

# LIONS DISTRICT 25 A NEWSLETTER

*Coming Together to Serve*

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## District Governor: Lion Patty Cooke-Furlong

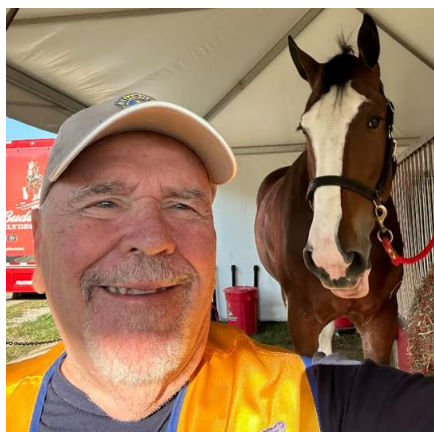
Hello Lions of 25A

It is now August and I am in to my 2<sup>nd</sup> month as your District Governor. July went by in a blur as I got caught up in the busy work of starting my year as governor. However, I feel that most things are now under control. So, I will take a deep breath and look forward to enjoying this year!

The first weekend of August I will be in Chicago with Lions from around the world at the Mission 1.5 Summit to share ideas on how to achieve our goal of 1.5 million Lions. Our District GMT, Lion Mary Jane DiMichele, and GET, PCC Mitch Semans will also be attending. We will be bringing back ideas to our Clubs on how to attract and keep new members. Lion Jim has more information on this Summit.



That is also the start of the State Fair – and a major fundraising project for the Indiana Lions Foundation. Please check out the request for workers in this newsletter. If you have never gone to the Fair, please consider volunteering to help. VDG Jim and I always have a great time working with other Lions from around the state. Then you have free time just to experience the Fair. Last year we got to see the Budweiser Clydesdales and their Dalmatians, ate lots of great food, and attended a free Buddy Guy concert!



It is also time to submit your application for the Club Excellence award. If you have done the following, then you qualify: achieved a net growth of one new member ( i.e. you gained more members than you lost ), contributed to LCIF an amount that is equal to or greater than \$5 per member, started a new service project and reported your service to LCI, and ensured that your officers were trained. The form for this year is part of the newsletter. **Please get the completed forms to me by 8/30 so that I can forward them to LCI by the August 31 deadline..**

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I have scheduled some club visits and am sure I will be hearing from more of you. LCI wants me to share the visits with your 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGs so that they get to know you all before they become Governor. I will be working with Lions Jim and Dave to figure it all out.

For now, we should all go out and do what Lions do best – We Serve!

Take care

Thank for all you do,

Lion Patty Cooke-Furlong

District Governor, 25A

**Save the Date!**  
**March 7<sup>th</sup> at 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**Fair Oaks Fair**



**We are serving a world in need.**  
**One act of kindness at a time**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor: Lion Jim Furlong

Last year at the International Convention in Boston, International Leadership rolled out Mission 1.5. The stated goal for Mission 1.5 is to increase worldwide membership to 1,500,000 members by July 1, 2027. At that time, we had just over 1.3 million members. So this year we gathered in Melbourne, Australia and guess what? Membership had actually fallen to around 1,295,000 worldwide members.



But there is an underlying goal of this effort and that is to serve ONE BILLION PEOPLE BY 2027. When I heard that it put Mission 1.5 in a different light for me. After all, we're LIONS and WE SERVE is our motto. I don't know about you but I became a LION because WE SERVE. When I volunteer to help out at my Club's Annual Kids Christmas Party I see a four year old's eyes get as big as saucers when they go up to sit on Santa's lap. THAT'S WHY I BECAME A LION. Because in serving, we do good. Acts of Service are a true reflection of the evolution as human beings and become our connection to God.

As LIONS our purpose is to make our communities that much better. We take pride in our community and in our role as LIONS and our community, hopefully, is that much better because WE SERVE. Right?

BUT, and here's the Catch-22, to serve our communities more, we need more members. That really is what it boils down to. I don't know about your club but my Lakes of the Four Seasons Club is one of the largest in the District but our members are pretty well stretched out as far as doing more activities. If we wish to do more we need more members.

Mission 1.5 addresses the need for more members. Below is what is said about this effort on the LCI headquarters webpage.

