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

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

A Message from District Governor Ron Guth

Welcome to September and cooler weather (I hope).

It's a struggle to keep up with our changing environment these days. It is normally moderate, July was dry and the normal brown lawns of August were instead lush green with ample rains. The same can be said of how our everyday lifestyle can change from year to year.

Back when Lions started over 100 years ago, the family picture was very different. The man went off to work to support his family. His wife stayed home to nurture the youngest children and see the older ones off to school. Everyone was back in the early evening to spend time together as a family enjoying the meal prepared at home and helping the kids with homework. A weekend was spent together with maybe a visit to the picture show or time at the local park. Time was spent with neighbors and friends and maybe reading the newspaper to learn about what was happening in the area.

Today? In many cases husband and wife both have to work to support the family. The kids are at daycare or school. The family gets together much less, since the kids are off to various sports or immersed in video games. The parents spend much of their after-work time running shuttle service for the kids and trying to find time to fit in a meal, which more often than not is eaten out or brought home for the late arrivals. It's harder to find time to dedicate to neighbors and friends and most of their news is on Facebook.

What does this mean? We have to try and understand the difficulties in attracting new members to Lions. They are not going to show up at a meeting or call asking if they can join the Lions! Of course, we will lose members due to deaths, moving away, loss of job income etc. We should not be losing members because they are unhappy with the club due to lack of activity or worse because they are asked to do too much.

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A Message from District Governor Ron Guth

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I've been told by numerous clubs they are too low on members and nobody wants to join Lions anymore! Really? How many times have you made an effort to recruit new members and not just advertise a new member meeting and nobody shows up? How did you advertise your meeting? Was it in the newspaper that few people read anymore? Have you talked to those new empty nesters who just sent the kids off to college and now have more time for other things? Maybe they are too young for your club, since they are in their 30's or 40's! When you partnered with another group for service or fundraising did you ask them to join the Lions? How about the grandparent Lions who are at the soccer match with all the other grandparents or parents, have you asked them to join Lions? It's easy to say no when asking someone if they will join, but sometime it will be a Yes, why not.

The LCI website has information to help clubs recruit members. Can't find it? Ask your zone chair to help you or ask that stronger club near you who seem to always have more members. Don't ask a prospective member to come to a meeting, instead ask them to help on the service project that leaves you both feeling good for helping others in need, then JUST ASK. Speaking of meetings, if those young projects are too busy to attend that's ok, they don't have to. Maybe you need a reason for your fellow Lions to want to attend the meeting. Take a look at your own meetings and how your club could make them more interesting to attend. Just be "Lions in Action"

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.

Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.... You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love. -- Martin Luther King, Jr.

A Message From 1st Vice District Governor Warren Allender



I'm going to start out this month right here at home and recognize my home club, Baugo Township Lions, for their great service during the Osceola Music Festival. The festival is a 3-day event, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Our "Service" was a fundraiser where we provided delicious country brats served with grilled onions and an ear of steamed sweet corn dripping with butter. I'm talking delicious. I know, you only have two hands, and you need one of our ice-cold drinks to wash it all down. It was crazy fun to watch how people managed that, and they did manage it just fine. Way to go Lions! You SERVED.

I made a couple of observations during the festival and would like to share them here, as well. First, this is, as I said earlier, my home club, and I'm extremely proud to be part of that group. We're not perfect, and we are not all of the same opinion, yet we can all come together and focus on our mission, as Lions, to serve our community. In this case our service was fundraising. Without a solid financial foundation not much gets accomplished. That said, I would encourage all my fellow Lions to look in the mirror and be proud of who you are as an individual Lion and be proud of "Your Lions Club" as a group. You serve your community and in a broader sense we serve Lions International. You are, we are, the face of Lionism, a leader and pillar of our community.

My second observation focuses on the unsung heroes that make these events a success. Each "service project or project" has them. They are the ones who do the organizing months, weeks, days, hours before, during and after the event. They are the ones who get the permits, order the supplies, set up work schedules and recruit workers. They are like a clean house. When it's clean no one notices or mentions it, but when it's a mess, you're going to hear about it. Be it fact, or fiction, it is an opinion. Lions, you know, do have opinions on how things are going or should be going or have gone. So, my hats off to you Lions who step up and are a committee chairperson on whatever your service project or event is. You have the heart of a Lion, with broad shoulders, perked ears and piercing black eyes, willing to listen, accept criticism, and make improvements. In our case, I commend our President, Lion Eric Ott, for taking time at our regular meeting and recognizing many leading Lion members who were those behind-the-scenes Lions who made it all happen.

