

Lions Tales

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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 on page 16 of 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

Fall has arrived! Time and seasons are marching on—now three months into my year as District Governor. So many events have already occurred with many more on the schedule. Speaking of schedules, have you thought about a District Governor visitation? Why do we harp on visitations and what's the importance of that visit? Lions Clubs International expects all District Governors to visit 100% of their clubs at some point during the year. So, in District 25-G that equates to 48 visits. In order for me to accomplish that task I need to be invited to speak at your club at least once. I promise to bring supplies, awards, information on District goals and event dates, and a short (no pun intended) talk. I always prefer to talk with you, not at you! Secondly, it gives me the opportunity to visit an area of the District I may not be familiar with and meet members I haven't had the chance to over the years. Thirdly, it fills a spot on your program schedule and helps out the President or program chairmen flesh out their year. Fourthly, I bought a new car two years ago during my first go around as District Governor to make the rounds of clubs and didn't get to put on the mileage I could have because of COVID, so I'm anxious to pile on that mileage! So, please contact me to arrange for a suitable date for a visit.



Several dates that may be different from what you have on your calendar—The third District meeting is in Leesburg on February 28 (not 15) and the District Convention with guest speaker, ID Jeffery Gans is in Argos on March 4 (not 11). The Convention change is because the IDs are travelling to Ireland on the 14th weekend for International Board meeting.

The District lost an excellent and active Lion Ken Luckenbill recently. Ken was also a trustee for the Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind, so we have an opening for a two-year term as trustee; let me know if you have an interest in that appointment or for further information. I ordered several Strides Walk packets from Lions International, which is a fundraiser for our diabetes fund on the district level and to increase awareness of diabetes. I would be happy to send along one of these packets to any club interested in planning one of these walks.

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A Message from District Governor Brian Thomas

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Hope to see many of you "southern tier" Lions at the second District meeting in Peru.

DG Brian Thomas

Making our lives better by making other lives better

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Thinking outside the box—general ideas for clubs to consider:

- Organize a community blood drive.
- Read books or letters to a person who is visually impaired.
- Collect unused makeup to donate to a center for abused women.
- Recognize emergency response personnel with a dinner.
- Bring in discarded cell phones that can be donated to domestic violence centers.
- Collect old sneakers that have a few miles left on them and donate to Soles4Souls.
- Participate or organize a community parade.
- Build a ramp.
- Bring in slightly used or new stuffed animals to donate to free health clinic in your area.
- Contact a tree farm about providing low cost or donated Christmas trees to nursing homes, clinics, hospitals or those families who can't afford one.
- Hold a food drive for a local food bank.
- Write "cheer" notes to nursing home patients on a regular basis. Several clubs already do this!

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Thought for the Month

Despite the high cost of living, it still remains popular.

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 fourth photo.

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



A Message From 1st Vice District Governor Ron Guth



Another month has gone by and I'm immersed in the training provided by LCI and our Indiana Lions team of leaders for my year as District Governor in 2023-2024. Wait, that is nine months away from now and we have much to do this year under the leadership of DG Brian! This is all true, but it helps to illustrate the long road of planning we as Lions need to do to strengthen our clubs and to help accomplish our #1 goal of service to our communities. I'm being asked to start listing my team members and goals now and develop plans to reach those goals. I need help from YOU! Yes, I know I can ask and I will receive help from all the district leaders you have seen in this newsletter over the years, but I'm

also looking for something different. I want to hear from those of you who maybe haven't been to a district meeting or convention due to work, family or travel constraints. I want to hear what YOUR goals might be for your club or the district. What can I do to help make your ideas part of my goals to help all of us? Maybe you want to take a little taste of what leadership at the district level might be. You don't have to be in the governorship train of advancement, but perhaps a committee or trustee member for one of the state projects. What better way to find out how other clubs work than by becoming a Zone Chairperson! Please feel free to call or write me with your ideas or questions, or better yet invite me to visit your club so I can listen to your members' comments, whether they be positive or negative. The 2nd District Meeting will be at my home club of Peru Lions and we look forward to seeing many of you that don't normally make the drive up to the northern part of the district. Our meetings with DG Brian are fun, and we all have a great time as Lions together. See you at the next District meeting, if not before, if you would like me to visit your Lions Club.

