

Big winners at Poker for Sight

**Submitted by
Westfield Lions Club**

The Westfield Lions Club conducts two Poker for Sight Texas Hold'em tournaments each year. Said to be some of the largest charity poker competitions in the Midwest, they are the prime fundraisers for the club's charitable functions.

This year's fall event, held on Nov. 17 and 18, saw 306 players from all over Indiana and surrounding states vie for the \$25,000 purse, with the winner's share of \$10,000 going to Spenser Grosvenor of Indianapolis.

"We currently rent an apartment, but this will be a down payment on a new home for us," Grosvenor said.

Event Chairman Lion Mike Birk said, "We really want to thank our very loyal players, some have been playing poker with us for eight or 10 years. The important thing for the Lions is really all the things we can do to help people with the money we raise here. Our events help people in a direct and tangible way."

As has now become a custom, the Westfield Lions Club presents checks to local charities at the start of



Photo provided by Westfield Lions Club
Spenser Grosvenor of Indianapolis (third from right) won \$10,000 in the Lions Poker for Sight Tournament.



Photos provided by Westfield Lions Club
Four worthy nonprofits each received a \$1,500 donation from the Westfield Lions Club: Indiana Diabetes Youth Camp (top left), Open Doors (top right), Third Phase Homeless Shelter (above left), and Student Impact (above right).

each of three-qualification rounds and the beginning of the championship round. This year Open Doors, Student Impact, Third Phase Homeless Shelter, and the Indiana Diabetes Youth Camp all received \$1,500 donations.

For more information or to register for the Westfield Lions Club's future Poker for Sight tournaments, check out LionsPoker.org.

International Liaison Report

By PID Linda Tincher

Hello, Indiana Lions!

Lions International is still making adjustments to the new and updated versions of MYLION and MYLCI, so continue to be patient. The new format should be easier to adapt to than when it first appeared several years ago.

While we wait for those improvements, secretaries are being encouraged to update their members addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. Members are also being asked to be sure and advise club secretaries of their service projects and the hours involved, so they can be entered into MYLION. Many of our big donors want to know what Lions are doing in specific areas before they donate to a cause. So be sure your service is reported!

District and club administrators can assist our already overworked secretaries if members will just share this information with them.

Be sure to make plans now to attend the International Convention in Melbourne, Australia, set for June 21 to 25, 2024. Registration is available online at LionsCon.Lions-Clubs.org. We will elect a third vice president and several international directors. So, make sure your visas and passports and any TSA clearances are up to date.

Until our next issue, keep on doing what Lions do best ...WE SERVE!

Hunting for Indiana's Distinguished Lion

The Indiana Lions Foundation annually selects one deserving Hoosier Lion to receive the Indiana Distinguished Lion Award. The award is presented at the Saturday luncheon of the Indiana Lions Convention.

The winner is selected from among nominees submitted by individual clubs, the district cabinet with the approval of the sitting District Governor, or the Council of Governors with the approval of the Council Chair. Nominees must be a member of a club in Multiple District 25 that is in good standing and must have a minimum of 25 years of service as a Lion.

Each nominee for this award will receive a recognition plaque that will be presented in person at the Saturday state convention luncheon. Clubs are encouraged to use this mechanism to recognize long-service Lions who have served their clubs and their communities in exemplary ways. It is not required that nominees have had any involvement in holding district or state offices; rather each club will determine the criteria with which they wish to recognize a member from their club.

Nominations are limited to one Lion per club and to five nominees in each district. Applications may be submitted at tinyurl.com/INDistinguishedLionForm. The entry deadline is Jan. 31, 2024.

HELP WANTED State Administrative Secretary

The 2023-2024 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 MD 25 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. Salary range is \$28,000 - \$32,000.

A full list of duties can be found in the policy manual linked at <https://e-district.org/sites/md25/page-12.php> starting on Page 15.

Interested applicants should contact Council Chair Bob Hrdy at (765) 426-9027 or lionbobhrdy25c@gmail.com and submit their resume and letter of interest.

It's halftime . . . and you know I'm a sports nut

We are now halfway through our "season." Time to look back and look forward to the next half of our Lions year.

There have been lots of great Lions events, projects, and Club activities happening throughout the state this first six months. The Council and Committees have been busy.

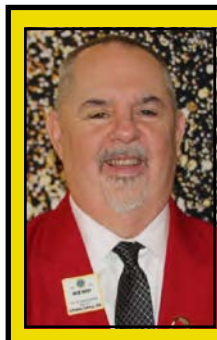
To close out the first half, we need to focus on continuing our membership growth,

new club opportunities, and working to make our association stronger and better at all levels!

The second half will be a very busy time for the Lions of Indiana – starting off with our Mid-Winter Conference! There will be many opportunities to learn about membership, growing your clubs, and personal growth as Lions. There is still time to register. Hope to see you there.

We will then be moving into District Convention "season," followed by our State Convention in April where you will have the ability to make your voice heard by endorsing a candidate for International Director!

We will wrap up the year with the International Convention in Melbourne, Australia. You will find more details in this edition of the Hoosier Lion as well as your upcoming District



Council Chairperson's Corner

By CC Bob Hrdy
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Newsletters.

I want to take a moment to thank a very special lady at Leader Dog – Lion Kathleen Breen, who will retire on Jan. 1, 2024. If you have attended our state conventions in the past, you have met her or heard her speak. She has been the Leader Dog Liaison with the Lions of Indiana for over 10 years. She has been a valuable resource person, and I want to personally thank her for her service!

As you go about your holiday activities, please remember that for many people in need this may be a difficult time. It does not require a large service project – a simple smile or word of encouragement can also make a difference daily.

I feel blessed to have been helped by everyone as we have gone about our responsibilities this year. Lion Vicky and I are truly thankful to have met so many wonderful Lions!

We would like wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a prosperous New Year!

Yours in Lionism.





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Remembering to be careful with criticism & liberal with praise

By Stephen J. Helmken
District 25A Governor

Lions of MD-25, I wrote the following newsletter article for my District Newsletter in November. But since I have received such positive feedback from the article, I thought I would share it with all Lions of MD-25. I did change a couple of sentences to be more in the spirit of December.

“Happiness is Spreading Joy”
Greetings to you all. December has arrived, and with it the hustle and bustle of the coming holiday. I know many clubs are getting ready to prepare food baskets for those in their communities who are in need. Some clubs will help in other ways, like ringing the bell for the Salvation Army’s Red Kettle cam-

paign or lending a helping hand at the local soup kitchens. Whatever project your club is doing for the upcoming holiday, I’m sure you are all helping with love in your hearts for your fellow man.