My last observation has to do with a cost-analysis of our activity. It was reported that our net profit from the three-day activity will be a little over \$2000.00. So not quite \$1000.00 a day (Friday & Sunday are half days). And as opinions go, some have lamented about the number of man hours involved in generating that income. I say don't do the math. If you simply rely on numbers you're not working with the heart of a Lion. Our past President, Lion Shawn Cartwright, always started our meetings off with, "Ok Lions. What do we do!!!" and the resounding response was "WE SERVE". Your time is valuable, there is no doubt about that. The community you serve, we serve, is also valuable. It is the community that supports the Lions. The same people Lions serve are the ones who come for the corn and sausage, the same people who come to the fish fry, and the same people who come for the pancake breakfasts. They are the ones with babies in strollers, youngsters running wild, and old folks wishing they were young again. When I work a service project, it is those smiling, laughing, and crazy acting kids that make it all worthwhile. Priceless.

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

A Message From 2nd Vice District Governor Jackie Kurley



Summer is winding down and September is upon us. Most students have already started back to school and families are getting back into a routine. We, as Lions, should be getting into our routine of service, as well. Some clubs take the summer off or just have one meeting per month during the summer. But now we should be roaring to ramp up our service activities.

Clubs that do KidSight and SchoolSight are already filling their schedule dates to assess the students. If you have not participated in a KidSight or SchoolSight program, you are missing out on a lot of fun doing this service. KidSight is where we test the preschoolers for eye issues with a camera. SchoolSight is where we test visual acuity for first, third, fifth, and eighth graders where needed. The students are adorable and interesting all at the same time. Just ask Lion Jack Goodman about the "Do the Hokey Pokey" incident! The nurses are so appreciative that we can get done in a few hours what could take them weeks to accomplish.

Other opportunities could be helping your school with their sporting activities. Maybe work the concession stand for those parents that must put in their time at the stand, so they can enjoy watching their child play football or other fall school sports. Another option could be to organize a road cleanup. It only takes a few people to walk down the road with a trash bag and collect garbage to make it a cleaner place to live. Or, what about a reading class? Imagine how the kids would feel to have a Lion come to their reading class. Remember, you can ask anyone to help with most service projects. A service project is the best way to get somebody in the community to see us "Lions in Action".

Lions International has "Service Project Planners" if you need ideas on something new to try with your club. These planners are a collection of tools designed for clubs that want to start engaging in our global causes. There are diabetes, vision, hunger, environment, and childhood cancer planners available. They walk you through the process of how to complete a project of your interest.

Service projects...have you tried something new for your club? Have you asked a newer member what project they would like to see done by your club? We get great new innovative ideas from our younger and newer members. They are ambitious and feel that they are unstoppable. Use that zeal to re-energize your club.

There is a seventeen plus page handout of service projects available if you just can't think of anything new to do in your club. Contact me at kurmon@comcast.net if you would like a copy of the service suggestions. And remember to make sure you document that service.

Let's "Change the World" one service project at a time, by exhibiting our "Lions in Action"!



A Message From Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Kim Polk



As I write this, the District is getting prepared for the District Banner Night. As I understand, our Multiple-District is one of the few, if not the only, that holds a Banner Night, where the District Banner is passed from the outgoing District Governor's Club to the Incoming District



Governor's Club. The passing of a banner is a symbol of continuity and a way of honoring past accomplishments. We have a heritage of serving our communities and our world since 1917. But Banner Night also embraces the future and changes that are to come, as we move forward, embracing new ideas, new programs and opportunities. As a Greek philosopher observed – Change is the only constant. Change can be feared or change can be embraced – you have to decide.

