

IP Brian Sheehan to headline State Convention

Brian E. Sheehan, from Bird Island, Minnesota, was elected to serve as International President of Lions Clubs International at the association's 104th International Convention, June 22-28, 2022.

President Sheehan is the founder and CEO of Rural Computer Consultants, a software development company.

A member of the Bird Island Lions Club since 1991, he has held many offices within the association, including council chairperson, long-range planning chairperson, membership chairperson, retention chairperson, women's initiative chairperson, MD convention chairperson, GMT Liaison, and GLT area leader.

He has also served as the chairperson of the Headquarter Operation and Finance Committee, Lions University coordinator, DGE group leader, and board appointee to several committees, including Constitutions and Bylaws, LCIF Executive, LCI



IP BRIAN SHEEHAN

Executive, USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum and the Centennial Action committees. He has been a presenter at numerous Lions events, including many of the Global Forums.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received

numerous awards, including Club Lion of the Year; District 5M 4 Diabetes Awareness Award; MD 5M Web Site Appreciation Award; MD 5M Al Jensen Leadership Award; Founders Membership Growth Award; numerous International President's Certificates of Appreciation; International President's Leadership Award; multiple International President's Awards; and

the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and Second Century Ambassador.

In addition to his Lions activities, President Sheehan is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He has served as president of Bird Island Civic and Commerce, director of


the Learning Funhouse, and member of various school committees. He also received the 2011 U.S. SBA Minnesota Small Business Person of the Year Award.

President Sheehan and his wife, Lori, also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two sons and two daughters. In their spare time, they have enjoyed raising many types of exotic animals.



FLOAT FUN — The Lions International Rose Bowl float was beautiful and our International President Brian and Lion Lori Sheehan are having a great time riding on it!

The International President really is a fun leader and you can meet him at our Indiana State Convention this April in Bloomington!!



Nick's Notes

By PID Nick Xinopoulos
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Thinking outside the box

Lions All,
I hope you enjoyed the holidays and are rested and reenergized to make a difference in your communities and to make our association stronger than ever.

International President Brian Sheehan met with the International Executives, International Directors and Past International Directors during the USA/Canada Forum in Calgary last fall and emphasized the following: "Membership and Service are most important for our organization. Stronger membership equals

stronger service." He encouraged us to think outside the box to try something new to grow and/or retain our membership.

I have been communicating with a District Governor from Missouri (26M3) as I have been invited to speak at their District Convention. She has invited Club Presidents to join in the celebration of their service and she is giving them time to share their favorite service projects and ask other presidents about the details of their projects. In my opinion, this is what "thinking outside the box" means. They are accomplishing three things: 1) creating competition with each other, 2) bragging rights, and 3) learning from each other.

This District has just won the state award for an increase in membership. We all know that service projects is a great recruiting tool to attract new members. Our District Conventions are coming up soon and I encourage each and every one of us to talk about our service projects and share our ideas. I encourage us to survey our own clubs to discuss service projects and new ideas on how we can improve our projects. It is very important to include every club member and make sure they feel relevant to your club.

The only way your community will know about what you do is to make sure you publish your service activities in newsletters, on Facebook, newspaper articles, etc. Does your club have a Public Relations person?

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Together we will


By PDGs Mark Clark and Gary Ochs

PDG Gary Ochs and I want to give EVERY Lion a personal invitation to attend the 102nd 2023 Indiana Lions State Convention in Bloomington on May 12-14.

All Lions will have a great opportunity to meet other Lions, hear great speakers, attend informative seminars, and learn what wonderful things the Lions are doing across the State of Indiana. But for one special reason to come to the convention, you will have the opportunity to meet one particular Lion, our International President Brian Sheehan. IP Brian and his wife will be the special guests of Indiana Lions and will be traveling to Indiana just TO MEET YOU, HEAR FROM YOU, AND GET YOUR INPUT FOR THE BETTERMENT OF LIONS.

The convention will start Friday, May 12. Lions may make reservations to stay at either the Courtyard by Marriott connected to the Monroe County Convention Center or the Hyatt Place on Kirkwood. Both of those hotels have blocks of rooms reserved for the Lions at rates you will not want to pass up. See the regis-

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Council Chairperson's Corner

By CC Scott Smith
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Catching up to the 21st Century

We just held our third Council Meeting of the Lion Year following the Mid-Winter Conference in Indianapolis. One of the main issues we discussed was the Hoosier Lion and what form it will take in the next Lion Year. The Council voted to extend the contract for the printed issue of the Hoosier Lion for six months, which will take it out to September of 2023.

The concern is that in its present printed form our cost for producing and mailing the Hoosier Lion comes to about \$30,000 per year. With International dues going up over the next three years, and trying not to raise State dues, it is necessary to look at items such as The Hoosier Lion.

All seven of the Districts in Indiana produce a digital newsletter that seem to work well. If we were to switch over to a digital format in the next year, we can save a substantial amount of

money and help improve the financial situation for MD25.

There has not been a final decision about what and how to continue to produce The Hoosier Lion, but I am confident that changes will be coming in the future.