In a newsletter article a few months back, or it could be a year now, I shared the saying of the month from my Peanuts calendar. I will share another one with you, which is for this December. The saying is one that we all need to remember all 12 months of the year.

“Happiness is spreading joy.” How appropriate for this holiday season. It’s what we all try to do. Spread joy to those we love who are in all the various parts of our lives. Lions spread joy in so many ways as we serve our communities. We bring smiles to many who haven’t smiled in

a long time. Usually, everyone is happy and in a good mood during the holidays.

Unfortunately, Lions often don’t spread joy to our fellow Lions. I’ve heard too many times of arguments among club members, leadership in the District, or at the State level. I’ve been a part of some of those arguments. I’ve also been at the receiving end of some very harsh words from District leadership or past leadership.

But what does our **Lions Code of Ethics** say about criticism and praise? We should “...be careful with (our) criticism and liberal with (our) praise. To build up and not destroy.” Words used in anger are just as bad as guns, knives, or any other weapon. Why do I say this? Because words of anger can never be taken back. Those

words will be remembered by those who received them for a very long time, a lifetime, hurting the person repeatedly. Sadly, no matter how many apologies you may offer afterward, the hurt has been done once the words are said.

It’s the same with criticism. Good criticism, called constructive, is helping the person see what they have done wrong and giving help or encouragement to make it right. But there is also the other type of criticism, which is destructive. This one only tears down those receiving it and does nothing to help them change the situation. Fierce criticism is damaging to all who receive it. This kind of criticism can break a club apart so very fast. It can also damage a District if it occurs among

current or past leaders.

Are we following our Code of Ethics if we are only destroying others with what we are saying and not giving any encouragement? Lions, this needs to stop now! What’s the saying, “If you can’t say something nice, don’t say anything at all”? If there is a problem among your club members or leadership, whether in clubs or the District, tell the person you need to tell, but help with a solution to the problem. An encouragement or solution goes a lot further than constantly criticizing someone. Plus, the person receiving the criticism will take it better if praise of some type is in the mix.

This holiday season, I want every Lion in every District to practice this. During the holidays, every-

one gets busy, and stress levels are high. When we’re collaborating with our fellow Lions preparing for the project, let us all try walking away from a situation that may have arisen and upset us. Take a deep breath and calm yourself down. Please don’t use words in anger because it won’t help the situation.

Life is too short, my friends. I want you all to experience happiness while serving and spreading joy. During this time of year, Lions are giving those in need a new lease on life by showing them that humankind is good. My prayer is that you will all be the best Beacons of Hope that you can be, especially to your FELLOW LIONS.

Keep your Beacons of Hope burning brightly.

Donating dollars & dictionaries



Photos provided
The Mill Creek Lions Club recently made two important donations to Indian Trail Elementary School. (Above left) All third graders received their own dictionary. This is a recurring donation that the Club makes each school year. (Above right) The Club made a monetary donation to all teachers at Indian Trail Elementary. This is the second year the Club has donated \$100 to each teacher for their classroom wish lists.

The most important meal of the day



Photos provided
The Star City Lions Club held their annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 1. It’s the best in the county! (The secret is in the sausage.)

Cedar Lake Peace Poster winner announced



Photo provided
The Cedar Lake Lions Club selected Hanover Central Middle School student Emily Knight, 13, as the winner of the Cedar Lake Peace Poster Contest. Her poster was then forwarded to DG Stephen Helmken for further judging.

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Remembering our pledge & purpose

By Terry L. Marker
District 25B Governor

Greetings to MD 25 from District 25B.

I hope you all had a very Happy Thanksgiving, and as you prepare for Christmas that it is a very joyous time for you.

As I travel the district, it is great to see what the clubs are accomplishing. Some are struggling and need to remember the key to growth is "Just Ask."

I wanted to do something a little different in my column this time. That is to remind us, as Lions, what our purpose is, what our ethics are, and something we have been doing in Cabinet meetings. That is saying the LIONS pledge.

I know there are Lions out there who say our pur-

pose is to SERVE, and they are correct, but it goes a little further than that. Somehow we are not getting the message passed on to the newer members. We may hand them material that explains everything but there is something about hearing it from an older Lion that helps it sink in a little better.

So here I go. This is all material that comes from Lions International. It is not mine. It belongs to Lions International.

Our Purpose

To Organize, charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions clubs.

To Coordinate the activities and standardize the administration of Lions clubs.

To Create and foster

a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.

To Promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.

To Take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social, and moral welfare of the community.

To Unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship, and mutual understanding.

To Provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest, provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.

To Encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote

high ethical standards in commerce, industry professions, public works and private endeavors.

Our Code of Ethics

To Show my faith in the worthiness my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

To Seek success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

To Remember that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

Whenever a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

To Hold friendships as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but the true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

Always to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.

To Aid others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to

the needy.

To Be Careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.

Last, but not least, the Lions Pledge.

I pledge allegiance to my country and to the cause of peace throughout the world. I believe in the principles of Lionism as contained in the Code of Ethics. I am proud to be a Lion dedicated to service of others.

I hope you take the time to read this and ask yourself if you and your club are doing your best to live this out. That is all anyone can ask of each other.

May you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope to see you all at Mid-Winter Conference.

Helping people in Hawai'i



The Hamilton Lions Club presented DG Terry Marker a check for the Maui disaster during his visit to the club. (From left) DG Marker, Cub President Michelle Van Wye, Club 1st VP Steve Thimlar, and Club 2nd VP Melody Metcalf.

Howe welcomes District Governor and new Lions



Photo provided
The Howe Lions met Wednesday, Nov. 15 at the Howe Methodist Church for dinner and a visit from their District Governor. The club welcomed Lion District Governor Terry Marker from Albion. Lion Marker also installs new members, of which he did at that meeting. Pat Davis of LaGrange was inducted into the club along with her sponsor Lion Jim Parker participating in the service.

New Haven Lions light up the night for Christmas season



Photos provided
The New Haven Lions donated \$1,700 to buy the lights for the big Christmas tree in Canal Park in Downtown New Haven. The tree was first lit on Nov. 24. (Above right, seated) Lion Bob Hudson and (from left) Lion Terri Hargrove, New Haven Lions Club President Susie Hudson, New Haven Lions Club 1st VP Steve Stewart, and New Haven Lions Club Past President Dennis Stoll.

Helping feed neighbors in need this season



Photo provided
At the New Haven Lions Club's Nov. 27 meeting, Club President Susie Hudson presented a check for \$1,000 to Jeff Grubb, Director of the New Haven Food Bank.



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Hello team plus one!

