LIONS DISTRICT 25 A NEWSLETTER

Coming Together to Serve

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District Governor: Patty Cooke-Furlong

Hello 25A Lions:

Lion Jim and I have just spent a great weekend at the MD25 Convention in Shipshewana! A full report can be found in this newsletter. We enjoyed spending time with other Lions from throughout Indiana. This was the last big meeting that my Council will chair, so we celebrated our year. The incoming 25-26 Council, including 1VDG Jim, was introduced as the next leaders of the MD25 Lions.

It will be good to go to next year's convention and be able to actually leave the convention hall. I only managed one quick hour of shopping in Shipshewana this year!



This has been a great year for membership in 25A - we are currently a plus 27! But this is down 6 from last month. We cannot stop our efforts in adding new members! And we must make sure that we are connecting with Lions from whom we haven't heard lately. Just dropping those members at the end of year can wipe out our gain.

District	State or Country	Total Clubs	New Clubs	Dropped Clubs	Reorganized Clubs	Status Quo Clubs	Charter Members	New Members	Transferred Members			Total Members Dropped		Gain Or Loss Fiscal Year Period
District 25 A	INDIANA	46	0	0	0	0	0	90	6	10	106	79	1107	27
District 25 B	INDIANA	45	0	0	0	0	0	40	8		55	97	945	-42
District 25 C	INDIANA	49	0	2	0	0	0	67	6		79	101	1274	-22
District 25 D	INDIANA	34	0	0	0	0	0	93	2		101	. 60	1160	41
District 25 E	INDIANA	49	0	1	0	0	0	75	1		83	65	1120	18
District 25 F	INDIANA	53	0	0	0	0	0	86	Q		93	108	1229	-15
District 25 G	INDIANA	44	0	0	0	0	0	75	2		79	83	1144	

Also make sure that you enter your Club Officers for 2025-2026 into the Portal. This must be done so that LCI can send out clubs' dues statements and other correspondence. We need it to create the directory for next year.

If you do not know how to do this task, just go to the **Member Resource Center** on <u>www.lionsclubs.org</u> and click on **Lion Portal Updates** and then go to **Create a New Asssignment** in the **Quick Guides section.**

There are still a few clubs that I have not visited yet this year, so expect a call or email. Or make sure your event flyers get posted in the newsletter and I will mark our calendar to attend.

May all the mothers out there have a wonderful Mother's Day! We will be in Bloomington that weekend to celebrate the graduation of my granddaughter, Rhianna!

Take care and Thank You for all You Do

DG Patty Cooke Furlong

1st Vice District Governor Jim Furlong, Governor Elect



District Governor Elect Jim Furlong

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State Convention

The Indiana State Convention was held April 25-27 in Shipshewana, Indiana. But before the convention kicked off, on Thursday dozens of Lions met in Auburn, Indiana to dedicate a plaque to Wayne Madden a past Lions International President—one of three International Presidents from the State of Indiana. It was a touching service with Wayne's wife Linda in attendance.



District Governor Patty and myself at the PIP Wayne Madden dedication in Auburn, Indiana.

Also at the State Convention was PIP Jimmy Ross, a rancher from Texas who is renowned for being excellent at starting new clubs and I picked up some pretty good tips on starting new clubs. I hope I can do it as well as Jimmy Ross.

As you know Indiana is composed of 7 Districts that make up Multiple District 25, District 25-A (ours) through District 25-G. These 7 District Governors make up the Council of Governors for the State of Indiana. Here is a picture of your Council of Governors for 2025-2026.

1st Vice District Governor Jim Furlong, Governor Elect



We even posed in alphabetical order. From L to R, D 25-A, (me) DGE Jim Furlong, D 25-B DGE Pam Arnold, D 25-C DGE Paul Sheetz, D 25-D DGE Jim Dubeansky, D 25-E DGE John Spurgeon, D 25-F DGE Angela Locke, and last, but not least, D 25-G DGE Jackie Kurley.

My District Governor Pin



A little background on why I chose this design. First of all, in a sense, I've been a Lion for 64 years, having entered Leo High School in 1961 where we were the Leo LIONS. This school is on the Southside of Chicago and is known for being tough academically and top notch in its sports programs. Some more distinguished alumni have served as Chairman of the Board of General Motors, Chairman of the Board of McDonald's Corporation, Chairman of the Board of CME Group (Chicago Mercantile Exchanges and companies), COB Chicago Tribune, COB Chicago White Sox, a Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court, and numerous other public servants and several pro athletes. So you can see why I say it was know for Academic Rigor. And the school motto was *FACTA NON VERBA*, which is Latin for Deeds Not Words (now you know some Latin). But it was more than a motto for most Leo grads, it was a way of life. And I think that motto dovetails nicely into the LCI motto, WE SERVE.