Another benefit to a digital format is the ability to not be limited by the number of pages that are designed for each issue. More educational and information material can be presented rather than a recap of each District and a limited amount of other items of interest to Indiana Lions.

I am looking forward to the remainder of this Lion Year and hope to see as many of you as possible at the Indiana Lions State Convention in Bloomington in May.

"If you are not passionate about what you do, chances are you will not leave a legacy of positive change." - Germany Kent, American broadcaster.



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Roars from A



Plan for fun at District Convention

By GOV. NICK GONZALEZ

Greetings, fellow Lions of 25A! I hope everyone has had an excellent start to 2023. If you have met as a club or completed a project, you HAVE had an excellent start. It was a pleasure

seeing many of you at our Cabinet meeting. We are social creatures; it's always nice to reunite with fellow Lions a few times a year. You all work wonders for your communities; keep up the great work!

We are a very short time away

from our District Convention. We will have a welcome dinner on March 31 for our International guest, with the majority of our events on April 1. I have had the



HELP FOR KINGSBURY — Shown at the Kingsbury Elementary donation project, from left, are Donna Council, third grade teacher; Lions Bonnie Olson, Dennis Fischer, and Cindy Fischer; and Mrs. Carla Marhanka, third grade teacher. Photo submitted by Lion Cindy Fischer.

HELP FOR RILEY — Shown at the Riley Elementary donation project, from left, are Lions Dennis Fischer, Cindy Fischer, and Bonnie Olson; and Mrs. Christen Jody, principal. Photo submitted by Lion Cindy Fischer.



Door Village Lions deliver school supplies

Recently three members of the Door Village Lions Club delivered school supplies and various requested items to Kingsbury, Kingsford Heights, and Riley elementary schools.

Principals from all three schools had shared that, near the end of the school year, budgeted funds for emergency needs and discretionary purchases are

exhausted and special projects and occasionally emergency purchases have to be funded by the teachers or go by the wayside.

Club members, upon hearing of this need, decided to take the proceeds from their Fall Candy Day Sales and split them equally among the three schools that most of the students from Scipio Township attend (Door Village Lions is based in Scipio Township).

Members have conducted this project for many years and never tire of hearing from the teachers how very much they appreciate the requested items. Kingsbury third grade teacher Carla Marhanka commented that several of her special projects funded by the Lions were some of her students' most memorable classroom experiences. Lion members Dennis Fischer, Bonnie Olson, and Cindy Fischer were overjoyed to learn that club members' efforts are truly contributing to the extra efforts of teachers in spurring the interest of students in their classes.

Kingsford Heights Principal Amy Kosier and Riley Principal Christen Jody were equally enthusiastic in thanking Door Village Lion members for the supplies that contribute so much to the special projects teachers are able to bring their students.

For more information, please call George Morley at (219) 575-3575.



ID KEN IBARRA

Introducing ID Ken Ibarra

Ken Ibarra from San Bruno, California, was elected to serve a two-year term as International Director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 103rd International Convention, June 25-29, 2021.

Director Ibarra has 41 years of experience as a licensed architect and is the owner of Ibarra Associates. Over the course of his career, he has designed more than 400 residential and 60 commercial projects throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

He has also served 22 years as a councilman for the City of San Bruno. During his tenure, several housing, transit, and redevelopment projects were created in the community. He also served on many regional committees, such as the San Mateo County Transit Authority and the Airport Roundtable for San Francisco International Airport.

He became a Lion in 1992 as a member of the San Bruno Lions Club. He has held a number of offices with the association, including District Governor, Leadership Coordinator, and LCIF Coordinator, and served many years as a Leo Club advisor. He has been a presenter at three USA/Canada Forums and at the 95th Lions Clubs International Convention in Busan, South Korea. He has also served as a Certified Guiding Lion for four clubs.

In recognition of his service, he has received numerous awards, including an International President's Award, two International President's Leadership Awards and multiple International President's Certificates of Appreciation. Director Ibarra is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Ibarra remains active in numerous civic and business organizations.

Director Ibarra and Lion Amy Fink, also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have been together for 22 years and have a blended family of four children and four grandchildren.

honor of meeting our guest, International Director Ken Ibarra, at the 2021 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

At that leadership forum, plenty of fun was had. ID Ken and his partner-in-service, Lion Amy Fink, look forward to meeting you all. You will gain knowledge through our seminars and business sessions. But there is another event that will bring lifelong memories. Note that my theme is "With You" - with you in service, with you in camaraderie, with you in silliness.

WHAT? Did you say silliness, DG Nick? I did! The Convention includes our third annual Chant Contest. The previous two contests have been memorable, and I hope this year's rendition follows suit. You don't need to be

perfect, just willing to have fun. If you win, you get to hold the traveling trophy for a whole year.

In 2021, the Crown Point Lions took home the giant megaphone. In 2022, it was South Haven Lions Club's turn. In 2023, it could be YOU! Please contact me between now and March 28 if your club wishes to participate. The more the merrier!

