Riding



(Left) Lydick Lions Club President Wendy Yuhasz and Fundraiser Chairman Mike Lane presented Executive Director Dorota Janik of Reins of Life - Therapeutic Horseback Riding with a check from our Port-a-Pit Chicken sale. All proceeds from our sale went to the benefit of Reins of Life. Thank you again to everyone who supported our chicken sale!

(Right) Our members recently volunteered at the Reins of Life - Therapeutic Horseback Riding event, Hoofin-It 5K Race, Walk & Run. We had a lot of fun helping and especially cheering on all the participants!

Submitted by Lion Lori Ferro, Lydick Lions Club



Lydick Lions Club Supports Lydick UMC Food Pantry



Lydick Lions Club President Wendy Yuhasz, is smiling from ear to ear! The cars are packed with 40 bags of food items! Lion Wendy is proud of our club members Lions Paul Yuhasz, Lori and Bernie Ferro, Teckla and Mike Lane, Steven Downey, Leroy Wise, and Duke Downey for helping fill 40 bags for the Community Food Drive at Lydick UMC Food Pantry. Our club was able to help the food pantry feed 100 local families with a holiday meal. This is another great way our Lydick Lions Club and its members serve our local community.

Submitted by Lion Lori Ferro, Lydick Lions Club

Madison Township Lions Club Holds Fall Pork Chop Sale



On October 1 the Madison Township Lions Club held their annual Fall Pork Chop Sale. More than 2,400 pork Chops were cooked and sold at the Fire Station in Wyatt, Indiana. We want to thank everyone who came by to support our sale. Also, a note of thanks goes out to Lions and volunteers who worked this event. Without the support of everyone, this sale would not be possible to be so successful.

Left: Lions and volunteers grilling chops

Submitted by Lion Al Beehler, Madison Township Lions Club

News From Around the District

Fulton Liberty & Grass Creek Lions Clubs Team Up for Vision Screening



Members of the Fulton Liberty Lions Club and the Grass Creek Lions Club provided Vision Screening for first and third grade classes at Caston Elementary School on Thursday, October 27th. This is the fourth year the two clubs have combined their talents to assist the school nurse. A report was made to Lion Judy Wells that 136 students were screened with 21 referrals.

Front Row: [left to right] Lions Linda Wade, Sherry Van Meter, and Eileen Sommers

Back Row: Lions Linda Fincher, Tai Walsh, Lori Gibson, Sandy Gates, Betty Jo Pugh, and Brenda Wiese

Submitted by Lion Linda Wade, Fulton Liberty Lions Club

Lakeville Lions Club Participates in Community Trunk or Treat

Lakeville Lions Club members donated nearly 70 pounds of candy for the club's participation in the community Trunk or Treat event at Newton Park on Saturday, October 22nd. President Larry Ort estimated that the club served approximately 1,500 children. The following Lions and family members participated in the event: Chris Cherrone, Jim Tillman, Conner Tillman, Max Feitz, Jim Tibbs, Mike and Kelley Carrico, Anne Weber, Sharon Miller, Mike Wozny, Dean Shinneman, and Larry and Carolyn Ort.

The leftover candy will be used in Christmas gift bags for area nursing home residents.

Submitted by Lion Larry Ort & Lion Anne Weber, Lakeville Lions Club



Blood Drive Scheduled by Madison Township Lions Club



The Madison Township Lions Club will host a Blood Drive at the Madison Township Fire Station, 66341 SR331, Wyatt, Indiana from 8:00 a.m. until Noon on Saturday, November 19th. We will also serve a free AYCE breakfast during this event and we would be pleased to see you there.

Only donated units of blood can be used by hospitals for their patients. Be someone's hero and stop by to donate.

You can sign up at www.GiveBloodNow.com, which is the web site of the South Bend Medical Foundation.

Submitted by Lion Al Beehler, Madison Township Lions Club

News From Around the District

District 25-G Eyeglass Mission Resumes After Two-Year Hiatus

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the district's eyeglass mission program was on hold for the past two years. That doesn't mean our work ceased, as we continued to collect and process used eyeglasses. In fact, in 2020, we shipped eyeglasses to Huanimaro, Mexico where the local Lions Club held 1-day 'clinics' to dispense our eyeglasses without our presence, and in 2021, we shipped eyeglasses to Salamanca, Mexico, where the local Lions Club was able to distribute eyeglasses. This year, 22 Lions from Indiana and Ohio, and 3 Lions from District 5B in Mexico joined forces for a five-day mission in Salamanca, September 26-30. In all, over 2,500 individuals from Salamanca received eyeglasses.



Above left: At the opening ceremony (l. to r.) Lion Steve Weld, president of the Dunlap Lions Club, Lion Richard Sisk, Lake City Lions Club, and PDG Micheal Gibbs, Rushsylvania (Ohio) Lions Club, present the U.S. flag.



