

Stevens receives the Distinguished Lion Award

The Indiana Lions Foundation presented the Indiana Lions Distinguished Lion Award this year to PDG Herb Stevens, District E, Paoli Meridian Lions Club.

PDG Herb has been a Lion for 52 Years, he epitomizes the phrase “Where there is a need, there is a Lion.” He has sponsored more than 175 Lions. He has 35 years of perfect attendance. He is responsible for sponsoring 29 new Lions Clubs with an average of 30 members each, Progressive W.P. Woods Fellow, Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

He has served and represented MD25, his District, his State and his community with Vision, Leadership, Dignity and a Spirit that shows the world what it means to be a Lion as “WE SERVE.”

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE — PDG Herb Stevens, District E, Paoli Meridian Lions Club, received the Indiana Distinguished Lion Award at the 2023 Indiana Lions State Convention in Bloomington.



COUNCIL CHAIRS — Bob Hrdy, left, new Council Chair for the 2023-2024 Lions Year is shown with outgoing Council Chair Scott Smith.

Hrdy elected state Council Chair

Bob Hrdy, District 25C, was elected Indiana State Council Chair for the 2023-2024 Lions Year.

Hrdy was introduced to the importance of service to others at an early age.


Both his parents were in the Army. He jokes that he did his military service the first six years of his life — including two tours in Germany.

Even after his parents retired, they were involved in service organizations — Boy Scouts, International Order of Foresters, the Elks etc. He was always volunteering as a coach or helper for his kid's sports teams and helped organize kids games for vacation Bible school at his church.



VIPS VICKY AND BOB HARDY

Hrdy received his first Leader Dog, Alex, in 2028 due to his decreasing vision. He was so (Continued on page 9)



Council Chairperson's Corner

By CC Bob Hrdy

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Wow! The world looks different from the front page

The last year I have been focused on District C, however at the State Convention I was honored to be elected to be the Council Chair for 2023-2024 Lions year.

If you have been to council meetings or the state convention you may see me — the guy with the dog!

I thought I would introduce Team Hrdy to the rest of you.

First — Hrdy is correct (herdy) it is not misspelled tho everyone thinks so — it is a Czech word which means Proud.

I have been married to Vicky for 40 years and my Leader Dog is Finn — he is usually the star everywhere we go.

I have a rare genetic eye disease, choroideremia, which has caused my vision to narrow over time to the 2-3 degrees of vision in my left eye that I have now. I am more than happy to answer any questions about my eye disease or my Leader Dog. I am not self-conscious about my vision so hope you will not be either. If you can't laugh at life — what is the point!

I joined Lions in 2009 after I received my first Leader Dog Alex (the wonder dog) as I was looking for a way to give back to an organization that had given me so much.

My goals as Council Chair are to work with your current group of District Governors — fondly called the “Grapes.” I feel my role is to guide and advise them on the challenges that affect the entire state.

There are a number of good things going on at the state and international level.

We enjoyed the International (Continued on page 9)

A special THANK YOU to the following Lions for their support for the 2023 Indiana Lions 102nd State Convention, July 15.

Many Indiana Lions donated their time and talents to this 2023 State Convention. It is with a tremendous amount of pride that I say “Thank You” for a job well done. As I look back over the past 3 years and our 34-member committee, where did all the time go! A special thanks also to my co-convention co-chair: PDG Mark Clark. We shared many phone calls, committee meetings, etc. Thank You Mark!

1. First there was the Monroe County Limestone Quarries Presentation gift of limestone cut in the shape of Indiana. This special May 12th, 2023, Convention limestone gift was presented during a “full house” to every Lion attending.
2. Saturday night's May 13th Indiana Lions All State Banquet with the “Singing Hoosiers.” A special thank you to the Bedford Lions Club for sponsoring this outstanding singing group the “Singing Hoosiers” and PDG Bill Willis for his help.
3. Sunday morning May 14th it was the “Mother's Day Brunch.” A special gift of a Beautiful Quilted Coaster handmade was given to the ladies! All 200 coasters were made by Lion Lynn Burch of the Fayetteville Lions Club.
4. A free souvenir Coffee Mug was given to all Lions attending this year's 2023 convention with compliments of the Indiana French Lick/West Baden Hotels. And a special thanks given to PDG Bill Willis for all his help.
5. Special thanks also to PDG Kenny Williams, Lions PDG Newell and Judy Clifton, PCC Keith (Continued on page 9)

A special thank you



AMONG THE THROG

SAVE THIS DATE!

January 20, 2024

Have you ever needed “Help”?

Do you feel like you are working “Eight Days a Week”?

Can you only “Get by with a “Little Help from Your Friends”?

Is it true that “All you need is Love”?

If you have wondered about any of these questions, then have we got the Seminar for YOU! At the Mid-Winter Conference on January 20th, we will come together to explore Lionism through the music of the Beatles.

Will this happen “Any Time at All”?

No, only at the MD 25 Mid-Winter Conference !!!

— presented by Lion Jeff Kozicki



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Roars from A



Experiences at the International Convention, challenge to be a Beacon of Hope

By GOV. STEPHEN J. HELMKEN

What a beginning this has been for the start of the new Lions Year. Not only were the District Governor-elects sworn in at the closing of the International Con-

vention in Boston, but we also have a new International President, Dr. Patti Hill, from Canada.

If you have never attended an International Convention, you need to plan on attending one in your lifetime. Next year the convention will be in Melbourne, Australia. I know it's a long flight, but I think it will be worth it. I had never attended an International Convention and can't wait to go again.

Highlights of my International Convention experience in Boston were spending the week with my

fellow DGEs from Indiana. We've become a close group; sharing this with them was fantastic.

Another highlight was seeing my classmates of Group No. 28, whom I have been with since the beginning of my 1st Vice District Governor year. We've attended many Zoom meetings and worked in small groups to invent a unique project that would fall in one of our Lions Global Project areas.

Another highlight was the District Governor-elect's breakfast on Friday morning. This was the first time all of the District Governor-elects, from all over the world, were together. What an experience that was!

Of course, the other highlight was having our ribbons pulled to represent the beginning of our year as a District Governor. Many DGEs had their ribbon removed by their spouse, another officer in their District, or a close friend. Mine was pulled by PCC Mitchell Semans, my mentor and friend.

IP Dr. Patti Hill told us about Mission 1.5 at the Boston Convention. This initiative will increase our association to at least 1.5 million members by the end of the Lions year 2027. This is a challenge that all of us who attended the convention accepted. Please accept this challenge and work with your District Officers to make this happen. Think of all the people we can serve with this many members worldwide.

I know you have all heard of the new Lions Portal to be released sometime this Lions year. Many of your club officers are worried about learning something new again, like we all did when LCI released MyLION. Let me reassure you that we will ALL be learning this together because your District Officers know as much as you do. During the International Convention, we discovered that there will be some learning videos that LCI will release soon. So,

we will learn together.

I'm excited to announce the start of a new Leo club in District 25A sponsored by the East Chicago Evening Club. That makes six Leo Clubs in District 25A. Way to go, Lions of the East Chicago Evening Club.