Thank you again for all the hard work you have put in! Your communities would not be the same without you.

If I have not visited or scheduled my visit with your club, please contact me. I want to visit all of you. Please contact fellow Lions in your club who have not been active. A simple hello could go a long way. We are all in this together!



SOMETIMES WISHES DO COME TRUE — The South Haven Lions provided wish lists to the teachers at South Haven and Paul Saylor Elementary before Christmas break. Teachers could write items they needed for their classrooms, like Kleenex, markers, books, games, etc. Lion members adopted a teacher and bought items on the list. The goodies were delivered to the teachers in January.

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MARCH 31 & APRIL 1, 2023 Barbara & Dean White Community Center 6600 Broadway, Merrillville, IN 46410	
Special Guests: International Director Ken Ibarra and Lion Amy FINK	
For those needing overnight accommodations, a block of rooms has been reserved at the Hilton Garden Inn 7775 Mississippi St, Merrillville, IN 46410 Phone: 219-768-7000 Room Rate: \$123 + tax per night Be Sure to Ask for the LIONS rate An \$8 Voucher for breakfast may be purchased with Reservation Make reservation directly with the hotel—this rate is good until February 28th	
FRIDAY NIGHT WILL BE ID WELCOME DINNER SATURDAY LUNCH WILL BE DOWNTIME TO EXPLORE THE VARIOUS EATERIES IN MERRILLVILLE SATURDAY NIGHT WILL BE OUR BANQUET (*SEE MORE DETAILS BELOW*)	
Payment Deadline for Pre-Registrations and Meals is March 23rd, 2023	
NO PRE-REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MARCH 23*	
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Lions warm up the winter with caring gestures

By GOV. SANDRA ZEIGLER

What a surprise it was when I glanced out the window to see snow! Yes, I know it is the end of January, and I know that we live

in Indiana; but we have not had this much snow all winter!

This snow that presents problems for some also presents opportunities for Lions to show our caring Lions hearts to others.

It's the perfect time to share some of our spare time with shut-ins who cannot get out. You could give these people a phone call. Maybe even make a date to go out to eat together.

While you are visiting, this is the perfect time to add a friend who is not a Lion. Share all of the great projects and activities Lions are doing in your community and our state.

February is considered the month of caring. This month would be the perfect time to write cards for the veterans. That's just what PCC Jerry is doing. How about sending some notes to Lions members who have missed a couple of meetings? These notes will let them know they have been missed.

Personal notes are still a great way to stay in touch! These cards and notes are able to be read and reread, continuing to offer love during these months when people, even mighty Lions, are shut in.

Tell others how they can join your club and become Lions, too! You will be glad that you did, and you'll make their day and change their future, giving them a new purpose in their lives, including a chance for them to serve others.

As part of the January Mid-Winter Conference in Indianapolis, Lions assembled first-aid and

hygiene kits. These kits, along with donated socks, toboggan hats, gloves, and clothes, were distributed to each of Indiana's seven District Governors. I have boxes of goodies I want to share

with each of my nine counties.

Please call, text, or email me with suggestions of where these items can best help the "needy" in each of these nine counties in our District.

International Director Dr. Dianne J. Pitt, District Conference guest speaker

Dr. Dianne J. Pitts, from Chapells, South Carolina, was elected to serve a two-year term as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 103rd International Convention, June 25-29, 2021.

Director Pitts was an educator for 28 years and has twice received recognition as District Teacher of the Year. She is a contributing author to two textbooks and the published author of a three-volume Bible study for middle schoolers. She now uses her knowledge and experience to help Lions and other nonprofit and charitable organizations with grant writing and presentations.

She first joined as a member of the Gaffney Lions Club in 1994, and since 2010, has served with the Greenwood Lions Club. She has held a number of offices with the association, including District Governor, District Lions Quest Chairperson, Multiple District Council Chairperson and Multiple District LCIF Campaign 100 Chairperson. She has also served as faculty for multiple Lions Leadership Institutes and learning programs as well as webinars.

In recognition of her service, she has received numerous awards, including several International President's Awards and



INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR
DR. DIANNE PITTS

International President's Certificates of Appreciation. Director Pitts is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. She has also been recognized as a Progressive Dr. Franklin G. Mason Fellow.

In addition to her Lions activities, Director Pitts is active in numerous civic and professional organizations, including the South Carolina Education Association and the Nation Educational Association. She is also co-director for her local soup kitchen.

Director Pitts is married to Dr. Joe Pitts, a 50-year Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

CO-SPONSORS — The Monroeville Lions and Monroeville EMS co-sponsored the American Red Cross Blood Drives in Monroeville. The EMS hosts the event and schedules the donors, while the Lions supply volunteers to greet the donors as well as provide muffins and meals for the workers. Pictured is Lion Susan Hoffman assisting a donor to register.



Lions service work requires many dominoes

Lions District 25B Governor Sandra Zeigler spoke at a recent joint Monroeville Lions/Heritage Lions meeting at Saint John Lutheran Flatrock Church.

