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

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

A Message from District Governor Ron Guth

Hello District 25-G Lions,

November is here following a fantastic October and you ask why? I have had the pleasure of attending many of our Lions Clubs this past month and learning so many ways we are "Lions in Action". That being said, I need the clubs in the district that haven't invited me to speak to call or email me to get a DG visit on the calendar. I can't tell other Lions the great things your club does if I don't hear it from your members.



If you recall from my last newsletter article, I was leaving for an eyeglass mission trip to Uriangato, Mexico. It was a first time for me and I didn't know just what the experience would be like. Well, the best way I can describe it is to tell you that you need to do it yourself and see. We had travel days on both ends, but the week of finding and fitting almost 3,300 pairs of glasses to the 600 plus that showed up every day is a service that has to be experienced. On Saturday before leaving to come home the next day, we were treated to historical sites tours and activities by the host club to wrap up the week. The location and dates for next year were announced before we left and PDG Marty Juel has requests and tentative locations for 2026 and 2027 already. The 25-G eyeglass mission trips are well known and in demand because of the great service we provide. Be proud district Lions that we are well known as one of the best from Lions.

One of the things I look at before an official visit is the club's history and a little more about the club leadership including President, Secretary, Treasurer and Directors. This doesn't mean the other leadership positions are less important, but these officers tend to advise the new president on how the club works or to help guide the meeting. Look at your club leadership. Has the club president been in place more than two years? Has the treasurer and secretary been in this position five years or longer? Have the club directors been rotating throughout the club members every few years? It is important that the treasurer position change to meet GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles). These are fancy words, but basically it means a new set of eyes is needed from time to time to see how things are done and that the club is secure that the funds collected are used in accordance with LCI guidelines.

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A Message from District Governor Ron Guth

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It is recommended that the secretary position change from time to time to not only keep up with the new procedures and programs within LCI but also to get fresh ideas/suggestions from the members. It is necessary to change the directors to encourage new ideas from the membership along with the tried and true that have worked in the past. You may tell me I'm wrong and your officers keep up to date etc., but the lack of attendance at officer training each June tells me they are not keeping up with the changes and trends. Why is this important to me and should be important to you? We work hard to find new members and we need to embrace their ideas and concerns if we want them to stay and help grow the club for your community.

If you didn't attend the 2nd district meeting in Wyatt hosted by the Madison Township Lions, you missed a great event. The team of Lions that I work with continue to amaze me with the vast knowledge and services they perform. Did I mention the breakfast before the meeting was great, the Lions who were speaking on the agenda topics were informative, speaking in loud voices and along with hot coffee kept everyone awake even with a full tummy. You want to know what we talked about? Check the meeting minutes that have been sent out via the district email list and make sure you come to the next meeting to hear it live!

The district still needs trustees for Cancer Control and Speech & Hearing. Give me a call and I will be happy to appoint someone for these very worthwhile state projects.

You should be able to find information on the Mid-Winter Conference to be held January 19-20 of the New Year in Indy attached to this newsletter. This is a premier event to learn about many subjects dear to Lions. Make it a priority to attend and you will not be disappointed.

The 3rd District Meeting will be held in conjunction with our District Convention at the Honeywell Center in Wabash on Saturday March 9, 2024. Who is ready to be a future leader as 2nd VDG? Give me a call!

Lion Ron Guth, District Governor

Reading Literacy

Reading Literacy is vital to our present generation and to those in the future. It is our contribution to the literacy of our children and grandchildren. Lion Ron and I encourage each club in District 25-G to participate in some sort of Reading Literacy activity. It may be one or more of the following: the Dictionary Project, Little Library, books for students to read, giving time and donations to your local library and schools, etc. I am very interested in knowing how your club encourages Reading Literacy. Please email me at guthbeth@comcast.net to let me know what your club is doing. I need to know how many students benefit from this literacy project and the number of books and/or dictionaries you have given away this year. I have been encouraged by many of the clubs DG Ron and I have visited who participate in the Dictionary Project. Our local school corporations absolutely love the dictionaries. It is so exciting to see the students get their dictionaries. They immediately begin looking up their favorite words, sign language, and the longest words in the English language. It is such a delight to see their smiles and joy at getting their own books to keep! Think about providing English/Spanish dictionaries, too. Our two corporations have even asked for extra ones for incoming students in other grades. As Lions we gladly give with open hearts! Let's motivate and serve our young readers now because that is what Lions do!

Lion Beth Guth, Literacy Chairperson for District 25-G

A Message From 1st Vice District Governor Warren Allender



Well, I don't know about you but I'm a project kind of guy. I like to work and be busy. I attribute a lot of that to my mother. You see, as a young boy what I really wanted to do was go outside and play. When I asked mom if I could do that her reply was, "do you have all of your work done?" If the answer was yes, she would say, "let's see..." and lo and behold, she always found something else for me to do. Not to say that I didn't get much play time, I did, it is just to say that there was always something else to do. So, work in essence became my play and I continue that today.