This past weekend, July 22, was the first Council Meeting of the new year. It was hosted by District 25A. We held it at Red Mill County Park in the lodge, and everyone that attended had a perfect time. We must remember our county parks because they are beautiful places for a meeting or a Lions cookout.

On Saturday evening of July 22, I held my Banner Night at the FOP (Fraternal Order of Police) in Michigan City. PID Nick Xinopoulos was my guest speaker. I had 85 Lions from the District and the State who attended. PID Nick told us that Banner Nights are unique to Indiana. That he knows of, we are the only state that holds Banner Nights. I'm glad we do. I thank all the Lions who came to District 25A's Banner Night.

It's always a highlight when the passing of the flame from all of the PDGs to the new District Governor is part of the evening. This year as the light from the "little flashlights" were passed down from one PDG to another and the light reached me, the lights in the banquet room dimmed, and a lighthouse's beam turned on. This represented my theme for this year: "Lions, a Beacon of Hope." Thank you, Lion Tiffany Nagai, for giving me the beautiful lighthouse that I will use during my year as District Governor. It certainly made a statement at Banner Night.

Let's remember to serve our communities as only Lions can. Let's be "A Beacon of Hope" for everyone who needs our assistance, and in so doing, we will be "Changing the World" as IP Dr. Patti Hill has said we should.



VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION — Shown are those who participated in the Veteran's Day celebration. In front are students from East Chicago Harrison Elementary School. In back, from left are Lion John Fife, East Chicago Mayor Anthony Copeland, Joel Markovich, Lion Patrick G. Rodriguez Sr., Michel Welsh, LTC Terry L. Ducan and members of the East Chicago Central High School JROTC.



VETERAN'S MARKERS — The Veteran's Memorial Markers honor those who served in the Gulf, Afghanistan and Iraq Wars.

Veteran's Memorial Stones unveiled

Indiana Harbor-East Chicago Lions Club dedicated three Veteran's Memorial stones during a Veteran's Day Celebration at Veteran's Park in East Chicago.

These markers honor those who served in the Gulf, Afghanistan and Iraq Wars.

The markers were sponsored by members of the club, along with East Chicago Mayor Anthony Copeland, STM Enterprise LLC, Fife Funeral Home, and Gary Diocesan Cemeteries.

Along with the sponsors members of the East Chicago Central High School JROTC and students from East Chicago Harrison Elementary School attended.



MONUMENTS UNVEILED — Shown unveiling the new monuments, from left, Lion John Fife, IH-EC Lions Club, Fife Funeral Home; East Chicago Mayor Anthony Copeland; Joel Markovich, STM Enterprise, LLC; Lion Patrick G. Rodriguez Sr. PDG IH-EC Lions Club and Michel P. Welsh, COO Gary Diocesan Cemeteries.

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MARKER SPONSORS — Shown are members of the Indiana Harbor-East Chicago Lions Club, along with the sponsors of the Veteran's Memorial Markers. From left, Lion Naomi Rodriguez, Lion Patrick G. Rodriguez Sr., Joel Markovich, Lion Jim Fife and Michel Welsh.



LION OF THE YEAR — Lion Pat Greer received the Lion of the Year award.



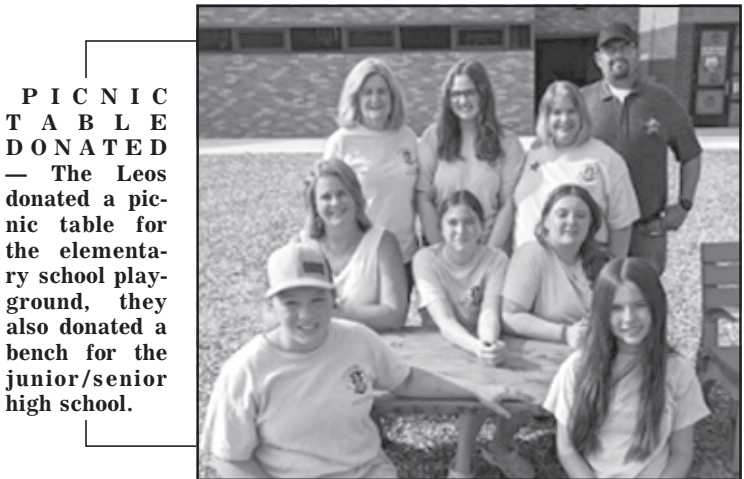
MIYAMOTO FELLOWSHIP — Lion Randy Greer received the Miyamoto Fellowship.



MELVIN JONES AWARD — Lion Jason Kegbein received a Melvin Jones Award.

South Haven Lions present awards

Awards were presented to a few South Haven Lions members in recognition of their service to the community and dedication to the club.



PICNIC TABLE DONATED — The Leos donated a picnic table for the elementary school playground, they also donated a bench for the junior/senior high school.

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Roars from B



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Exciting time of year for Lions

By GOV. TERRY MARKER

By the time you read this column most kids will be back in school and summer will be coming rapidly to and end. School Sight screening will be gearing up and Lions meetings will be resuming after many summer time projects.

I have had some club visits and installed officers and looking forward to visiting many more clubs. It is interesting to observe the diversity of the club, yet they all accomplish the same purpose of serving their communities, making a difference and accomplishing IP Patti Hill's motto of "Changing the world."

That is the reason we are Lions. To serve in such a way that we "Change the World," we live in to make it a better place.

For those who made the trip to the Indiana State Fair I say

thank you on behalf of District 25B. What you work for there makes a big difference all over the state of Indiana in the form of grants that the Indiana Lions Foundation makes to many clubs. If you have time to work a shift go to the Indiana Lions Foundation site and sign up.

It is also an exciting time of year as districts have their banner nights. A good time to meet new people who are a part of Lions in Indiana and develop friendships that can last a lifetime.

Just a reminder that District 25B's Banner night is Sept. 16, at the Lucky Turtle Banquet Hall. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. It is located at 622 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Cost is \$20 if registered by Aug. 26. After that date the cost is \$30. It will be a buffet style meal with baked chicken in mushroom sauce, grilled salmon, meat lasagna with green beans

and roasted red potatoes, with chocolate cake for dessert. soft drink included. There will be a cash bar available. Registration should be sent to club secretary Terry L. Elser, 2909 Rolling Meadows Lane, New Haven, IN 46774. E-mail: elserfam@frontier.com; Phone (260) 438-8975. Make checks payable to: New Haven Lions Club.

Coming back from Boston my mind was focused on a challenge that was given to the Lions worldwide. To get to 1.5 million people by 2027. It is not impossible! But it will take work from all of us. Step out of our comfort zone and ask someone or two. Think of ways to start clubs in your community that may meet at a more convenient time for some of our younger generation. Or even consider a cyber club that many of our younger generations are really liking. It's a win-win situation for all of us, because it

means more hands to share the load, and to "Change the World" where we live and beyond.

We are currently at 1,004 members with 46 Clubs. I would encourage every club to grow by two members this year. It is not impossible, but it will take work.

And those clubs that might be considering closing, please contact me so we might look at some ways to keep you active and alive in your community, because they need you.