By Patti Foxx
District 25C Governor

Merry Christmas!
Did everyone have a nice Thanksgiving? Are you ready for a Merry Christmas? I know I'm ready for the holidays with a few days off. The year is almost over, which means I'm halfway through my District Governor term.

In my travels to visit clubs around the district, by the end of December I will have 30 of the 52 clubs done. I have met warm, loving, and strong members who are doing a fantastic job of serving our communities. Clubs are gearing up to do bell ringing, assisting with Christmas seasons and enjoying their own club of fellowship. Don't forget the yummy dinners with their clubs or doing a service to assist others over the holi-

Sneak Peak of Upcoming DG Visits

Jan. 8, 2024: Indiana Cyber Club
Jan. 14: Colfax Lions Club
Jan. 15: Jamestown Lions Club
Jan. 16: Flora Lions Club
Jan. 18: Martinsville Evening Lions Club
Jan. 19 & 20: Mid-Winter Conference
Jan. 21: Council 3rd Meeting
Jan. 22: Clay City Lions Club
Jan. 23: Frankfort Lions Club
Jan. 31: Monon Lions Club



day season.

The upcoming year means more clubs visits (22), Mid-Winter Conference in January (don't forget to sign up for it), District Convention on Feb. 24, 2024, at Centerpoint Church (Hope to see everyone! Remember Plus 1!), and State Convention April 26 to 28, 2024, in Noblesville.

Changing the world by covering the need, serving with a smile.

Foxx's Trivia Time

1. How many clubs are bell ringing?
2. Does DG Patti like snow angels or snowmen?
3. What is the name of the stuffed Lion that travels with DG Patti?
4. How many clubs will be visited by Dec. 30, 2023?
5. What is DG Patti's favorite Christmas movie?
6. What is DG Patti's favorite Christmas song?
7. What are DG Patti's favorite Christmas lights?
8. What is DG Patti's favorite Christmas show?
9. What is DG Patti's favorite Christmas cookie?
10. Does DG Patti like real or artificial trees?

Two Riley Lions going strong with 55 years of service



Photo provided
Riley Lions Club Charter Members Norm Froderman and Ray Collins both recently received their 55-year Chevrons. Congratulations, gentlemen! You're "Still Going Strong!"

Happy New Year from District C!



Lucerne



Gosport



Thorntown



Battle Ground



Mooresville



Delphi & Camden



Morgantown



Rossville



Clinton



Poland Community



Martinsville



Monrovia



Zionsville



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Michigantown Lions celebrate 50 years of community service

The Michigantown Lions Club celebrated its 50th year of service on Nov. 4. They were sponsored by the Frankfort Lions Club.

The celebration was held in their Michigantown Gymnasium, dating back to 1924. There were tours of the three-story gymnasium showcasing the different museums of schools in the area. There are over 10,000 pictures and school memorabilia that all added to getting to know the school's history. Treasurer Don

Blanch and President Denny Shoup, an outstanding basketball player at Tulane University, shared all the information on how they have remodeled the gym since they have been on charge of caring for it. The new floor is outstanding.

The evening finished with an amazing homemade meal prepared by VP Linda Barnett and of course pictures of the Lions all together. Congratulations Michigantown Lions Club on your 50-year anniversary.

Tackett presented with Club Excellence Award



Photo provided
District Governor Patti Foxx recently presented Zionsville's Past President Dennis Tackett with a Club Excellence award.

Brazil Lions helping kids see clearly now



Photo provided
The Brazil Lions Club Vision Screening Team.

Brownsburg Lions thank their members & add new ones



Photo by PID Nick Xinopoulos



Photos provided

(LEFT) Lion Cindy Russell received a Certificate and a beautiful ISBVI Fellowship Vase from PID Nick Xinopoulos of the Brownsburg Lions Club. Lion Cindy made sure the club had a large dumpster for their July 4th Extravaganza. (CENTER) DG Patti Foxx inducted two new Lions into the Brownsburg Lions Club. (RIGHT) Brownsburg Lions Club Treasurer Bob Jessen presented DG Patti Foxx with Brownsburg's donations to the four state projects and VisionFirst – Indiana Lions Eye Bank.



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Gettin to know your District C Clubs . . .

Hello, Plainfield Lions Club!

By Worth Donaldson
Plainfield Lions Club

Every year, the Plainfield Lions volunteer to help preschools throughout Hendricks County by way of performing vision screenings for all students. Operation KidSight is a non-verbal, preschool age vision screening program sponsored by the Lions of Indiana, under the oversight of the Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Inc.

Twelve screenings took place during the month of September and early October. Additional monthly screenings are scheduled all the way out to December.

These screenings are provided at no cost to the child, parents, or facility where the screenings are performed. The six Lions who volunteered have screened a total of 360 children with 10 being referred for further examination by an Ophthalmologist or Optometrist.

The vision screening system they used is a PlusOptix S12 camera system. The system works by taking a digital picture of the child's eyes from a distance of three feet. An invisible infrared light projects

through the pupils onto the retinas and, depending on the refractive error or prescription of the eyes, the reflected light forms a specific brightness pattern within the pupils, which the PlusOptix software analyzes to detect nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, lazy eye, eye misalignment, and imbalance between the eyes.

After the child is screened, a report is generated and sent in and reviewed by the Operation Kidsight staff in Indianapolis. Then, the results are sent out to the sponsoring vision screening site, who reviews them with the parents with any referrals and explanation of any vision problems found. Eligible students can then be provided financial assistance from the Plainfield Lions for additional vision screenings and/or glasses if needed.

The first few years of a child's life are critical in the development of normal vision. A child with vision problems often does not realize they cannot see properly, even when their eyes appear to look normal. Many eye problems when caught early enough can be completely corrected. The earlier



Photo provided
Lions Worth Donaldson (seated) and Tom Iles perform a screening at the Plainfield Christian Church.

they are diagnosed, the better chance for correction and the easier and less expensive the treatment will be.

Approximately 80 percent of all learning comes through the visual pathways. Any interruption or interference in the visual pathways can detain a child from performing to his maximum potential. If a child is not learning according to his potential or level, then this will cause a delay in the learning process and/or development causing difficulties and struggles as they progress in school.

We are excited to be able to provide this service to the children of Hendricks County and put them on the path of success at such an early age.

Any school or childcare provider who is interested in having the Plainfield Lions Club provide free vision screenings at their facility can contact Tom Iles at (317) 600-5193 or via email at plainfield.in.lions@gmail.com.

Worth Donaldson serves as the 1st Vice President and Secretary of the Plainfield Lions Club.