I just finished a front porch project for my wife, and lo and behold, a closet project followed in quick succession. And you know what? A basement bathroom project awaits. It's good to be busy.

Well, what about those Lions, any projects there? I'm sure each club has been busy with projects this past summer, and now we're moving into winter and the Christmas season. A busy time of the year, that's for sure. A time for fund raising to support your own activities, and activities to support your community. I think of my own club with Salvation Army bell ringing coming up soon and Christmas baskets for those less fortunate to

follow. It's what we do, WE SERVE.

Projects come in many forms and fashions. For myself, perhaps my biggest Lions project is learning these new roles and responsibilities as your 1st Vice District Governor. It has been a real eye opener. First there was leadership training, then on-line training. Coming up is 1st Vice District Governor training, followed by training at National Headquarters. It's good to be busy. It's also good to know what is expected of you, to be trained, to SERVE you and your clubs better. From the training I've received so far, the one thing I've learned is how little I know. That's not all bad because each training has provided me with new "tools" to put into my toolbox. Perhaps the biggest tool and perhaps the most useful is our very own Lions Portal. You know - www.lionsclubs.org. Signup and sign in through the member portal and the resources are there for your discovery. I would also invite you to explore your own training opportunities through Lions International. Are you a club officer or would you just like to know about the different positions? There is, "e-Learning" for all positions, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, LCIF Coordinator, Marketing Director, Membership, and more. Do you have a question on proper club protocol, how about Liability Insurance, or new member recruitment. If you can think it, Lions can answer it. Why shouldn't it, since Lions have been around for over one hundred years and are still Roaring for More. It's what we do, WE SERVE.

Lion Warren Allender, 1st Vice District Governor

A Message From 2nd Vice District Governor Jackie Kurley



Happy November! At this writing, the leaves are at their peak and beautiful colors are all around us. This is one of the benefits of living in the Midwest—watching the seasons change. Unfortunately, that also means that winter is approaching, and the snow will be coming shortly after that. When I think of November, the first thing that comes to mind is Thanksgiving. Not necessarily the feast, but to me, it is all the things that I am grateful for in my life. First and foremost, of course, it is my family. As a kid I really did not appreciate the close-knit family I was a part of. I had the attitude of "I am doing my own thing," and it really did not matter what anyone else was doing. As I got older, I came to realize that the emotional support a family can give when things are not really going as planned is incomparable. They do not judge, they talk and guide if you ask for advice, and they will also bring you down to Earth if you think you are all that and a whole lot more. So, it took a bit, but now I really am grateful for my family.

I am also grateful for having a roof over my head, food on my table, a steady job, a second family of my Lions, and the opportunity the Lions give me to serve. As a

Lion, I am most happy when I can help someone with a small task as opposed to receiving anything. It truly is much better to give than to receive. It makes my heart happy.

To help those in need, we often need funds for supplies and materials and by now you should know that LCIF is the financial arm of all the Lions clubs. So, when you buy all the trimmings for that Thanksgiving feast, watch all the parades and football games after you run out early for those Black Friday sales, get your strategy set for Cyber Monday ... please, please, please, decide how much you can donate to LCIF on Giving Tuesday.

Thank you for all you do and enjoy the beginning of this wonderful holiday season.

Lion Jackie Kurley, 2nd Vice District Governor

A Message From District Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Kim Polk



Fall is my favorite time of year. I love the brilliant color of the trees. Miss Thompson, my fourth grade teacher, described the colorful trees as "ladies dancing in their colorful ballroom gowns". That imagery has remained in my mind all these years. Of course I do not enjoy the cold, dampness of the rain that comes with it, so I have to focus on the ballroom gowns.



Our club has finished our largest fundraiser of the year. We then consider how we are going to support the State Projects and the Foundations based on the last year's net on fundraisers. I would like to encourage your clubs, if you have not already done so for this year, to consider how you are going to support the Indiana Lions:

- Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- Indiana Lions for Speech & Hearing
- Indiana Lions for Leader Dog
- Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana
- Indiana Lions Eye Bank/Vision First
- Indiana Lions Foundation

Other areas to consider:

- The District Diabetes Fund
- Special Olympics

For the above areas, your club can send one check made out to "Lions District 25-G" and mail to me along with a note indicating how you want your funds distributed. I will then send your donations to the designated recipients.

Your club should also consider supporting LCIF (Lions Club International Foundation). Donations to LCIF should be made directly to LCIF, either online at:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate>

or by mailing a check to:

Lions Clubs International. Foundation, Department 4547, Carol Stream, IL 60122

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Global Leadership Team

Mission 1.5: The Mission Possible



Another quirky Lions International membership project? I've heard lots of jokes comparing this effort's name to Mission: Impossible, the 1966-1973 TV series starring Peter Graves, Greg Morris, Barbara Bain, Leonard Nimoy, and a host of others. Its ironic self-destructing "assignment" never failed to capture my young imagination.

Mission 1.5, according to the Lions International website, is a four-year drive to achieve 1.5 million Lions membership. Impossible? Admittedly, it might be a little tricky, but it is doable, as long as we all do our parts—asking, including, and serving. Since Lions membership is declining worldwide, it will take each one of us to reverse that trend.