Thank you for all you are doing, and keep on serving.

AT THE STATE FAIR — Lions Bob and Jean Howard at the Indiana State Fair. Photo by PDG Paul Russell, Lakeville Lions Club, District G.



DAY 3 AT THE FAIR — Lions Marty and Angela Mounsey of the Van Buren Lions Club visited the Great Indiana State Fair on day three of the fair. They are shown with Foundation Trustee Lion Pam Arnold.



SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTED — Monroeville Lion Colleen Grabner presents certificate to Heritage High School graduate, Avril Litchfield, the 2023 Lion's Scholarship winner. Avril, who will be going to University of St. Francis in the fall, will receive a \$1,000 scholarship after completing one semester. Lions base awarding of scholarship on community service.



Bippus Lions Club Celebrates 75 years



75th ANNIVERSARY CAKE



MASTER OF CEREMONIES — PCC Bob Morton, Master Ceremonies for Bippus 75th anniversary celebration.



WP WOOD AWARD — Phyllis Stouder, center, received the WP Wood award. The award was presented by PDG Kathy Morton, Bippus Lions Club, right. Phyllis's daughter Jayne (her husband, Todd is a member of the Stroh Lions) is shown on the left.

MELVIN JONES AWARD — Gov. Terry Marker presented PDG Kathy Morton, Bippus Lions Club, with the Melvin Jones Award.



NEWEST MEMBER — Susan Burger was installed as the newest member into the Howe Lions Club. Pictured are Brad Sisk, Susan Burger and Lions President Bob Knowlton.



Howe Lions install new member

The Howe Lions Club met at Lion Alice and Dave Watson's lake house on South Twin Lake, Wednesday, June 21 for dinner, guest speaker and installation of new member Susan Burger.

The executive Director of Lagrange County Chamber of Commerce Sarah Patrick gave a talk on their mission statement

of Foster Home Businesses. She said the chamber stresses the towns in LaGrange be attractive as they possibly can. One of their biggest projects is filling backpacks with food for the needy kids in the three school corporations in the county. One big money raiser is in the Power of the Purse auction they hold every year.

Bluffton Lions Club fundraiser

By PDG SANDY ZIEGLER

The Bluffton Lions Club is hosting a fundraiser with the sale of a Pizza Hut fundraising card.

Each card is \$10 and there are six different offers, printed on the back of the card. Each listing can be used four times.

Offers include: Buy a large specialty at menu price and get a medium 1 top for \$1; any large or medium pizza for \$10 with up to three toppings, thin or hand tossed; individual pasta dinner - by one get one free; personal pan pizza - buy one get one free at an equal or lesser value; large pizza, one topping thin or hand tossed for \$6.99; or bonless wings \$6.60 each, minimum of eight weeks.

Cards can be used throughout Fort Wayne and Allen County: Canterbury, Coventy, East State, Illinois Road, Northwood, Pine Valley, Southgate, Lima



PIZZA HUT CARD

Road, West State, New Haen and Waynedale. The cards can also be used in Angola, Auburn, Berne, Bremen, Bluffton, Columbia City, Crawfordsville, Decatur, Fishers, Frankfort, Garrett, Hartford City, Huntington, Lafayette, Lebanon, Ligonier, Logansport, Noblesville, North Manchester, Plymouth, Portland, Syracuse, Wabash, Warsaw, West Lafayette and Westfield.

Condatct PDG Sandy Zeigler or any Bluffton Lions Club Member.

Pizza Hut cards can be used until Dec. 31.



OFFICER INSTALLATION — New Haven Lions Club held an installation of officers and hosted a visit from DG Terry Marker, Albion. Shown are club members of the New Haven Lions Club. In front, from left are Secratay Bob Hudson and board members Jackie Sports, Judy Stoops and Bill Hart. In back are DG Marker, President Susie Hudson, Vice Presicent Steve Steward, Tailtwister Dennis Stoll and Treasurer Terry Elser. Photo provided by Lion Bob Hudson, secretary.



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Hello Team plus One!!!

By GOV. PATTI FOXX

Let me introduce myself. My name is Patti Foxx and I belong to the Brazil Lions Club and have held the positions of Club President, Club LCIF Coordinator, Secretary, and Zone 5 Chair. I have volunteered my time in the local community and with the Lions at the Indiana State Fair. The Brazil Lions Club hosts an annual Golf Scramble as their primary fund raiser. Our Club is active in the community by having a booth at the Brazil 40 Fest and supporting the YMCA of Clay County.



SERVING WITH A SMILE

I am happily married to Tim Foxx for 39 years, we have two children, one son-in-law and four grand fur babies. We live in the country, where you can find me

working in my garden, harvesting all the veggies. I enjoy watching Nascar and football when not volunteering in my community. Career: I am the auditor at the Clay County Courthouse and have been at the courthouse 11 years. Prior to that I worked in a CPA office for 20 years and worked at the local bank for eight years. I have held numerous positions with the Delta Theta Tau Sorority. I am also a member of the Brazil Main Street Association. I am a graduate of the Lugar Series, Class of 2020-2021, Graduate Class No. 31.

Goals: My plus ONE is my goal for the year, To increase everything by ONE. Increase reporting of District 25-Clubs Monthly Membership Report (MMR). We actually do need your reports!

To increase reporting of District 25-Clubs Service Activity Report (SAR). We need these also! To increase our Membership throughout District 25-C and to attend District Meetings and Conferences. To increase our membership by the end of June 30, 2024.

Club visits: Don't forget to schedule your DG visit with me as I can't wait to see you! I have some clubs already scheduled but I need more while there is still a lot of daylight, as I will be driving two hours to visit most of you!

Lions changing the World by Covering the Need, Serving with a Smile.

OUTSTANDING LIONS — Zionsville Lions Club Awards Night Dinner celebrated two outstanding Lions. PDG Richard McKellar received a WP Woods Fellowship for his work in their Eye Screening and Kid Sight Programs. Lion Karen McKellar, club secretary, received the honor from her peers choosing her as Lion of the Year. Congratulations to two great Lions.



FOURTH RUNNER-UP — Zionsville Leo to Lion and our Alpha Leo Advisor, Lion Sam Robbins, had a great time at the Miss Indiana Scholarship Competition at the ZCHS Art Center. Sam was fourth runner up, she also was a finalist for the Joy of Life Award. And won the Red Carpet Award (gown) on Thursday night. Congratulations Sam for an outstanding Miss Indiana Week! Photo by Roger Manning.



SERVING ICE CREAM — Zionsville Lions Diabetes Committee members, Jeanie Robbins, Ruth Kelly, Mel Prince and Art Small were the first to serve ice cream this year at the Diabetes Camp in Noblesville. The campers are great to work with and their manners are beautiful, they ALL say thank you!



DONATIONS BY ZIONSVILLE LIONS — Zionsville Lions Club July 4th Celebration Chair and his July 4th Raffle Co-Chair Kenny Caldwell, far right, gave two, \$3,559.00 checks out at the July 26 Lions meeting. One to Gail Robbins, second from left, a Leader Dog Trustee and the State Secretary for Leader Dog, to go to Puppy Sponsorship and another check to the Zionsville Lions Park Director Gene Thompson, second from right, for maintenance of Lions Park. Learn more about the Zionsville Lions at zionsvillelions.com.