So I challenge all of us for the next year to put our words into action. Let's have a great 2025-2026. When you see me ask me for my pin. I want to give it to you for free.

1st Vice District Governor Jim Furlong, Governor Elect

One Last Thing

I was very honored and pleased to participate on April 9 in the Honor Flight Chicago. If you're not familiar with Honor Flight, it is a one day trip for veterans to Washington D.C. to see the beautiful memorials that honor our veterans, including the memorial closest to my heart, The Vietnam Memorial (The Wall). We met at 4:00am at Chicago Midway for our flight to Washington Dulles Airport. It was a whirlwind of a day culminating with our trip home and a heartwarming greeting from at least two thousand people waiting for us at home.

Image below of Jim's family and home Lion's Club greeting him at Midway Airport



State Convention 2024-2025

Event Highlights

The Lions convention held in Shipshewana, Indiana from April 24-26 was a remarkable event filled with camaraderie, meaningful tributes, and enthusiastic fundraising efforts. Lions from various parts of the state gathered to celebrate a successful year and engage in activities that underscored their commitment to service and fellowship.

Meeting with PIP Jimmy Ross

One of the highlights of the convention was the opportunity to meet Past International President (PIP) Jimmy Ross from Texas. His presence brought a sense of inspiration and leadership to the gathering, as he shared insights from his extensive experience in the Lions organization. PIP Ross's dedication to the Lions' mission of service was evident in his interactions and speeches, encouraging members to continue their impactful work. He also gave us some insight into his method of forming new Lions Clubs.

Memorial Dedication to PIP Wayne Madden

A poignant moment of the convention was the dedication of a memorial to honor Past International President Wayne Madden in Auburn. PIP Madden's legacy as a leader and advocate for the Lions was commemorated through this heartfelt tribute.

Fundraising Efforts: LCIF

In a spirited effort to raise funds for the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), the convention featured a pie in the face contest. Lion Dan Moynihan, President of the LOFS Lions, lead a spirited auction for the chance to put a pie in the face of PIP Jimmy Ross. The winning bid was \$2000. Other fundraising efforts, plus a donation from a District 25F Eyeglass Recycling, resulted in in raising \$61950 for our Foundation.

Statewide Fellowship

The convention provided an excellent platform for Lions from different districts to share fellowship and strengthen their bonds. Members exchanged ideas, discussed best practices, and celebrated their collective achievements. The sense of unity and collaboration was palpable as Lions came together with a shared purpose and vision for the future. We also celebrated individual success through various awards. Both Lions Chuck De Las Casas and PDG Randy Greer received Indiana Lions Foundation awards. Lion Sally Davis was presented a Leadership Medal by PIP Jimmy Ross, while Lion Chuck De Las Casas received a Presidential Medal. For their years of serving others, these awards were well deserved.

State Convention 2024-2025

Celebrating a Successful Year

As the convention drew to a close, there was a collective celebration of a successful year filled with service, growth, and accomplishments. The Lions reflected on their achievements and the positive impact they had made in their communities. This celebration was not only a moment of pride but also a reaffirmation of their dedication to the Lions' mission of service.

In conclusion, the 2024-25 Lions State Convention was a memorable event that showcased the values of fellowship, service, and leadership.



CS Robin Smith giving District Governor Elect a "Pie in the Face" at the State Convention.

Larry, Moe and Curley would approve!

Conventions 2025



Click on **Convention** at <u>www.lionsclubs.org</u> for more information and to register.

Come join your fellow Hoosier Lions and march in the Parade of Nations!

Connect with fellow Lions

You'll have plenty of opportunities to get together with Lions and Leos from around the world. So be ready to share your experiences and your ideas, and learn from one another.

Get involved

Lions don't just attend LionsCon-they get involved in it. There are so many opportunities for you throughout the convention.

DON'T FORGET TO SCHEDULE YOUR OFFICIAL VISIT WITH GOVERNOR PATTY FURLONG-COOKE.

GOVERNOR PATTY'S CALENDAR IS ON PAGE 33

District 25A Officer Training May 31st



District 25A Officer Training

Saturday, May 31, 2025 9:00AM New Hope Church (South Haven) 712 N 450 W Valparaiso, IN 46385

Lions Club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Tail Twisters Any Lion who would like to find out more about these offices is invited. Zone Chair training will also be offered. Refreshments will be served and a chance to win a gift card just for attending! Contact GLT Pat Greer <u>patricia.agreer6@gmail.com</u> 219-928-3618 to reserve your spot.