I also believe this article's title is doable in one other aspect: reporting members and service. As District 25-G's Global Leadership Team Chair, I still get a district-wide Club Health Assessment Report monthly. It doesn't make for calming, sleep-inducing bedtime reading. In District 25-G, we have 45 clubs, having lost 2 in 2022 and 1 already in 2023. Of our 45 clubs, we have 2 which have never reported service hours, 8 which haven't reported in the past 24 months, 8 which haven't reported in the last 12 months, 13 which have not reported in the last 30 days, and only 9 clubs which are current and up-to-date.

It can't be true that 10 of our clubs have neither met nor performed service in the last 24 months. If you have seen Lion Al Beehler's head, you know he must have been tearing his hair out over this. The only thing I can figure out is that clubs are (1) terrified by the rumors of how hard it is to file reports, (2) waiting for the new reporting system to take effect, or (3) just really don't care. In the meantime, Lion Al is losing sleep. We have a District Administrator, PDG Ann Haffner, and Lion Al to help you file service reports. No charge. All it takes is entering information about one month to change from "not reporting for 24 months" to "up to date".

This article's title applies to service as well as membership. Wouldn't we be shocked to discover how many service hours have not been reported in a month's time? In a year's time? What's your guess? 10,000 hours? 100,000 hours? 1,000,000 hours? I'm quite willing to bet my money on the higher number. We do so much and report so little.

The clubs in District 25-G are busy, busy clubs. It's too bad we don't tell Lions International just how busy we are. Our service hours help convince potential donors that Lions are indeed busy and worth investing in. But if we don't tell the world, what accomplishments can't Lions International share? What possible partnerships are lost? What opinions are being formed about Lions that aren't true?

I really hate to sound like I'm stealing Lion Al's thoughts, but we are all on the same team. We have common goals. Club leaders, are you leading these efforts? Please, let's make membership and service reporting our club's own personal Mission 1.5.

PCC Dave Eisen, Global Leadership Team Chair



Global Membership Team



"Together we can and Together we will"

In reviewing our membership for the year so far, we have added 29 new members, and have lost 28 members. I have suggested in the past, carpooling to meetings/events, making current members feel welcome, and other special efforts to get members to be active and to grow our memberships.

There may be another reason for membership lagging in your club, and this is worst of all. There may be differences with one or more Lions in the club and the easiest way to not be in that situation is to just not be there or drop out. Whatever the reason, the good news is there are things we can all do about these situations.

Maybe we can begin by remembering why we joined Lions. The service done by Lions is awesome and is a source of positive change. Maybe in our Lions work we have done a disservice to another Lion (and trust me, I am talking to myself first, more than anyone else!). We are a service organization, but the organization is full of people with lots of different personalities and viewpoints. In expressing ourselves, we may have annoyed or offended someone else. Usually, we may not even know we did this. In my old age, I find I am set in my ways, which can easily offend others. If I am aware of this, I need to reach out and try to repair the damage. We don't have to agree on everything, but I hope we can agree we are trying to make a positive change in the community.

How do you fix this? That is easier said than done. Reaching out to other Lions and talking about the situation can help. There will be other Lions who will be ready and willing to help, if you just ask. Remember "Together we can and Together we will."

Let me repeat what I wrote last month:

"Each and every Lion is awesome and each and every Lion today was asked by a former Lion to serving their community. Every Lion I know is ready and willing to pitch in and help where help is needed, and that is AWESOME!"

Whatever you do, have fun doing it.

- Thank you for all 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 Team Coordinator

Here We Grow Again

Since the start of the current Lions year, 16 district clubs have welcomed 33 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.

Dunlap Lions Club

New Member: Lion Georgia Tenney
Sponsor: Lion Steven Weld

Elkhart Lions Club

New Member: Lion Theresa Culp
Sponsor: Lion Karen Terlap
New Member: Lion Randy Doering
Sponsor: Lion Denise Polachek

Greene Township Lions Club

New Member: Lion Ashley Horvath
Sponsor: Lion Ronald Whitesel
New Member: Lion Carla Rankin
Sponsor: Lion Thomas Kurzhal
New Member: Lion Darla Zalas
Sponsor: Lion Ruth Shearer

Leesburg Lions Club

New Member: Lion Scott Hesser
Sponsor: Lion Robert Bishop

Leesburg Lions Club (continued)

New Member: Lion Zachary Kauffman
Sponsor: Lion Brad Shroyer

New Paris Lions Club

New Member: Lion Don Browning
Sponsor: Ronnie Kirkdorfer
New Member: Lion Skylar Herold
Sponsor: Lion Reama Spurlock

Peru Lions Club

New Member: Lion Valerie Nelson
Sponsor: Lion Kenneth Magers
New Member: Lion Willie Nelson
Sponsor: Lion Kenneth Magers

Roann Covered Bridge Lions Club

New Member: Lion Ann Hinshaw
Sponsor: Lion Beckie Elliott-Maxwell
New Member: Lion Charles Nelson
Sponsor: Lion Valerie Wilcox

Global Service Team



Greetings Lions,

I hope everyone is doing well and getting ready for the holidays ahead. This is the time of year when we as Lions can do so much good in our communities. Putting together and donating food boxes for Thanksgiving and Christmas are always appreciated by those who receive them. Also, many clubs adopt families that need help with buying gifts for those children who may not otherwise receive a gift. These are wonderful acts of kindness being accomplished over the next couple of months.