Zionsville Lions Park Gazebo decked out for Christmastime



Photo by Gene Thompson
The Zionsville Lions Park Gazebo is now ready for the Christmas Season thanks to Gordon White and Lions John Wilkins, Caroline Robbins, and Jerry Chung.

Working together to find a cure for youth diabetes



Photo provided
The Zionsville Lions Club celebrated Diabetes Day on Nov. 14 with the ZLC Diabetes Committee inviting Diabetes Youth Foundation of Indiana Executive Director Jenna White to talk to the Club members about "Camp Until a Cure," a diabetes camp for children and teens located in Noblesville. For more information on the camp, go to dyfi.org. (From left) ZLC Diabetes Committee Co-chair Sue Bowron-White, Zoe White, Jenna White, Endocrinologist Dr. Mel Prince, and Diabetes Committee Co-chair Brandon Baltz.

Lafayette Lions screen 226 kids' eyesight



Photo provided by Pat Short
A team of three Lafayette Lions and two community volunteers recently screened 226 children in grades 1, 3, and 5 at Mintonye Elementary School in Tippecanoe County. Pictured with a group of third graders is Lafayette Lions Club's Vision Services Chair, Lion Anna Wilson.

Lions make Newport Hill Clumb a success



Photo by DG Patti Fox
The annual Newport Hill Clumb was a huge success as always, thanks in part to the work of the local Lions Club.

Zionsville Alpha Leos Club continues to grow



Photo by Sam Robbins
The Zionsville Lions' awesome Alpha Leos Club held an induction night in the Park Shelterhouse. PDG Tom Robbins proudly inducted 29 new members. Learn more about the Leos Club at ZionsvilleLions.com/alpha-leo-club.

Encouraging future Lions



Photo provided
Lafayette Lions PDGs Pat and Charlie Short attended a Bengali festival at Purdue University. Several of the students they sponsor are Bengali. They enjoyed a fantastic evening of entertainment, dancing, singing, music, and a play, followed by a fabulous Indian dinner. After dinner, the younger group went to Bubble Tea Cafe and to watch the India versus Australia cricket test match final. Lions Pat and Charlie Short have been involved in international understanding for years and believe these amazing young people will absolutely change the world.

Community comes out in full force to support Brazil Lions fundraiser



Photos provided
The Brazil Lions recently brought the community together for a fundraiser.

Prairie Creek Lions smell the roses



Photo provided
The Prairie Creek Lions Club held its annual rose day on Oct. 19 and delivered 112 dozen roses. (Back row, from left) Richard Marshall, Kim Waggoner, Bill Pearman, Marvin Mericle, Molly Barrett (owner of Maggie and Moes Flower Shop), and Barbara Mericle. (Front row, from left) Chloe Weyrauch and Linda Pearman.



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Feeding & fellowship in 25D

By Julia Kozicki
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Hello Lions of Indiana from District 25D! As I shared in August, 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, the answers in November and December are **“Someone feeding the hungry”** and **“Someone enjoying fellowship with Lions.”**

One of the global causes for Lions International is: “We serve to ensure all community members have access

to nutritious foods.” Clubs in 25D have been supporting food drives to fill local food banks, little free pantries, and backpacks for **hungry** kids. We’ve also been literally feeding the hungry with fish fries, smoked pork chops, ham and bean suppers, and pancake breakfasts. Two of the clubs in 25D (Westfield and Noblesville) received LCIF grants to partner with Elevance (formerly Anthem) on **hunger**-related projects in September and Westfield ended up on the LCI Facebook page for their efforts.

We have also enjoyed a lot of **fellowship** with other Lions at these events. The Surgeon General has

diagnosed an epidemic of loneliness in the U.S., but in Lions, we know that the cure is spending time with **FUN** (Friendly, Upbeat, and Nice) people and inviting even more people to join in. Between holiday parties, **Midwinter Conference** Jan. 19 and 20, the Muncie Lions charter event on Jan. 26, and our next 25D Cabinet meeting on Feb. 3, we have lots of opportunities to get together and share in Lions **fellowship**. District 25D is up 10 in membership (not including Muncie) and 19 of our clubs have inducted new members since July 1 – it’s never too soon or too late to invite someone to

join in our **FUN**.

District 25D is excited to host the Indiana Lions MD 25 **Convention** next **April 26 to 28** at the Embassy Suites in Noblesville. We look forward to hosting Past International President Frank Moore as well as Miss America 2009 Katie Stam Irk. There will be a Topgolf opportunity on Friday afternoon and a Strides Walk for Diabetes on Saturday, as well as much **FUN** and **fellowship!** Registration forms will be coming soon.

Thank you for your commitment to feeding and fellowship with the Lions of Indiana – together we are *Changing the World!*



Photo provided
IPCC Scott Smith enjoyed a visit from Noblesville’s Stanley the Lion. IPCC Scott is in rehab still and appreciates cards and well wishes.

Sheridan Lions enjoy distinctly Hoosier card game



The Sheridan Lions Club held its Euchre Night on Nov. 11 on Main Street, hosted by the Merrill Family.

Photos provided by Sheridan Lions Club / Chuck Godby

Noblesville, Carmel & Westfield Lions take pride in helping Gleaners



On Nov. 16, Gleaners Mobile Pantry was supported by Lions from Noblesville (NLC), Carmel (CLC), and Westfield (WLC). Food was passed out at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds to those in need, as has been on a monthly basis. (ABOVE LEFT, front row) Lions Lane Sims (CLC), Mark Bachar (NLC), Bob Yunker (CLC), Bill Ryan (CLC), Matt Best (CLC), and Paul Cardinal (CLC). (Back row) Lions Jeff Schneider (WLC), Hayden Parsons (NLC), George Long (NLC), Joe Connerley (NLC), Jeff Kozicki (NLC), Jerry Baker (NLC), Ron Williamson (NLC), and Ed Shea (NLC).

Photos provided

Noblesville Lions & Kiwanis Noon Clubs ring bells for Salvation Army



On Saturday, Dec. 2, the Kiwanis Noon Club rang bells at Walmart in the morning, and the Noblesville Lions Club rang in the afternoon. As a member of each club, Joe Arrowood was the chairman of this event. Lion members who participated included Gene Beck, Ron Williamson, Steve Shaw, Joe Arrowood, George Long, Susie Long, Kim Luckey, Dave Marsh, Jen Carr, Mark Bachar, and Cheryl Helton. The clubs thank the many Walmart customers who donated to the Salvation Army cause. (Above left) Three generations of Arrowwoods included Nate Arrowood, Derek Arrowood, and Lion Joe Arrowood. (Above right) Three happy Lions: Jen Carr, Mark Bachar, and Cheryl Helton.