District Governor Patti Foxx's adventures in Boston



PARADE DAY



CHEERS



CLASS GRADUATION DAY



LCI WITH GROUP 23 SIGN



PASSING THE TORCH — District Governor Patti Foxx received the passing of the torch from PDG Bob Hrdy at his last Cabinet meeting. Photo by PDG Pat Short.



HELLO BOSTON — MD 25 Lions are shown at Fenway Park Boston to see the Boston Red Sox play Oakland. Photo by PDG Charlie Short.



CLUBS HELPING CLUBS — The Prairie Creek Lions helped with the Riley Lions Club at their Bingo Tent from May 30 to June 3 at the Banks of the Wabash Festival.

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What is a Lion?

By GOV. JULIA KOZICKI

Hello Lions of Indiana from District 25D! My name is Julia Kozicki and it's my privilege to serve as District Governor in 25D for 2023-24. My theme for the year is 'What is a Lion?' - and my hope is that every Lion will have their own answer when asked so that we encourage others to join us in serving our communities and the world. In 25D, our answers thus

far are "FUN: Friendly, Upbeat and Nice" and "A member of the world's largest service club organization."
In April, 25D held a district-wide Zoom to establish district goals for this year. Because we want to be accountable for our goals, we will share them here:
• **Service:** every club will report at least one service project in MyLion (or its successor) and every club will hold at least one

environmental service project.
• **Membership:** each club will recruit at least one new member and the district will add at least one new club.
• **Leadership:** club officers will attend club officer training or utilize the training in MyLCI.
• **Marketing:** each club will submit an article or promotion to the district newsletter.
• **Lion Club International Foun-**



ADDED MEMBERS — Shown are representatives of District 25D Clubs who had added members during the 2022-2023 Lion year.



LEADING THE PARADE — Several District 25D Lions led the Indiana Lions unit of the parade in Boston. Russiaville Lion Frank Faulkner carried the American flag, the Lions flag was carried by Noblesville Lion Jeff Kozicki and then PID Doug Lozier led the Indiana banner.

dation: each club will make a contribution to LCIF.
Clubs that achieve these goals will be eligible for the Club Excellence award from LCI and our district club excellence award.
At the International Convention in Boston, new International President Dr. Patti Hill told us that Lions are "Changing the World" and we will accomplish even more when we exceed the goal for Mission 1.5 — growing to 1.5 million members by June 30, 2027. Change is also coming with the upgraded Lions International website — coming to a computer, tablet or phone near you in late September.

Change is coming in Indiana as well. State Administrative Secretary and Past Council Chair Sue Topf is ready to retire — for real, this time. If you are looking for an opportunity to serve the Lions of Indiana and live within commuting distance of Indianapolis, check out the help wanted notice elsewhere in this paper!
It's going to be an exciting year for the Lions of Indiana and District 25D. First Vice District Governor Rocky Simpson, Second Vice District Governor Jim Dubeansky and I look forward to serving with you as we have FUN in the World's Largest Service Club Organization.



NEWLY ELECTED — New District 25D Leadership was elected at the July cabinet meeting. Shown are newly elected Second Vice District Governor Jim Dubeansky, First Vice District Governor Rocky Simpson, District Governor Julia Kozicki and IPCC Scott Smith.



HELPING WITH BANNER — District Governor Julia Kozicki helped the other DGs carry the Indiana banner in the Lions parade.

More C

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HELPING AFTER THE STORM — The Clinton Lions Club recently assisted the city of Clinton after a severe thunderstorm passed through our community with storm debris removal. Over 300 trees were damaged or completely fell during the storm. Twenty five loads of storm debris was removed during the cleanup by the Lions in keeping with our motto "WE SERVE"
Pictured left to right are Clinton Lions in front of some of the equipment that was used during the clean up: Andrew Poletto, Dave Marietta, Keith Pruitt, Jerry Spurr, Tim Foltz, Bob Alexander, Jeff Williamson, Kevin Vitaniemi, Chuck Gedrick, Dean Strohm and Austin Farrington. Dirk Foltz was unavailable for the photo. Photo courtesy of Patti Spurr.

CHECK RECEIVED — Clinton Lions Club received a check from the ILF. Indiana Lions Foundation Trustee and Secretary John Wilkins is shown on the left as he presents a check for \$1,000 to Clinton Lions Club President Jerry Spurr recently when Trustee Wilkins visited the club.



CLINTON LIONS INSTALL NEW OFFICERS — Recently the following Clinton Lions members assume duties of various offices within the club.
Shown in the photo are Dean Strohm, membership chair; Chuck Gedrick, board of directors; Jerry Spurr, president; Rick Inman, board of directors; Dennis Jones, treasurer; Bob Spence past president; Dave Marietta, first vice president; Andrew Poletto, board of directors; Larry Rardin, board of directors; Chris Strohm, second vice president; Garry Dal Sasso, Lion Tamer; Bob Alexander, board of directors; Shawn Wilson, board of directors; and Charles "Doc" Rutan, secretary. Tail Twister Tom Sims was unavailable for the photo. Photo courtesy of Clinton Lions Club.



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Need to plan year, goals and focus on big picture

By GOV. GLEN GEORGES

Hello Lions of Indiana, it was great seeing those that were able to attend the International Convention in Boston. We heard from many people from Immediate past International President Brian Sheehan to our new International President Dr. Patti Hill.

Dr. Hill asked us to “Change the World”. And Lions do that every day. Because Lions are “Awesome,” to quote IPIP Sheehan. Lions we need to plan our year and work on our goals and focus on the big picture. For most of us that is probably growing our membership. But it also needs to be the service we do and the fun-

draising we do in our communities. We need to gear our service projects to attract prospective new members. One service we can all join in is the state fair. We always are in need of people to work the gates. It is an awesome way to meet lions from all over the state. You can even see the state fair. Earn credits towards a W. P. Woods to give someone. Make new friendships and revisit old friendships. Make a club event out of it. This is the last year we can utilize the cabins at the Blind School also. If you have a camper there are camp sites available as well.

Banner night is always a fun event to take your clubs banners and support the governor of your district. I know as a two-time governor it means a lot to have all the clubs in your district show up.

We have a lot to look forward to this year in Lions. It is up to each of us to make it as successful as possible. Since we are doing all this service work — remember to keep it fun. Fun is contagious and infectious. Let’s spread this

MEDORA DIABETES TRAINING — Shown are Lions participating in diabetes training. From the left clockwise around the table are Lions Ronald Byarley, Zone Chair Brad Nolan, Secretary Lion Ruth Beesley, Treasurer, Lion Bob Branaman, LionJanie Branaman, Vice Pres Lion Chris Snodgrass and Lion Karen Brock. Standing President Lion Dana Beavers.