Many clubs are busy with holiday fund raising projects. These projects are important so clubs have the funds to continue doing their service projects and donations. As good neighboring clubs, we should all support these events as best we can. Every club is stronger by getting the support of the other clubs in our District.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

Lion Al Beehler, Global Service Team Chair

Celebrating 276 Years of Service

District 25-G recognizes these Lions Clubs chartered during the month of November. These clubs have been serving their local communities for a total of 276 years. Each club has impacted their local community in their own unique way, and has supported district, state, and international projects. They continue to be examples of "Lions in Action" and demonstrate the Lions' motto: "We Serve"!

Congratulations on your years of service!

CLUB NAME	CHARTER DATE	YEARS OF SERVICE
Claypool	November 16, 1936	87
LaFontaine	November 17, 1939	84
New Paris	November 22, 1954	69
Sidney	November 12, 1987	36

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.

LCIF Coordinators Update

Helping a World in Need

Lions join together; roll up your sleeves; take action to make the community better – one step at a time. Caring Lion members work together so they can make a lasting impact and change more lives.

The world needs hope more than ever. With global crises from conflicts to climate emergencies, the world needs kindness and action. LCIF is answering the call with grants giving hope and kindness to one person at a time.

- Learn how disaster relief grants can offer aid to your community: lcif.org/disasterrelief
- Learn how the Lions Quest program can make a difference for your community: lcif.org/youth
- Learn how Diabetes grants can support your community: lcif.org/diabetes
- Learn more about how you can support vision needs in your community: lcif.org/vision
- Learn more about how LCIF is helping families wish big for kids living with cancer: lcif.org/childhoodcancer
- Learn how you can help combat hunger in your community and provide hope to children in need: lcif.org/hunger
- Learn how LCIF grants can make a difference in the environmental efforts of your community: lcif.org/environment
- Learn how LCIF is providing humanitarian assistance where it's most needed: lcif.org/humanitarian

Thank you to the clubs who have contributed to LCIF to date. Members and clubs have donated \$3,290 and our goal is \$31,374. Consider contributing to the world by donating to our Global Foundation, with 100% of all donations going to change lives across the globe. Every donation, both small and large, is very much appreciated.

PDG Marlyn Fast & 2nd VDG Jackie Kurley

A Message from PR Chairman PDG Marty Juel

How to write an interesting newsletter article

A few issues ago I wrote about using interesting photos for your newsletter articles. This month I'll focus on some details about HOW to write an article.

First and foremost, try to write your article in the THIRD person. Instead of, "We held our annual corn roast and everyone had a great time", changing this to the third person gives your article more credibility as if someone else from the outside was reporting on the event. PLUS, do not make assumptions in your article. Such examples presumes that everyone had fun. Unless there was a poll taken with everyone who attended, you can't make this statement. Here's a better way to start this particular article: The Smithville Lions held its annual corn roast recently and raised over \$1,000 to support the club's service activities. There were plenty of family activities for attendees during the two-day event."

Another item that should be avoided in describing your event is the often-used opportunity to single out individuals and 'thank them' for their work. For example, "The club worked hard to prepare for the corn roast, from preparing the grounds to having enough food and beverages available. Thank you, Lion Karen Smith, for your hard work." Notice how this started out in the third person, but then quickly changed back to the first person, removing the importance of telling a story to make a direct comment to one individual from another individual. The reader is immediately tossed under the bus with this change. (This should also be AVOIDED in club minutes, when club secretaries often make direct personal comments to another person, which frequently has nothing to do with recording of a meeting's comments.) A better way to report this would be to change the sentence from the above to: "The club made several appreciative comments to those who took charge of the many activities, including Lion Karen Smith, who served as general chairman of the event."

Another example of this is when a Lion receives an award or recognition at a meeting or event. Such as, "Lion Phil Gastbender received a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship of the Barrellhead Lions Club's meeting last month. Congratulations, Lion Phil." This is another example of switching from third to first person, plus adding a personal comment. Better to say, "Members of the club congratulated Lion Phil with an enthusiastic round of applause." Or better yet, completely delete the congratulations entirely. It does not add anything to the newsworthiness of the article.

PDG Marty Juel, Public Relations Chair

News From Around the District

District's Eyeglass Mission to Mexico Records Huge Success



In the five-day mission held in Uriangato, GTO, Mexico this past September 25-29, 3,276 pairs of eyeglasses were distributed. A total of 24 Lions and other volunteers participated in this effort, including Lions from Massachusetts, Ohio, and Southern and Central Indiana, in addition to the District 25-G Lions. Three other volunteers from Mexico, including two optometrists, also worked during the mission.