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Union City welcomes District 25D Cabinet



Photo provided

Union City hosted 25D's second Cabinet Meeting (above right). It was a great meeting and included a special appearance by Gus, Union City's mascot (above left).

Sheridan Lions help bring Thanksgiving to local families



Photos provided by Sheridan Lions Club / Chuck Godby

Sheridan Youth Assistance, Mama's Cupboard, and Sunflower Pantry joined forces with the Sheridan Lions Club on Nov. 18 to make Thanksgiving a bit brighter for local families in a bit of need. They passed out more than 100 fixings for a complete Thanksgiving meal, including breakfast items and sweet treats. (Top) Lions Club members Steve Brazzell, Aaron Gatewood, Chuck Godby, Doug Viehe, Alan Lyon, Jeff Mosbaugh, and Jim Kitchel ready to load boxes of food for appreciative recipients. (Above left) Lions Club member Alan Lyon readies to load a box of goodies. (Above right) The ladies directing the chilly morning pass-out were Shelley Weir, Maleana Wittrob, and Lisa Samuels.

Greentown Lions Club inducts 5 new members



Photo provided

Greentown Lions Club inducted five new members during DG Julia Kozicki's official visit. (From left) DG Julia Kozicki, Lion President Karyl Spencer (sponsor) with Lion Phil Burton, Lion Dennis Cohee (sponsor) with Lion Jane Cohee, Lion Thom Pemberton with Lion Dave Shearer (sponsor), Lion Kameron Smith with Lion Kevin Smith (sponsor), and Lion Donald Perry with PDG Mike Imbler (sponsor).

Noblesville Lions Leo Club creates backpacks for the homeless



Photos provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll

In early November, the Lion Leo Club at Noblesville High School put together 62 backpacks to be distributed to the homeless in the greater Indianapolis area. The backpacks included water, warm clothing, food, socks, hand warmers, coloring books, crayons, markers, lotions, toiletries, and notebooks. This has been a yearly event for the NHS Leo Club. Lion John Smith is an NHS teacher and the advisor to the Leo Club. (Above left) The happy Leo Club backpackers. (Above right) Sorting the needs in the backpack production line.

Noblesville, Carmel & Westfield Lions take pride in helping Gleaners



Photos provided

On Nov. 16, Gleaners Mobile Pantry was supported by Lions from Noblesville (NLC), Carmel (CLC), and Westfield (WLC). Food was passed out at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds to those in need, as has been on a monthly basis. (LEFT, FRONT ROW) Lions Lane Sims (CLC), Mark Bachar (NLC), Bob Yunker (CLC), Bill Ryan (CLC), Matt Best (CLC), and Paul Cardinal (CLC). (BACK ROW) Lions Jeff Schneider (WLC), Hayden Parsons (NLC), George Long (NLC), Joe Connerley (NLC), Jeff Kozicki (NLC), Jerry Baker (NLC), Ron Williamson (NLC), and Ed Shea (NLC).

Russiaville feeds fish to the whole town



Photos provided

Russiaville hosted a fish fry on Nov. 18 – great crowd and great food!

Noblesville Lions Club conducts eye testing at Pebble Brook Academy



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll

On Nov. 16, Noblesville Lions conducted their Kid Sight eye testing at Pebble Brook Academy. Thirty students were tested. Any unsatisfactory results are passed to the school administration, then given to the parents. (Above, from left) Lions Dale Unger – Chairman, Dave Marsh, and Steve Shaw.



Roars from District E

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To change we must know where we came from

By Glen M. Georges
District 25E Governor

Hello Lions and Merry Christmas as we look forward to the new year. Let's think about that. Where are we going? To best answer that question we must look where we have been also. What has brought us to this point? Is membership a problem? Is it how your club always done things?

To change we also must know where we came from. Evaluate each situation as it comes along. Look to your seasoned Lions members for some guidance and di-

rection. It is always important to ask everyone for input. We can draw a plan on how to combat the problem. If we don't ask these questions of ourselves, we do not grow. Don't be afraid to rock the boat a little. Is the problem in leadership? Maybe it is the club not meeting your needs to be a lion. Don't quit because the reason you joined is no longer there. We must be willing to change ourselves and help others to see our point of view. There is a quote I try to remember to live by. "There is no bank in the world where I can deposit

excuses, therefore I will accept none".

There is always a reason as to why we did not get a new member. Don't let that become an excuse to stop trying to get those members. As we have all heard "For each NO we get we are one step closer to a Yes". Staying positive and thinking things through before a knee jerk reaction can save a lot of heartache. Sometimes being different is the change that others are seeking and you just became a positive influence in others life and service.

We all can be a leader. It

is in all of us to lead. Lead in a project or fund raiser. Lead in your club as Club President or even as a District Governor. Surrounding ourselves with the right people no matter what the task is makes it easier. Don't be a follower just because everyone else is. Thinking for ourselves is never a bad thing. If you feel you are being overrun, stand up and say WAIT, I need more clarity on that motion or why we are doing it this way.

At the same time, we need to listen to what the other person is saying. We form answers sometimes

before we have heard the whole story. Be sensitive to other peoples feeling and ask if you can take a brake and talk to them away from others so not to embarrass them or yourself.

We all want what is best for our clubs, community and the lions of our state. I know I am a person that must think on something before I just vote on something. It is ok to be the same way. Speak up and be heard. My point is, if you have a thought someone else is probably thinking the same thing. Working together is not always easy but it is

worth the effort. In the end we are all better. Being respectful and just is good attributes to share with all.

In closing this article. Remember we are all Lions and we all want what is best. If we will all work together and not call each other out on the rug we can get so much more done. If you disagree with a member take it to a different room and work it out. Life is all about compromise. We make them every day. Lions should be no different. In the end we all must do what is right for each of us.

Yours in service.

Ramsey Leos make it all possible



The Ramsey Leos were busy "running targets" at our annual Turkey Shoot on Nov 5. We could not do this event without our Leos. They are a tremendous help. This is Ramsey's main fundraiser for community and state projects.

The jolly old elf visits Oakland City



(Top left) Santa Claus paid an early visit to Oakland City, and he told DG Glen Georges that he has been a good boy all year. (Top right) Kids of all ages like Santa, even Oakland City Lions Club President James Smith and Sadie. (Above left) PDG Dale Leffler and wife Lion Sue Leffler, who served as the Grand Marshal of the Oakland City Christmas Parade. (Above right) We all know Christmas is for the kids!



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Getting busy as the year ends

By Ed Harper
District 25F Governor

The holiday season has begun, and I hope all of you had an enjoyable time with your family and friends during the Thanksgiving break. If you are like me, it is always nice to see friends and family from out of town, especially grandkids.

