



# *Lions Tales*

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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](mailto:guthron@comcast.net).

## **A Message from District Governor Ron Guth**

Greetings District G Lions and to those that are not from District G, greetings to you as well!

It's hard to believe that my year as governor is passing by so quickly and we have so much to do! With my visits to clubs, I've seen so much that we do as Lions to help our friends and neighbors and others that are not so close to home, but need our help as well. Nature has not been kind to all with more hurricanes, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and more across the seas and closer to home. Please reach into your pockets and donate what you can to LCIF so they can continue their lifesaving grants.

Speaking of grants, I'm looking for ideas on how we can best use our LCIF Community Impact Grant in our district. We used some of our funds in the northern part of the district two years ago. I am looking for needs in the central and southern part of the district, as well, so let me know where we can help.

I'm writing this article a few days before I leave with 21 other Lions for the 25-G Eyeglass Mission Trip to Uriangato, Mexico. We are blessed to have the leadership of PDG Marty Juel and his better half Lion Jeanine Juel for all they do to put this together every year! Did I mention they might have something to do with our 25-G eyeglass recycling program as well? Please be sure to ask PDG Marty if your club would like more information on the program and get ready for a great presentation to your club.

We have trustees for the five state projects and Indiana Lions Foundation that are waiting for your request to speak at your club meetings. Please give them a call! While you're at it, has your club made donations to the state projects yet?

You will find my calendar elsewhere in the newsletter, and if you have a sharp eye you may see that I have open dates for club visits. If you don't invite me on your schedule, be forewarned that I may ask to attend your club meeting on my schedule. I would much rather use

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## **A Message from District Governor Ron Guth**

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your schedule and learn more about your club's events and pass on anything I can on district and international topics.

Our #2 District Meeting is on October 21<sup>st</sup> hosted by the Madison Township Lions. Look for the flyer in this newsletter for details and let's pack the hall with district Lions who are eager to learn and share with the other clubs.

If I don't see you before, I will see you then!

DG Ron Guth

## **A Message from the Council of Governors**

### **Updates to the Hoosier Lion**

For many years, the Lions of Indiana have studied the Hoosier Lion. Multiple surveys have been conducted and various models from other states have been considered. The 2023-24 Council of Governors has voted to approve a proposal from 4th Hawk Media LLC to print three issues and publish six electronic issues during 2023-24. The electronic issues will be sent to all Lions with email addresses and the print issues will be sent to all addresses (one per address). This method reduces mailing costs and allows the publication of more information in the electronic issues. A new publisher has been selected that uses full color images. We are excited to announce these updates and look forward to your feedback. Please send articles for publication to the district newsletter editor and district PR chair, who will forward them for Hoosier Lion publication.

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## A Message From 1st Vice District Governor Warren Allender



At one of my very first leadership training sessions it was pointed out that focus was needed on membership. The Lions state projects all have governing bodies and district committee assignments. It is the responsibility of the Lions on those committees to promote their project. I agree wholeheartedly, who better to sell and explain the importance of each of the state projects than someone involved with that project. As most of you know, our state projects include Cancer Control, Vision First (Indiana Lions Eye Bank), Leader Dogs Project, Speech & Hearing Project, Indiana School for the Blind & Visually Impaired, and the Indiana Lions Foundation. There are a great deal more committees that one could/can serve on, topics such as Budget & Finance, Diabetes, Emergency Preparedness & Alert, Law Camp, LEO Clubs and the list goes on. It is my hope that all clubs in District 25-G support each of the State Projects as best they can.

Those projects are an extension of what we do, WE SERVE.

I would, however, like to share an experience I had just a couple of weeks back. The experience itself began long before that, say in July after officially becoming a 1st VD Governor. Specifically, I received an invitation from Leader Dogs for the Blind, located in Rochester Hills, Michigan to come and visit. They would pay for my transportation, lodging, and meals. Originally, I believed that the invitation was a result of my being on the Leader Dog Project here in 25-G. I must confess, I really knew & know very little about the Leader Dog Project. I do know that I love dogs and I'm an avid dog owner. It was an easy decision; I accepted the invitation and made the necessary arrangements. I later learned that the invitation went out to all 1st VDG's in the United States and Canada.