The mission schedule began at 8:00 am every workday, when the first of the several hundred people that come each day for glasses arrive at the facility where the mission is held. The Uriangato Lions Club has a huge, 125'x175' indoor area, ample for the several work areas, including initial testing of eyes with the district's three autorefractors; selection of glasses, where most Lions concentrate their efforts; and final adjusting of glasses, making sure the glasses are property fitted. It should be remembered that used eyeglasses come in two sizes: Too small and too large!



The work-day usually ended by 6:30 pm, when dinner was served at the facility. After returning to the hotel for the evening, there was time for Lions to unwind and otherwise reflect on the day's activities. On the final Saturday, a daytrip to nearby Yuriria was sponsored by the Uriangato Lions. The area featured a huge man-made lake and a 700-year-old monastery, originally used by an order of Augustin monks.

For the Lions who participated in this project, lifetime friends were made with Lions from Uriangato. It should also be noted that the current District Governor for the region is from Uriangato. The mission team included four Past District Governors from Indiana, as well as our current District Governor, Lion Ron Guth.

This year, group leader PDG Marty Juel reported that two Lions from Mexico came to our work site to discuss having our missions in their respective areas both in 2024 (Aguascalientes) and 2025 (near Mexico City, possibly being held immediately prior to the Lions International Convention there). Juel will make a site evaluation later this year to Aguascalientes to review the numerous specifics to determine if the Lions will have the facilities and resources to host our missions.

Planning begins for every annual eyeglass project the moment the team returns from a mission, including collecting, sorting, cleaning, reading prescriptions, filing, and boxing glasses for succeeding missions. Hundreds of local Lions are included in this process accounting for thousands of hours to make this district-wide project a success.

Photo captions:

Upper left: This boy originally was quite vehement about not wanting glasses, that is until he found out how well he could see with them.

Center right: The Uriangato Lions Club used their facility for all mission operations.

Center left: Three autorefractors owned by the district are operated by (l. to r.) Lion Ruth Wallis (Dunlap LC), Lion Marty Perry (Elkhart LC), and Lion Richard Sisk (Lake City LC).

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District's Eyeglass Mission to Mexico Records Huge Success

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Far left: Lion Adam Bawtinheimer (Elkhart LC) makes final adjustment.

Center left: Local eyeglass recipient (left) works with DG Ron Guth (Peru LC) and Lion Ruth Wallis (Dunlap LC) to check the prescription for the new glasses. Lion Ruth was acting as a translator.

Center right: PDG Chloe Weyrauch (District 25-C) is shown working with a local translator to communicate with a local to determine if the new glasses are a good match to her prescription.

Far right: PDG Micheal Gibbs (Rushsylvania, OH LC) checks the visual acuity of a person who received new glasses.



Far left: Lion David Britzke (Elkhart LC) was one of three optometrists who participated in the eyeglass mission.

Center left: Lion Kay Adams (Dunlap LC) reviews details of a person's vision history before looking for one of more than 14,500 pairs of eyeglasses to match her needs.

Center right: Lion Nancy Thompson (Dunlap LC) and Lion Steve Weld (Dunlap LC) search for eyeglasses to match prescriptions read by the autorefractors.

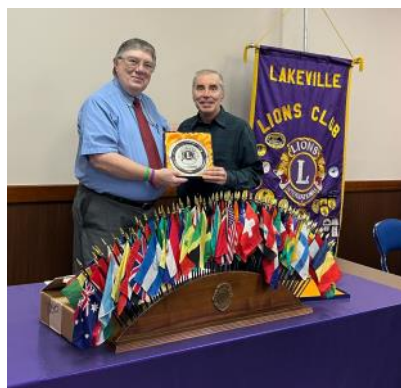
Far right: PDG Marty Juel (Elkhart LC) makes final adjustments on eyeglasses for this young girl.

(submitted by PDG Marty Juel, Elkhart Lions Club)



News From Around the District

Lakeville Lions Club Presents W.P. Woods Fellowship to Lion Dr. Steve Gerber



At their dinner meeting on October 24th, the Lakeville Lions Club presented Lakeville Lions Club member Lion Dr. Steve Gerber with a W.P. Woods Fellowship.

Dr. Gerber has practiced medicine at Advanced Ophthalmology of Michiana for 30 years. He provides free eye exams and free eyeglasses to those in need, and he supports the efforts of Lions Clubs in St. Joseph County to provide vision screening services in local schools. When the Lakeville Lions Club purchased a PlusOptix vision screening system in 2011, Dr. Gerber participated in the training for Lions volunteers from several clubs in St. Joseph County. He and members of his staff have occasionally participated in Lions vision screening sessions in local schools.

Dr. Gerber was recently inducted into the South Bend Community Hall of Fame, in recognition of his many years of service to the greater South Bend community.

(Photo by Lion Beth Guth, Peru Lions Club)

On the Road with District Governor Ron Guth



Left: DG Ron visited the Lydick Lions Club on October 9th. He is pictured here with Leo-Lion Naphtali Chilenga of Lilongwe, Malawi, and Lion Wendy Yuhasz of the Lydick Lions Club.