Some Items to Consider:

- Administrative vs Activities (Program) Funds: In follow up from last month's article, I received questions about Administrative vs Activities (Program) Funds. LCI has two documents that a club will find useful.
 - Funds Use Policy: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/v2/resource/download/79864290%20>
 - Funds Use Policy Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/v2/resource/download/79864289%20>
- The Unclaimed Property Division of the Indiana Attorney General's Office may be holding a small BMW 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. As of 8/15/23 when I checked there were 9 district clubs listed. Take a moment to check to see if your club is listed so your club can make use of those funds to benefit your community.
- Indiana form ST-105 for non-profit sales tax exemptions will no longer be valid as of January 1, 2024. Your club will need to request Form NP-1 (Indiana Nonprofit Sales Tax Exemption Certificate) from INTIME for each vendor that you use. You will first need to submit form NP-20A to get access the request link. To file the NP-20A and for more information go to: <https://www.in.gov/dor/tax-forms/nonprofit-tax-forms/>
- If your club files a Business Entity Report, the filing requirement is every two years in the month your club was registered with the State of Indiana.
- Look for my article next month regarding the changes in Form NP-20 (Non-Profit Tax Return)
- A list of changes for Indiana Non-profits can be found at this link: <https://www.in.gov/dor/files/nonprofit-changes.pdf>

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Global Leadership Team

Once and Again: The Club's Immediate Past President



July 1st is the big day each year when your Club's new President takes over and the former President becomes the Immediate Past President. It seems a shame that the one person in the Club, not counting the Secretary, who knows what is going on in the Club seemingly gets relegated to the role of "has been". The same can be said of District Governors, but that's another story.

In the Standard Club Constitution, revised July 11, 2023, Lions International lists the Immediate Past President as a Club officer and member of the Club's Board of Directors. The job description reads: "They and the other Past Presidents shall serve as mentors to the Club President and Vice Presidents and serve as the Club's LCIF Coordinator unless another Lion has been appointed to this position." This definition shows that Lions International is trying to position the Immediate Past President in a continuing useful position within the Club and avoid the "has been" concept.

Unfortunately, some new Club Presidents may think of the Immediate Past President as a "know it all" meddler, a person still trying to run the Club. And some Immediate Past Presidents might be prone to the "when I was President, we..." syndrome, while other Immediate Past Presidents might be content to fade into the woodwork, content to let others handle the work now. So how can the Club President and Immediate Past President coexist to benefit both offices and their Club?

The Standard Club Constitution role for the Immediate Past President makes great sense if both parties agree that they want the best for their Club and stick to honoring the role of "mentor." According to my dictionary, mentor means "a wise and trusted counselor or leader." Both parties need to acknowledge that the other may have different goals for the Club in the new year. Obviously both parties need to retain positive attitudes toward each other. Neither party should thrust themselves onto the other or publicly demand that "their way" is the only way for Club success. Admittedly, this may be a tough pill to swallow for Immediate Past Presidents who served as Presidents for multiple consecutive years and have gotten used to calling the Club "my Club," but swallow they must.

Think of the positives from a good President/Immediate Past President relationship. Both parties may have good friends, and urging these friends to work together, share ideas, and enjoy each other's efforts can lead to greater Club success. The President should not be afraid to ask for advice or to bounce new ideas off the Immediate Past President. The Immediate Past President needs to feel that their contributions will be helpful to the new President and the entire Club without resorting to the "my way or the highway" mentality. Relations must be held in the spirit of what's best for "our" Club. And above all, the President and Immediate Past President need to work with the Vice Presidents and the full Board of Directors rather than trying to run the Club all by themselves.

Finding Lions willing to take on leadership roles is becoming more and more difficult. There may be many familial and occupational reasons why good candidates need to decline office, but we can't afford to have candidates decline office because they are afraid that either (1) previous officers will be too intrusive, or (2) that they will get elected and no one will help them. Thoughtful and successful Clubs work hard to avoid either scenario. The prospect of a healthy mentoring relationship just may lead to more or better officers. A good mentor is too valuable to waste.

Club harmony promotes growth and respect, two goals we all seek. Don't we?

PCC Dave Eisen

Global Membership Team

Together We Can and Together We Will



In prior months, I have expressed concern about District 25-G's downward trend in membership. I am happy to report that as of the end of August, we have ten new members, however we lost twelve members. This is only a slight downward move, so keep up the good work.

