

Lions Tales

DISTRICT 25-G

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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 15 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

Greetings, Fellow Lions!

This past Saturday night, District 25-G held its annual Banner Night at Camp Mack in Milford. Nearly eighty District Lions and guests attended to honor past and present District Governors and kick off the new Lions year. Thanks to my home club, the Elkhart Lions Club, for attending and helping with the setup and Parade of Banners, to 1st VDG Ron Guth and Lion Beth along with District Treasurer Lion Kim Polk and PDG Tom for manning the registration and fund raising, to PCC David Eisen for emceeing and Tail Twisting, to Leo the Lion and handlers Doug Cripe and Lion Laura Doty for entertaining, to the music gods for allowing me to get through "Hallelujah", and special, special thanks to new member Lion Susan Arneaud for her immeasurable help and guidance during the planning process. Thanks to our out-of-District guests, the Loziers, Shorts, and Semans for making the trip to celebrate with us. Finally, thanks to all who attended to make it a memorable evening.



They say that time flies when you're having fun. if that's true, I must be having a blast. June and July flew by with preparing for the new year, the trip to Montral for the International Convention, and the first Council of Governors meeting in Merrillville, along with visits to Districts 25-A and 25-B for their Banner Nights. Now, August has sped by with the first District meeting in Elkhart, several visitations, and, of course, the just-completed Banner Night for District 25-G. The summer has gone "poof"!

I know you are all staying just as busy with club meetings, community service projects, fund raisers, and aggressive recruiting of new members. Right? If not, look at the calendar: it says September—2 months into the Lions year.

Take advantage of the team of Zone Chairpersons we have assembled this year. They can provide your club with useful information and motivation. Be sure to invite them to a club meeting, club project or fundraiser. Also, take advantage of your District Governor - I want invitations to visit all 48 clubs in the District during the year.

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A Message from District Governor Brian Thomas *(continued from page 1)*

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Lion Ethel Eib as a Cancer Control Trustee and Lion Warren Allender as a Leader Dog Trustee. We are still searching for two Zone Chairpersons and a candidate for 2nd Vice District Governor. District meetings are set for Peru on October 22nd, Leesburg on February 25th and Culver on May 20th. Please take an opportunity to attend at least one of these.

Lion Brian Thomas, District Governor

Making our lives better by making other lives better.

Thought for the Month

I've finally reached the Wonder Years.

I wonder where I parked my car.

I wonder where I left my phone, glasses and hearing aids.

I wonder why I'm in this room.

I wonder what day it is and where i'm supposed to be.

A Message From 1st Vice District Governor Ron Guth



Greetings Lions of District 25-G!

Last month I told you it had been a busy four weeks prior to my message. Well, I was mistaken - it has definitely gotten busier! I made four trips to the Indiana State Fair to work in the ticket booths, and even convinced two of my club members to go along and work with me to support the Indiana Lions Foundation (more on this later). I made two visits to nursing homes with another Lion to welcome patients into our "Cheer Club". I attended the first District Meeting at the Elkhart Lions clubhouse. Next, came two meetings of our Peru Lions Club, and I worked one of our club projects unloading the truck for the "Backpack" food program for pre-school and kindergarten students. The next day, I helped our club screen 135 first-grade students at one of our elementary schools. Then it was up to the Detroit metro area that afternoon to visit the Leader Dog campus as part of the 1st VDG Summer Visit program. We arrived back home Saturday for a quick change to drive back north for DG Brian's Banner Night celebration. Would I change any anything? Absolutely not! This is what Lions do. We serve to help with specific projects. We serve to help members of our community. We attend meetings for fellowship and to learn how we can help others. We serve our children to be nourished at home during the weekends, and to help the school nursing staff identify those children who need vision care. Banner Night is an Indiana tradition to transfer the District Governor's banner, and fellow Lions enjoyed great fellowship, hearing about accomplishments, and basking in the glow of knowing "We Serve".

Fellow Lions, mark your calendars now for next August. The Indiana State Fair will run from August 2nd to August 27th, every day except Mondays and Tuesdays. This a major fundraiser for the Indiana Lions Foundation and they need our help to fill the hundreds of slots for ticket sellers, scanners, monitors, etc. Why not? It's fun and you meet great Lions from all over the great state of Indiana.

Please join me in service to our friends and neighbors and yes, I would like someone to step up as 2nd VDG to share our goals!