Right: DG Ron visited the Syracuse Lions Club on October 23rd, where he was presented with a portable podium. He is pictured here with PDG Ann Haffner of the Syracuse Lions Club.



(Photos by Lion Beth Guth, Peru Lions Club)

Syracuse Lions Club Supports Reading Proficiency with Books for Third Graders



Left: Third grade students at Syracuse Elementary listen as Lion Marie Butler-Knight conducts a show-and-tell of the book that all third graders received on Friday, October 13. The book, *My First Book About Our Amazing Earth*, is a combination reading, coloring, and activity book that explains Earth's many features at a third grade reading level. The Syracuse Lions give this book in the fall to all third grade students, to encourage reading proficiency. Third grade is the critical year for elementary students to achieve reading

proficiency in order to succeed in the following grades. The books were distributed by Lion Jerry Wright (standing, right) and PDG Ann Haffner (not shown because she was taking the picture).

(Submitted by Lion Marie Butler-Knight, Syracuse Lions Club)

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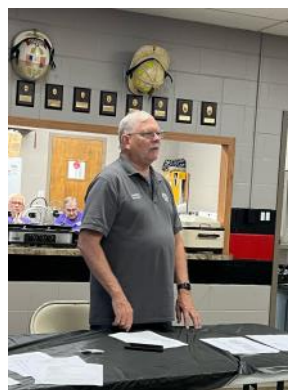
Madison Township Lions Host 2nd District Meeting



The Madison Township Lions Club hosted the 2nd District Meeting of the 2023-2024 Lions year at the Madison Township Fire Station in Wyatt, Indiana on Saturday, October 21st. The meeting was attended by 47 Lions from 12 district clubs and 1 Lion from Lilongwe, Malawi.

After attendees enjoyed a breakfast of pancakes, biscuits and gravy, and assorted fresh fruit, the meeting was called to order by District Governor Ron Guth. Following the

opening ceremony, attendees heard reports from district officers, GLT, GMT, and GST coordinators, zone chairs, state project trustees, and the district's LCIF coordinators. PDG Marty Juel reported on the recently-completed eyeglass mission in Uriangato, GTO, Mexico.



Above, far left: DG Ron Guth addresses the attendees at the 2nd District Meeting.

Above, center left: PDG Marlyn Fast presents one of his reports. PDG Marlyn serves as both the Global Membership Team leader and one of the district's LCIF coordinators.

Above, center right: Lion Al Beehler presents the Global Service Team report.

Above, far right: PDG Paul Russell presents the Cancer Control Fund report.

Below, left & center: Attendees listen to reports at the 2nd District Meeting.



Right: A beautiful fall harvest basket was a raffle prize during the District Meeting. The district collects donations for LCIF at District Meetings this year. Every dollar makes a difference.



Photos by Lion Al Beehler (Madison Township Lions Club), Lion Beth Guth (Peru Lions Club), and 2nd VDG Jackie Kurley (Dunlap Lions Club)

News From Around the District

Madison Township Lions Club News



The Madison Township Lions Club held our fall Pork Chop Sale on October 7th. We sold more than 3,000 pork chops in about 3-1/2 hours. This sale would not be so successful without the support we get from the community and beyond. It takes approximately 290 total hours to complete the sale. A big "Thank you" goes out to the non-Lions who helped us with this event. The funds raised will be used for various service projects and donations throughout the year.

The club gave a donation to the Madison Township Elementary School bike-a-thon which supports Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. The club also gave a donation to the Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department.

The Madison Township Lions Club hosted the 2nd District Meeting of the 2023-2024 Lions year on Saturday, October 21st at the Madison Township Fire Station in Wyatt. We had eight members at the meeting and served breakfast to those who attended.

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

Lydick Lions Club Provides Dictionaries to 3rd Graders In 5 Schools



Our club has been busy handing out dictionaries to 3rd graders in our community! For several years we have been distributing dictionaries and this year we were able to hand out 210 dictionaries to students in five schools in our community. We received a huge welcome and lots of smiles at each school when the students were presented their very own dictionary to keep. We give each class a short informational talk about the dictionary and explain the mission of the Lions Clubs to help the students understand who we are.

They were amazed seeing the longest word in the English language - 1,909 letters! The dictionaries also have the ABC's in American Sign Language and the kids were signing words to us before we left.

When you can put a book in a student's hand, it will help them learn and it makes us happy!

Thank you to our members, Lions Wendy Yuhasz, Paul Yuhasz, Mike Lane, Teckla Lane, Leroy Wise, Jim Day, and Lori Ferro for helping distribute dictionaries and put smiles on kids' faces in our community.

(Submitted by Lion Lori Ferro, Lydick Lions Club)



News From Around the District

Lydick Lions Club Provides Operation KidSight Vision Screenings



(l. to r.) Lions Paul Yuhasz, Andy Edelbrock, Mike Lane, Wendy Yuhasz, Kelly Edelbrock

Since receiving the new PlusOptix vision screening system, the Lydick Lions Club has scheduled 10 preschools for KidSight vision screening, and we anticipate replies from 10 others.