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Random Thoughts From A Random Mind

If You Don't Ask, the Answer Is Always "No"

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

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

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

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

A Message From Cabinet Secretary PDG Marty Juel

Don't Forget to File Your Taxes!



It's getting close to the deadline for clubs to submit their report their tax returns. Some clubs can complete a Form 990-EZ, and others can file the e-postcard or Form 990-N, if their annual gross receipts are less than \$50,000. Remember, it is important to understand this refers to GROSS RECEIPTS, not NET RECEIPTS. Gross receipts are the total amount the organization received from all sources during its annual accounting period, without subtracting any costs or expenses. You must file your report, either the 990-EZ or the 990-N, by the 15th day of the 5th month after the organization's accounting period ends. Most, if not all, Lions Clubs' fiscal year ends June 30, so the deadline date to file is November 15th. Clubs in Indiana must also file form NP-20 with the Indiana Department of Revenue. This is also due by the 15th day of the 5th month after the end of the club's fiscal year, so for most clubs, the deadline will be November 15th. If you have any questions, please contact me or District Treasurer Kim Polk.

Another important form to make sure you file is your club's Business Entity Report with the Indiana Secretary of State. This was changed a few years ago and is now REQUIRED to be sent every TWO years. The deadline is based on the month in which your club was incorporated. You can find your club's status by going to the <https://inbiz.in.gov/> and search for Business Entity Report. Again, this is VERY important and if you forget to complete this report, you will LOSE your club's status with the Secretary of State and the process to get reinstated is not pretty!

PDG Marty Juel, District Cabinet Secretary

We Didn't Get the Dues Statement!

We recently heard from a few clubs that they didn't receive the July dues statements from LCI. Clubs should take note of a few circumstances that may have led to the reason why statements were not received.

Was there a recent change in club officers? If the club was using the online option to receive LCI statements for dues and supplies, be sure to check that the new officer is listed with LCI and that person has registered as the new officer.

Did you change your club address? If you are receiving statements by mail and your club added or dropped a post office box or changed the address where all LCI mail is sent, make sure this change was reported to LCI.

Did your club officer change his/her email address? If your club officer changed an email address, make sure it was reported to LCI. Simple as it may sound, these changes must be made to LCI.

And finally, put a 'tickler' file entry every July and December about the semi-annual dues statements from LCI. Better yet, be sure to make any deletions on those members who left your club, such as by moving, disinterest, or death, by the end of June or December, so your club won't be liable for that person's dues. Once you receive a dues statement from LCI, you are responsible for that person's dues for the next six months. Several years ago, clubs could remove members in the first 30 days of the billing cycle, but that practice has been discontinued.

Questions? Contact District Cabinet Secretary PDG Marty Juel (contact information is on page 1 of this newsletter).

PDG Marty Juel, District Cabinet Secretary

Global Leadership Team

IT'S A COLT...ER ... LION!



In my last article, I mentioned the loss of our Clydesdale, Connor. Now I'm delighted to report that we have a new Clydesdale, a four-month-old named Carter. He is still being weaned, so he's still with his mom. I'm not sure what the editorial policy is on horse pictures in a Lions newsletter, but if there are no Tail Twister objections, I may just try to slip in a picture of the cute little guy.

Listening to my daughter talk about how she plans to introduce Carter to the rest of the horses and start some training made me think that we don't seem to put that kind of effort into welcoming and orienting new Lions. Despite our promises to support the new Lion, and the sponsor's promise to help guide the new Lion in the sometimes odd world of Lion titles and acronyms, new Lions are all too often just tossed off the deep end to sink or swim by themselves. So whose responsibility is it to show our new member who we are, what we do, and what we believe? Is it (a) the sponsor, (b) Club officers, or (c) the entire Club?