District 25A 4th Cabinet Meeting

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Governor Patty Cooke-Furlong



Sunday, June 8, 2025

Lakes of the Four Seasons Lakehouse 1048 Lakeshore Drive, Crown Point, IN 46307

1:00 PM CST

Cost: \$20 (cook your own steak) (strip steak, baked potato, vegetable, salad, roll and dessert)

TIME TO CELEBRATE A GREAT YEAR!

All reports must be submitted via email to CS Robin Smith no later than 6/4/25 - mswolfen@aol.com

Please RSVP to CS Robin Smith by May 25, 2025

MUST BE PREPAID, NO PAYMENTS ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR

Name:	Title:				
Name:	Title:				
Number attending X \$20.00 = Make checks payable to the Lake					
Mail to: CS Robin Smith 745-1 Capitol Rd, Valparaiso, IN 46385 Cell: 219-916-4549					

LCIF May Report



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LCIF Report for May Newsletter PDG Randy Greer PDG 219-728-8432 219lionrandy@yahoo.com Nsg1

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Congratulations District 25A!

We have donated to LCIF as a District over **\$24,000.00** through March of 2025.

At the District Convention in Fair Oaks, we had the drawing for the 100 Square Board that we had been selling throughout the district. Each square was <u>\$10.00</u> and the winner would receive a Melvin Jones Fellowship. ID Steve drew the winning <u>number</u> and the Winner was PDG Kevin Roe. We also had a Second Prize and Lion Jason DeLasCasas won a Silver Presidential Pin and \$100.00 towards a future Melvin Jones Fellowship. Thank you to all who contributed to this fundraiser.

An ongoing fundraiser we have is the I LOVE LCIF pin at a cost of \$10.00. Also, we have Presidential pins available: Bronze is \$50.00, Silver is <u>\$100</u> and Gold is \$200.00. These purchases go directly into your personal LCIF account.

PDG Nick & PDG Randy are available to visit your club to talk about LCIF and help answer your questions about; how much you have in your account, how to transfer funds and any other questions you may have about LCIF.

It is May so if you are considering presenting a Melvin Jones Fellowship at your end of the year celebrations you need <u>order</u> them soon.



News Around the District—South Haven Lions Club

SOUTH HAVEN LIONS CLUB 2025 GOLF OUTING Saturday, June 21, 2025 Check in 7 am / Shotgun 8 am



Duck Creek Golf Course 638 N. 700 W. Hobart, IN 46342



Cost per person: \$75.00 Cost per team: \$300.00 Team deposit: \$75.00



Skins & Pins, Raffles, Door Prizes, 1st place wins \$400, Food & Drink is included with registration.

News Around the District—South Haven Lions Club

Golf Outing Registration Form Scramble FOUR a Cause!



Benefiting South Haven Lions Club Projects

Location: Duck Creek Golf Course 638 N. 700 W. Hobart, IN. 46342

When: Saturday, June 21st, 2025 Registration @ 7 am / Shotgun @ 8 am

Cost: \$75 per person / \$300 per team / \$75 deposit per team

Contact Information:

Team Name:	
Team Captain:	
Contact Number:	
2.	
3	
4	

Participation Entry:

Individual (\$75)

Foursome (\$300) Deposit (\$75)

Payment Method:

Cash or Check

For questions, please contact Randy Greer (728.8432) or Lion Ken Laviolette (741.4915)

Submit Payment & Form to: Lion Ken Laviolette 3017 Bender St. Portage, IN. 46368

News Around the District—South Haven Lions Club



TIN: 23-7332967

South Haven Lions Club

The South Haven Lions Club has been an active group in our community, helping when & where there was a need since 1965. We continue to do so to the best of our ability. We don't just collect eyeglasses & hearing aids (both important projects) but we also provide other valuable services such as loaning durable medical equipment to those with a need, providing eye screening to pre-schoolers (when assessable) and helping those of all ages in need of eyeglasses. We donate monies to our Boys & Girls Club, Gabriel' Horn Homeless Shelter, and Family Promise, just to name a few. We gave out three scholarships to graduating seniors from Portage High School this year. Haven Hallow Fest, in October, finds us partnering with the Portage Township Trustee's office for an evening of family, food & fun. We have provided lunches for the first responders and continue to donate monies to our local food pantries. We especially enjoy ringing the bells for the Salvation Army & plan to do so again this year.

But our favorite activity still remains our *South Haven Lions Club Christmas Event* where we provide Christmas presents and food baskets to families less fortunate in our community. Our coffers have been strained as everyone's has been. But again we have an opportunity, with your help, to continue assisting our community (especially with our Christmas Project)!