I arrived Friday evening and was immediately greeted by Leader Dog staff, signed in and encouraged to mix and mingle with the other Lions as "build your own burger" was on the menu for dinner. I was extremely pleased when I saw a fellow Lion, 1st VDG John Waymire from District 25-C. Nice to see a fellow Hoosier Lion. It was also nice to see Lions from many other places, Minnesota, Texas, Iowa, and New Mexico, to mention a few. There were about 65 of us in the group.

The following day was full, breakfast from 6:30 until the bus departed at 9:00. We toured the facility from top to bottom, inside and out. We saw puppies getting ready for their new homes with puppy raisers, and we saw Leader Dogs at work. Blindfolded, we experienced walking with a white cane, and crossing a street with a Leader Dog. We were encouraged to take pictures and ask questions. There was a lot of that. We were immersed in Leader Dogs and the enthusiasm for the project was contagious. I'm glad I'm on the Leader Dog Project for Indiana.

That's not the point however, the point is membership, right? Right, there is a lot to be learned from Leader Dogs For the Blind. If you want participation, there must be an invitation. If you want participation, there must be an explanation and indoctrination. If you want participation, there must be enthusiasm for participation. Lions' contributions to Leader Dogs for the Blind is a little over 10% of their total budget, yet they treated us like we were a 100% shareholder. It's understood that their success does not rest on their past performance but rather on their future growth. Until a seed is planted, they won't see growth. Leader Dogs for the Blind planted 65 seeds that day and they are sure to see growth along the way.

There's not a better time than right now to plant the seeds of Lionism. You are, we are, its best ambassador. We Serve, and through our service, your service, comes our growth.

## A Message From 2nd Vice District Governor Jackie Kurley



Wow! It is hard to believe that it is already the beginning of October. Autumn is upon us, and the weather is getting crisp. Fall is my second favorite time of the year, behind summer. Spring is too soggy and as I get older, winter is way too snowy. What is more amazing to me is the fact that we are already one quarter through this Lions year.

Now is the time to step back and take inventory of where we are in our goals. Things that should have been started and those that should have been completed. I will be honest, I am behind. But I have a plan to get caught up and it starts with this newsletter writing. Things to also think about in October:

- October 10th is World Mental Health Day. This is to raise awareness about the scale of suicide around the world and what we can do to raise that awareness.
- October 13th is National Train Your Brain Day. Keep that brain sharp as we get older. I still have not figured out Sudoku.
- October 16th is Dictionary Day, a Lion favorite. Have you ordered your dictionaries to give to elementary students? When you decide to hand out these books, please do not just hand the teacher a box of books. This is a perfect time to get a small group of Lions to go to the school and engage with the students, showing them how to look up words and all the fantastic different sections in these books. Our club asks students to look up the word volunteer and then have a student read aloud what it means. What a wonderful way to show young people how to help in their community.

Then, of course, there are the month's special days of Yom Kippur, National Mammography Day, and Halloween, when adults can play dress up and get away with it.

To me, October is a transitional month, one where you start to button up the house to get ready for the chilly weather, where you start to plan for those warm comfy meals, think about hayrides, an enjoyable book, and a blazing fire.

As we look forward together, make sure we are focusing on our mission.

Lion Jackie Kurley, 2nd Vice District Governor



## A Message From District Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Kim Polk



As I was thinking about what I needed to address in my October article, I reviewed the article I wrote for the September Newsletter. Then I groaned when I realized that it said that the topic for the October article would be "taxes". No one likes to talk about taxes, but it is a must. So here it goes.



Your Federal Tax filing is due by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 5<sup>th</sup> month after the organization's accounting period ends. Most, if not all, Lions Clubs' fiscal year ends on June 30 as that is the fiscal year end of Lions International. That means that the Federal Tax Filing is due November 15<sup>th</sup>. Clubs will need to complete some version of Form 990. Which form that is needed to be completed is based on the clubs gross receipts. 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. The requirements for the different forms are:

- Receipts less than or equal to \$50,000 per year – Form 990-N (e-postcard)
- Receipts more than \$50,000 but less than \$200,000 – Form 990-EZ
- Receipts more than \$200,000 – Form 990

Tax filing for the State of Indiana has changed. All clubs that filed taxes for the tax year 2021 should have received a notice from the Indiana Department of Revenue informing them that legislation had changed the frequency of Nonprofit filing to every 5 years based on your Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN). The new form is Form NP-20R.