We have been gratefully welcomed by the several preschools we have visited already, who have missed this "free to the children" screening opportunity.

We have been assisted by Lions Andy & Kelly Edelbrock of the Clay-Granger Lions Club, who are anxious for the opportunity to learn how to work the camera, and are also in the process of scheduling preschools in their area for screening.

This new camera is getting quite a

workout already and it looks like it will be for some time to come. We are pleased to be "back in action" with the Operation KidSight vision screening, to again serve our community in this way.

Right: Lions Mike Lane and Kelly Edlebrock using the new PlusOptix system to screen a student.

(Submitted by Lion Teckla Lane, Lydick Lions Club)



Dunlap Lions Club Presents ISBVI Fellowship Vases



The Dunlap Lions Club recognized two club members for their service to the state project that supports the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ISBVI).

Left: Dunlap Lions Club President Lion Duane Klein assists longtime ISBVI trustee Lion Rosemary Miller in presenting an ISBVI Fellowship vase to current ISBVI trustee Lion Steve Page.

Right: Lion Duane Klein presents an ISBVI Fellowship vase to Lion Rosemary Miller.



(Submitted by 2nd VDG Jackie Kurley, Dunlap Lions Club)

Lydick Lions Club Receives Used Eyeglasses from McCormick & Company



We received an email from Rachel Rausch at McCormick & Company, Inc., that the company recently celebrated their annual Charity Day and hosted a used eyeglass drive. They were able to collect 73 pairs and contacted our Club to pick them up. We certainly appreciate their effort in support of our eyeglass recycling. Pictured is Lion Wendy Yuhasz (R) along with McCormick employees Rebecca Rausch and coworker Robin and the eyeglass donations.

(Submitted by Lion Wendy Yuhasz, Lydick Lions Club)

News From Around the District

Lydick Lions Club Recognizes Members for Service to Club & Community



Left: Lydick Lions Club President Lion Wendy Yuhasz (2nd from left) presented appreciation awards to Lions Mike Lane, Steve Downey, and Leroy Wise for their outstanding service to the club.

Right: She also presented jackets to Lions Leroy Wise, Teckla Lane, Mike Lane, Jim Day, and Lori Ferro (not pictured) in recognition of their special efforts for our club.



(Submitted by Lion Lori Ferro, Lydick Lions Club)

News From Around the State

Indiana State Police / Lions Law Camps



The 2023 Law Camps were very successful. Lions were able to give each camper a "welcome" bag as they registered. And they received a Lions/ISP hat from the Lions. These campers are students entering the 6th, 7th and 8th grades. In their 4-day camp they look at law enforcement through field trips, exciting demonstrations and motivating programs. There are physical activities that take place during their stay along with hands on programs. Lions help with a couple of meals during the camp and an ice cream social is very special to the kids. We also provide water and snacks for the kids.

We won't know the dates of the 2024 camps until late January. We would be excited if a Lions Club would be willing to provide a meal, ice cream social, snacks and water to the camp in either Anderson or Columbus.

The welcome bags contain such things as hotel size soap, shampoo, lotion, pencil, pen, small note pad, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, and anything else you can get someone to donate. Our supply of items for the bags is depleted so we are in need of your help for the coming year.

The Anderson Director likes us to supply squirt guns, but we don't put them in the welcome bags. They are saved and they have a special evening when the kids get to have a water game: campers vs. troopers.

It's nice to have a Leader Dog visit and we try to do eye screenings.

We provide help with scholarships for families that need assistance.

PDG Betty Weist, MD-25 Lions Law Camp Committee Chair

Wherever you turn, you can find someone who needs you. Even if it is a little thing, do something for which there is no pay but the privilege of doing it. Remember, you don't live in the world all of your own. -- Albert Schweitzer

State Project Updates

ISBVI Brian's Trike Race & Disc Golf Tournament

This event was held on the ISBVI campus on September 9th. Fourteen trike race teams and five disc golf teams participated in a fun-filled day. The event was a great success and we received over \$9,060 in sponsorships and donations. The Beep Baseball Organization provided the food and drinks and was also able to raise money for their cause. Due to the campus being under construction next year, the event will likely be held off-campus with the new location pending.

(Submitted by Lion Brian Bussard, Baugo Township Lions Club & Indiana Lions for the ISBVI Trustee)

Operation Cancer Hero—Indiana Lions Fighting Pediatric Cancer

In August, the Walther Cancer Foundation and Riley Children's Foundation announced that the Walther Cancer Foundation has pledged \$10 million to match donations of \$100,000 or more from other organizations and individuals to fund pediatric cancer research and treatment.

The Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc. (CCF) has accepted this challenge and started our campaign: **Operation Cancer Hero!** We need your help to fight pediatric cancer.

If you would like to donate or join the team for your district, click on one of the links below.