Last month you were encouraged to "Be Visible" and this month I'd like to encourage you to find ways of helping Lions to attend meetings and being involved. We are all extremely busy. Often we race from one event to another. When we get there, we have fun and yet there are always some members not

there. When they say, "It's a shame that 'so & so' is not here."

I'd like to challenge all Lions to look at this differently and act differently. Maybe the reason they aren't at the meeting is they don't have a good way to get there; or they feel they will be looked at oddly because they haven't been there recently; or they don't know anyone that well. I have always found Lion members open and excited to see and talk with people at a meeting. Let's show we want them at the meeting by reaching out to missing members and making a special effort to invite them. Maybe carpooling would be a good way to get some members to a meeting. This could be a benefit to you for the time going to the meeting and returning could be spent in meaningful conversation.

I encourage you to go to District events and State events or any Lions events as a group. It certainly would save expenses and give lots of the time to chat and have fun on the drive. In fact, you might even solve the world's problems.

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, 7 district clubs welcomed 10 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.

Argos Lions Club

New Member: Lion Monte McCollough
Sponsor: Lion Eugene Cooper

Clay-Granger Lions Club

New Member: Lion Kelley Edelbrock
Sponsor: Lion Andrew Edelbrock

Culver Lions Club

New Member: Lion Robert Smith
Sponsor: Lion Kathleen Berindei

Lakeville Lions Club

New Member: Lion Toby Freehauf
Sponsor: Lion Larry Ort

New Member: Lion Thomas Huntress
Sponsor: Lion James Tibbs

Mishawaka Lions Club

New Member: Lion James Farrelly
Sponsor: Not reported

New Carlisle Lions Club

New Member: Lion Barry Barnett
Sponsor: Lion Dennis Allen

New Member: Lion Elizabeth Barnett
Sponsor: Lion Dennis Allen

Peru Lions Club

New Member: Lion Kendra McElroy
Sponsor: Lion Kenneth Magers

New Member: Lion Kayla Sanchez
Sponsor: Lion Kenneth Magers

Global Service Team



Greetings fellow Lions:

We are well on our way into the Lions year. Keep in mind there are many ways to serve as a Lion. We all know the Lions' objective is to help those less fortunate in our communities. Also remember that serving your club, your District, and Lions

International is serving Lionism as well. Without the leaders who serve as club officers, committee chairs, or hold District positions nothing would get accomplished.

I have seen many great service projects Clubs are doing throughout the District via Facebook. This is a good way to get the information out to the public to show how Lions Clubs impact their Communities as well as reaching out beyond our local areas. I want to remind everyone that it is also important to report your Club Activities to Lions Clubs International.

There are many reasons reporting Service Activities to LCI matters. We, as Lions, may think that what we do in our local communities has little bearing to LCI and therefore don't bother with filing reports. This couldn't be farther from the truth. By letting LCI know what we are accomplishing through service and other Lions activities, they can use the information on a large scale to pave the way to partnerships with other organizations. It also enhances LCI's support in identifying projects which could be implemented in other regions of the world. Your reported activity may be one that other Clubs have not considered and becomes an initiative for them to pursue. Always be proud of your Club's accomplishments and tell your story to everyone. Lions should stop being the best kept secret of service organizations.

I am always available to help clubs with any activity concerns.

WE SERVE

Lion Al Beehler, Global Service Team Coordinator

Celebrating Service

This month, we recognize two clubs with Charter anniversaries during the month of September: Leesburg and Richvalley. Leesburg was chartered 79 years ago on September 4, 1944. Richvalley was chartered 49 years ago on September 10, 1974. Congratulations to the Leesburg and Richvalley Lions for your continued service to your communities and the world at large.



A Message From PR Chairman PDG Marty Juel

We are now Lions International

Our two historic brands, Lions Clubs International (LCI) and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), are uniting under one "umbrella" brand—Lions International—so we can talk to the world about our collective service and impact. Because the world sees us as one. They see us as Lions. And the truth is, we are united in our mission of service.

Good things take time

This is an exciting change that will happen over time, so no immediate action is needed by Lions. We'll roll out the new brand over the next few years, applying the refreshed brand to new assets and providing updates along the way.