Saturday, June 21st, 2025 at the Duck Creek Golf Course, the **South Haven Lions Club** will be hosting our annual Scramble Golf Outing, open to any and all golfers! Check in time is 7AM with the Shotgun Start at 8AM. (See attached flier)

With your support we will be able to continue reaching out to the youth and others with needs in this community. There are various ways that you can contribute to the success of this event:

- A. Sponsor a hole(s) sign(s) for \$50 each
- B. Provide a door prize (i.e. gift certificates, items from your businesses, etc)
- C. Become a golf ball sponsor for \$250.00
- D. Donate items for our "goody bags" for the golfers (approx. 100 items)
- E. Make a donation towards our food & beverage fund

Whichever option(s) you choose, you can be sure that your support and that of many other businesses will be helpful in our efforts to serve this community. Monetary donations can be made by cash or check (*South Haven Lions Club*) For more information, contact Lion Ken Laviolette (219-741-4915, KDLCSL89@HOTMAIL.COM) or PDG Lion Randy Greer (219-728-8432, lionrandy@yahoo.com).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! THE SOUTH HAVEN LIONS CLUB

News Around the District—Schereville Lions



News Around the District—MD-25 Lions Pin Design Contest



News Around the District—LOFS Lions Pork Chop Dinner

LOFS LIONS CLUB 2ND ANNUAL

WAYNE D. KRONER SR. MEMORIAL PORK CHOP DINNER

OGETHER

MAY 4TH 4P-7P

SEASONS LAKEHOUSE

DINNER INCLUDES:

PORK CHOP[S] PARSLEY POTATOES BAKED BEANS APPLE SAUCE COLE-SLAW DINNER ROLL DESSERT





SCAN THIS CODE TO PURCHASE TICKETS

> TICKET PRICES

1 CHOP DINNER-\$15 2 CHOP DINNER-\$18

> FREE HOT DOGS AND CHIPS FOR THE KIDS

COME JOIN US AT THE SEASONS LAKEHOUSE FOR OUR ANNUAL PORK CHOP DINNER MAY 4TH FROM 4P TO 7P



DINE-IN OR





TICKET SALES WILL END AT MIDNIGHT ON APRIL 30TH LIMITED WALK IN SALES WILL BE AVAILIBLE

ALL TICKETS ARE AVAILIBLE VIA THE OR CODE OR YOU CAN REACH OUT TO ANY LOFS LIONS MEMBER OR CALL: LION JACKIE KATZ - 219-776-3541 / LION LINDA KRONER - 219-765-3990

LIONS DISTRICT 25 A Coming Together to Serve

News Around the District—South Haven Lions Club

South Haven Lions Club

Pancake Breakfast & More!



Saturday, May 17th, 7 am - 11 am



American Legion Post 502 429 W. 750 N. Valparaiso, IN. 46385

> \$10.00 per adult \$6.00 per child

Menu Items: Pancakes (AYCE), French Toast, Breakfast Casserole, Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy, Coffee, Juice, Milk

News Around the District—Westville Lions Club



Please join the Westville Lions for their Annual Pork Chop Dinner on Saturday, May 10, 2025 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM or until sold out at the Westville United Methodist Church.

Pork Chop dinner includes one grilled pork chop, parsley potatoes, green beans, roll, coffee, water or lemonade for \$10.00 You may buy an extra chop for \$5.00. Dine in or drive through service.

Chops are being grilled by Coulters in Westville and a couple of Lion members.

Advance tickets are available from any Westville Lions Member or by calling (219) 785-2609

The Westville Lions look forward to seeing and serving you on May 10, 2025 and appreciate your support.



News Around the District— Munster Lions Club



News Around the District— Munster Lions Club



10M



Saturday, August 16th 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

At SOCIAL CENTER 8751 LIONS CLUB DRIVE, MUNSTER

Donations

Adult - \$20.00 • Child - \$7.00

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News Around the District— Crown Point Lions Club

CROWN POINT LIONS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS







SPRING BINGO What an amazing night for Spring Bingo. Over

500 people attende d.

There were lots of raffle baskets (new this year), 50/50's, tips for meats, and so much more.

The Lions worked very hard and kept the evening very lively.

There were many happy winners as you can see by the pictures.

The net profit was \$10181.26. WOW

Pretty sure that sets a record for Spring Bingo. Thank you to all the Lions but especially thank you to all the people who attended to help support the Crown Point Lions Club. The money raised by this fundraiser will help to support the community in so many ways.