She used the metaphor that if you have an individual domino, you cannot be very creative. But when you combine several dominoes, increasingly creative and helpful activities can be imagined and implemented.

Lions working together can and do accomplish great things. Each Lion brings to the group their unique abilities and intentions. Governor Zeigler went on to describe several projects the Indiana Lions organization is involved in.

Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester Hills, Michigan, seemed especially dear to her heart (she owns four dogs). Volunteers raise a newborn puppy until they are one year old (leaderdog.org/volunteer/host-a-breeding-dog). They then surrender the puppy to the Leader Dog program, where it is paired with a blind person. The dog and its new owner train together and build a relationship of trust and love. The owner is absolutely dependent on the dog to guide them about.

This training costs about \$40,000 and is 100% philanthropically funded by Lions clubs, individual donors, corporate partners, and foundations. There is no charge for any of our programs and services, including the guide dog, equipment, training, transporta-

tion to and from the campus, and room and board during training. Over 4,900 Lions Clubs, both nationally and internationally, contribute financially to the Leader Dog program.

Governor Zeigler also spoke of the Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing programs, the Indiana Lions Cancer Control Fund "to establish, promote, manage, and control a fund to be used for the control of cancer," and the Indiana Lions' efforts to enhance opportunities for students of the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

She also mentioned Vision-First - Indiana Lions Eye Bank, "a leader in eye-tissue transplantation, committed to changing the lives of those in need." Finally, she encouraged all members to support the Special Olympics, "which strives to change the lives of people with intellectual disabilities."

Governor Zeigler and her husband got lost on their trip to the church, arriving a few minutes late. Mr. Zeigler was kidded on his lack of navigational skills. The funniest time came when, in the middle of the meeting, his GPS suddenly "spoke," commanding him to "turn right, then turn right again."

The Heritage Lions and the Monroeville Lions motto is "We Serve" and we welcome anyone who wishes to help their local community to contact a Heritage or Monroeville Lion.

Bluffton Lions Club ships a mountain of medical supplies to Honduras

On December 30, four volunteers loaded a 40-foot-by-8-foot shipping container from a Bluffton warehouse dock, bound for the Comayagua, Honduras, Lions Club.

Doctor Eric Purdy, a noted Indiana optical surgeon and a member of the Bluffton Lions Club, along with Honduras Lions Club member Rolando Yuja, a team of surgeons, and their staff and students from Augusta, Georgia, gathered donated medical equipment and supplies over many months.

Included in the shipment were eight donated surgical microscopes, five cataract phacoemulsification machines, an Alcon Accurus posterior vitrectomy unit, an autoclave, a YAG laser, five OR patient carts, several storage cabinets, 30,000 pairs of glasses for the El Salvador Lions Club, 40 boxes of Alcon eye surgery mission supplies for Dr. Purdy's February mission, donated orthopedic surgery instruments, four complete dental office suites, and much more.

The microscopes and surgical chairs were donated by hospitals updating their equipment. The dental equipment was donated by dentists who retired and dissolved their practices. Changing Footprints of Northern Indiana provided 1,651 pairs of gently used shoes, without charge, for victims of flooding in the area.

The packed container was shipped to Chicago and then traveled to New York by rail. From there it was loaded onto a cargo ship bound for Honduras, scheduled to arrive on February 14.

The Lions Clubs of Bluffton and Honduras wish to thank all the eye and dental clinics, hospitals in Indiana, Ohio, and Georgia, and the ophthalmic companies for providing supplies and equipment for these mission projects.

Thanks are also due the Lions clubs in Indiana for gathering the eyeglasses, Dr. Purdy for his willingness to provide much needed eye surgeries for the poor, Changing Footprints for the year-round effort to collect used shoes, and the hospitals of Comayagua, Honduras, and El Salvador.



SEEING CLEARLY, WALKING STRAIGHT — The Heritage Lions recently loaded over 30,000 eyeglasses and 1,700 used shoes for shipment to Honduras.

Heritage Lions collect eyeglasses, shoes for Central America

Heritage Lions Club member Rick Boys, along with Rolando Yuja of the Honduras Lions and Jim Brockmann, recently loaded some 7,000 eyeglasses and delivered them to John Geller of the Arcola Lions Club. Gellar will store the eyeglasses in his barn until the Arcola Lions hold their semiannual eyeglass sorting party in the spring.

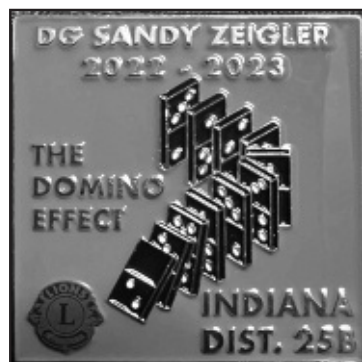
After the Arcola sort, the eyeglasses are sent to be cleaned by the Goshen Lions. They are then sorted by prescription strength, male/female, children's and sunglasses, and placed in envelopes for easier distribution. They will be shipped to missions in Honduras, El Salvador, Mexico, and other countries that lack the resources to manufacture these necessary items.