Lion Ron Guth, 1st Vice District Governor



During his visit to the Leader Dog campus in Rochester, Michigan, Lion Ron was blindfolded and attempted to navigate a flat floor with tables and chairs with the aid of a Leader Dog.

A Message From Cabinet Secretary PDG Marty Juel



Club Contributions: Blueprint for Proper Credit

Donations to LCIF, Indiana Lions Foundation, state projects, and state and district committees

In order for your club to receive proper credit for supporting our Indiana Lions state projects and state committees it is IMPORTANT that the following procedures be followed when making donation payments.

- Send ALL state project and committee donations to: CT Kim Polk, 5378 E 975 S, LaFontaine, IN 46940.
- Write one check payable to District 25-G for the combination of all state project and committee donations and include a list of the entities you are supporting with the dollar amount for each. Example: Check is written for \$700. The included list (for this example) might read: \$100 for Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, \$100 for Indiana Vision First Eye Bank, \$100 for Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, \$100 for Indiana Lions for Leader Dog, \$100 for Indiana Lions Cancer Control, \$100 for Indiana Lions Foundation, \$50 for Indiana Lions Law Camp, and \$50 for Diabetes.

CT Kim will record your donations, deposit your check, and mail checks to each of our state projects, Indiana Lions Foundation, and State Comptroller Lion Robert Yunker (for state committee donations). Her submissions will show the dollar amount your club is donating along with the name and address of the Lion in your club to receive acknowledgement. If you wish your club's donations to remain in the district for such committees as Diabetes, Kidsight, SchoolSight, or Law Camp please specify that with your submittal. If these procedures are followed, the district will have an accurate record of what clubs are giving to our state projects and state and district committees.

LCIF donations toward Melvin Jones Fellowships: If a Lion or club is making a donation to LCIF toward a MJF it should be mailed directly to LCIF with the form downloadable from www.lcif.org. Click on "Support Your Foundation" then "How To Give" then "Ways to Give." Continue to scroll down and click on "Melvin Jones Fellowship Application Form" under "Donating by Check". Save and print the form and submit it with your check, even if the recipient will be named later. This will ensure that LCIF has an accurate record of donations toward Melvin Jones Fellowships.

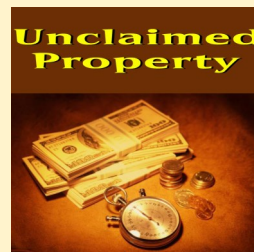
W. P. Woods Fellowships should be ordered directly from the Indiana Lions Foundation using the form available on the Indiana Lions Foundation website at <http://IndianaLionsFoundationMD25.org/>.

Richard T. Miyamoto Fellowships should be ordered directly from the Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing project. Ask one of our Speech and Hearing trustees for a Miyamoto Fellowship Application form. Contact information for the trustees is located in your club's copy of the District 25-G Directory.

If you have any questions, please e-mail me at marty@martyjuel.com, or call 574-322-1660.

The Unclaimed Property Division of the Indiana Attorney General's Office may be holding a small BMV settlement or other unclaimed property for your Lions Club. To find out, go to the website at <https://www.indianaunclaimed.gov/>, enter your Lions Club name in the field labelled "Last or Business Name", then scroll down and click the "Search" button.

Submitted by Lion Scott Fox, North Webster Lions Club



Global Leadership Team

Who's Got Try?



In the weeks since one of our Clydesdales, Connor, died, I've read and reread an essay by Baxter Black called "A Good Horse." It was first published in the "Western Horseman" magazine in June, 2005, but it is as valid today as it was 17 years ago. In the essay, he writes about the death of an aging horse he owned, one not known for its beauty or size, but for its being ever willing to try and keep on trying whatever it was asked to do, a trait he greatly admired. This

article, however, is not intended to be a tribute to our late Connor, whom I would characterize as having no *Try* whatsoever.

But the article reminds me of certain District 25-G Lions who have *Try*. Lions who willingly respond whenever asked to do something, even if it is out of their comfort zone. Lions who have embraced the concept of "We Serve." Lions who want to make a difference. Lions with ideas and the nerve to try them.

Every Club has Lions with *Try*. We know who they are. They are the Lions on the committees, who participate in all the activities and fundraisers, and for whom the Club is important. They are the members for which just meeting, eating, and talking are not enough.

Having Lions with *Try* puts a special responsibility on Club leaders. Instead of stifling these Lions, which so often happens, leaders need to offer these members the chance to show their *Try*. These members should be encouraged, supported, and acknowledged. This may also mean that members with *Try* might work their Clubs out of their present comfort zones, into activities the Club might not otherwise have explored or adopted.