In my mind, the correct answer should be (c) spearheaded by (a) and (b). We have to develop a standard process to familiarize these new Lions with how the different layers of Lions work, what the overall thrust of Lions is all about, and what our local Club does. There have to be reasons why we have fundraisers. Where do these funds go, and why? What are our Club's biggest achievements? Accentuate the positive. Get the new Lion excited and delighted about their decision to join us. And don't forget, those of us who have been in a Club for a long time, we can't possibly do all this in one session out in the parking lot after a meeting. Taking the new Lion out for breakfast, lunch, or dinner allows for some great in-depth discussion and time to answer questions.

The Club needs to assist by having the members welcome the new Lion, inviting the Cub (there's that jargon again) to sit with them, to be introduced, and to share in the conversation. The sponsor should be the lead person here, but every Lion must help.

Officers should also work to get the new Lions involved, perhaps inviting them to Board meetings or assigning them to committees that work. Make sure the new Lion has a Lions pin and name badge. A short bio in the Club newsletter is a good discussion starter. You get the picture. Get the new Lion involved as quickly as possible.

This list could go on and on but remember how you felt (and were treated) when you joined your Club. If it was a great experience, duplicate it. If it wasn't, do something better. First impressions are vitally important. Let's make those first months as a new Lion valuable ones for the Club and the new Lion both. Every new Lion leads us to rediscover ourselves.

Now let's see, what size halter do we need for Carter?

PCC Dave Eisen, Global Leadership Team



Global Membership Team



Often many Lions remain as Lions because of a simple little thing: As soon as they are inducted, they are put into a project. They may or may not be responsible for the success of the project, but they have the opportunity to identify with a project and develop some fellowship with some other Lions. These projects do something even more valuable - they get members working together to provide needed service.

Many projects or events happen only once each year, but are still able to be enjoyed by all Lions that participate. Clubs must encourage growth by encouraging the development of projects of any size. A successful club is often one that does just that: it encourages members to attempt new ideas.

Our new members who identify with a project will develop a sense of ownership and remain as a Lion. We look forward to having each Lion develop into a successful Lion who will continue to grow into other areas as LIONS. WE SERVE AS A LION.

Do you need a guest speaker for one of your meetings? please give me a call; I am available.

We ROAR.

Yours in Lionism,
PDG Mary Klempay, Global Membership Team
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Global Service Team



Welcome Lions to getting back to being able to gather together for the betterment of our neighborhoods. It's so encouraging to be able to give hands-on to our projects as we did before Covid put a crimp on our serving in person. Even with the crimp on serving, clubs continued their good work throughout our district. Now it's time to start moving forward with all those projects we have been putting off. Look around your communities for new ways to show kindness in serving others.

One way to continue serving all year is to plan an activity calendar for each month of the year. Clubs have signature projects they do at the same time each year. Those activities, whether they are a service project, fund raising event, or an act for awareness of some concern, will fill the calendar for the months you hold the activity. The idea is to come up with something to work on during the open months so that every month is filled with an act of serving. While filling out your calendar, don't forget the LCI global causes or Indiana Lions state projects, as they will not only have a local impact, but the impact will go beyond our communities.

Please remember to get the word out as to what your clubs are doing to serve your communities. Send articles to your local newspapers, use social media, and use newsletters to let others know what great work your clubs are doing to make lives better in your communities and world. Getting the word out about what your Lions Clubs do is a tool to getting new members.

Lion Al Beehler, Global Service Team

Here We Grow Again

Between July 1st and September 28th, 12 district clubs welcomed 19 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.