- May 15, 2024, if your organization does not have an FEIN or your FEIN ends in 00-24.
- May 15, 2025, if your organization FEIN ends in 25 through 49.
- May 15, 2026, if your organization FEIN ends in 50 through 74.
- May 15, 2027, if your organization FEIN ends in 75 through 99.

After the date shown above, your organization must file Form NP-20R by May 15 **every fifth year**. Filing every five years will be a potential administrative challenge for your club, as officers change. I encourage your club to discuss how to keep track of this required filing, so that you aren't out of compliance.

Your club would still need to file Form IT-20NP, Indiana Nonprofit Organization unrelated Business Income Tax Return for each year in which your organization has unrelated business income of \$1,000 or more. For more information visit [www.in.gov/dor/tax-forms/nonprofit-tax-forms](http://www.in.gov/dor/tax-forms/nonprofit-tax-forms)

A list of changes for Indiana Non-profits can be found at this link: <https://www.in.gov/dor/files/nonprofit-changes.pdf>

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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## Global Leadership Team

### And the First Quarter is Now History



I think I've been watching too many television sportscasters on the late Friday night news. Or maybe it's all those other games stretching across the weekend. So I hope you'll keep reading and not think this is some sort of football tribute.

But think about it. The first quarter of our Lions year is now history. Seems like I just wished you well as you started your new Club year. Where have those three months gone? And the bigger question is: how well did you use them?

By now your Club's new officers should be comfortable in their new roles and performing their duties as you expected. Retired officers should feel more relaxed. Club members should still be energized. Projects and fundraisers should be in the works.

By now Club officers should be well started on achieving the goals they set for themselves and the Club. You did remember to set goals, didn't you? You did remember to tell your Club about these goals, didn't you? You did emphasize, just like you were reminded in the officer training sessions, that these are SMART goals for the Club?

It may be that you have had to amend a few of your goals. Maybe you have already achieved a few of them. Now what will you do for the last three quarters of the year? Let's not start coasting already. Perhaps your Club didn't like a few of your goals. Have you already discussed their opinions and come to a positive conclusion so that your Club is still progressing and not regressing?

Has your Club experienced some changing circumstances? Our Mishawaka Club had to vacate its regular meeting room in the Mishawaka Library for three months while some remodeling happens. Now we are meeting in the local VFW Post until the Library's renovations are complete. We could only take a small amount of our stored items with us since there isn't room at the VFW for all our "stuff." What a change. Plus we have several new Lions to acclimate and two new Junior Lions from Mishawaka High School. But with all these interruptions in our normal lives, we can't stop planning, meeting, and moving forward. Change isn't always easy, but we are doing it. What's your plan to manage changes in your Club?

And once again, if you need encouragement or advice, make use of your District. We have a District Governor, two Vice District Governors, and this year, all 10 Zones have a chairperson. Be sure to invite them to visit you. Go to Zone Meetings and District Meetings. Don't be afraid to ask your questions. If they can't give you an immediate answer, they will find someone who can. No question is too hard, even the "how do we get new members?" question.

We have just entered the second quarter. Let's make it better than the first. As officers, it's your job to captain the team. As Club members, it's your job to help make the rest of this year a rousing success. We are all in Lions together.

To change the subject from football allusions to something else, enough talk – let's switch horses.

PCC Dave Eisen

## Global Membership Team

### "Together we can and Together we will"



This month I am encouraged that we have gained nine new members and only dropped three members. We hope this becomes a trend, which is in the right direction.

In the last months, we have encouraged Lion members to make a special effort to have their members feel welcomed. A great club meeting might be just to hear from each other about when you started in Lions and what interesting facts you know. Then come to a District event and talk to Lions from other clubs. Every Lion I have talked to has been open and interesting and awesome. Another great way to be informed about Lions is by reviewing the Lions magazine. Also, you can check out the history of Lions on this website: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/discover-our-clubs/interactive-timeline>. Do I need to go further?

Each and every Lion is awesome and each and every Lion today was asked by a former Lion to join in serving their community. Every Lion I know is ready and willing to pitch in and help where help is needed, and that is awesome. Give yourself a pat on the back, YOU ARE AWESOME!