Above center: Lion Adam Bawtinheimer, Elkhart Lions Club, makes final adjustment on a pair of eyeglasses for this young lady.



Above right: Lion Jeanine Juel, Dunlap Lions Club, does a fine-tuning to make sure the eyeglasses fit perfectly.



Above left: Lion Laura Doty, Dunlap Lions Club, looks for eyeglasses to match a prescription.



Above center: Lion Nina Iglesias, Celaya (Mexico) Lions Club, Lion Nancy Thompson, Dunlap Lions Club, and Georgia Tenney look for eyeglasses.



Above right: Lions Terri Longacre, Dunlap Lions Club, and Bob Savage, Plainfield Lions Club, look for eyeglasses.

Submitted by PDG Marty Juel, Elkhart Lions Club

News From Around the District

LCI Presidential Certificates of Appreciation Presented During Eyeglass Mission



(l. to r.) Lion Ruth Wallis, District 25-G PDG Marty Juel, and DG Celita Diflorio Corado.

At this year's District 25-G Eyeglass Mission in Salamanca, Mexico, two individuals received LCI Presidential Certificates of Appreciation. The first was presented to District Governor Celita Diflorio Corado, currently serving as District Governor in District B5. This is the area where District 25-G usually does annual eyeglass missions. She and her husband have helped us on our missions nearly every year since we originally held a mission in Salamanca in 2006. She also helps us find locations for our missions by laying the groundwork for us in advance. This year she was instrumental in making our mission one of the best ever.

The second certificate was given to Lion Ruth Wallis, a member of the Dunlap Lions Club who lives in Culiacan, Mexico, a city in the state of Sinanola, north of Mazatlan. She has been a pillar of our success since joining our mission team in 2000. She is our number one contact and helps with communications with non-English speaking Lions during the planning as well as the actual missions themselves. A few years ago, we

helped her make contact with eyeglass mission teams in District 25-A and later District 25-F, and she has assisted them in their missions.

Submitted by PDG Marty Juel, Elkhart Lions Club

District Eyeglass Recycling Project Pre-Sorters Celebrate 250+ Hours of Work

The second annual Eyeglass Pre-sorters Appreciation Luncheon was held September 12th at PDG Marty and Lion Jeanine Juel's home.



After lunch dishes were cleared away, this TEAM photo was taken. Lions around table (left to right): Jeanine Juel, Frieda Method, Kay Adams (not Kathy), Jan Robinson, Judy Gable, Kori Fortunato, Kathy Livings (not Kay) and Elli Strukel.

During calendar year 2022, these eight Lions have accumulated 254.5 hours pre-sorting eyeglasses in the "Juel basement eyeglass recycling center". This is an important step to pull out the unusable glasses (scratched lenses, broken unrepairable frames) prior to washing and further processing at the district's eyeglass recycling center at the Fairview Grange.

This was a 'no work' session and Lions bonding time.

(Written by Lion Jeanine Juel; submitted by Lion Kori Fortunao)

Where There's A Need, There's A Lion!



From July 2021 through June 2022, Lions and Leos served

495 MILLION PEOPLE
in communities around the world.



Opportunities for Service



TUESDAY Nov. 8

9 am – 11 am; & 11 am – 1 pm

THURSDAY Nov. 10

9 am – 11 am; & 11 am – 1 pm

**At the Grange Eyeglass Processing Center
22482 County Road 45 – Goshen, IN**

Reserve your spot- info@elkhartlions.org

Here's your chance!

Two dates with a total of four eyeglass washing sessions have been scheduled for 9:00 am—11:00 am and 11:00 am-1:00 pm on Tuesday, November 8th and Thursday, November 10th at the District 25-G Eyeglass Processing Center at the Fairview Grange, 22482 County Road 45, Goshen. There is room for only FIVE Lions at each 2-hour session, so it's an ideal project for your club members to schedule. All work is done while sitting and you'll be providing a valuable service for the district's eyeglass mission program.

Sign up early to assure a spot in one of these sessions. Anyone who sends in a request for a date and time will be advised if that session is still available. Send your request to:

info@ElkhartLions.org.

What Are We Supposed To Do With All These Used Eyeglass Cases?

If your Lions Club collects used eyeglasses for the District 25-G eyeglass recycling project, you almost certainly get lots of used eyeglasses cases, as well. Our district eyeglass mission team cannot use—and does not want—used eyeglass cases, *HOWEVER*, there is a Lions project that can use clean hard cases in good condition.



At the Mid-Winter Conference in January 2022, attendees participated in an on-site service project to make personal first aid kits using hard eyeglass cases and personal hygiene kits using ziplock bags. 500 first aid kits and 450 hygiene kits were assembled at the Mid-Winter Conference. The project was so popular, it was repeated at the 2022 State Convention, where 1,000 first aid kits and 750 hygiene kits were assembled.