Baugo Township Lions Club

New Member: Lion Jeff Broadwick
Sponsor: Lion Dale Billet

Culver Lions Club

New Member: Lion Lynn Crist
Sponsor: Lion Barbara Winters

New Member: Lion Gail Orangias
Sponsor: Lion Don Freese

Dunlap Lions Club

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

Rochester Lions Club

New Member: Lion Joshua Zehner
Sponsor: Lion Virgil Biddinger



Top left: Lion Susan Arneaud joined the Elkhart Lions Club

Top center: Lions Chad Douglass, Kelly Douglass, and Karen Magers joined the Peru Lions Club

Top right: Lions Gail Orangias and Lynn Crist joined the Culver Lions Club

Bottom left: Lion Richard Trowbridge joined the Elkhart Lions Club

News From Around the District

Dunlap Lions Club—BBQ Fundraiser, New Members, New W.P. Woods Fellow



(Left & far left) The Dunlap Lions Club sold chicken, ribs, pork chops and pit-ta-toes at a fundraiser on September 3rd. Several patrons expressed support for all the great things Lions do for the community. The club extends a big "Thank you!" to Lion Lloyd Mehaney of the South Bend Lions Club for his help.

(Right) Lion Kori Fortunato was proud to sponsor her sister and brother-in-law, Karin and Dale Balsbaugh, as they became members of the Dunlap Lions Club.

(Far right) Indiana Lions Foundation Trustee IPDG Marlyn Fast presented a W.P. Woods Fellowship to Lion Kori Fortunato.



Submitted by Lion Kori Fortunato & Lion Jackie Kurley, Dunlap Lions Club

LaFontaine Lions Club Supports LaFontaine Learning Community



The LaFontaine Lions Club held a community breakfast to benefit the LaFontaine Learning Community playground project. The local community donated \$500 to the project and the LaFontaine Lions Club matched the community donation. Lion Ethel Eib and Lion Dave Ballard are pictured here, presenting the \$1,000 check to Tosha Swanson, Director of Operations at the LaFontaine Learning Community.

Submitted by Lion Kim Polk, LaFontaine Lions Club

Culver Lions Club Collects Used Prescription Bottles for Reuse In Underdeveloped Nations



The Culver Lions Club collects used prescription bottles. After Lion Frieda Cultice washes them, they are donated to the Matthew 25 project in Cincinnati, OH. Lion Cheryl and Ron Giek recently loaded 17 bags of bottles in their truck and drove them to Cincinnati. Matthew 25 Ministries sends these bottles to underdeveloped nations in Africa so that they can be used by medical and pharmaceutical personnel for filling prescriptions. There is a lack of sufficient containers and frequently prescriptions are just rolled up in paper and given to the patient. These pill vials will provide appropriate containers for the medicines."



Submitted by Lion Don Freese, Culver Lions Club

News From Around the District

Madison Township Lions Club Supports Elementary School Fundraiser for Riley Hospital

Ms. Lindsey Schirripa, the principal at Madison Township Elementary School, was the guest speaker at our meeting on September 13th. Ms. Schirripa's start as an educator was teaching kindergarten and first grade for 17 years before moving into administration. She noted that children need to be valued, supported, and loved to become better students. The school has created a program called Panther Pals which combines students from different grades to intermingle and share experiences. All students are learning coding in the computer lab. The school will be open to volunteers starting on October 3. A question and answer period was held at the end of her talk.

The club donated \$500.00 to support the school's Bike-a-thon for Riley Hospital for Children. A check was given to Ms. Schirripa to add to what is raised by the students on the October 1 ride.

Submitted by Lion Al Beehler, Madison Township Lions Club



Madison Township Lions Club President Lion Greg Hunsberger with Ms. Lindsey Schirripa, Madison Township Elementary School Principal

Plymouth Lions Club Fundraiser at Marshall County Blueberry Festival



(left) Lions scholarship winner Callie McCann and Lion Devon Stull make pancakes.



(center) Pancake production line.



(right) Lion Terri Weldy and Lion Sue Eggleston sell tickets.

Submitted by PDG Lana Wilson, South Bend 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.



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

Syracuse Lions Club Conducts 2022 SchoolSight Vision Screening

The Syracuse Lions Club vision screening team has completed the annual SchoolSight screening for students in grades 1, 3, 5, and 8 at Syracuse Elementary School and Wawasee Middle School, plus any new students at these schools. This is the Indiana state-mandated visual acuity screening, which the Syracuse Lions Club has provided since 2015, with the exception of 2020 when schools were closed due to the pandemic. On September 8, two teams comprised of four trained Lions screened 160 eighth graders and 17 new sixth and seventh graders. On September 14, the teams screened 63 first graders, 76 third graders, and 92 fifth graders, for a total of 408 students.