- District 25-A <https://give.rileykids.org/25A>
- District 25-B <https://give.rileykids.org/25B>
- District 25-C <https://give.rileykids.org/25C>
- District 25-D <https://give.rileykids.org/25D>
- District 25-E <https://give.rileykids.org/25E>
- District 25-F <https://give.rileykids.org/25F>
- District 25-G <https://give.rileykids.org/25G>
- Indiana Lions <https://give.rileykids.org/LionsCCF>

Operation Cancer Hero



Follow the CCF page on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IndianaLionsCancerControl>

Join the CCF group on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1470990497011888>

Our State Projects



THE ULTRASOUND PROJECT Eyeglass Washing Sessions



TUESDAY Nov. 7

9 am – 11 am; & 11 am – 1 pm

THURSDAY Nov. 9

9 am – 11 am; & 11 am – 1 pm

At the Lions Eyeglass Processing Center

22482 County Road 45 – Goshen, IN

Reserve your spot- info@elkhartlions.org

Publicize Your Club's Fundraiser or Community Event in Our District Newsletter

***** FREE *****

**Send a copy of your flyer or just the basic information about your event to:
pdgpaul25g@gmail.com**

**The normal deadline for submission of material
for the monthly district newsletter is the 25th of the month.**

Previews of Coming Attractions

Coming Soon: Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference—Catch the Magic of Lionism



The 35th annual Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport Hotel. The theme for this year's conference is "Catch the Magic of Lionism".

Some Indiana Lions say the Mid-Winter Conference is "the best place for learning" about leadership, service, and all aspects of Lionism. We offer seminars on club administration, community service, fundraising, and membership recruitment and retention, as well as opportunities for service, fellowship with Lions from around the state, and plain old everyday Lions fun.

The Early Bird registration fee – until November 30th - is only \$40 and includes informative seminars, on-site service projects, coffee and pastries in the morning, lunch at noon with a motivational speaker, and fellowship with other Lions.

The keynote speaker at the Saturday luncheon had not yet been announced when this article was written.

The conference will be preceded by a dinner on Friday evening. The cost for this event is \$30. The after-dinner entertainment will be provided by magician Daniel Lusk. He has performed across the United States, overseas, for celebrities, national sports teams, and on national TV. His magic has not only been seen by millions, but Daniel also lectures at conventions for other magicians teaching his trade.

Conference attendees will be offered the opportunity to participate in two on-site service projects. After dinner on Friday evening, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in the Care-ing Cases project, using clean recycled hard eyeglass cases to assemble first aid kits and toiletry kits. Conference attendees are also encouraged to donate new socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, knit hats, and blankets to the Sock It To Me project. Collection boxes for these items will be available on Friday and Saturday. Our District Governors will share all items created/collected by these projects with those in need in their districts.

For more information about the conference and a registration form, visit the Indiana Lions website at indianalions.org and click on the link labelled "Printable Forms". The list of available forms includes a registration form with seminar descriptions and hotel information.

We hope to see you at the 2024 Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference.



**2024 Mid-Winter
Conference –
January 20, 2024
"Catch the Magic of
Lionism!"**

We are in need of items for the silent auction at the 2024 Mid-Winter Conference. If you would like to donate something, please contact either Co-Chair Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos at liongretchen@att.net or PDG Linda Scott at lindamscott@comcast.net with a description of item or items by January 18, 2024. Funds raised from this silent auction will go toward support of the MidWinter Conference, to better help defray the costs. Thank you for your willingness to make this event a success.

MD-25 Lions

International Pin Design

2025



July 4-8, 2025: Mexico City, Mexico: Mexico is currently the sixth most visited country in the world, welcoming more than 39 million international visitors each year. Mexico City is a busy modern city with a rich heritage dating back 30 centuries! The historic city center has a pyramid, an ancient castle and fort and many museums to celebrate and display the culture. Mexico is also an excellent touristic destination, with more than 6,000 miles of coastline, 35 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, the world's most dazzling assortment of resorts, 28 World Cultural Heritage Sites and 187 archaeological sites, a vibrant, indigenous culture and a 300-year Spanish/European Colonial legacy. Mexico is unparalleled in diversity, hospitality and the quality of its visitor experience.

Pins **MUST** include:

a-MD 25 Indiana (as text)

b-the Intl Convention year - 2025

c-Lion Club Intl Logo

d-Intl Convention Host City representation

e-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 that District Governor. All District designs need to be submitted to me by January 15, 2024. You can scan and attach it to an email to me at angbelc@iue.edu. Each District's selected design will be presented to State Council in January. Remember: pin designers do not have to be (a) Lions.

Be creative and have fun!

CS Angela Locke, State Pin Chairperson



November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 DG Visit Milford LC	7 DG Visit Rochester LC	8 DG Visit Mexico LC	9 DG Visit Laketon LC	10	11
12 Vision First Board Meeting	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 DG Visit New Paris LC	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 DG Visit Middlebury LC	28	29	30		



December 2023

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Mark Your Calendar

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

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

Apr 26-28, 2024 State Convention
Noblesville, Indiana

May 18, 2024 District Meeting #4
Leesburg, Indiana

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