It's also highly possible that by allowing Lions with try to be successful, the Club may discover that there are other dynamic Lions in their midst, Lions who may have been beaten down by years of "We've never done it that way" or "We tried it once in 1993 and it didn't work". Maybe we even lost those members. Who knows how much our communities might have benefitted if we had allowed everyone with *Try* to try?

This essay isn't intended to be a plea for younger, perhaps more energetic members. It's a plea for openness, to give all members, whether young or experienced, the chance to express themselves with a reasonable hope that the Club will support their efforts. Members with *Try* might lead the Club in ways the Club had never expected, but Club members and the community might be delighted at the results.

Good horses have *Try*. Good Lions have *Try*. Good riders covet horses with *Try*. Good Clubs covet members with *Try*. Keep looking for those members with *Try*. Let them try. And ...

Let's all try.

PCC Dave Eisen, Global Leadership Team

Global Service Team



To all the Great Lions of our District:

I look forward to seeing all the great service projects, fund raising events, and activities being done by clubs throughout our Great District. In case you were wondering, the 'G' in 25-G does stand for Great. So, let's all continue doing the work of Lions as we have in the past to serve those who are looking for a better life.

All clubs and Lions should be interacting with their community leaders to find new ways to serve. It's important that we look for new ways to serve along with continuing the good work we have been doing. As the saying goes: Where there is a need there is a Lion. Finding new ways to serve just may be in a prospective member's wheelhouse - encourage them to join.

As your District GST, I'm always here to help in any way I can. I want to personally thank all of the Lions and clubs for being involved in your communities betterment. As I said earlier, keep up the great work.

Lion Al Beehler, Global Service Team

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 second photo.

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



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



From July 2021 through June 2022, Lions and Leos served

495 MILLION PEOPLE

in communities around the world.



News From Around the District

Awards presented at District Meeting

Two District 25-G Lions received recognition at the district meeting on August 6 hosted by the Elkhart Lions Club. Lion John Krzyzanowski of the Clay-Granger Lions Club was presented a Certificate of Appreciation from the Global Action Team. It was presented by PDG Charlie Short who, as the Global Membership Team chair for MD-25 (Indiana), serves on the Global Action Team (GAT) for Indiana. The certificate noted Lion John's passion to serve the community and the world, exemplifying the Lions Clubs International motto, "We Serve". It was signed by PIP Douglas X. Alexander and Kajit Habanananda, PIP and Global Action Team Chairperson. Lion John is serving as the District 25-G Eyeglass Recycling chair and for many years led the district's eyeglass missions to Mexico.



PDG Marty Juel of the Elkhart Lions, serving as cabinet secretary, received the GAT's Chairperson's Medal, the highest award from the GAT team, also from PIP Douglas X. Alexander and Kajit Habanananda, PIP and Global Action Team Chairperson. He was cited for his involvement in numerous capacities, including his work leading the eyeglass mission program, the eyeglass recycling efforts at the district's eyeglass processing center, and numerous leadership programs given in the district and MD-25. PDG Charlie Short, in making the presentation, noted that there are only about 500 such recipients of this medal worldwide.

The Global Action Team is a vast network of dedicated Lions focused on helping districts achieve their goal. Serving as a bridge between Lions Clubs International and members around the world, the GAT helps foster positive membership growth in clubs, increase Lions visibility in the community through impactful service, and build strong, innovative leaders.

Submitted by PDG Marty Juel, Elkhart Lions Club

Dunlap Lions Club Welcomes New Member; Plays Bingo to Support Susanna's Kitchen



(Left) Lion Jay Michael (right) is the newest member of the Dunlap Lions Club. He is pictured here with his sponsor, Lion John McClure (left).

(Right & below) At a recent club meeting, Dunlap Lions Club members played Bingo. The price of admission to the game was a donation of a non-perishable food item for Susanna's Kitchen, a local non-profit that feeds the hungry.

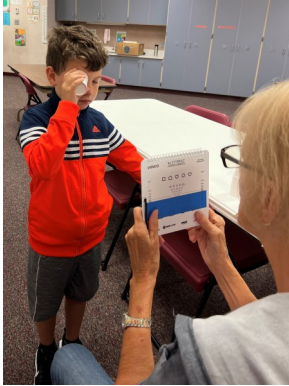
Submitted by Lion Kori Fortunato & Lion Jackie Kurley, Dunlap Lions Club



News From Around the District

Peru Lions Club Provides Vision Screening for Students at Pipe Creek Elementary School

Members of the Peru Lions Club provided state-mandated vision screening for 135 first-grade students at Pipe Creek Elementary School in southern Miami County on Thursday, August 25th. The club will screen third-grade and fifth-grade students in Peru in September.