Since 2015, the Syracuse Lions Club has screened or assisted in screening more than 4,000 students in the Wawasee School District. This year's team members included PDG Ann Haffner, Lion Marie Butler-Knight, Lion Tom Thornburg, and Lion Karen Hartley, who worked closely with District Head Nurse Sarah Bauer and Syracuse Elementary School nurse Tisha Powell.

(Left) Syracuse Lions Club's 2022 vision screening team (l. to r.): Lion Karen Hartley, Lion Tom Thornburg, PDG Ann Haffner, and Lion Marie Butler-Knight.

Submitted by Lion Marie Butler-Knight, Syracuse Lions Club

District Eyeglass Mission Team In Salamanca, Mexico

Our District 25-G Eyeglass Mission Team is currently in Salamanca, Mexico, working with members of the Lions Club of Salamanca to provide prescription eyeglasses to those who need them, but cannot afford them. 14,000 pairs of used eyeglasses were shipped to Mexico in June in preparation for this mission. Lions from District 25-G have been participating in eyeglass missions to Mexico, Haiti, Romania, and other countries since the 1980's.



(Above) Our eyeglass mission team members with members of the Lions Club of Salamanca.



(Above) The mission team is set up and ready to begin serving local residents.



News From Around the District

Mishawaka Lions Club Celebrates 50 Years of Participation in Sister Cities Program

For the past 50 years, the city of Mishawaka, Indiana and the city of Shiojiri, Japan have been Sister Cities. The Mishawaka Lions Club has been an active participant in this relationship since its inception. The late Lion Don Crawford was instrumental in the establishment of the Sister City relationship and the creation of the Shiojiri Niwa Japanese garden in Mishawaka. Earlier this year, delegates from Mishawaka, including Lion Don's grandson Lion Jacob Crawford and Mishawaka High School student Payton Krueger, traveled to Shiojiri to celebrate the anniversary of the Sister City relationship.

Payton Krueger wrote the following article for the Mishawaka Lions Club newsletter.

Our Sister City: My Journey To Shiojiri Japan

by Payton Krueger, Mishawaka High School

50 years ago a school teacher started a relationship with a city halfway across the world, and



that relationship is still a special part of Mishawaka history today. I was fortunate enough to experience this relationship first-hand when I was a part of a delegation that visited Shiojiri for the anniversary. I would like to thank all of the wonderfully kind people of the Mishawaka Lions Club, who were generous enough to fund my trip, because of you all I was able to go and fully understand why the link between the two municipalities is so special. The delegation that was sent for the 50th anniversary has renewed the connection between Shiojiri and Mishawaka, and I can't wait to see what the future holds for our two communities.

During my 11 day visit to Japan, I saw incredible views, visited ancient, culturally important temples, and experienced a culture like no other. More importantly, I made connections with people I never would have met otherwise. It was so incredible to communicate with people who knew little English, and still be able to enjoy each other's company, just being happy that our two cities can connect in such a meaningful way. Some of my favorite memories from the trip were simply just sharing a meal with new people; understanding that despite our cultural differences we can still come together and have a human connection. I think that is what the whole Sister City relationship is all about.

We stayed in Shiojiri for a total of 9 days, and for 4 of those days each of the groups were put with a host family. I was paired with a man named Satoru Komaki and his family, and I'm glad I was able to meet someone so passionate about the Sister Cities. He had been an exchange student to Mishawaka in 1979, and was enthusiastic to give me an experience as memorable as his own. We traveled to many different sites throughout the country, including Tōdai-ji Temple, Nara Shrine, and Matsumoto Castle. I'm so glad that I was able to share my time with Satoru, and I hope to see him again.