Many clubs find that this is a very busy season helping others and proving our motto, "We Serve." I have talked to Lions who helped serve Thanksgiving meals to the needy in their community at centers that help people the year-round. Other clubs are providing food to families during the holiday season, both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thank you for all the work that you and

your club are doing to help families in need.

We have opportunities in the upcoming months to attend meetings at the district and state level, and I would encourage you to participate in any or all of these meetings. In January, the annual Mid-Winter Conference will be held on Jan. 19 and 20 in Indianapolis. This will be a good meeting to learn more about Lionism both for newer members as well as long-standing members. If you have not registered, it's not too late. There will be a drawing for first-time attendees and a prize will be awarded to the winner. I would encourage you to talk to club members that have not attended this conference in the past and invite them to join you for the weekend at the confer-

ence and learn more about Lionism.

On Feb. 3, 2024, the Winter District Meeting will be held in Connersville. The registration form is included in the December District 25F Newsletter. The doors of the church where we will meet will open at 9 a.m. for coffee and donuts with the meeting starting at 10 a.m. Committee chairpersons will update us on what is happening in District 25F and telling Lions how they can get involved in the many different district activities. We should be finished shortly after lunch, so I would like to see as many Lions as possible to help make this a great meeting.

Our District Conventions will be held on March 23, 2024, at the Clermont

Lions Club House. We have an International Lions Club Director joining us for this meeting, and I look forward to hearing what he has to share about what is happening on the International Lions Club level. ID Steven Middlemiss will spend the weekend in Indianapolis, and we need to make his visit one he will remember.

Our Lions State Convention will be held on April 26 to 28 in Noblesville. This is a new location for our State Convention. Many of our Indiana Lions have visited this site and found it to be an outstanding facility for our convention. Sign up early. It will be a great convention.

I wish you the best for the Christmas holiday season and as well as the upcoming New Year.

Bringing the district message to Clermont Lions



Photo provided
DG Ed Harper presents his District 25F message to the Clermont Lions Club.

All the cool kids wear Lions glasses



The Milan and Versailles Lions Clubs worked on recycled glasses and decided to try a few on!

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Well-deserved award for Lion Andy Schwier



Lion Andy Schwier was presented with the W.P. Wood Award, and his family joined him for the presentation.

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District 25G recognizes six Lions for several years of eyeglass missions to Mexico



Special plaques of appreciation were presented recently to veterans of the District 25-G eyeglass mission team. (From left) PDG Marlyn and Lion Amanda Fast (Dunlap Lions), who have been on 12 missions since 2007; Lion Terri Longacre (Dunlap Lion) who has been on 15 missions since 2005; Lions Jo Ann and John Preheim (Dunlap Lions), who have been on 13 missions since 2009; and Lion Becky Wertz (Mishawaka Lion) who was on 12 missions since 2007. The plaques were presented by District 25-G Eyeglass Mission Leader PDG Marty Juel.

Photo provided

Season's Greetings, fellow Lions!

By Ron Guth
District 25G Governor

Oh, how I love this time of year. With the temperatures falling we see sleet and snow and slippery roads, oh my! Wait, that's not what I love about this time of year.

What I love is the season of giving. It may be gifts to friends and family, but for many Lions it's the gifts we give to others who are less fortunate. Recent club visits have been enlightening as they have shared how they are helping the less fortunate. We hear about the plans to deliver gift baskets to help families with clothing and food. Another club is delivering toys to be given out to children so they can enjoy the excitement of opening presents on Christmas morning. Many clubs give donations to local food banks, Salvation Army, Red Cross, and the lists go on.

Now is the time for our clubs to be thinking about donations to our state projects as well. Cancer Control has a challenge to meet fighting childhood cancer. Vision First Lions Eye Bank has expanded the offering of photo screening cameras for KidSight and the need for surgical assistance has increased. Leader Dogs continues to be a premier Lions supported program to help those with vision difficulties. Speech and Hearing needs your donations to continue their efforts with hearing aid assistance to choose those in need. ISBVI Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired is struggling with how to pay for the special equipment needed to continue with student education during the construction of new facilities over the next several years.

The Indiana Lions Foundation is always in need of funds to support the grants that can be requested by any club to be used to better the life of others. And let's not forget LCIF the giving arm of Lions International. Please find it in your heart to give to LCIF individually, not just what your club gives.

Yes, I love this season of giving!

Fall news from Greene Township Lions

Submitted by Marty Juel

At our Nov. 9 meeting, two new members were inducted into the Greene Township Lions: Carla Renkin, sponsored by Secretary Ruth Shearer, and Ashley Horvath, sponsored by Treasurer Ron Whitesel.

The club also presented a check for \$10,000 to Camp Millhouse from proceeds of our June Potato Creek and Lions Strawberry Festival held in North Liberty. The camp is celebrating its new lodge, and the club was updated on projects for the future including a new medical building, septic replacements, and many facility upgrades. The Greene Township Lions sponsored a cabin at the camp and took its train for camper rides every Tuesday when camp is in session. It is one of the campers' favorite activities.

We also had an excellent turnout for Halloween Hunt at ZB Falcons on Oct. 21. Train rides ran all afternoon and evening until 11 p.m. There were lines the whole day. Trunk or treat, games and food were a big hit.



Photos provided

(Top) The Lions' train proved to be a huge hit at the Halloween Hunt. (Above left) Lion Ron Whitesel presents a check to the Camp Millhouse Executive Director Diana Breden and Camp Director Melissa Swank, BSN, RN. (Above right) Secretary Lion Ruth Shearer, sponsor of new Lion Carla Renkin, and new Lion Ashley Horvath with sponsor Treasurer Lion Ron Whitesel.

Helping Milford grow




Photo provided

District Governor Lion Ron Guth attended the Milford Lions Club meeting on Monday, Nov. 6. He gave a presentation about the updates made to Lions Club International and Indiana Lions, and Milford Lions were encouraged to keep reaching their goals as Lions Club International is progressing for the future. We look forward to more visits from DG Lion Ron Guth and being able to reach out to gain valuable tools to help our Milford Lions Club grow. (From left) Lion First Vice President Gervas Schafer, Lion Fred Weisser Lion Keith Burger (seated), DG Ron Guth, and his wife, Lion Beth Guth.

Milford Lions ring bells for Salvation Army



Photo provided

At the 16th annual Milford Holiday Market held in November, Milford Lion Barb Zimmerman was ringing bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettle fundraiser. Brenda Niles and grandson Grayson were on their way out when Grayson was spotted putting some of his own money in the kettle. (From left) Brenda Niles, grandson Grayson, and Lion Barb Zimmerman.