Our International President, Dr. Patti Hill, has challenged Lions worldwide to a four-year initiative, MISSION 1.5, which is a drive to reach 1.5 million members by the conclusion of the 2027 Lion Year. Let us begin today on this challenge in our District 25-G.

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, 11 district clubs have 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.

The following new Lions were not previously reported in the district newsletter.

### **Baugo Township Lions Club**

New Member: Lion David Schutz  
Sponsor: Lion Keith Berg  
New Member: Lion Kenneth Towne  
Sponsor: Lion Eric Ott

### **Fulton Liberty Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Kindra Craig  
Sponsor: Lion Lori Gibson  
New Member: Lion Sandra Spangler  
Sponsor: Lion Linda Wade  
New Member: Lion William Spangler  
Sponsor: Lion Linda Wade

### **Fulton Liberty Lions Club (continued)**

New Member: Lion Janet Tuley  
Sponsor: Lion Tai Walsh

### **Peru Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Michael Rogers  
Sponsor: Lion David Frushour

### **Plymouth Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Antoinette Colangelo  
Sponsor: Not listed

### **Roann Covered Bridge Lions Club**

New Member: Lion Cynthia Donovan  
Sponsor: Lion Pamela Ford

## Global Service Team



We are into our second quarter of this Lions year. Has your club completed the projects you wanted to accomplish for the past three months? Do you have your future activities in mind? A good way to work on reaching your club goals would be to set up a calendar of events for the rest of the Lions year. The club Service Activity Committee can set up a calendar with an activity for each month that the club wants to accomplish. Give a copy to every club member so they know what the club's goals are for each month. The activities should include service projects, fund raising events, advocating a cause, and Club, District, or Multiple District meetings. The calendar would help each member know what goals the club is working toward and focus on those they can help with. Be sure to get ideas from all club members as to their areas of interest and try to set up a project in that area.

We all do many service activities which are needed in our communities. Also, remember to include areas of Lions Clubs International causes when planning projects. LCI is planning to expand their global causes to match those of LCIF. The five causes of LCI have been Vision, Hunger, Environment, Diabetes, and Childhood Cancer. The addition of three more causes is planned. These are Disaster Relief, Humanitarian, and Youth. Some of these eight causes are regular projects of many clubs, while others are overlooked. We should consider working towards adding at least one project for each of these causes to our club's activities. Just think, that would fill eight months in the clubs activity calendar!

Continue with the outstanding service and kindness being done in your communities and beyond.

Lion Al Beehler, Global Service Team Coordinator

## Celebrating 315 Years of Service

District 25-G recognizes these Lions Clubs chartered during the month of October. These clubs have been serving their local communities for a total of 315 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
Peru	October 21, 1938	85
Atwood	October 6, 1954	69
Dunlap	October 19, 1955	68
Baugo Township	October 9, 1958	65
Roann Covered Bridge	October 11, 1995	28



## LCIF Coordinators Update

Since last month I still feel that we are hearing about more disasters than usual. Here is a current update of grants being awarded.

- LCIF recently awarded \$10,000 to District 50 (Maui/Lahaina) for disaster relief effort. It is possible additional funding will be awarded.
- LCIF Grants Team is reaching out to District Leadership in Hawaii this week to ask how the Emergency Grants Funds are going and if they have yet identified additional needs.
- Any donations would be put into the Disaster Fund and would be earmarked for Maui – however, additional grants awarded to Maui relief efforts is dependent on the local Lions request and capacity to manage additional relief service projects. If the local Lions do not request additional funding, the donation would remain in the General Disaster Fund. Of course, Lions can always designate donations to the Empowering Service Fund to meet the area(s) of greatest need. It is also important to note, any donation designated to Empowering Services are eligible for District/Club Community Impact Grants (DCG) qualification.
- MOROCCO EARTHQUAKE: On the morning of September 9<sup>th</sup>, LCIF awarded an additional major catastrophe grant for \$100,000. Lions of Morocco are still working to finalize plans for how to use the Major Catastrophe Funding, but they are looking at supporting infrastructure related to schools and education. Additional grant funding may be available in the future, depending on donations and Lions plans for additional efforts.
- OTHER DISASTERS: LCIF continues funding disasters around the world that do not make international news headlines. Since July 1, 2023, \$610,000 has been awarded across 21 different countries for a variety of different disasters in areas where more long-term reconstruction is happening. LCIF will work with local Lions on relief efforts for years to come.