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After we had spent time with our host families, the groups reconvened and participated in activities the city had prepared for us. We visited different sites throughout the city, getting an insider's look at their library, city hall, and municipal buildings. We ate dinner in Mayor Oguchi's residence and had a banquet with important figures of the community, including the Shiojiri Branch of Lions Club. Visiting our Sister City was a life-changing experience that has solidified my love for Mishawaka and Shiojiri.



Moving forward I would like to see growth between Mishawaka and Shiojiri, and a larger delegation for the next trip. I hope to be able to contribute to the next trip scholarship, and make the trip myself. The Sister City relationship has been so influential both in my life, and the life of Mishawaka. I want to express my appreciation to the Mishawaka Lions Club, and every other person that has helped make this relationship possible, and to thank you all for taking the time to care

about this unique aspect of growth in our community.



(Left) During the visit to Shiojiri, Lion Jacob Crawford presented his grandfather's Lions vest to Shiojiri Mayor Oguchi.

(Right) On August 25th, Lion Jacob Crawford and MHS student Payton Krueger gave a presentation to the Mishawaka Lions Club about their trip to Shiojiri, Japan.



Submitted by Lion Becky Wertz, Mishawaka Lions Club

Peru Lions Club Distributes Dictionaries at 2 Schools

In September, members of the Peru Lions Club distributed dictionaries to 153 third-grade students at Maconaquah Elementary School, and 168 third-graders at Blair Pointe Elementary School.



(Left) Leo the Lion, aka 1VDG Ron Guth, and his granddaughter Kara Burton arrive at Blair Pointe ready to hand out dictionaries.

(Right) Leo the Lion tries to read a dictionary with retired teacher Lion Beth Guth looking on dismayed because it's upside down.

Editor's Note: Photo release on file for Kara Burton. Faces of all other children have been blurred.

Submitted by 1VDG Ron Guth, Peru Lions Club



Previews of Coming Attractions



Grass Creek Lions Club

All-You-Can-Eat

Fish & Chicken Dine-In Supper

Saturday, October 8, 2022 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Adults \$11 Children 6-12 \$6.00

Dessert included with meal

Carry-out available

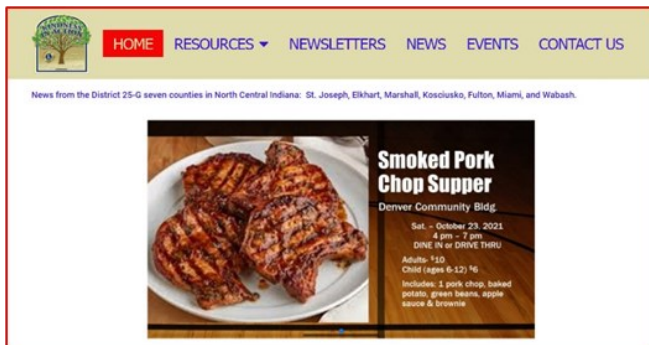
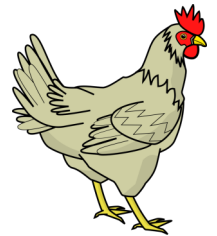
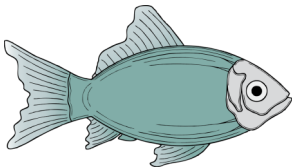
Grass Creek Fire Station

7309 S. SR 17

Grass Creek, Indiana

Dan's Frying Service

Proceeds support local & state community service & humanitarian projects



Your Event Could Be Here, on the District Website!



If you haven't seen the recently redesigned district website, be sure to take a look at <http://lions25g.com/>. In addition to a calendar that lists all known district and Indiana Lions events, you can advertise your club's fundraising event in a rotating banner. The event should be for a day or other fixed time period, not an ongoing event that has no start or end date. Simply send the What, When, Where, and other details including pricing to PDG Marty Juel. If you have artwork or a photo, be sure to send that also.



Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference

With the Power of You, Together We Can



Be sure to join us in Indianapolis for the 2023 Mid-Winter Conference — a great combination of service and learning at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport.