The goal for the 2023 Mid-Winter Conference is to assemble 1,000 first aid kits.

In District 25-G, PDG Paul Russell is collecting used eyeglass cases for this project. Cases that are damaged or dirty should be discarded. PDG Paul and Lion Rose will be taking hard cases to Indianapolis on November 11th, so the cases can be prepped before the Mid-Winter Conference. If you have clean used hard eyeglass cases which can be used for this project, please contact PDG Paul (574-250-2621 or pdgpaul25g@gmail.com) as soon as possible to make arrangements to get the cases to him before November 11th.

Clean soft cases in good condition may be donated to a thrift store. Check with your local thrift store to be sure they can use them. PDG Paul has been taking clean used eyeglass cases in good condition to the Goodwill store on the south side of South Bend for several years, so if you can't find a thrift store in your community that will take your clean soft cases, PDG Paul will take them.

Signature Service Project

Peru Lions Club "Cheer Club" Has More Than 3,650 Members

Over 72 years ago, the Peru Lions Club set out to spread "cheer" among area shut-ins—folks confined to their homes, hospitals or nursing homes by illness or infirmities.

Peru Lions have welcomed more than 3,650 members of the Peru Lions Cheer Club—bringing good wishes and hope to people in need of "friends who care".

Since January 1950, this idea has spread to other places, and many thousands have benefitted from similar programs. The Peru Lions' effort is believed to be the longest continuous record of this kind of Christian service by a community service club.

Those chosen "Cheer Club Member of the Week" not only receive a personal visit from Lions, but also receive gifts and greeting cards from club members and other sympathetic residents of the community.

It was late in 1949 that Lion Harold McKinley introduced the idea of contacting some shut-ins each week and attempting to "brighten up" the person's life. Club President William Reed and other Lions liked the idea and a committee was set up to work out the details to get the message before the public.

The Peru Tribune, once advised of the worthy project, quickly solved their problem. Lions Cheer Club announcements appear weekly in the Tribune letting thousands know of this opportunity to help others. For many years, Peru's radio station, WARU, had also contributed by making announcements weekly. Recently, the same information has been added to the club's Facebook page to spread the word.

Each Monday evening, two Lion members call on a person whose name has been submitted by someone. They meet with the cheer club coordinator to pick up the current weeks information and confirm a plant purchased from Websters Florist is on the way to the newest member. They take a message of good cheer to the new member and obtain general information for the news media. During the same evening, they pay a "return visit" to the person who was the "Cheer Club Member" for the previous week to learn how their week went.

Club members eagerly participate each week by sending greeting cards along with visiting current and previous members. Many more cards, gifts and visits come from other people who are inspired by the Lions' act of kindness.

The first Cheer Club member was Mrs. Nellie B. King. Mrs. King was 91 and had been blind for 11 years. At this time, the club had no idea whether busy people would take the time to get behind the project. However, their fears were dispelled a week later when they returned to Mrs. King's home and found that she had been deluged with cards, gifts, and letters sent from "near and far".

Sometimes a Cheer Club member hears from a friend or relative across the country because of the project. Other times, a patient hears from someone who has conquered a similar ailment. Doctors have told the Lions Club that when one of their patients is a Cheer Club member, often it does them as much good as medicine.

Peru Lions Club members Jim Bond, Ray Courtney, Pete and Annie Speth, and Dennis Eckerley have been among the club coordinators for finding new Cheer Club members. We would be happy to hear from local residents who might have a candidate for visitation. To nominate a candidate for Cheer Club, call Dennis at 765-473-3318 or inform any Peru Lions Club member.

The Lions Club motto is "We Serve", and Lions are always seeking new members willing to serve their community without expectation of return, except personal satisfaction. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays of every month in the Fellowship Hall located in the basement of the First Baptist Church.

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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.



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 4, 2022 at the Indiana School for the Deaf cafeteria, 1200 East 42nd Street, Indianapolis, across from the State Fair Grounds. Activities will begin at 12:30 p.m. so plan to arrive early to check in at the registration table and visit with friends. The cost per person is \$21 in advance and \$25 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 their experiences while attending the Leadership Camp.

Also attending will be staff members of the Indiana School for the Deaf and members of 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 November 27, 2022. Thank you for your support.

Please reserve _____ dinners at \$21.00 each. (Children under 4 no charge)

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

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November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 DG Visit Rochester LC	2	3	4	5
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 DG Visit New Paris LC	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 DG Visit Syracuse LC	29	30			



December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Council Christmas Party
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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Jan 20-21, 2023 Mid-Winter Conference
Crowne Plaza Indianapolis-Airport, Indianapolis

Feb 25, 2023 Third District Meeting
Leesburg Community Building, Leesburg

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



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information about your event to:
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of the month.**