Milford Lions making it the most wonderful time of the year



Photos provided

December is full of many activities for the Milford Lions Club. Many of the members rang bells for Salvation Army Red Kettle fundraising. Members enjoyed a wonderful Christmas party dinner along with family members. Club members enjoy this annual time celebrating. We still have events coming up before Christmas that our community looks forward to. Milford Lions Club adopts 10 children from the local daycare that would be blessed to receive some gifts for Christmas celebration. The Milford Lions club will deliver 50 Christmas fruit baskets to our local retirement community and those who cannot get out during the holiday season. (TOP LEFT) Lion Bruce Lamb ringing bells. (TOP CENTER) Lions Mr. and Mrs. Ron Marquart, who helped decorate for Christmas Party. (RIGHT) Lion Lisa Ens and children getting ready for the Christmas Party Celebration. (ABOVE LEFT) Mr. and Mrs. Lion Ron Baumgartner ringing bells. (ABOVE CENTER) Lion Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Gerve Schafer and Lion Michael Schafer and son Wyatt by the Christmas tree at the party.



More Roars from District G

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Lydick Lions support Lydick Food Pantry



Photo provided

The Lydick Lions Club and its members contributed a car load of groceries and paper products to the Lydick Food Pantry for their December food drive. Way to go Lydick Lions! (From left) Lion Leroy Wise, Lion Wendy Yuhasz, and Food Pantry Coordinator Karen Swisher.

Lydick Lions honor longtime club president



Photo provided

Lydick Lions Club President Wendy Yuhasz (left) was recently presented a plaque by club member Lion Teckla Lane (right) on behalf of the club. The plaque was presented to Lion Wendy in appreciation for her outstanding, dedicated service and exceptional leadership of the club. Lion Wendy has served as Club President since 2013.

Lydick Lions keep busy with KidSight vision screening



Photo provided

Since receiving a new PluxOptix eyesight screening camera, the Lydick Lions have already scheduled 10 preschools for eye screening sessions and are anticipating replies from 10 other preschools. School officials have welcomed the Lions at each screening, helping them screen for potential vision problems in these young children. The Lydick Lions have been assisted by some members of the Clay-Granger Lions. (From left) Clay-Granger Lion Andy Edelbrock, Lydick Lions Mike Lane and Wendy Yuhasz, and Clay-Granger Lion Kelly Edelbrock.

McCormick & Co. assists Lydick Lions with eyeglass donations



Photo provided

South Bend's McCormick & Company recently celebrated its annual charity day by hosting a used eyeglass drive. It collected 73 pairs and made arrangements to get them to the Lydick Lions. The Lydick Lions are active in collecting used eyeglass in the area and they are forwarded to the District 25-G Eyeglass Processing Center in Goshen. (From left) McCormick employees Rebecca Rausch, Robin, and Lion Wendy Yuhasz of the Lydick Club.

Holy Smokes! That's good pizza!



Photo provided

The Lydick Lions had a little holiday get together with their friends from Lakeville Indiana Lions Club, Clay-Granger Lions Club, and the Lydick Church Food Pantry at Holy Smokes Pizza Restaurant.

silent

AUCTION

2024 Mid-Winter Conference – January 20, 2024

"Catch the Magic of Lionism!"

We are in need of items for the silent auction at the 2024 Mid-Winter Conference.

If you would like to donate something, please contact either Co-Chair Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos at liongretchen@att.net or PDG Linda Scott at lindamscott@comcast.net.

Funds raised from this silent auction will go toward support of the MidWinter Conference, to better help defray the costs.

Thank you for your willingness to make this event a success.

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Get ready for the Indiana Lions 35th Mid-Winter Conference

Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport

2501 S. High School Road, Indianapolis, IN 46241

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Conference Schedule	
Registration & Continental Breakfast	8:00 am - 9:00 am
Displays And Silent Auction	Open until 3:00 pm
Opening Session	9:00 am - 9:30 am
First Session Seminar	9:45 am - 10:30 am
Second Session Seminar	10:45 am - 11:30 am
Lunch - Buffet	11:30 am - 12:15 pm
Program and Keynote Speaker	12:15 pm - 1:15 pm
Third Session Seminar	1:30 pm - 2:15 pm
Fourth Session Seminar	2:30 pm - 3:15 pm
Closing Session	3:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Directions to Crowne Plaza	
From the north via I-465 - Take 1-465 to Exit 11 (Sam Jones Expressway). Turn right (to the west) on Sam Jones and be in left lane. Turn left at High School Road and the hotel is on your left.	
From the south or Northbound I-465 - Take 1-465 to Exit 11(Sam Jones Expressway). Turn left (to the west) on Sam Jones but keep to the left to High School Road. Turn left at High School Road and hotel is on your left.	
Lions room rate is \$122 plus applicable taxes. Specify your choice of a king room or a room with two double beds. Hotel Reservations must be made by 6:00 pm EST Thursday, December 28, 2023	
CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations requested ten (10) days before the conference will receive full refunds, but cancellations requested after that date will not receive any refund. Refunds will not be granted because of the weather.	
*Note: The Mid-Winter Conference Committee would like those attending for the first time to indicate who is sponsoring them to attend or who has influenced them to attend their first Mid-Winter Conference. There is a line on the registration form for this information.	

Friday Night Dinner
January 19, 2024
Make your plans now to join us at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport Hotel for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship.
Menu: A plated dinner that will include Grilled Pork Chop or Chicken Marsala with Scalloped Potatoes, Garlic Green Beans, Fresh Garden Salad, Dessert, House Bread and Butter, Coffee and Tea.
Price: \$ 30.00
Social Time: 6 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.
Registration table will be open for packet and meal ticket pick-up on Friday evening until 6:30 p.m.

Friday Night Entertainment: Magician Daniel Lusk
Saturday Luncheon
January 20, 2024
Menu: Grilled Black Angus Burgers, Bratwurst with Sauerkraut, Bourbon Brisket, Cole Slaw, Macaroni Salad, Baked Beans, Corn, Vegetable toppings for

burgers and assorted condiments, Breads, Sheet Cake, Coffee and Tea.
Price: Included in Full Conference Registration
Two Service Projects
“**Sock It To Me**” - Please bring new socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, knit hats and blankets to be collected and divided among the district governors to distribute to needy people in their districts.
“**Care-ing Cases**” - Friday night after the dinner program, we will again assemble our Care-ing Cases, which consist of first aid kits using cleaned hard eyeglass cases and toiletry kits made up of personal hygiene items. These cases will be given to the district governors who will share them with the needy people in their districts.