News Around the District— Crown Point Lions Club





Crown Point Lions Club Highlights

Carson Shaffer, Centier Security Analyst (right) spoke to the club about scams, email safety and phishing. He encouraged members to watch for red flags and be aware. Safety tips included; changing passwords and make them strong, use two factor authentication and never give out your passwords. If it looks suspicious, don't open it. Thank you Carson for the great information.









Crown Point Lions Club sponsored a hole for the Crown Point Community Library Mini Golf Event, April 5, 2025. I was a great time for young and old alike.

It was an opportunity to show the Crown Point Community what the Crown Point Lions do in the community.





Crown Point Lions did eye testing for Safe Kids Day at the YMCA April 5, 2025. Sixty two children were tested by Lions Donna Worst, Pam Gray and Dr. Amanda Sprehe (left).

Everyone had a great time. Even the dinosaurs. (right)

> (right) Lions Mary Jane DiMichele, Al and Sharon Thom, Carla Smolek, Louise Moore, and Jim and Donna Worst worked the Coin Club concessions April 5, 2025. All proceeds were donated to the Crown Point Lions Club. Thank you.









News Around the District— East Chicago Lions Club



News Around the District— Mill Creek Lions Club

The Mill Creek Community Lions club held their March Madness Basketball Shootout April 5 at Indian Trail Elementary for free throw and 3 point shot competitions. Awards are presented for winners in open class, high school, middle school and elementary school age groups. A basketball clinic was also provided. \$171 was raised for the local Toys for Tots drive.





News Around the District—Door Village Lions Club

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Scipio Township Park in Door Village was another great success with a goodly crowd of excited kids ready and able to find the many eggs Lion members had laid out for them just an hour before they arrived at the park at 9:00 am. Lion Dennis Fischer started the hunt with good instructions for how to claim the many prizes laid out on the picnic tables inside the shelter, and at the sounding of his truck horn the hunt began. Of course it wasn't long before the kids were back looking at the prizes and trying to pick just the right one from the large group of prizes in each age group. It didn't take too long though and soon they were off with family and showing off their new toy or game or stuffed animal. This year the Easter Bunny was there for kids to have their pictures taken with, and so was the Lion Mascot in full costume representing Lions everywhere who are always promoting community projects and helping those in need. Door Village Lions have conducted the Easter Egg Hunt at the park for over 25 years and members never tire of watching the kids enjoy picking up the candy filled eggs and collecting their prizes, it's a great feeling and the kids enjoy it so much.





News Around the District— East Chicago Evening Lions Club

The East Chicago Evening Lions participated in Earth Day on April 24th.







News Around the District— East Chicago Evening Lions Club







Lions Club volunteered at the third annual Walk for Autism in East Chicago, IN.

The IH-EC Lions, donated water and cookies to the event to and handed them to the walkers.



News Around the District—Indiana State Police Summer Camps



News Around the District—LOFS Lions

Easter Egg Hunt in LOFS



The LOFS Lions volunteers and the local boy scout troop did a great job at the hunt. Over 300 kids attended.







LOFS Lions held a blood drive with the Red Cross in April

Membership

Lions Who Have Completed Their Service

Tom Roth	Star City
Ronald Goldman	Wanatah

District Membership—Welcome New Members!

Crown Point	Tom Kosaris	Carla Smolek
Hebron	Charity C. Chapman	Sondra Reis
Hebron	Jonathon R. Hackett	Sondra Reis
La Crosse	Jay H. Stewart	Craig Aigner
La Crosse	Molly M. Stewart	Craig Aigner
Munster	Mohammad Ali Illyas	Steven Hulsey



Congratulations - District 25A is a plus 36 in a membership. The best is the STATE! 2 mouth ago - WE SERVE - DG-E Jim Furlong, 2025-2026 Officers.

Lions Clubs healthy and retaining members is crucial for the club success. DG, VDG, 2VDG and District 25A.

SERVICE project - Lions, Leo, Cub, Family, Friends and Community. 1 hour, 4 hours and 8 day service project.

1VDG-E Dave Dickinson

Governor Patty Cooke-Furlong's Calendar

ScherervillePancake	Sunday	5/4/2025	
LOFS Pork Chop Dinner	Sunday	5/4/2025	
IU Graduation in Bloomington	Thursday	5/8/2025	5/10/2025
New Officer Training	Saturday	5/31/2025	
Chesterton Installation	Tuesday	6/3/2025	
Last Cabinet	Sunday	6/8/2025	
Father's Day in LA	Thursday	6/13/2025	6/16/2025
LOFS Installation	Wednesday	6/25/2025	
PreConvention Vacation	Saturday	7/5/2025	7/11/2025
International Convention in Orlando	Saturday	7/12/2025	7/17/2025