Lions Clubs International's Mission 1.5 is a global initiative aimed at expanding the organization's membership to 1.5 million by July 1, 2027. This mission is not directly associated with specific projects but rather focuses on strengthening the clubs and their service capacities. Here are some key aspects of Mission 1.5:

1. Membership Growth: The mission aims to revitalize existing clubs and charter new ones to reach the membership goal
2. Global Membership Approach: This approach is designed to inspire all Lions through fellowship and exciting service
3. Resources and Tools: Mission 1.5 provides various resources and tools to help clubs grow, such as guides for inviting members and chartering new clubs.
4. Awards: Lions participating in Mission 1.5 have the opportunity to earn exclusive patches, pins, plaques, and presidential medals...

However, the mission's broader goal of serving more people has led to the creation of clubs focused on specific causes. We call those specialty clubs.

In summary, while Mission 1.5 is primarily a membership growth initiative, it indirectly influences the creation of clubs and projects that align with the Lions Clubs International's global causes.

I know clubs in the district are struggling. Symptoms include low and/or declining membership, the same CLUB officers year after year, average age of the club over 60 with some being over 70 years of age, and low participation in club events and activities. We have closed 4 clubs in the last two years and all those that were dropped exhibited all or most of those symptoms.

Your District Team DG Patty, 2VDG Dave, and I have a goal to visit all clubs in the district in the coming year. But right now, all clubs in the district should be asking themselves questions like: Where will our club be in five years, where are potential new members and what help do we need to recruit them.

Membership must stop being passive about recruiting new members. For goodness sakes, call DG Patty (219) 671-4668 or myself (630) 699-4278 and ask for assistance.

I know each and every member has a stake in a club with a long tradition of serving their community. Let's be proud of that tradition let's share our enthusiasm with potential new members.

***Yours in Lionism,***

***Jim***



International President Fabricio Oliveira Pin





*Roadmap to success*

## Club Excellence Award

The Club Excellence Award is the ideal way to set your club on the path to continued success while gaining prestige for excelling in the areas of membership, service, leadership and organizational excellence, and marketing.

Upon receiving the award, a banner patch and pin will be awarded to your club president. But more importantly, your club's membership will be revitalized, your service impact will grow and your members will see greater leadership opportunities.

**The Club Excellence Application is attached to your email with this Newsletter.**

**The form can also be found in the Member Center at [www.lionsclubs.com](http://www.lionsclubs.com).**

**The requirements for the 23-24 Club Excellence Award are as follows:**

**Membership** :Achieved a new growth of two members or 10% or more members (whichever is greater).

**Service**: Started a new service project —*consider one of our Global Causes!*  
List three service activities your club participated in that were reported to Lions Club International.

**LCIF**: Contributed to LCIF an amount equal to or greater than the club's membership total multiplied by US\$10.

- Leadership and Organization: Reported club officers to Lions International
- Key officers participate in club officer training
- Club is in good standing – you paid your bills

The application must be filled out and sent to the District Governor for her signature. This can be done via email. DG Patty will then sign the application and forward it to LCI. The deadline for all signed applications is **August 31, 2024**.

News From Around the District—Whiting Lions



Members of the Whiting Lions Club pose prior to marching in the Whiting 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. The Whiting Lions march for the Whiting Food Pantry. The Whiting Club collected \$900.00 for the cause thanks to all who “Fed the Lion”!



*“I’m innocent!”*

News From Around the District—Monterey Lions



Scholarship winners Monterey Lions 🐾 left to right Gwen Gilley, Kaity Stacy, Aleks Stacy, Pres. Doug Denton and Olivia Gilley.



New Lion Josh Stacy with Pres Doug Denton, left to right.



New Lion Tina Stacy with Sec. Kelli Denton





**.[Schererville Central Lions Club**

Co-sponsored by **St John Township**  
Trustee **Cathy J Lareau**

**Annual Oktoberfest**

**Friday, September 27, 2024**

**5:00 PM – 7:30 PM**

St. John Community Center, 1515 Lincoln Hwy, (US 30)

**1 CHOP \$14.00 – 2 CHOPS \$16.00 (CASH BAR)**

**Smoked Pork Chops–Spätzle–Sweet & Sour Red Cabbage–Sauerkraut–Potatoes**

*For tickets call 219-365-1085 or 219-798-5950*

**Credit Card** payment accepted at the Door



Scan the QR code or visit [adopt.greatlakes.org](http://adopt.greatlakes.org), clicking “check in” and use the following code: 23422.