Brand essentials are ready

Want to get to know your brand? These resources can help you learn more about it and share it with other Lions. You can download the publication, Brand Messaging and Style Guide from LCI with more information at this link: https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md_QrvcwvcOva58kojU.jpg.pdf?v=1

Frequently asked questions

Why are we moving to Lions International as our master brand?

To strengthen our association and foundation, we needed greater integration of the two. One of the most visible ways to do this is to unify Lions Clubs International (LCI) and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) under a single umbrella or master brand- Lions International- and align our causes to show the world that we are united in our mission of service.

If Lions International is our master brand, does that mean we will no longer be Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation?

We are introducing 'Lions International' as our unified umbrella or master brand to represent our association and foundation together, but the individual names of the association and the foundation will not change, and they will continue to be separate legal entities. We will still use Lions Clubs International when referring specifically to the association and Lions Clubs International Foundation when referring to our foundation. Together they will be referred to as Lions International.

Is there a deadline to update our club, district and multiple district materials with the Lions International brand?

There's no immediate action you need to take, and there's no deadline for updating publications, documents and items like name badges and business cards. In fact, many materials will not need to be updated at all, as our Lions International emblem is not changing, and our Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation brands are not going away. Over the course of the new brand roll out, we will provide updates on the brand and guidance that will help Lions align with the new Lions International brand.

Is the Lions International emblem changing?

No. We will not be changing the iconic Lion emblem that is recognizable around the world. We are introducing a logo with the words 'Lions International' displayed with the emblem, which we'll use as part of our Lions International branding.

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A Message From PR Chairman PDG Marty Juel

Say 'No' to check photos

Pictures on social media and your newsletters need to tell a story and be interesting enough to make you pause and read more. Posed people shaking hands over a big piece of paper (or, heaven forbid, a small unrecognizable piece of paper) smiling in front of a busy backdrop isn't enough. It doesn't have to be this way. Step away from the giant check photo and make your fundraising project more interesting. As the contributor of the money, you can say thank you and recognize the effort made in more creative ways. A check photo can be improved by illustrating the difference the money will make. Include beneficiaries or an illustration of what the money will provide.

Use your photo to tell a story about how or why the fundraising was done. It is great to say thanks or be enthusiastic about the money raised and include details of how many people worked to raise the funds. Tell your audience what the money will do.

Try to avoid the following when you get ready for a photo.

- Avoid the awkward line-up/shaking hands with the mayor-type photos.
- Use an interesting backdrop and make sure the picture is in focus and isn't too dark. Avoid lighting from behind the photo.
- Make sure your people (usually 4 or LESS) are smiling and are enthusiastic.
- Make your text (we call that 'copy') interesting. Use a quote and bring the event to life.

Check out these examples:



Do these photos on the left and right 'grab' your attention? Do you want to learn more about these events? What possible reason are there so many people in the photo on the right?



You can highlight a gift amount or other significant milestone by being creative in both the graphics and the use of text in the photo to draw attention to the result of your group's project.



Yes, you can make a large check photo interesting!

The photo of the folks in front of the bus highlights the success to support a free park and ride project for a summer fair.



Who said you HAVE TO have a lot of people in your photos to make them interesting?

Submitted by PDG Marty Juel, District 25-G PR Chair

LCIF Coordinators Update

From 2nd VDG Jackie Kurley & PDG Marlyn Fast

Does it seem like there are more disasters these days or what? There is not a day that goes by without some report. My first thought is: I wonder if Lions are affected by this. The most recent disaster was in Hawaii. Here is an update from LCIF.

- LCIF recently awarded \$10,000 to District 50 for disaster effort. It is possible funding will be awarded but this depends on needs, local Lions plans, and their capacity for additional recovery efforts.
- LCIF Grants Team is reaching out to District Leadership in Hawaii this week to ask how the Emergency Grants are and if they have yet identified additional needs.
- Any donation 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 that any donations designated to Empowering Service are eligible for District/Club Community Impact Grants (DCG) qualification.

FYI: US & Canada receives more money from LCIF than we give.