Three Heritage Lions, along with Dr. Eric Purdy of the Bluffton Lions, recently loaded over 30,000 eyeglasses, as well as

some 1,700 used shoes gathered by Changing Footprints in New Haven.

Lions Clubs all over the world collect, sort, clean, and prepare millions of glasses annually for distribution to those without access to eyeglasses. Changing Footprints, based in Indiana, has collected over 500,000 pairs of used shoes in the past 17 years, with at least 80% of the items distributed to local social service agencies, local schools, and the homeless, all at no charge.

Please support these collection efforts. Lions Clubs eyeglasses donation boxes are located in nearly every library, optometrist's office and locations throughout our area. Changing Footprints' bins are in most local libraries, many YMCA and other athletic facilities, and all Indiana Therapy locations. For a list of "shoe drops," visit changingfootprints.org.



ANNOUNCEMENT:

Who: All Lions, Spouses, and Friends

What: 2023 District Conference

Date: Saturday, March 25

Time: Sign-in starts at 8:30 a.m.

Place: First Church of Christ, 909 W. Spring St., Bluffton

Guest Speaker: Dr. Dianne Pitts, International Director from South Carolina

Lunch: Potato bar with toppings, including barbecued chicken, taco meat, cheese sauce, broccoli, sour cream, bacon, scallops, butter, jalapenos, and salsa; raw vegetable tray with dip; apple cream pie. Lunch, catered by Lighted Gardens Restaurant north of Ossian, will be held in the FCC Youth Center beside the church.

You may pay when checking in, but because of the nature of the lunch, reservations are required by March 18.

Conference Cost: \$20 per person, which covers the cost of your continental breakfast of roll, coffee, and bottled water, and your lunch with coffee and bottled water.

Please bring door prize items and silent auction items.

Send registrations to:

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Many activities await the second half of the Lion Year

By GOV. BOB HRDY

Happy Valentine's Day from District C!

It's a new year and we are back on the road again. January brought us to Flora, West Point, and Monrovia for club visits; Brownsburg for our 3rd Cabinet meeting; and Indy for the Mid-Winter Conference.

We have been enjoying our club visits and are blessed by the warm hospitality we have encountered. It is exciting to hear what service projects the clubs are involved in, big or small: from West Point serving coffee every morning to anyone who comes by ... to the involvement Monrovia has with the local school, hosting holiday tree decorating contests for the fifth graders ... to the scholarships they give out every year to high school seniors.

I hope many of you had the opportunity to attend the Mid-Winter Conference. It was, as

always, a great opportunity for Lion learning, meeting new friends, and reconnecting with old ones.

I had the opportunity to speak about living with my Leader Dog in conjunction with Don and Jan Allen, who are puppy raisers.

As we move into February, we have many more visits on our schedule. We are also in the final stages of planning for District C District Convention on Saturday, February 25. Our keynote speaker will be ID Debra Weaverling from Kansas. We are looking forward to a great day with fellow Lions and hearing ID Debra's thoughts.

We have passed the halfway point in our Lions Year and are headed toward the finish line. I hope we can finish strong with increasing our membership. Echoing DG Eric Scheuman's challenge to District D: If each of us invite one friend to a Lions activity or Club meeting, think how our organization could grow!



HONORING THE DEPARTED — Lafayette Lions Club donates to the Gold Star Mothers Project to decorate the headstones in the Historic Indiana State Soldiers Home Cemetery. A wreath is placed on each headstone. The cemetery has been part of the campus since the home first accepted residents in 1896.

The cemetery has 2,950 gravesites dating back to the 1800s. Several monuments were donated to the grounds, dedicated in memory of those who served their country.

PDG Charlie Short is shown placing a wreath on a headstone at the cemetery. Photo by Pat Short.



PARK IMPROVEMENTS — Exciting changes are happening to the Zionsville Lions Park. A great group of Lions moved 60 yards of mulch into the new east playground and around our new structure. We will need to add another 50-60 yards to comply with safety surface standards.

Such a beautiful improvement to Zionsville Lions Park. Many thanks to Ralph Stacy, Gordon White, Mike Heffner, Dennis Tackett, Bob Robison, Larry Randall, Caroline Robbins, Tom Price, and PDG Tom Robbins. Photo by Gene Thompson.

I would like to remind everyone our Indiana State Convention is May 12-14 in Bloomington. Our keynote speaker is International President Brian Sheehan. I encourage you to attend if you can, as he is an engaging speaker - and a bundle of energy (think the Energizer Bunny in a penguin hat!) Look for the Convention section for more details.

As IP Brain always says: "Together We Can. Together We Will."

Vision through Darkness

ANNOUNCEMENT: District Convention Silent Auction

Saturday, February 25

We'd love to have an auction item or basket from each club in our district! Items of any value can be donated, but preferably with a value of around \$20 or more.

Funds raised will be donated to our Leader Dog State Project.

Start thinking now of items you might like to donate. If you cannot attend the convention, check with others in your club or surrounding clubs and see if they could bring items to the convention for you. Thank you.