Vision screening at county fair

There were 37 members of the four Lawrence County Lions Club — Bedford, Bedford Noon, Mitchell and Fayetteville Community — who conducted vision screening at the Lawrence County 4-H Fair from July 9 to July 15

The group screened 71 adults so far and near vision and field of vision with 23 being referred with problems to seek additional follow up professional exams. We also screened 101 children so far and near vision with 10 being referred to seek additional follow up professional exams.

This year Lions screened 15 children ages 2 to 6 with a Kid-Sight camera referring one with problems to seek additional follow up professional exams.

For the first time the Lions tested 82 people for blood glucose with 10 running a high glucose level. Information on diabetes diet, management and recipes were offered and a “diabetes made simple” video was played on repeat.

Also 15 pairs of new reading glasses were given free of charge



VISION SCREENING — Shown in the photo performing vision screenings from the left area Lion Dustin Williams (Bedford Lions) and Lion Jason Jackson (Bedford Noon Lions).

to individuals needing corrective glasses to help improve their near vision.

We would like to thank the Lawrence County Fair Board and our four community minded spon-

sors — Day and Carter Mortuary, Brent Maudlin State Farm Insurance, Williams Wealth LLC and George Wealth Management — for making this service to our community possible.



DIABETES TESTING — Shown in the photo performing the diabetes testing is Lion Nichole Harris from Fayetteville Community Lions.



KIDSSIGHT SCREENING — Shown in photo performing KidSight camera screening is Lion Jane Root (Mitchell Lions).

across the state. Ask our friends, family, and people we work with about being a part of this great organization. The more people join, the more service we can do. Also, it gives our clubs new fresh ideas for fundraising and service

projects. The hardest thing for anybody to do is listen to what is being said. Keep up the great work Lions and stay focused. Let’s make this the best Lions year in a long time. The race is on, and we will finish strong.



Petersburg Lions Club Car Show

Some of the cars that came out in the 90 degree heat to support the club projects. Awards were given for Best of Show, Best Detail, Club and District Choice. Pictures by VDG Erica Thomas, 25E

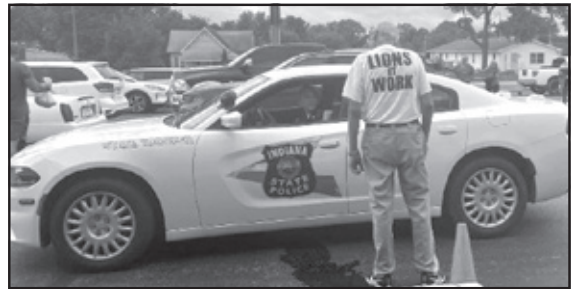


GRILLERS AND SERVERS — Shown are the grillers and servers at the fundraiser. From left are PDG Vern Tincher, Lions Kevin Crock, John Delph, Tammy Delph and Debbie Ellis.



COOKING RIBEYES — Shown are Lions Kevin Crock, Chris Gentry, Vern Tincher, Tammy Delph cooking the the ribeyes.

SPECIAL DELIVERY — Retired Trooper and PDG Vern Tincher made a special delivery to ISP Trooper Polly Blackburn.



Raising funds for scholarships

Sullivan Lions held a Rib Eye/hamburger Cookout at Baslers grocery in Sullivan to raise funds for scholarships.

When local Indiana State Trooper Polly Blackburn arrived, (former Trooper,) PDG Vern Tincher quickly convert-

ed from grill cook to drive up delivery person! The Lions had a very successful day and would like to thank Bob Basler for providing the grills, freezer and meat at the entrance to his store.



STORING THE MEAT — A Basler employee puts meat in the freezer for the event.



AT THE GRILL — Slaving over the hot grill to prepare the hamburgers and ribeye are PDG Vern Tincher and Lions Kevin Crock and John Delph.



Roars from F



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Great experience at Lions International Convention

By GOV. ED HARPER

I attended my first Lions International Convention during the month of July in Boston, Mass. What a great experience! I would highly suggest that you attend an International Convention if you have never done so. I know that several Indiana Lions have attended many Indiana Lions State Conventions and have enjoyed that experience. The International Conventions is much larger, lasts longer and has many more activities. Give it a try!

District 25F has a busy calendar for the Lions 2023/2024 year. Important events have been scheduled that you might want to attend and now is the time to

place them on your calendar. Here is the list for this year:

Aug. 27, 2023 — Banner Night at Clermont Lions Club, 3201 Tansel Road, Indianapolis, IN

Sept. 21-23, 2023 — USA/Canada Form, Reno, Nevada

Sept. 24, 2023 — Pork Chop Sunday, Camp Woodsmoke

Sept. 20, 2023 — Fall District Meeting, Middletown, IN

Jan. 19 - 2024 — Mid-Winter Conference, Crowne Plaza Airport, Indianapolis, IN

Feb. 3, 2024 — Winter District Meeting, Connersville, IN

March 23, 2024 — District Convention, Clermont Lions Club House

April 26 -27, 2024 — State Convention, Embassy Suites, Noblesville, IN

June 21 - 25, 2024 — International Convention, Melbourne, Australia

Please check your newsletter each month for more information on each of these event and registration form for attendance.

I have started my club visitations and look forward to visiting your club. Several of the District 25F clubs have not arranged for my DG visit to their club. Check your calendar and make these arrangements as soon as possible. The President or Secretary of your club can contact CS Angela Locke via text or cell phone at (765) 259-1080 to schedule your club's visit.

I encourage you to have your club projects advertised in this publication or your district newsletter. I feel if more clubs know what their fellow clubs are doing, all clubs would benefit from this knowledge. Lions can help neighboring clubs work together in joint projects, attend Lions functions in their area which will help all projects be successful. If clubs don't advertise their projects in district or state publications, other clubs can't attend these projects and help fellow Lions.

I am enjoying the beginning of my year as your District Governor and I am proud to serve as your Governor.

PASSING OF THE GAVEL — PDG Linda tells DG Ed, it is all yours.



ORGANIZATIONAL DAY AT CAMP WOODSMOKE



CAMP WOODSMOKE DONATION — Lion's at Camp Woodsmoke receiving a \$6,000 check from the Milan American Legion for new mattresses.



WORKING ON PICNIC TABLE — Stephanie Ulrey works on sanding one of the picnic tables.

Working at Medora Town Park

Seymour Noon Lions spent time working at the Medora Town Park.

Members painted the playground equipment, spread mulch and gravel and sanded and

stained picnic tables.

Those who participated were Stephanie Ulrey, Dave McNabb, Doug Ray, Fred Moritz, Brad Nolan, Christy Nolan, Kaylee Caudill and Briyer Barnett.



Busy months for Seymour Noon Lions

Seymour Noon Lion have had a busy couple of months.

April we screened with not only Blinq, but Opti 500, and The Pogo. Do you know what The Pogo is? The Lions diabetes screening machine!

We screened 101 individuals and found three that needed referred to physicians to get a check up.





Roars from G



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Jumping into the new year

By GOV. RON GUTH

Wow! What a way to start my year as governor for the Lions of District 25-G.

Lion Beth and I had a week in Boston to celebrate the success of Lions International serving

the world under the leadership of IPP Brian Sheehan, then jumped into the new year with our new President Dr. Patti Hill. She has a wonderful vision of us “Changing the World” and plans to do just that as Lions. Lions International has also released a new

goal of “Mission 1.5”, which is a concentrated effort to raise Lions membership totals to 1.5 million Lions worldwide, serving 1 billion people by 2027.