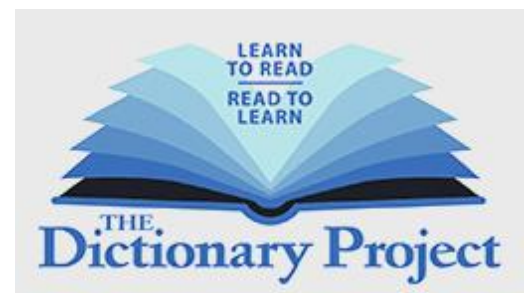
Funds from District 25 G for LCIF have been very slow in coming. As of 8/31/2023, \$1,725 has been received from three clubs. Our goal this year is \$32,000. As individual Lions, please consider contributing to the world by donating to our Global Foundation. With 100% of all donations, your gift will change lives across the globe. Every dollar counts. Your donation is very much appreciated.

P.S. All clubs should have a club coordinator for LCIF. If you have not named one, please do. These coordinators will be the go-to person on LCIF matters.

District Literacy & Dictionary Program

Let's Improve Confidence, Literacy, Focus, Understanding, Empowerment, & Curiosity

There's a good reason why print dictionaries are still a staple in classrooms and libraries around the country. That's because while plenty of dictionary resources are available online, a paper dictionary is a must-have tool for literacy. The mere act of flipping through its pages and discovering word after word (without waiting for a webpage to load) opens up a new world bursting with unexpected learning opportunities for kids — which can play a big hand in their school success. DG Ron Guth and I have a desire to increase the amount of Lions Clubs providing dictionaries for 3rd graders at each elementary school in our district. The Lion Clubs who support this program tell me that the students are excited to get real books that do not have to be charged or plugged in and that belong to them. Please help improve literacy skills in our classrooms by getting involved in this great program. I am always available to provide a short program or send you information. You may purchase your dictionaries at the following website <https://www.dictionaryproject.org/>



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News From Around the District

District Lions Celebrate Banner Night

88 Lions and guests representing 15 district clubs and 4 out-of-district clubs gathered at Camp Alexander Mack near Milford for the district's annual Banner Night celebration on Saturday, August 26th. Guests were greeted with circus music recorded by the Peru Circus Band and circus-themed decorations. Guests enjoyed a dinner of pot roast, chicken cordon bleu, parsley potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, and assorted pies.

PCC David Eisen served as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. The guest speaker was John Kirk, a board member of the Peru Amateur Circus. He provided an overview of how Peru became the "Circus City", and how the Amateur Circus was established. Entertainment was provided by two of the Amateur Circus members featuring a balancing boards act.

Lion Susan Arneaud of the Elkhart Lions Club transferred the District Governor's Home Club banner to Lion Dick Galvin of the Peru Lions Club.

Out of District Lions attending the event included: PID Doug Lozier & PDG Kathy Lozier (Carmel Lions Club/25-D), DG Terry Marker & Lion Nikki Marker (Albion Lions Club/25-B); DG Julia Kozicki & Lion Jeff Kozicki (Noblesville Lions Club/25-D), and PDG Charlie Short & PDG Pat Short (Lafayette Lions Club/25-C). Other guests included several of DG Ron's family members: mother-in-law Shirley Bills, daughter Amy Burton and son-in-law Matt Burton, and sisters Greta Gustin and Paula Guth.

The Tail Twister collected \$115 in fines. The 50/50 raffle generated \$280; Susi Allender won \$140 and \$140 was donated to LCIF.

(Submitted by Lion Kim Polk, LaFontaine Lions Club / District Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer)



News From Around the District

More Photos from District Banner Night



Photos taken by Amy Burton and provided by DG Ron Guth

Peru Lions Club Welcomes Twin Sisters as New Members



Left: Lion Ken Magers sponsored twin sisters Kayla Sanchez and Kendra McElroy as new members of the Peru Lions Club. The new Lions were welcomed to the club by Peru Lions Club member DG Ron Guth.

(Submitted by DG Ron Guth, Peru Lions Club)

News From Around the District

Baugo Lions Serve Brats & Sweet Corn at Osceola Music Festival

The Baugo Township Lions Club served country brats with grilled onions and an ear of steamed sweet corn dripping with butter to attendees at the 39th annual Osceola Music Festival, August 11-13, in Osceola, Indiana.



Left: Lion Troy Bontrager, Lion President Eric Ott, Lion Past President Shawn Cartwright, and Lion Joe Cook are ready to serve up some corn and sausage.

Right: Lion Steve Squibb cooks up some brats.