Lion Gail Robbins, Silent Auction Chair
gail45robbins@gmail.com

Zionsville Leos on the move

By Lion Gail Robbins

The Zionsville Alpha Leos have kept busy this year, inducting over 10 new members and participating in monthly meetings and service opportunities. Since August, the Leos have volunteered at fall festival, pumpkins and hayrides, and collected clothing items for the Sock It To Me drive.

Monthly meetings have included picking up trash in Lions Park, writing letters to fourth graders, and making donation boxes.


This year's club features some amazing seniors who have been hard at work to rebuild the club after COVID. Active senior Leos are Janelle Macler, Anna Devine, Harrison Greaves, Sebastian Lisiak, Niyan Patel, and Meghan Densmore. In addition, there are the senior board members: Sahar Atmar, Evalyn Weber, Katherine Readinger, Madelynn Broge, Kirttee Ayitha (treasurer), Lily Nault (secretary), Anjali Gupta (vice president), and Mia Wilhite (president).

As the Leos continue throughout this year, they plan to work with Watch Us Farm to help with maintenance and support the Lion's events such as the Egg-normous Egg Hunt, selling raffle tickets for the 4th of July and volunteering at that event.

A special thanks to our Lion advisors Tom Robbins and Sam Robbins. They have always been there to support our club. We couldn't do it without them!

The taxi driver

By Robert Nauck Sr.



"You have to make a living," she answered. "There are other passengers," I responded. Almost without thinking, I bent and gave her a hug. She held on to me tightly. "You gave an old woman a little moment of joy," she said. "Thank you!" I squeezed her hand, and then walked into the dim morning light. Behind me, a door shut. It was the sound of the closing of a life.

I didn't pick up any more passengers that shift. I drove aimlessly, lost in thought. For the rest of that day, I could hardly talk. What if that woman had gotten an angry driver, or one who was impatient to end his shift? What if I had refused to take the run, or had honked once and then driven away?

On a quick review, I don't think I have done anything more important in my life.

We're conditioned to think our lives revolve around great moments. But great moments often catch us unaware - beautifully wrapped in what others may consider a small one.

PEOPLE MAY NOT REMEMBER EXACTLY WHAT YOU DID, OR WHAT YOU SAID, BUT THEY WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL.

I arrived at the address and honked the horn. After waiting a few minutes, I honked again. Since this was going to be the last ride of my shift, I thought about just driving away, but instead I put the car in park and walked up to the door and knocked. "Just a minute," answered a frail, elderly voice. I could hear something being dragged across the floor.

After a long pause, the door opened. A small woman in her 90s stood before me with a small suitcase beside the door. The house looked as if it were ready for sale.

She gave me the address, but then asked if we would drive downtown. I reminded her there would be a shorter way, but she said she was in no hurry. The address she had given me was a hospice.

I decided to drive her through the city where she showed me the places she had worked and lived.

When the sun began to rise she declared she was tired and asked to be taken to the facility. Before she was wheeled into the entrance, she asked, "How much do I owe you?" "Nothing," I said.

Lions service projects report

By Lion Jennifer Drapalik

(This report includes projects "Sock it to Me," CARING CASES and hygiene kits):

PDG Kathy Lozier, Lion Jennifer Drapalik, and Lion Gail Robbins co-chaired the Service Projects Committee at the Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference.

The Lions of Indiana collected:

- 21 scarfs
- 31 hat/glove/scarf sets
- 223 hats
- 997 gloves
- 99 blankets
- 1,694 pairs of socks

The Lions put together 140 hygiene kits and 1,000 CARING CASES first-aid kits.

An extra special thank you to all who donated and/or helped put all this together.

They were divided among the seven District Governors in the state to be distributed to those in need.

These are just a few ways "We Serve!"



HONORABLE GESTURE — The Plainfield Lions Clubs extends their condolences to the family of Charles "Bob" Wade in his passing. Linda Ellis, Bob's daughter, surprised the club with a \$500 donation originally bequeathed to the Avon Lions Club that is no longer active and instead gave the Plainfield Lions the donation to honor his memory of serving the community. The club is very thankful for the family's generosity.

Shown are Linda Ellis and Plainfield Club President Tom Iles. Photo and outline provided by Worth Donaldson, Plainfield Club secretary.



Indiana Lions District 25-C District Convention

Arts Federation
638 North St., Lafayette, IN 47901
765/423-2787

**Saturday,
February 25, 2023**

Registration -- \$25

Send completed registration with check payable to "District 25-C" to:

Lion Terri Delp
11607 S. Marshall Ct.,
Brookston, IN 47920

Keynote Speaker
International Director
Debra Weaverling
MD-17 Kansas

Dress code
business casual

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Club: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

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Roars from D



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Ask ... and ask ... and ask again

By GOV. ERIC SCHUMAN

ASKing is so easy. Membership is a goal – always. Every year and forever. We all get tired of hearing it and others talking about it, but we must continue, as it is the lifeblood of our organization.

Someone cared enough and wanted you to join badly enough to ask you. We need to return the favor and ask someone else to join. We all have a neighbor, church friend, golfing partner, drinking buddy, or even a stranger we “bump” into and start a conversation with.