News From Around the District— Crown Point Highlights



Left to right. Lions Louise Moore, Al and Sharon Thom, Carla Smolek and Dom DiMichele. Right. Lions Al and Sharon Thom getting those hotdogs ready. Who doesn't love a hot dog.



Crown Point Lions served hotdogs, chips and beverages to vendors and visitors at the Goodfellow Coin Club Show held at St. Mathias Church Hall. The coin club requested a repeat of the Lions serving at their show/fundraiser due to their prior success of doing so. Next Goodfellow Club Coin Show is



Lions Carla Smolek, Donna and Jim Worst and Julie Wendorf (Lion and director of the Crown Point Library), participated with Rachel Brazil, founder of Emberly's Smiles, in the parade

Crown Point Lions were proud to march in the Crown Point 4th of July Parade alongside Emberly's Smiles, a non-profit organization who provides Communication Boards for parks in our community. Crown Point Lions have worked with this organization to place 4 boards in Jerry Ross, Bridgeport, Bowtie and Solan Robinson Parks and partnered with the Crown Point Community Library to place a board in their children's area. Many parade attendees thanked the Lions and Emberly Smiles for do this project. For more information check out [Emberlysmiles.org](http://Emberlysmiles.org).



AUGUST 2024

News From Around the District—Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup!



**JOIN AN  
ADOPT-A-BEACH  
CLEANUP!**

**BEACH**    **Jeorse Park Beach**

**DATE**    **August 10, 2024**

**TIME**    **9:00am – 12:00pm**



Scan the QR code or visit [adopt.greatlakes.org](https://adopt.greatlakes.org), clicking “check in” and use the following code: 23422.





**2023-2024 Statistics**

Total Screened: 15518

Total Referral: 163

Total Screened All Time: 275865

Screening Count by District List:

**District Count**

A	2143
B	1012
C	2691
D	2190
E	1658
F	3910
G	1914

Sum: 15518

Avg: 1724.22



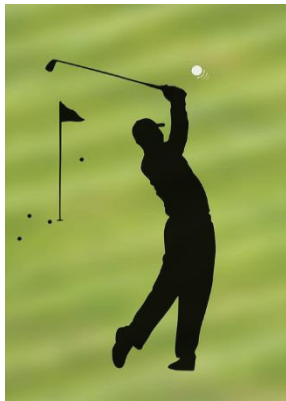
**Coming!!!**

**Crown Point Lions Club**

**30th Annual Golf Outing**

**Saturday, Sept 14, 2024**  
**River Pointe Golf Course**  
**Hobart, Indiana**

For more information contact  
Ed Schiesser – 219-680-6485



**10:00 AM Shotgun Start**  
**Lunch and Prizes**  
**\$100.00 per golfer**

# AUGUST 2024

## Cedar Lake Annual Golf Outing

CEDAR LAKE LIONS CLUB ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

August 4, 2024



Location : Tuckaway Golf Club  
27641 S. Stoney Island Ave.  
Crete, IL

Time: 11:00AM Registration  
Noon Start

Event includes: Lunch and dinner at the clubhouse  
Dinner follows golf  
3 Beer tickets  
\$540 in cash prizes  
Goody bag / Door prizes / 50/50 Cash Raffle  
Driving range  
Skins game – optional

Donation: \$80.00 per player

Contact: Lion Jay Sheehy, 219-313-5682  
Lion Jim Braner, 219-730-6099

Foursome Players Names (Please print)	Phone number	

AUGUST 2024

Calling all Lions! State Fair Assistance Needed!

## ***Indiana Lions Foundation, Inc.***

***8780 Purdue Road  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46268  
Phone: (317) 824-1024***

Lions, one and all! I am appealing to each and every one of you for your assistance! The Indiana State Fair is rapidly approaching, and the Lions of Indiana Foundation desperately needs your help. Working at the gates of the State Fair is our single biggest fund raiser during the year and these funds directly impact You!

This year we have added the 4 Infield Gates, and each one has a brand-new building and set-up for us to use. We still have Gates 1W and 12, also.

I am asking each of you (if you are physically able) to please sign up to work at least one shift. You can also bring your spouses, children or grandchildren (age 15 or over), other family members, friends, and co-workers. This is a wonderful and fun experience, and you will earn credits which can be used for W.P. Woods Fellowships, our New \$200.00 Community Service Grants which can then be sent to your own club, one of the Indiana State Projects, the Indiana Lions Foundation, or to Lions Clubs International Foundation. Please sign up today to work for the Indiana Lions Foundation at the 2024 Indiana State Fair by going to our website: [indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/what-we-do/indiana-state-fair-volunteer/#signup](http://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/what-we-do/indiana-state-fair-volunteer/#signup).