(Left) First-grade student Gabe Evans reading the near vision testing chart held by Lion MK Frushour.

(Right) First-grade student Gabe Evans reading the distance acuity screening chart. Lion Susan Landgrave, in the background, controlled student entry and gave each student a "Lions" pencil.

Editor's note: Signed photo release on file.



Submitted by 1VDG Lion Ron Guth, Peru Lions Club

LaFontaine Lions Serve

The LaFontaine Lions Club August Breakfast raised funds to support the LaFontaine Learning Center's Playground project. Indiana Lions Council Chair Scott Smith attended the breakfast.



CC Scott Smith (right) with LaFontaine Lion President Stephan Polk (left).

Submitted by: Lion Kim Polk, LaFontaine Lions Club



Families are a huge part of the LaFontaine Lions Club. New member Lion Stacey Turner and her husband, Joe serve breakfast along side long-time member, Lion Jerry Wilson.



Lion Kyra Polk shown with her daughter, 5 month old Matilyn. Lion Stephan and Kyra are starting early to teach their daughter the value of serving your community.

News From Around the District

Fountain Recognizing Lion Luella Karay Reinstalled in Elkhart Park



Several years ago, when the Elkhart Community Lions were still functioning, the club decided it wanted to do something for the City of Elkhart. The club approached the City of Elkhart and learned that the Parks Department wanted to put a drinking fountain in downtown Elkhart's Central Park, located on Main Street. The club adopted the project and began saving funds for its purchase.

In 2009, one of the club's founding members and a stalwart of the community, Lion Luella Karay, passed away. For all the work she had done to get the club organized and being an active member of the community, the members decided to dedicate the fountain in her memory. In September 2011, a dedication ceremony was well-attended by Lions from several neighboring clubs as well as the community at large.

A few years ago, the Elkhart Parks Department made plans to do an extensive makeover of Central Park, and because of the work involved, the fountain was removed and placed in storage. The makeover of the park was completed, but the fountain was not reinstalled. Lions from the former Elkhart Community Lions Club (disbanded in 2015) questioned what happened to the fountain, and after some questions, it was located. The fountain has been reinstalled and is again functioning.

The photo (above) shows the fountain near the northwest side of the block. The inset in the lower right corner of the photo shows the dedication plaque that was affixed to the fountain.

Submitted by PDG Marty Juel, Elkhart Lions Club

Lakeville Lions Club Inducts Two New Members at Annual Picnic After the 4-H Fair

The Lakeville Lions Club held its August dinner meeting in Lion President Larry Ort's barn. This was their traditional picnic after the St. Joseph County 4-H Fair, with hamburgers and hot dogs from the club's food booth at the fairgrounds. Two new members, Lion Ethan Horner (left) and Lion Theresa Sears (right) were inducted. Lion Theresa joined the club several months ago but had not yet been formally inducted. As a boy, Lion Ethan was a member of the Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop sponsored by the Lions Club, and is an Eagle Scout. The new member induction ceremony was performed by Past District Governor Paul Russell (center), a member of the Lakeville Lions Club.



Photo by Lion Diane Fischer, Lakeville Lions Club



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

Madison Township Lions Club News



Lion Greg Hunsberger presented the scholarship check to Caroline Bickel.

At their meeting on Tuesday, August 9th, the Madison Township Lions Club presented a \$500 scholarship to Caroline Bickel, a Bremen High School graduate who will attend Purdue University.

Todd Zeltwanger, Director of Fund Development for Cultivate Food Rescue was the guest speaker at the meeting. Cultivate Food Rescue provides frozen meals to food-insecure children so they will have meals over a weekend. They are planning to serve 1,200 students each week during the 2022-2023 school year. In addition to providing meals for students, Cultivate Food Rescue supplies food to over 100 food pantries in St. Joseph County, Elkhart County, and Marshall County through their Cultivate Food Cares Network. Cultivate Food Rescue was a buyer at the livestock auction at the



Todd Zeltwanger with Cultivate Food Rescue was the guest speaker.

St. Joseph County 4-H Fair and purchased 119 animals.

Mr. Zeltwanger thanked the club for the donations and volunteer help the club has provided.