Thank You to the clubs who have contributed to LCIF to date. Funds from 25-G for LCIF have been very slow in coming in. As of 9/25/2023, \$2065.00 has been received from 12 clubs. Our goal this year is \$32,000. As individual Lions, please consider contributing to the world by donating to our Global Foundation, with 100% of all donations going to change lives across the globe. Your donation is very much appreciated.

PDG Marlyn Fast & 2nd VDG Jackie Kurley



**Lions International**

**International President Dr. Patti Hill**

**Changing the World**

## News From Around the District

### Bourbon Lions Club Welcomes 3 New Members



At their meeting on Tuesday, September 27th, the Bourbon Lions Club welcomed 3 new members. Pictured here, left to right are Lion Jan Ulmer (sponsor) and Lion Vicky Wilcox (new member), PDG Paul Russell, Lions Sandra Shutske and Larry Shutske (new members) and Lion Michael Zvalaren (sponsor).

The club's current service projects include support for the local food bank and Potawatomi Wildlife Park, and

partnering with the Etna Green Lions Club to provide dictionaries to third-graders at Triton Elementary School.

*(Photo provided by Lion Jan Ulmer, Bourbon Lions Club)*

### Baugo Township Lions Club Welcomes New Members, Holds Fundraiser

(Right) During a recent visit to the Baugo Township Lions Club, District Governor Ron Guth inducted two new members. Pictured here (l. to r.) are DG Ron Guth, sponsor Lion Eric Ott, new member Lion Kenneth Towne, new member Lion David Schutz, and sponsor Lion Keith Berg (behind Lion David).



*(Submitted by DG Ron Guth, Peru Lions Club)*



(Left) The Baugo Township Lions Club held a fish fry fundraiser on September 15th. They sold out of 550 pounds of fish, 16 gallons of coleslaw, 28 gallons of orange drink, 24 loaves of bread, and 680 individual bags of chips. There were several tables of donated desserts.

*(Submitted by 1VDG Warren Allender, Baugo Township Lions Club)*

## News From Around the District

### Madison Township Lions Club Visited by DG Ron Guth & Lion Beth



At our September 12th meeting, DG Ron Guth and Lion Beth were in attendance. DG Ron was making his official visit to our club. His talk was well received by our members.

The Madison Township Lions Club will be holding our Fall Pork Chop Sale on October 7 at the Fire Station in Wyatt, In. The sale will run from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM or we're sold out, whichever comes first. Chops will be sold for \$7.00 each up to nine and \$6.50 each for ten chops or more. We are planning to have approximately 3000 pork chops to sell, which is about 11% more than we sold at our spring sale. We look forward to seeing everyone and serving the community with the funds we raise from this event. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for more information.

If you plan to order more than 20 chops, please contact a Madison Township Lion prior to the sale date with the number of chops wanted and the name of the person doing the pick up. We'll try to have the order ready to pick up when you arrive.

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

### New Carlisle Lions Club Welcomes 2 New Members During DG Visit

The New Carlisle Lions Club welcomed two new members during their meeting on September 11th. The new members were inducted by District Governor Ron Guth.

Pictured here (left to right) are New Carlisle Lions Club President Lion Ron Coppersmith, DG Ron Guth, Lion Denny Allen (sponsor), and new Lions Barry and Elizabeth Barnett.

*(Submitted by DG Ron Guth, Peru Lions Club)*



### Dunlap Lion Kori Fortunato Receives Double Diamond Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship



2nd VDG Jackie Kurley presented Lion Kori Fortunato with a double diamond Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship at a recent meeting of the Dunlap Lions Club. Congratulations, Lion Kori!

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



## News From Around the District

### Mishawaka Lions Club Honors Late PDG Peg VanNevel



The late Past District Governor Peg Van Nevel, who passed away from COVID three years ago, served as Mishawaka Lions Club president, club newsletter editor, district newsletter editor, District Governor and district GMT team coordinator. She is being honored by the Mishawaka Lions Club for her legacy of service with the creation of a service pin named in her honor.