Saturday Keynote Speaker
To be determined

Saturday Conference Seminar Schedule

Morning Seminar Session 1 (9:45 - 10:30) Seminar 1 Title: Mission 1.5 Presenter: PID Thomas Matney, Kentucky, Global Action Team Area Leader Description: Everything you ever wanted to know about our campaign to achieve the goal of 1.5 million members globally. Seminar 2 Title: All You Need Is Love Presenter: Lion Jeff Kozicki, Noblesville Lions Club, District 25-D GMT/GET Coordinator Description: 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 this is the seminar for you! We will come together to explore Lionism through the music of the Beatles. Seminar 3 Title: Mentoring: You've Got a Friend in Me. Presenter: Lion Ruth Kelly, Zionsville Lions Club	Description: Learn how to increase your membership retention with the equation of Mentoring plus Service equals Retention Seminar 4 Title: Serving Beyond the Club Presenters: PDG Tom Robbins, Zionsville Lions Club and PDG Jeff Locke, Williamsburg Lions Club Description: This session will discuss leadership opportunities beyond the club level from zone chairs and cabinet positions to project trustees, committee chairs, and District leadership. Morning Seminar Session 2 (10:45 - 11:30) Seminar 5 Title: Indiana Lions Fighting Pediatric Cancer Presenter: TBD Description: Learn about the Cancer Control Fund's new partnership with Riley Children's Foundation & the Walther Cancer Foundation. Seminar 6 Title: Putting Fun In Your Club Meetings Presenter: Luanne Julian, Middletown Lions Club	Description: Discover new ways to dispel the persistent myth that Lions Clubs meetings are B-O-R-I-N-G. Seminar 7 Title: Community Partnerships Presenter: TBD Description: How to partner with other organizations in your community for more effective service and fund-raising. Seminar 8 Title: Building a Cabin for Children with Type 1 Diabetes Presenters: PCC Ross Drapalik, Martinsville Noon Lions Club, and Jenna White Description: The Martinsville Noon Lions Club has partnered with Diabetes Youth Foundation of Indiana (DYFI) to construct a new cabin and laundry facility at "Camp Until-a-Cure" in Noblesville, Indiana. PCC Ross Drapalik will discuss the process of turning a \$10,000 memorial contribution into a \$204,000 turn-key project, and Jenna White, the Executive Director of DYFI, will talk about the camp, its needs, and how your Lions Club can help.	Afternoon Seminar Session 3 (1:30 - 2:15) Seminar 9 Title: Finding & Applying for Grants Presenters: PID Linda Tincher, Sullivan County Lions Club Description: Where to find grants, how to write grant requests, and how to avoid common pitfalls that may prevent you from getting grants. Seminar 10 Title: Securing Sponsorships Presenter: PDG Tom Robbins, Zionsville Lions Club Description: What you need to know to secure ongoing sponsorships. Seminar 11 Title: Lions International Convention in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia Presenter: PDG Alan Arnold, Monroe Lions Club, and Indiana Lions International Convention Committee Chairman Description: Everything you need to know about the 2024 International Convention in Melbourne, Australia Seminar 12 Title: Eyeglass Recycling: An Eye-Opening Experience Presenter: PDG Marty Juel, Elkhart Lions Club, District 25-G Description: Does your club collect used eyeglasses for Lions eyeglass missions? Find out what it takes to get used eyeglasses from your club's donation box to new owners in Mexico. Afternoon Seminar Session 4 (2:30 - 3:15) Seminar 13 Title: Lion Cubs Program Presenter: Wendy Semans, Hamlet Lions Club Description: Learn about the activities and projects for "Pre-LEO" children and grandchildren and how the Cub Program could stimulate membership growth and retention in your Lions Club. Seminar 14 Title: Who's Who with Lions Acronyms and Badges Presenter: PDG Kathy Lozier, Carmel Lions Club and Vice President, Indiana Lions Foundation, Inc. Description: Decoding the "alphabet soup" of Lions acronyms and abbreviations often encountered in Lions meetings and communications and recognizing Lions officers by the shape and design of their name badges. Seminar 15 Title: New Member Orientation Presenter: Lion Jeff Kozicki, District 25-D GMT/GET Coordinator Description: Congratulations! You have added a new member to your club! Now what? This seminar will discuss how to start your new member right and get them the information they need to get a solid start. This seminar will also be great for Lions that have been around for a while as there may be a few things they can learn about their Club, their District, and Lionism. Seminar 16 Title: USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Louisville KY Presenter: PDG Chuck Carlson, Forum Host Committee Chairperson Description: What happens at a Forum, the seminars, speakers, meals, and other details to encourage you to attend the Forum in Louisville in September of 2024 and become educated, motivated, and inspired.
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Clarifying memberships

SAVE THIS DATE!

January 20, 2024

By PID Linda Tincher
International Liaison

There has been much discussion concerning LCI's new "Discounted Member" category. Discounted members have all the same rights as fully paying members. The only difference is in the calculation of delegates for a club. **Cabinet Secretaries can obtain this information after they log their convention date onto the Lions International website.** It is not up to clubs to determine these numbers.

However, if any discounted member wishes to convert to a full dues paying membership they may do so by Dec. 15, 2023.

Clubs get one delegate vote for every 10 members or greater portion thereof for district and state conventions. For International Conventions clubs get one delegate for every 25 members or a greater portion thereof.

To determine if you are a discounted member: Are you listed in the Lions International as "Family Plan," a "student member" or young adult member, or a Leo-Lion member of a Lions Club? IF you answered yes, you are a discounted Lions Club member.

On the family plan one member is paying full price, and the other is discounted.

Therefore, when a determination is being made as to the clubs "voting delegate count" only the full paying member is included in the count. In addition, to be included the member must have been a member of their club for "one year and one day."

- **Example:** 20 *full paying members* in a club – two delegates will be allowed to vote at district or state convention from a club.
- **Example:** 20 members, *but* two couples on family plan (four members – only count as two) a grand total of 18.
- This scenario makes no difference because a Club gets one vote for every 10 members or greater part thereof; so the club still gets two votes, if everyone has been a member for one year and one day.

However, if you have two couples, one student, and five Leos. The club would then only have 12 eligible members (10 plus two) and 12 allows for only one delegate.

- The next question comes up when the attendees get to the convention – if the only attendees from the club are from the "discounted group." Can they vote the clubs one vote? And the answer is **YES – THEY CAN**, because it does not matter who actually casts the vote.

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



Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference
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Service Project: Care-ing Cases

We will use clean used hard eyeglass cases to create personal first aid kits and small plastic storage bags to create personal hygiene kits which our District Governors will share with those in need in their districts.

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