The day we arrived back in Indy after our trip to Boston, we drove up to Mishawaka to

Eyeglasses shipped for Mexican Eyeglass Mission

On June 29, over 13,600 pairs of used eyeglasses were shipped to Mexico for this year’s eyeglass mission in Uriangato, GTO Mexico. In addition to that, over 4000 pairs were shipped to Ceredil, a Lions eyeglass recycling center located in Chihuahua, Mexico.



The Lion who facilitates getting our glasses over the border from El Paso operates this facility and will use these glasses to support other missions in northern Mexico. There are certain prescriptions we receive in excess of our needs each year so we periodically send them for us by Ceredil.

Our work, however, does not stop with the glasses being shipped. We are still busy collecting and processing glasses for the 2024 mission. Crews are scheduled to sort, clean, and continue reading prescriptions and ultimately filing and packaging the eyeglasses for shipment next year.

If your club would like additional information, including a program that details the numerous steps taken in the district’s eyeglass processing center, please contact PDG Marty Juel, marty@martyjuel.com, or (574) 322-1660.



LOADING EYEGLASSES — Lions loading glasses at the district’s eyeglass processing center, shown from left, were: John Krzyzanowski (Clay-Granger Lion), Merve Bontrager (former Dunlap Lion), Marlin Culp (Elkhart Lion), John Preheim (Dunlap Lion), and PDG Marlyn Fast (Dunlap Lion). Not shown, PDG Marty Juel (Elkhart Lion).



UNLOADING EYEGLASSES — Unloading boxes to be shipped are: (L-R) Lion Merlin Culp, Lion John Krzyzanowski (in truck), PDG Marlyn Fast, and Lion John Preheim.

History of the Peru Lions Club Memorial Scholarship

The Peru Lions Club Memorial Scholarship fund was started in December 1999 after the passing of two of its members, Jim Busta and Frank Drake. Their families had requested that money be donated to the Peru Lions Club in their memory to be used in the community.

It was decided that to start a scholarship fund to be on-going for years to come. From small beginnings (initially \$580) good things have happened, including this year’s recipients. The Lions have helped 130 students in the past 23 years totaling \$60,200.

Last year (2022) eight \$500 scholarships were awarded. Thru the community support of the Peru Lions Club it has increased that amount to \$600/each to a total of 11 students, five from Maconaquah HS and six from Peru High School.



NEWEST MELVIN JONES RECIPIENTS — Shown are Lions Susan Landgrave and Karen Magers being presented a surprise award of the Melvin Jones Fellowship by Peru Lions Club president Dick Galvin. These two ladies, both diabetic, headed up the Peru Lions “Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness” in March.

join with PID Nick Xinopoulos in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Mishawaka Lions Club. What joy it was to hear the great things the club has done in their city over the years and to witness their service to others!

A week later we had the first council meeting followed by District 25-A’s banner night celebration of DG Stephen Helmken. The next day Lion Beth and I stopped by Grass Creek Lions Club to join them in their clubs 50th anniversary!

I can’t express the honor it was to present three golden anniversary pins to charter members of the club.

Have you signed up to work the State Fair to support the Indiana State Lions Foundation? I hope to see many of you there.

We are “Lions in Action” and we are serving our communities because that’s what Lions do! Join me in helping others to celebrate our lives as Hoosiers in the great state of Indiana.

SCHOLARSHIP TO WRIGHT — Club President Lion Greg Hunsberger (R) presented a scholarship to Elaina Wright, a Penn High School graduate.



SCHOLARSHIP TO SIMONS — Club President Lion Greg Hunsberger presented a scholarship to Samantha Simons a Bremen High School graduate.



HANLEY RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP — Lion Doug Moore, right, presenting scholarship to Jayden Hanley a Mishawaka High School graduate.



INSPECTING EYE GLASSES — Madison Twp. Lions Doug Moore, Mike Hunsberger, Al Beehler, Larry Kulczar, and Tom Green are shown drying and inspecting washed eye glasses at District 25-G Eyeglasses Recycling Center in Dunlap.

Madison Township Lions work at eyeglass recycling center, distribute scholarships

By AL BEEHLER
Madison Township Lions Club

On July 11 five members of the Madison Township Lions Club worked at the District Eyeglasses Recycling Center in Dunlap.

Once the glasses are cleaned the prescriptions will be read and packaged for an eyeglasses mission to Mexico in 2024, where they will be given to residents who need glasses.

At the June 13 Madison Twp. Lions Club meeting, the club awarded three scholarships to local graduates. All three graduates thanked the club for being selected and talked about their

future plans. The recipients are Elaina Wright, Samantha Simons and Jayden Hanley.

The Madison Twp. Lions send a big thank you to the community for supporting our Spring Pork Chop Sale. Also, a thank you goes out to those Lions and volunteers who spent over 250 total hours to help with the preparation, grilling, and selling of the chops. Due to your support we are able to help our communities in many ways. We cooked and sold approximately 2,600 pork chops. We are planning our fall sale to be held on Oct. 7. So mark your calendar, more information will be available as that date gets closer.



PARADE OF NATIONS — MD25 carrying the Indiana Banner in the Parade of Nations at the International Convention in Boston.

Recap of International Convention

By PID LINDA TINCHER
LCI International Liaison

The 2023-2024 Lions Year is well under way following our recent International Convention in Boston, Mass.

Lions around the world proudly elected the newest International Directors to the Board as well as our 2nd woman President

Dr. Patti Hill from Edmonton, Canada. President Patty introduced her theme of “Changing the World,” and stated she hopes to “provide encouragement and inspiration” for Lions to help her make some big changes in the ensuring year.

Therefore, she was happy to announce Lions International’s newest initiative: Mission 1.5, to

raise our membership to 1.5 million members by 2027.

Mission 1.5, like Campaign 100, is an ambitious goal. Lions accepted the Challenge of Campaign 100 and exceeded the goal and with the right inspiration and motivation Lions will do the same with Mission 1.5.

Lions International, the largest service organization in the



MD25 GOVERNORS AT THE LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Hrды elected

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impressed with the Leader Dog program he wanted to find a way to give back.

He met Lion Dave Ehlers at one of his son’s baseball games where Ehlers was a vocal supporter of the team. Ehlers invited him to join the Lafayette Lions in 2009.

Hrды has been active in many different roles within the Lafayette Lions: president, vice president, Tail Twister, Leader Dog trustee, Zone Chair, Second Vice District Governor. He is always willing to help in any way he can.

In addition to Lions Club, he is on the board of Lafayette youth baseball and volunteers at his local elementary school.

He has received several recognitions for his hard work on behalf of others: a Presidential Leadership medal in recognition to his efforts to raise money for the Lader Dog expansion, a WP Woods award; a Lion award from a local financial investment company that recognizes citizens who invest in the community.



AT THE BALL PARK

Wow!

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Convention in Boston, hearing from our new International President Dr. Patti Hill about her theme “Changing the World” as well as many of the executive leadership team.