The pin is intended as a once per year special award to the Mishawaka Lions Club member who contributes most to public service in the community on behalf of the Mishawaka Lions Club. The design is basically the grill and radiator cap

of a car that ran in the very first Indianapolis 500 race. The car was partially built by PDG Peg's grandfather. Her grandfather wrote his name on a slip of paper and inserted it into the engine for posterity's sake. Unfortunately, the car did not win the 500, but PDG Peg was extraordinarily proud of her grandfather's achievement, so the club decided to immortalize both of them with this pin.

*(Submitted by Lion Sheila Schafer, Mishawaka Lions Club)*

### Syracuse Lions Club Provides SchoolSight Vision Screening in Local Schools

The Syracuse Lions Club recently completed its annual SchoolSight screening of students in grades 1, 3, 5, and 8 at Syracuse Elementary and Wawasee Middle Schools. This state-mandated vision acuity screening has been provided by the Syracuse Lions since 2015, except during the pandemic of 2020, when schools were closed. On September 7, two teams comprised of 4 trained Lions screened 193 8th graders. This represented a 20 percent increase over 2022 due to the consolidation of Milford and Wawasee Middle Schools. The club also screened 15 new 6th and 7th graders. On September 13, the team screened 236 1st, 3rd and 5th graders, up slightly from 2022. With this year's screening, the Syracuse Lions have screened or assisted in screening nearly 4,500 students in the Wawasee School District since 2015.

Pictured below (center) are this year's team members Lions Karen Hartley, Tom Thornburg, Ann Haffner and Marie Butler-Knight who worked closely with Wawasee Head Nurse Sarah Bauer and Syracuse Elementary School Nurse Tisha Powell. Team leader Lion Marie Butler-Knight noted that the referral rate has continued to drop, this year from 15% to 13%. Referral rate is the percentage of screened students who do not have vision acuity of at least 20/32 in both eyes. The Lions and school nurses believe that regular screening of students is a significant factor in the steady referral decline.

*(Adapted from Syracuse Lions Club newsletter)*



## News From Around the District

### Peru Lions Club Supports Distinguished Young Women Scholarship Program



The Distinguished Young Women program is part of a national scholarship program that promotes and rewards scholastics, leadership and talent in young women. At a recent meeting, Lion Bob Cassier of the Peru Lions Club presented a \$500 check to local program representatives.

*(Submitted by DG Ron Guth, Peru Lions Club)*

### Peru Lions Club Distributes Dictionaries to 3rd Graders in Local Schools

The Peru Lions Club distributed 147 dictionaries to 3rd graders at Maconaquah Elementary School.



(Left) Maconaquah Elementary School 3rd grade teachers with Lion Beth Guth (left) and Lion Karen Magers (right).

(Below) Maconaquah Elementary School 3rd graders. All students wanted to be in the photo and this was the way to do it without permission slips.

*(Submitted by DG Ron Guth, Peru Lions Club)*





## News From Around the District

### Peru Lions Club Welcomes New Member



At a recent meeting of the Peru Lions Club, DG Ron Guth inducted a new member. Pictured here (l. to r.) are DG Ron Guth, new member Lion Mike Rodgers, and sponsor Lion Dave Frushour.

*(Submitted by DG Ron Guth, Peru Lions Club)*

### District Leadership—It's a Tough Job, But Somebody's Got To Do It

On a recent trip to Baugo Township, DG Ron Guth met with 1st VDG Warren Allender to discuss district business.

*(Submitted by DG Ron Guth, Peru Lions Club)*



## Our State Projects



**VISIONFIRST**  
Indiana Lions Eye Bank



## State Project Update

### Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Inc. Academic Scholarship Program



The disciplines of Audiology, Speech-Language Pathology, and American Sign Language/English Interpreting include trained specialists providing services in a variety of educational and healthcare settings. Each year brings new knowledge and advancements that will help individuals overcome difficulties associated with speech, hearing, and language deficits. Advances in medicine and an increasingly aging population necessitate numerous additional professionals in these fields.