You bring up community service and how it's lacking in today's society and they agree with you. BING! There's your in to bring up Lions service and ask them to join.

And remember, they don't have to join your club. You can sponsor a member into any Lions club in the world – and get credit for it.

How about trying a “Bring a Guest Night” to your club? Have a meal and get every member to bring a guest – and if they don't, they get fined by the Tail Twister. The program for the night can be Lions service to the community. While the program is going on, have a member walk around and place an application by every guest. Take it a step further and offer to fill it out for them. Perhaps your club could even pay the initiation (entrance) fee for them. Wouldn't that be a service project for your club to report? I think so.

How about a membership application dispenser placed in your local doctor's or dentist's office – with their permission, of course.

And as I say during my official visitations, if someone says they've already asked someone and they said no, that isn't the end of it. Try asking them again a year later. Maybe they'll say yes the second time or even third

time. The point is, don't give up. And when you do get a new member, don't ignore them and let them sit in the corner alone. Ensure they have a proper induction ceremony, introduce them to the other members, get them a job on a committee, and if they come up with a new idea or way of doing something, let them run with it. That's called making them feel important and a part of the club.

Membership is a responsibility of all members of your club and that includes YOU, too. So get out there and start recruiting! You'll be glad you did.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Do you want to receive emails from 25D automatically?

Send an email to:
lionsdistrict25d-subscribe@googlegroups.com

Allen Snider, accomplished Lion from the north

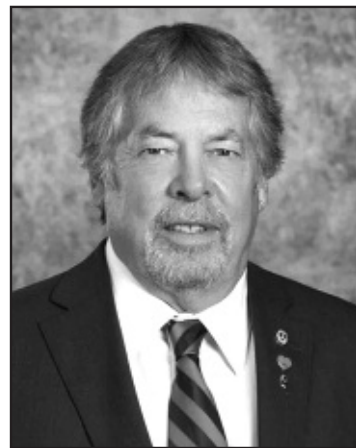
By Allen Snider, International Director

Allen Snider, from Niagara-on-the-Lake, Canada, was elected to serve a two-year term as International Director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 103rd International Convention, June 25-29, 2021.

He has 36 years of experience as a construction millwright and operating engineer at General Motors. Toward the end of his career, he also took on the position of mobile equipment manager. In retirement, he is farming garlic, lavender, and sunflowers.

Director Snider became a Lion in 1981 when he joined the St. Davids and District Lions Club where he has since served multiple terms as Club Treasurer and President. At the district level, he served as District Governor and held leadership roles on the Global Membership Team and Global Service Team. He is on the board of the Lions Home for Deaf People and was also Preservation Hearing Chair at MDA.

In recognition of his service, Director Snider has been honored with two International President's Awards and several International President's Certificates of Appreciation. He is a Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship recipient, a Helen Keller Fellowship recipient, and a life member of the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. Director Snider is



INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR ALLEN SNIDER

a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Snider has been an Alderman for the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake and a trustee for the Lincoln County Board of Education, and is currently the Chair of the Committee of Adjustment for Niagara-on-the-Lake. He has also been a member of the local Royal Canadian Legion since 1977 and has received the Volunteer of the Year Award for Service Clubs in his community.

Director Snider's wife, Susan, is also a Lion, as are his son, Richard, and daughter, Jessica. Director Snider is also proud to serve alongside the many other Lions in his extended family.



VISION SCREENING PARTNERS — The Greentown and Russiaville Lions have partnered together to do school-age vision screenings. Way to go, Lions! Shown is Western Primary School vision screening.



PARTNERING CREATES POSSIBILITIES — The third Thursday of every month, you will find members of the Carmel and Noblesville Lions Clubs at the Gleaners Mobile Pantry from 4-6 p.m. Following the words of PCC Lee Flower at the Mid-Winter Conference, they are partnering together for better service. One Club may not be able to provide enough volunteers on their own every month, but “Together We Can.” Shown from left are Carmel Lions Bob Yunker and Matt Best; and Noblesville Lions Joe Connerley, John Terhune, George Long, Dale Unger, Jerry Baker, Mark Bachar, Steve Shaw, Carol Miller, Duke Miller, and Ron Williamson.



LIONS SAVING LIVES — Union City Lions Club saves lives through the six blood drives it sponsors every year. In 2022, they collected 192 units of blood. If each donation can impact three people, that is 576 people who had their lives impacted by Union City Lions. The next blood drive is March 27. If you would like to register, please go to givingblood.org. Shown are Union City Lions Club Blood Draw Co-Chairs Hoddy Speight and Dough LeMaster.