Please see the information and registration packet enclosed with this newsletter for details.



Save The Date!
January 20-21, 2023



Silent Auction



We are in need of items for the silent auction at the 2023 Mid-Winter Conference. If you would like to donate something, please contact either Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos at liongretchen@att.net or Lion Christine Woodward at woodward1999@sbcglobal.net. Funds raised from the silent auction will be used to offset the cost of the conference. Thank you for your willingness to help make this event a success.

Thank You Lions of District 25-G for your Support at the Indiana State Fair



The Indiana Lions Foundation with help from Lions, Lions friends, and family members staffed the two largest gates at the Indiana State Fair and worked a total of 5,532 hours for which the Foundation will receive \$56,976. This amount is 50% more than earned last year. One-third of the 240 different people who worked at the fair this year were new to working for the Foundation. **Of the 1,051 shifts worked at the State Fair, District 25-G filled 153 shifts.**

The feedback from Lions about working at the fair was very positive. They enjoyed the work, meeting new Lions from different parts of the state, and renewing their friendships with Lions they had not seen for awhile. Many plan to work more shifts next year.

Because of the Lions support, the Indiana Lions Foundation will be able to continue to support the Lions of Indiana, and the Indiana Lions Foundation State Fair Committee wishes to thank everyone who participated.

Listed below are the individuals from District 25-G who worked at the fair this year. Please let me know if anyone was left off the list.

Clay-Granger	Lakeville (continued)	Roann Covered Bridge
John Krzyzanowski	Darlene Shock	Keith Ford
Dunlap	Jim Tibbs	Pamela Ford
Amanda Fast	Lydick	Rick Morris
Marlyn Fast	Leroy Wise	Sandy Morris
Greene Twp.	Wendy Yuhasz	Somerset
Steve Eddy	Madison Twp.	Bulah "Boots" Jack
Ron Whitesel	Alan Beehler	South Bend
Lakeville	Mishawaka	Lloyd Mehaney
Lissa Newton	David Eisen	Lana Wilson
Carolyn Ort	Peru	Syracuse
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October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7 Council of Governors Meeting	8 Council of Governors Meeting
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 District Meeting
23	24 DG Visit Syracuse LC	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



November 2022

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

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District Directory Updates

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Mark Your Calendar

Oct 22, 2022 Second District Meeting
First Baptist Church, Peru

Jan 21, 2023 Indiana Lions 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 Indiana Lions State Convention
Monroe Convention Center, Bloomington

May 20, 2023 Fourth District Meeting
Vandalia Depot, Culver





Hosted by
Peru Lions Club
 First Baptist Church
 53 E. Main St. • Peru, IN
 Fellowship Hall entrance
 off Wabash Street
 (Elevator lift under awning)

Saturday

October 22, 2022

Breakfast: 9 - 9:30 am

Meeting 9:30 am - Noon

\$6⁰⁰ ea.

Continental breakfast- Assorted pastries, fruits and beverages. Please register so we'll know how many Lions to expect.

You haven't been to Circus City? Be sure to sign up and plan on attending District Governor Brian Thomas' second district meeting for 2022-23. In addition to the usual updates, learn about the mission and goals he's established for the district and meet the district's leadership team for this coming year. And, experience the great hospitality of the Peru Lions.

2nd DISTRICT MEETING RESERVATIONS

Name _____ Club _____

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Name _____ Club _____

Name _____ Club _____

Mail this reservation and your check payable to District 25-G to:

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 LaFontaine, IN 46940

October Council Meeting

Date: 10/8/2022

Time: 8:30am

Wear your favorite sports team apparel!

Make your reservation by Sept 9th
for the group rate of \$119/night.

Be sure to let them know
you are with the Lions Clubs
of Indiana!



Who is Your Favorite Sports Team? Show Us!

A prize will be given to someone in the group of
first time attendees to a Council meeting.

Wyndham Hotel North
13500 Tegler Drive
Noblesville, IN 46060
317-773-4970



Look forward to seeing everyone there! Go Team!!