Colleges and universities throughout the United States offer degrees in these fields. A degree in one of these areas requires a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree. Encouragement by Lions throughout Indiana may be a decisive factor in a career choice for an Indiana youth to select one of these professions. Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc. (ILSH) may provide scholarships of \$750.00 per student for up to four students per academic year. Students who are entering their junior year or above are eligible to apply for this scholarship. If more than four applicants per year, the scholarships will be awarded based on academic achievement. Please refer to the eligibility requirements listed on the application for further information.

*A full information sheet and scholarship application form can be downloaded from the district website at <http://lions25g.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/SH-Scholarship-application.pdf>.*

### Cancer Control Project Accepts Matching Grant Challenge



On August 4, 2023, 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 individuals and other organizations.

At their meeting on September 10, 2023, the trustees of the Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc. (CCF) voted to accept this challenge and raise at least \$100,000 for Riley Children's Foundation. With the matching grant from the Walther Cancer Foundation, this will result in a donation of at least \$200,000 for pediatric cancer research and treatment at Riley Hospital for Children.

The trustees also voted to set aside \$20,000 from CCF's current cash balance as "seed money" for this effort. We need your help to raise an additional \$80,000 in time to present a \$100,000 check to Riley Children's Foundation at the Indiana Lions State Convention in April 2024.

If you would like to learn more about the Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc., please contact one of your district's Cancer Control Fund trustees.



**Previews of Coming Attractions**



**Madison Township Lions Club  
Pork Chop Sale**



**Saturday, October 7, 2023**

**11 AM to 2 PM**

**Madison Township Fire Station**

**66341 SR 331, Wyatt, Indiana ONLY**

**Pork Chops**

**\$7.00 each**

**10 or more \$6.50 each**

**Carry Out Only**



**Grass Creek Lions Club**



**All-You-Can-Eat**

**Fish & Chicken Supper**

**Dine In or Carry Out**

**Saturday, October 14, 2023 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm**

**Adults \$12.00 Children 6-12 \$6.00**

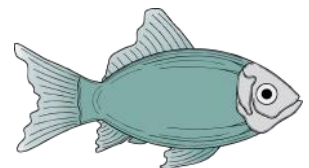
**Dessert included with meal**

**Grass Creek Fire Station**

**7309 S. SR 17**

**Grass Creek, Indiana**

**Dan's Frying Service**



**Proceeds support local & state community service & humanitarian projects**

**Previews of Coming Attractions**



**Bourbon Lions Club**



**Port-A-Pit Fundraiser**

**Wednesday, October 25, 2023 \* 11am—5pm**

**Carry-Out Only**

**1/2 chicken \$9.00 \* Pork chop \$9.00 \* Potatoes \$4.00**

**Bourbon Lions Club  
510 Maplewood Drive  
Bourbon, Indiana**

**To order tickets in advance, call Lion Peggy Zvalaren - 862-268-1399**

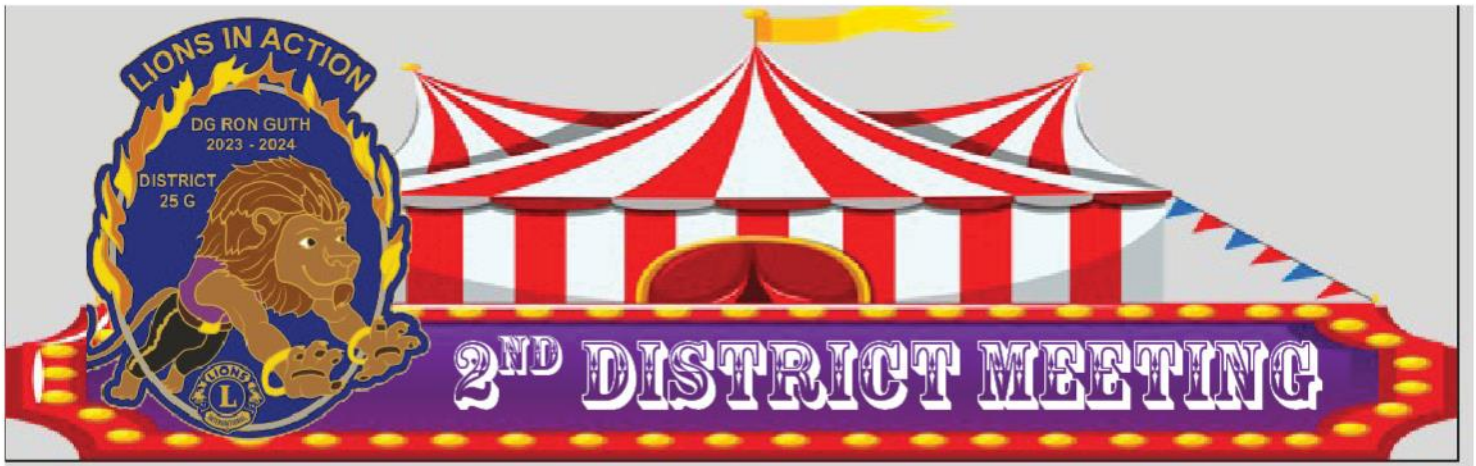
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Hosted by  
**Madison Township Lions Club**  
Madison Township  
Volunteer Fire Department  
66341 SR 331  
Bremen, IN  
(physical address is Wyatt, IN)