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

Fulton Liberty Lions Organize Fulton Fun Day

The Fulton Liberty Lions Club organized the 23rd consecutive hometown festival known as Fulton Fun Day on Saturday, August 5th in Fulton, Indiana. The day-long event included a parade, mushball tournament, 5K race/walk, pedal tractor pull, horseshoe tournament, and cornhole tournament. Our Hoosier fascination with basketball was reflected in free throw and 3-point contests, and a 3-on-3 tournament for elementary and middle school students. Several food vendors and a variety of entertainers added to the festive atmosphere.



Meet the Indiana Racing Lions Team, champions promoting Lionism at the 2023 Fulton Fun Days Bulldog Parade! Look for them at the Blueberry Festival Parade in Plymouth and Kewanna Fall Festival, both in September. (L to R): Lion Bruce Baker and Lion Jim Dague both of the Grass Creek Lions Club, and Lion Virgil Biddinger of the Rochester Lions Club. Each car showcases some of the important focus of our Lions' state projects including Vision First Eye Bank, Indiana School for the Blind, Speech and Hearing, Cancer Control, and Leader Dogs for the Blind.



Parade coordinator Fulton Liberty Lion Linda Wade is a retired teacher from Caston School Corporation. Linda lives by the Lions mantra "We Serve", and has been recognized by the Fulton County Retired Teachers for her many hours of community service.

(Submitted by Lion Jeri Good, Rochester Lions Club)

News From Around the District

LaFontaine Lions Distribute Dictionaries



58 third graders at Southwood Elementary were eager to receive their own dictionaries presented by the LaFontaine Lions on August 24th. In the picture showing off the dictionaries are third grade teachers Mrs. Jennifer Finney, Mrs. GayLynn Hobbs, Mrs. Alissa Deeter, Lion Jerry Wilson and Lion Ethel Eib. Lion President Dave Ballard helped with the presentation as well and took the picture. Ballard stated that the event swells your heart every year as the eager children receive their dictionaries.

(Submitted by Lion Kim Polk, LaFontaine Lions Club)

Lydick Lions Club Purchases New Plus Optix Screener



The Lydick Lions Club recently purchased a new Plus Optix screener to use for Operation KidSight. After the club purchased the screener, the club was reimbursed for the cost of the screener with a grant from the Ed and Erma Uecker Advised Endowment Fund.

The photo shows Lydick Lion Mike Lane explaining how to use the screener to fellow Lions from Lakeville, Clay-Granger, and Lydick at a meeting held at the Francis Branch Library on Wednesday, August 23rd.

(Submitted by Lion Wendy Yuhasz, Lydick Lions Club)

Madison Township Lions Continue Support for Cultivate Food Rescue



Above: Todd Zeltwanger of Cultivate Food Rescue explains their expansion project.

At the August meeting of the Madison Township Lions Club, our guest speaker was Todd Zeltwanger, who represents Cultivate Food Rescue. He thanked the club for our continued support, both financially and for working at their facility packaging meals. He noted that they supply many food pantries in a three-county area as well as giving backpacks to food insecure students with six frozen meals for the weekend. Cultivate is building a cold storage warehouse so they can serve a larger area in the future. A funding campaign to help with the cost of the expansion is under way. Our club donated \$500 to their cause.

The club donated \$100 per teacher to the Madison Township Elementary school PTO to use as needed for classroom supplies.

Five members of the Madison Township Lions Club went on a visitation to the Door Village Lions Club in District 25-A, which we have been doing for over 30 years. We always have a good time and get new ideas along the way.

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

News From Around the District

Peru Lions Club Shares Proceeds of Annual Fund-Raiser

During Peru's annual Circus Week celebration, the Peru Lions Club has a tenderlion trailer at the downtown fair. We sell about 1 ton of pork tenderlions and net around \$18,000 for the week. We share the proceeds of this fund-raiser with the organizations that help us get through the week. Other funds raised throughout the year are used to support local needs such as eyeglasses for local residents, dictionaries for third-graders in local schools, and scholarships for high school seniors. We also support the Indiana Lions state projects: Cancer Control, Speech and Hearing, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Indiana Lions Eye Bank, and the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.