The most exciting announcement was Project 1.5. This is an initiative to increase our membership to 1.5 million Lions worldwide! You will continue to hear more about this from your District Governors.

I am hoping to see much more

of the state of Indiana while meeting more Indiana Lions. I am looking forward to hearing your ideas, celebrating your success, and yes even hearing your frustrations.

Yours in Lionism
CC Bob Hrды MD25

Global Membership Approach

By SCOTT J. SMITH
GAT Vice Area Leader

This is an exciting time to be a part of Lions International! The GMA process is growing in popularity and is showing great success where it is being used. Mission 1.5 has been launched and is a tremendous effort to reach at least 1.5 million Lions worldwide by 2027!

MD25 has a great opportunity to be at the forefront of this success. Any Club, Zone, Region or District in MD25 has the chance to learn more about the GMA process and how it can change

the future of your Club and Indiana Lions!

If anyone would like to have a presentation given about the GMA process, then please contact me and I will arrange to make it happen at any level for

you! My information can be found in the Lions of Indiana State Directory or in the District 25D Directory.

I look forward to continuing to work with each of you in this new Lions Year.

A special

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Thomas, Lion Julia Terry, PDG Nancy Lambert, CPA, PCC Jim P.M. Query, PID Linda Tinchler, PID Douglas Lozier, PCC Sue

Topf, PID Nick Xinopoulos.
Sincerely,
PDG Gary Ochs, co-chairperson
2023 Indiana Lions 102nd State Convention

world’s membership has held around 1.4 million for many years, but it’s time for a change. It’s time to elevate membership to 1.5 million. Lions! This goal can be met if we work together to create new clubs as well as continuing to add to our current clubs. Most clubs are traditional clubs but consider specialty clubs or cyber clubs to entice others to have fun while doing service.

One way to learn how to entice new members to our organization is to attend the USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Reno, Nev., Sept. 21-23, 2023. The forum will provide many opportunities to increase service in the environment. Therefore, every attendee is being encouraged to bring 21 plastic bags. Which will not only keep plastic out of the landfills

but will provide materials for benches. Once again this is a lofty goal. They would like to have 500 pounds or 40,500 bags of any kind: grocery bags, store bags, Ziploc reclose able bags or even bubble wrap! All bags must be clean and dry. Just place them in the provided bins in Reno, Nev.

Speaking of traveling, next year’s International Convention will be in Melbourne, Australia. Passports will be required. IF you need a passport now is the time to apply for one. If it is due to expire be sure you renew it at least 6 months in advance prior to travel.

IF we start in our own backyard and expand our horizons to include new people and activities, Lions will contribute to “Changing the World.”

HELP WANTED State Administrative Secretary

The 2023-24 Indiana Lions Council of Governors is seeking applications for the position of State Administrative Secretary. The State Administrative Secretary serves as the state council secretary, MD 25 Convention secretary and is responsible for making reports on behalf of MD25 to Lions International. A well qualified candidate is a Lion in good standing with leadership skills and supervisory or nonprofit management experience. The position is part-time exempt and is based at the Indiana Lions State Office Building in Indianapolis. A full list of duties can be found in the policy manual linked at www.e-district.org/sites/md25/ starting on page 15.

Interested applicants should contact Council Chair Bob Hrды at (765) 426-9027 or lionbobhrdy25c@gmail.com and submit their resume and letter of interest no later than October 1. Candidates should be available for interviews on Saturday, October 7, 2023 following the Council of Governors meeting in Noblesville.

More from District A

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AWARD FOR SERVICE — LaPorte Lions President Barb Smeltzer, left, presents Past President Diane Spoljoric with a plaque for her service from 2021-23 at the club's meeting July 11 at the Blue Heron in LaPorte.



SERVICE AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS — Shown is Hobart Lions President Joe Larson with 2023 PDG Chuck Sapper Service Award scholarship winners Nikolina Latinovic, Kenji DeCastro, and Emma McCoy.



CLUB FLOAT — LaPorte and Door Village Lions participated in LaPorte's 4th of July parade with the LaPorte Club's float. Winners of LaPorte Lions Club's scholarships from LaPorte High School rode on the float.

More from District E

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CLEANING UP



DISASTER RELIEF

Ways to promote civics

Looking for an easy and meaningful club project to Promote Civics?

Lions Clubs can help promote civics and citizenship education with a great and easy-to-do project: Liberty Day. You can use Sept. 17 (Constitution Day), Dec. 15 (Bill of Rights Day), March 16 (birthday of Pres. James Madison, major author of the Bill of Rights), or any day that works well for your club or your community.

Schools are giving increased attention to civics classes. Clubs can distribute pocket U.S. Con-

stitutions to their local schools to use in civics education, which as we all know is more critical now than ever for our nation. This is a great opportunity to promote civics education AND the goals of Lionism!

Pocket Constitutions are available to order from either Amazon.com or Walmart.com for only \$1 each. Sometimes local partners such as The American Legion may have copies available.

Civics education takes place at about the fifth to eighth grade level, so contact your local

schools, and arrange to deliver pocket Constitutions for classroom use, or in connection with a Citizenship-related activity.

As with The Dictionary Project, be sure to attach a sticker or mailing label with your local Lions Club's contact info or web site.

Report your Liberty Day activities on your Monthly Activity Report.

For more ideas or for a speaker about Liberty Day, contact Lion Don Parker (Wanatah Lions Club) at (219) 801-5275.

More from District C

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NEW MEMBERS — The Plainfield Lions Club inducted five new members at their June club meeting. From left are FVDG John Waymire, Lion Alex Gardner, Lion Amy Shumaker, Lion Kate Riehle, and club President Tom Iles. Not shown are Lion Rob Prichard and Lion K - 9 Jocko.



ATTEND CONFERENCE — PDG Charlie Short went to the Indiana School Health Network conference in Plainfield with PID Nick and Henry Rodriguez, our incoming State Vision Chair for 2023-24. They were representing Lions vision screening programs and Lions Quest.



LAFAYETTE LIONS AND FRIENDS

Take your Club on a tour!

On Wednesday, July 19, members and friends of the Lafayette Lions Club were provided with a tour of the new Lafayette Public Safety Center and Police Department.

This state of the art facility houses the city's patrol, investigations, special operations and administrative services divisions which serve 152 sworn personnel and 55 civilian personnel.

Following the tour, club members adjourned to the Buttery Shelf Eatery for dinner and club meeting.

DINNER AND MEETING AT BUTTERY SHELF EATERY



CLUB TOUR OF SAFETY CENTER
Photos by PDG Pat Short



COUCH PURCHASED — 2023-24 Sullivan Lions Club President Debbie Ellis presented on behalf of the club a check to purchase the gently used couch in the picture for a victim that recently obtained a place to live but had no furniture. A big thank you to every Lions Club that sent donations to assist these individuals. Your funds are being put to good use!

Operating Disaster Relief Distribution Center

Sullivan County Lions have been operating a Disaster Relief Distribution Center ever since the March 31, devastating tornado that destroyed over 250 homes in the city of Sullivan

and 150 more in the county.