**Saturday**  
**October 21, 2023**  
**Breakfast: 9 - 9:30 am**  
**Meeting 9:30 am - Noon**

**\$8<sup>00</sup> ea.**

Pancakes & sausage, biscuits & gravy, fruits, coffee, and juice. Please register so we'll know how many Lions to expect.

Known for their GREAT breakfasts and OUTSTANDING fellowship, don't miss this opportunity to meet the Madison Township Lions and learn about programs in and around the district.

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

CS/CT Kim Polk  
260-571-6125 • kkpolk61@gmail.com  
5378 E 975 S  
LaFontaine, IN 46940





**ANNOUNCING  
MULTIPLE DISTRICT 25  
PDG GET-TOGETHER**

*"Doing The Best We Can"*



**November 4, 2023**

**Hampton Inn Indianapolis NW Zionsville  
6005 S Main St, Whitestown, IN 46075  
317-768-2330**

*block of 40 rooms held until October 13*

<https://group.hamptoninn.com/0soy8o>

**\$129 per night**

**Saturday at 10:30am**

**PDG Roundtable**

**"How Do We Help Indiana  
Lions More"**

**Moderator: PDG Reed Fish**

**Luncheon at 12 noon**

**Chicken, Coleslaw,  
Potato Salad**

**Cost \$10.00**

**PDG MEETING**

**Saturday at 1:30 pm**

Items for agenda – email IPDG Eric Schuman at [ejslansing@aol.com](mailto:ejslansing@aol.com)

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Send to PDG Kathy Lozier, Treasurer, 5 Hensel Ct, Carmel, IN 46033  
or email [kathylozier@icloud.com](mailto:kathylozier@icloud.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Pay for food at door ☐

Check Enclosed ☐



# Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference

## Catch the Magic of Lionism



**Opportunities for Learning**

**It's not too early to  
start planning for  
2024.  
Mark your calendar  
now for the 2024  
Mid-Winter  
Conference.**



**Opportunities for Service**



**Opportunities for Fellowship**

**Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport  
January 19-20, 2024**

# 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](mailto: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



# October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Eyeglass Mission to Mexico</b>	2	3	<b>4 DG Visit Elkhart LC</b>	5	6	<b>7 Council of Governors Meeting</b>
	<b>9 DG Visit Lydick LC</b>	10	11	<b>12 DG Visit Mishawaka LC</b>	13	14
15	16	17	<b>18 DG Visit Elkhart LC</b>	19	20	<b>21 District Meeting, Wyatt, IN</b>
22	<b>23 DG Visit Syracuse LC</b>	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



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			1	2	3	4
5	<b>6 DG Visit Milford LC</b>	<b>7 DG Visit Rochester LC</b>	8	9	10	11
<b>12 Vision First Board Meeting</b>	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	<b>20 DG Visit New Paris LC</b>	21	22	23	24	25
26	<b>27 DG Visit Middlebury LC</b>	28	29	30		



### **District Global Action Team**

#### **Global Leadership Team (GLT)**

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### **Mark Your Calendar**

Oct 21, 2023 District Meeting #2  
Madison Township Lions Club, Wyatt, Indiana  
  
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

### **District Directory Updates**

p. 30: Lion Teckla Lane (Lydick LC Secretary)  
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**International President Dr. Patti Hill**

# **BE THE CHANGE**



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