Thank you so much for your help and all that you do for Lions and for the Indiana Lions Foundation.

*Kathy*

***Past District Governor Kathy Lozier, President  
Indiana Lions Foundation/Holding Corporation***

# District 25A 1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting



## Governor Patty Cooke-Furlong



Saturday, August 17, 2024

St. Paul's Parrish Hall

507 Rose Ave, Kouts, IN 46347

9:00AM CST

**Cost: \$8.00**

Continental Breakfast

Reports should be submitted via email to CS Robin Smith prior to the Cabinet Meeting [mswolfen@aol.com](mailto:mswolfen@aol.com)

**Please RSVP to CS Robin Smith by August 14, 2024**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_ X \$8.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: District 25A Lions

**Mail to:** CS Robin Smith

745-1 Capitol Rd, Valparaiso, IN 46385

Cell: 219-916-4549

Home: 219-364-9432



News From Around the District— District Governor Calendar

New Members List

Lion Patty’s Calendar

Indiana Harbor EC Installation	Saturday	7/27/2024	
Global Membership Summit	Friday	8/2/2024	8/4/2024
Working at State Fair		8/13/2024	8/16/2024
1st Cabinet Meeting	Saturday	8/17/2024	
USA Canada Forum		9/5/2024	9/8/2024
Rensselaer Visitation		9/10/2024	
25A Banner Night	Saturday	9/21/2024	
2nd Cabinet Meeting	Sunday	10/20/2024	

Clubs may call DG Patty at 219 671 4668 to set a date for their club visitation

**District 25 A New Members reported 06/2024 - 07/2024**

MONTEREY LIONS CLUB: TINA STACY and JOSH STACY Joined: 07/01/2024

Sponsor: Douglas Denton

MUNSTER LIONS CLUB: TATIANA SHINKAN Joined: 07/03/2024 Sponsor: George Shinkan

SOUTH HAVEN LIONS CLUB: JERRY GIBSON Joined: 06/28/2024 Sponsor: Andrea Bradford

WESTVILLE LIONS CLUB: RUSSELL D MCCOY Joined: 07/02/2024 Sponsor: Myrtle Weston

LINDA E REDMEN Joined: 07/02/2024 Sponsor: Jean Barmess



Notes from Treasurer CT Sally Davis

Dear Lions of District 25A,

I am happy to be serving you again as District Treasurer. I will, to the best of my ability, keep and record all funds of the District and pay all bills in a timely fashion.

One of the first duties I encountered this term was to issue dues statements to each club. The assessed fee includes payment to the state and district for the period July 1 through December 31, 2024. This is based on the number of members on record with LCI on June 30. These statements were e-mailed to the Club, President, Secretary, and Treasurer (if the e-mail address was available on the new Lions portal). If your club has not received it please contact me.

All donation checks to Lions projects should be made to the project and mailed to me. This insures that your club will receive credit for that amount in the district convention book. When writing a check please include "Lions of 25A" on the check. For example, "Lions of 25A - Ed Paine Helping Hands". This insures that there is no difficulty in cashing the check at the bank. (One time the bank refused to cash a check that was made to Ed Paine. They asked where is Ed?)

Any request for disbursement from the district projects must be accompanied by a completed form. Find one attached. It is also available on the district web page.

Contact me  
CT Sally Davis (officially Elinor Davis)  
4767 E. 61st Ave.  
Hobart, IN 46342  
219-942-4433  
csdavis61@comcast.net



**Request for Funds from District 25A**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Lions Club or organization requesting funds:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Amount requested: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Disbursement from fund: (check one)

Special Olympics \_\_\_\_\_ Diabetes \_\_\_\_\_ Lions training \_\_\_\_\_ Ear Molds \_\_\_\_\_

Administrative \_\_\_\_\_ Ed Paine \_\_\_\_\_ Leo Clubs \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Exchange \_\_\_\_\_

Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Other or unsure \_\_\_\_\_

Sight First \_\_\_\_\_ Disaster Relief \_\_\_\_\_ Law Camp \_\_\_\_\_

District Convention Signature or Project Trustee (or District Governor if no Trustee):

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Club President or Organization official:

\_\_\_\_\_

***Attach receipts or other pertinent documents Mail to Cabinet Treasurer***