Thanks to an LCI Disaster grant and all the donations from Indiana Lions Clubs our community is being rebuilt.

More from District F —

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GETTING READY — DG Ed, CT PAT and Lion Gary Redick getting ready for the Middletown Lion's Parade.

More from District G —

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AT THE CIRCUS FESTIVAL — Shown is Leo helping promote the Peru Lions Club's world famous TENDERLION sandwiches in front of the club's trailer. The club has been doing this event for about 40 years and is its main fundraiser where over a ton of fresh, hand-breaded TENDERLION sandwiches are sold.



SUMMER READING SIGN — The Peru Lions recently had a speaker from the Peru Public Library who informed them of its Summer Reading Program. The Lions decided to help the library by supporting this program as it benefits the children in the community, and it is free for them to attend. As an additional benefit for the Peru Lions Club, it is getting great exposure on their new sign advertising they are helping sponsor the program.

IN MEMORIAM

Charles Louis Haffner

July 21, 1937—May 7, 2023

Charles Louis Haffner, 85, of Syracuse, Indiana passed away Sunday afternoon, May 7, 2023 at Valley View Healthcare Center in Elkhart, Indiana following a short illness. He was born July 21, 1937 in Hillsboro, Ohio to Arlie O. "Bill" and Marjorie E. (Howe) Haffner. On Nov. 21, 1959 he married Ann Ruth Stoeckley in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She survives in Syracuse.

"Charlie" or "Chuck" as he was known by friends and family graduated from Syracuse High School in 1955, attended Wabash College for 2 years where he was a member of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity and graduated from Ball State in 1959 with a degree in secondary education. In 1966 he earned a Master of Arts in Mathematics from Boston College. His professional career included 17 years as a math and science teacher and 16 years as a junior high principal in California and Syracuse, retiring in 1993.

Moving back to Syracuse from California in 1970, he became involved in the community serving as a member and president of Lakeland Youth Center Board of Directors, member Syracuse Town Council, member and president of St. Martin de Porres Parish Council, member for 20+ years of the Kosciusko County Area Plan Commission and Kosciusko County Board of Zoning Appeals.

Charlie joined the Yosemite, California Lions Club in 1969 and



CHARLES LOUIS HAFFNER

transferred to the Syracuse Lions Club in 1970 where he served in many capacities at the club, district and state level over the past 53 years. He is the holder of a Builders Key for sponsoring 10 new Lions club members. During his District Governor year in 1998-1999 when 5 new clubs were chartered District 25-G finished the year +193 in membership gain, the highest in all of North and South America and Europe.

For a number of years Charlie, in cooperation with a local printer, delivered misprint and overrun napkins and cups to area day care centers, 53 school cafeterias in 15 school corporations, homeless shelters, churches, day care centers, battered women's homes and other service agencies. For 17 years he promoted the building and distribution of over 3000 wooden used eyeglass collection boxes to be used all over Indiana and neighboring states. Donated wood, courtesy of area cabinet manufacturers, was delivered to several area high school and middle school shops for use in the classroom.

The money for four ambulances to be delivered to Mexico was raised by Charlie through his local church. In 1987 he raised the money to buy a fire truck, ambulance, van, boat and boat trailer for an eyeglass mission to Guatemala in which he participated. He also participated in 2 eyeglass missions to Mexico and one to Romania.

As an Indiana Lions Foundation Trustee Charlie was instrumental in the Foundation's successful establishment of "Operation Kid-sight," a preschool eye screening program in Indiana and served as program director until it was taken over by the Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Inc. He served 5 years as State Sight Conservation Committee Chairperson and produced 250 White Cane Day Collection canisters and kits for distribution around the state to enable Lions clubs to fund their sight conservation projects.

Charlie was a frequent presenter at state and district leadership development events and developed many programs and ideas for use with clubs to increase membership and enthusiasm in the various programs of Lions Clubs International. He and Ann attended many district, state and international conventions and forums and hosted 3 Lions Youth Exchange students in their home.

For his humanitarian service he has been recognized with 5 Lions International President's Certificates of Appreciation, an International President's Leadership Medal, an International Presidential Medal, the Indiana Distinguished Lion Award, a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship, Indiana Lions Foundation W. P. Woods Fellowship, and the Kosciusko County Community Foundation Heart of Gold Award.

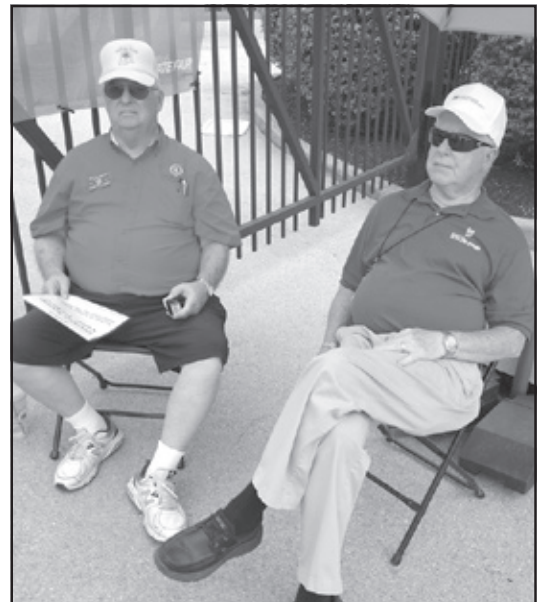
Charlie was preceded in death by his parents, an infant brother Harold Gene, his brother-in-law Robert Hatheway and Ann's parents, Richard and Ruth Stoeckley.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years Ann, twin sister Charlotte Hatheway of Tullahoma, TN; son John (Shelley) Haffner, Leesburg, IN; daughter Jane (Arnold) White, Toccoa, GA; daughter Mary (William) Stewart, Charlotte, NC; grandchildren Rob (Katie) Tieman, Ryan (Amber) Tieman, Carly (Adam) Speicher, Jared Haffner, Jackson and Finn Stewart, Rachel and Anna White; great-grandchildren Peyton, Jack, Charlie and Sam Tieman and Kay and Charlie Speicher; brother-in-law John (Karen) Stoeckley and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service for Charlie was held at Titus Funeral Home—Owen Chapel in Syracuse in late June. In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorial donations be given to the Syracuse Lions Club, 6537 E. Waco Drive, Syracuse, IN 46567 or the Syracuse-Wawasee Historical Museum, 1013 N. Long Drive, Syracuse, IN 46567.

Lions at the State Fair

TICKET TAKERS — Lion David Straugh, Pike Township Lions Club 25F; and PDG Don Cooper, New Haven Lion Club 25B, were among the ticket takers at the Indiana State Fair. Photo by PDG Paul Russell, Lakeville Lions Club, District G.



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A STATE FAIR PHOTO MOMENT — PDG Jack Buckland, Richmond Lions Club 25F; Lion 'Boots' Jack, Decatur Central Lions Club 25F; and PDG Don Cooper, New Haven Lions Club 25B, find a moment to pose for a photo at the Indiana State Fair. Photo by PDG Paul Russell, Lakeville Lions Club, District G.

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