The club's next pork chop sale will be held on Saturday, October 1st. See the flyer in this newsletter for additional information.



Several members of the Madison Township Lions Club visited the Door Village Lions Club, near LaPorte, in District 25-A. The meeting was a picnic in a park and included a memorial service for a past member of the club.

Submitted by Lion Al Beehler, Madison Township Lions Club

Call him 'Mr. Tomato'



Dunlap Lions Club member Bruce Wells has been gardening for 40 years. He started with 12 tomato plants and currently has approximately 100 plants in two plots and a small area in his backyard. Neighbors help with mulching, cultivating and some planting. He eagerly shares his tomatoes with friends and neighbors, and frequently takes tomatoes to Suzanna's Kitchen and Church Community Services in Elkhart. Bruce said, "That's the fun of gardening—sharing".

Lion Bruce and his wife, Lion Judy, are the backbone of the KidSight and SchoolSight vision screening team in Elkhart County. Lion Bruce made special adjustable stands to hold the visual acuity charts used in vision screening programs. And if that's not enough work, Lion Bruce also helps make, install, and sometimes remove wheelchair ramps.

Anyone for a BLT?

Submitted by PDG Marty Juel, Elkhart Lions Club

Banner Night—Indiana's Unique Celebration of Lionism



Nearly eighty Lions and guests representing 13 district clubs gathered at Camp Alexander Mack in Milford on Saturday, August 27th for the District 25-G Banner Night celebration. Out-of-district guests included PID Doug Lozier and PDG Kathy Lozier from the Carmel Lions Club in District 25-D, PCC Mitch Semans and Lion Wendy Semans from the Hamlet Lions Club in District 25-A, and PDG Charlie Short and PDG Pat Short from the Lafayette Lions Club in District 25-C.



(Left) Past Council Chair David Eisen served as the Master of Ceremonies and Tail Twister.

(Center) District Governor Brian Thomas inducted his Partner in Service, Susan Arneaud, into the Elkhart Lions Club.

(Right) Doug Cripe and Lion Laura Doty educated Leo the Lion about Lions Clubs.



(Left) District Governor Brian Thomas introduced cabinet members and out-of-district guests.

(Center left) Dunlap Lions Club President Lion Steve Weld transferred the District Governor's Home Club banner to Elkhart Lions Club President Lion Cliff Yehle.

(Center right) Immediate Past District Governor Marlyn Fast reviewed the highlights of the past year.

(Right) Attendees played "Heads or Tails" with District Governor Brian Thomas.

Photos by PDG Marty Juel & PDG Pat Short

District 25-G Lions at the Indiana State Fair



A quiz for used eyeglass collection projects



Is your club collecting used eyeglasses for the District 25-G recycling program? If so, take this quiz.

Which of the following items does the District 25-G eyeglass recycling program want?

- A) Eyeglass cases.
- B) Broken eyeglasses.
- C) Loose lenses, without frames.
- D) Eyeglasses with only one lens or with no lenses.
- E) Eyeglasses with badly scratched or cracked lenses.

The answers may surprise you. The ONLY items the District does not want are items A and C. Used eyeglass cases are usually extremely dirty and cannot be adequately cleaned for reuse. Further, when we package glasses for shipment to Mexico, we put glasses in plastic envelopes and put 50 pairs in a box. If we tried to include cases, we might only get 15-20 pairs in a box, requiring up to 3 times the number of boxes to ship. We currently ship approximately 13,000 pairs of glasses in about 32 large boxes (400 pair in each shipping carton). Increasing this would be cost prohibitive. Item C, loose lenses, have no value to us. We have no way to put lenses in frames and to try to match a lens with a frame is nearly impossible, unless we use a lot of duct tape!

Yes, we use broken eyeglasses, eyeglasses with only one lens or no lenses, and eyeglasses with badly scratched or cracked lenses. We send all scrap metal for recycling. This is the project's only regular income stream that pays for the project's many expenses throughout the year. So while we don't take them on our mission trips, they play an important part in keeping our program solvent. If you have any additional questions or would like a program for your club that explains the entire used eyeglass recycling project, contact PDG Marty Juel, 574-534-8868, or marty@martyjuel.com.