Left: Lion Dave Frushour presented a check to Dr. Jamie Cole of Peru Community Schools. Our fundraiser was supported by the girls volleyball, girls soccer, and girls basketball teams.

Right: Lion Ken Magers presented a check to Angela Case and Sarah Welke of St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Shop.



Left: Lion Ken Magers presented a check to Anna Huppenthal of Tri Kappa Sorority.

Right: Lion Dave Frushour presented a check to Peru High School wrestling coach Andy Hobbs.



Submitted by Lion Dave Frushour, Peru Lions Club

DG Visits Culver Lions Club; DG Receives 20-Year Pin from Peru Lions Club



Left: Culver Lions Club VP Lion Eddi Langenberg presented DG Ron Guth with a club banner and pin during his official visit on August 23rd.

Right: Peru Lions Club President Lion Dick Galvin presented DG Ron Guth with his 20-year pin.



(Submitted by DG Ron Guth, Peru Lions Club)

News From Around the District

District Lions Worked for Indiana Lions Foundation at Indiana State Fair

The Indiana Lions Foundation's Indiana State Fair project is the Foundation's single largest fund-raiser. The Foundation recruits Lions from throughout the state to work at the two largest walk-in gates at the Indiana State Fair, and the State Fair pays the Foundation for the hours worked by the Lions volunteers. Lions from several District 25-G clubs worked for the Foundation at the State Fair this year, and many of them worked multiple shifts. Here are a few photos of some of the District 25-G Lions who worked at the 2023 Indiana State Fair. Lions from other districts appear in some of these photos. We tried to take photos of everyone who worked, but we know we missed a few.



District 25-G clubs represented in these photos: La Fontaine, Lakeville, Lydick, Madison Township, Mishawaka, Peru, Roann Covered Bridge, Somerset, and Syracuse.

District 25-F clubs represented: Decatur Central and Indianapolis Center Township.



State Project Update



Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing has established the Miyamoto Fellowship to honor Lions and others for their dedication to their Lions Clubs, to Lions Clubs International, and to those in need in their communities around the world. Dr. Richard T. Miyamoto retired as Chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the Indiana University School of Medicine. At Riley Hospital, he served as Medical Director of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology.

In the 1980's, a grant from Speech and Hearing was provided to Riley Hospital and Dr. Miyamoto to expand the use of cochlear implants for children. Dr. Miyamoto's pioneering work has been recognized around the world, and he continues his close relationship with the Lions of Indiana.

A handsome plaque has been designed to honor the recipients of the Miyamoto Fellowship. For a \$500 donation to Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc. within a two-year period, one plaque may be ordered in the recipient's name to be presented by the donor Lion or Lions Club. There is no charge for the plaque. Please contact any Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing trustee in your district for information or to order a plaque.

(Submitted by DG Steve Helmken, 25-A S&H Trustee)

Our State Projects



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**"How Do We Help Indiana
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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

Send to PDG Kathy Lozier, Treasurer, 5 Hensel Ct, Carmel, IN 46033
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Name _____ District _____

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MD-25 Lions

International Pin Design

2025



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

Pins **MUST** include:

a-MD 25 Indiana (as text)

b-the Intl Convention year - 2025

c-Lion Club Intl Logo

d-Intl Convention Host City representation

e-MD 25 graphic representation of MD-25 usually includes a race car and/or the outline of Indiana.

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

Be creative and have fun!

CS Angela Locke, State Pin Chairperson



September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6 DG Visit Sydney LC (tentative)	7	8	9 25-D Banner Night
10 Vision First Meeting	11 DG Visit New Carlisle LC	12 DG Visit Madison Twp LC	13	14	15	16 25-B Banner Night
17	18 DG Visit Baugo Twp LC	19	20	21	22	23 Eyeglass Mission to Mexico
24 Eyeglass Mission to Mexico	25 Eyeglass Mission to Mexico	26 Eyeglass Mission to Mexico	27 Eyeglass Mission to Mexico	28 Eyeglass Mission to Mexico	29 Eyeglass Mission to Mexico	30 Eyeglass Mission to Mexico



October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 DG Visit Elkhart LC	5	6	7 Council of Governors Meeting
8	9 DG Visit Lydick LC	10	11	12 DG Visit Mishawaka LC	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 DG Visit Syracuse LC	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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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

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