Submitted by PDG Marty Juel, Elkhart Lions Club

Random Thoughts From A Random Mind

Seal The Deal With A Test Drive

by PDG Paul Russell

A few years ago, my wife and I decided it was time to replace an aging minivan. We did some research online, then visited a nearby dealership. The salesman who came out to meet us engaged us in conversation about our needs, and identified a vehicle he thought might meet our needs. But he didn't just tell us about the features, he encouraged us to get in and take a test drive, because he knows the hands-on experience of a test drive is his best sales tool. Later, as I thought about our experience at the auto dealership, I realized it was applicable to our efforts to recruit new members for our Lions Clubs.

In many cases, our individual recruiting efforts take the form of a simple question: "Would you like to come to a Lions Club meeting?" or "Would you like to join our Lions Club?". The answer to these questions is often "No", and after we've been rejected a few times, we get discouraged and quit asking.

Perhaps we should rethink our approach. Instead of simply asking someone to come to a meeting or join our club, perhaps we should invite them to participate in one of our community service projects, particularly when they have skills we need to complete that project. Ask an educator or librarian to help with a literacy project. Ask an eye care professional to help with a vision-related project. Ask a person who enjoys woodworking to help build a ramp for someone with mobility challenges. In essence, identify our prospect's interests, match those interests with the "features" of one of our community service projects, then offer our prospect a "test drive".

Hands-on experience with Lions community service is our best sales tool, so let's take a lesson from that salesman at the auto dealership and seal the deal with a test drive.

Indiana Lions Vision Services Adds Providers

The Lions of Indiana and National Vision Corporation, owner of the *America's Best* and *Eyeglass World* brands, are partnering to help increase the supply of eye exams and glasses to Lions-referred patients. This will help increase treatment options available to low-income children and adults screened by Lions vision screening programs.

Under this agreement, all twenty-seven *America's Best* and *Eyeglass World* stores located in Indiana will provide three to five appointments per week per store. Patients are referred from area Lions clubs through their district Vision Services chairs to the closest available National Vision location. There is only one *America's Best* location in District 25-G: 1725 East University Drive, Granger. There are no *Eyeglass World* locations in District 25-G; the nearest one is in District 25-B at 333 East Coliseum Boulevard, Fort Wayne.

Qualifying patients will meet Lions qualification of 200% of household federal poverty line, be at risk for loss of work, are enrolled as a student, or have significant personal safety risk due to uncorrected vision.

Patients will be accepted on a first-come, first served basis. Club referral to the eye care stores will be coordinated by the Lions district Vision Services chair. There will be no charge to patients for provided exams or glasses provided under the agreement.

Indiana Lions Clubs provide pre-school and school-age vision screening programs in cooperation with local school health professionals, pre-school administration, and Head Start programs statewide. Since the inception of these programs in 2008, Indiana Lions have screened more than 1.3 million children.

For more information, contact the District 25-G Vision Services chair, Lion Judy Wells at bew67jaw@aol.com or (574) 333-4099, or the MD-25 Vision Services chair, PDG Charles Roth at lioncroth@comcast.net or (765) 563-3204.

Submitted by PDG Marty Juel, Elkhart Lions Club

Thank You for Your Support of the Indiana Lions Foundation



On behalf of the Indiana Lions Foundation State Fair Committee, I want to say "Thank you" to all who worked at the Indiana State Fair. Due to changes in staffing requirements, we had more positions to fill than in any previous year. As a result, we started the fair with many unfilled positions, but in typical fashion, the great Lions of Indiana stepped up. Thanks to your support, the Indiana Lions Foundation will be able to continue to support clubs and districts as they serve their communities.

We saw many new faces this year and I enjoyed meeting each of you, as well as greeting old friends who worked in prior years. I hope all of you had as much fun as I did.

Over the next few weeks, I will compile the statistics about individuals who worked from each district and club, and will share that information, but for now please accept my heartfelt "Thank you".

Lion Rose Russell, Trustee
Indiana Lions Foundation

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.

Madison Township Lions Club



Pork Chop Sale

Saturday, October 1, 2022

**11 am to 2 pm
or until sold out**



**Madison Township Fire Station
66341 SR 331, Wyatt, Indiana
(One location only)**

Estimated price is \$7-8 per chop

Carry-Out Only

Advertise Your Club's Fundraiser or Community Event In This Space

***** 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.**

Where There's a Need, There's a Lion





September 2022

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



October 2022

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

Global Leadership Team (GLT)

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District Directory Update

1VDG Ron Guth and Lion Beth have cancelled their home phone service. You can still reach them on their cell phones or by email.

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Mark Your Calendar

Sep 15-17, USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

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

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 5378 E 975 S
 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!!