25-D District Convention
Saturday, April 1st
Greentown Lions Club
610 E. Payton, Greentown, IN 46936

Keynote Speaker
International Director Allen Snider

Doors Open at 8 am - Meeting begins at 9 am
Cost: \$25/person

Morning Refreshments include:
Donuts, Coffee, & Juice

Luncheon at 12 noon:
Baked Steak & Gravy, Mashed red potatoes, buttered corn,
Caesar salad & Waldorf salad, Roll & butter
Desserts: Chocolate Cake, Pineapple Upside Down Cake, & Spice Cake

Pre-registration no later than March 22
& payment to: Jean Ann Wise, PO Box 18, Greentown, IN 46936

Make additional copies if needed

Name: _____

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Home Club: _____



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Caring about the numbers ‘growing forward’

By GOV. DON RUSS

Every morning, I wake up, say good morning to my wife Sue, let the dog out, and start my computer in my office. I go to MyLCI and check the membership numbers. My day begins

The membership numbers may be up, may be down. I try not to let it change my attitude for the day one way or the other, but it does. After all, I’m only human and I care about “Lions Growing Forward.” The good thing is, as I write this today, the numbers are up, not down. That could change tomorrow, but I’ll handle that tomorrow.

I really appreciate all the

efforts being made by the Lions of District 25E. To help you in your efforts to add membership to your club we have another Membership Summit coming up on February 11 at the Red Cross building in Evansville. It starts at 10 a.m. (Central time), runs until 1 p.m., and lunch is on us. Hope you can attend.

Other important upcoming events:

March 3-4, District Convention at Bally’s in Evansville, keynote speaker ID John Youney from Maine.

March 11, orientation meeting at the Francisco Club.

April 22, Membership Summit



SURPRISE! — Lion Jim Springer gets a surprise at the French Lick-West Baden Lions Club Christmas party Dec. 20 when VDG Erica Thomas presents him with a Dr. W.P. Woods Award from the Indiana Lions Foundation. VDG Erica is a District 25E trustee of the Foundation. At left is PDG Bill Willis, club president, who nominated Lion Jim for his service as club treasurer and for his participation in fish fries and other club fundraisers.



99 YEARS OF SERVICE — The Mt. Olympus Club celebrated two of its members who received the Chevron Award. Tony Schroder, left, has 44 years of service, and John Ford has 55 years of service.

BRING YOUR WALKING SHOES TO STATE CONVENTION!

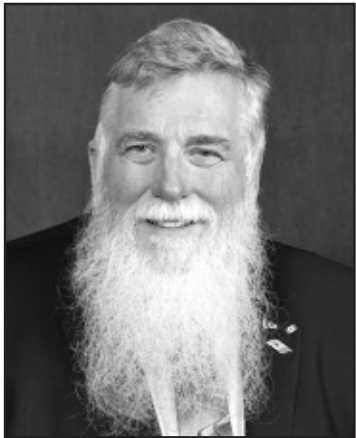
Take some time the Saturday morning of the State Convention to get moving on a hopefully sunny day, while helping with the important cause of spreading diabetes awareness.

Walkers will assemble for a Strides Walk in the back parking lot of the convention center and step off for the charitable event at 9:15 a.m. The walk will last until 10 a.m.

International Director John Youney to attend District Convention

John W. Youney, from Skowhegan, Maine, was elected to serve a two-year term as International Director of Lions Clubs International at the association’s 103rd International Convention, June 25-29, 2021.

Director Youney has worked as a trial attorney for the past 41 years and is the president of Merrill, Hyde, Fortier & Youney, P.A. His experience and reputation have qualified him to serve as a court-rostered mediator, as well as a court-rostered guardian ad litem in child protection.



JOHN W. YOUNEY

He has served with the Skowhegan Lions Club since becoming a Lion in 1975 and has held a number of offices with the association, including District Governor, Campaign SightFirst II State Coordinator, and GMT State Coordinator. He has also served as the Director as well as President of the New England Lions Council.

Director Youney is married to Lion Karol Kish Youney, and they have served together since 1981. Lion Karol is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

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Director Youney has presented at several DGE Regional School seminars and has served multiple times as a presenter and moderator for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

In recognition of his service, he has received numerous awards, including several International President’s Awards and International President’s Leadership Awards. He is also the recipient of a number of International President’s Certificates of Appreciation. Director Youney is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.



BELL RINGER — For the past 74 years members of the Bedford Lions Club have been ringing bells for the Salvation Army red kettles. Shown in photo is PDG Gary Ochs ringing the bell at the Walmart store entrance.

at French Lick, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (details to follow later).

May 12-14, State Convention, Bloomington, keynote speaker International President Brian Sheehan.

June 17, last District Meeting/picnic (location to follow).

Thanks for all our hard work and God bless all of you. Hope to see you at the upcoming events.



Official call to District 25E Spring Convention

The District Convention shall be held March 3-4 at Bally’s Evansville at 421 NW Riverside Drive, Evansville.

Come and meet International Director John Youney.

The Friday Night Welcome Dinner will be at 6 p.m. at the Tap House.

Saturday delegate registration starts at 8 a.m. and the opening session begins at 9:30 a.m.



District 25E Spring Convention Meal Registration Form

Deadline: Meal Reservations must be received by February 20, 2023

Where: Bally’s Evansville - 421 NW Riverside Drive – Evansville, Indiana 47708

When: March 3-4, 2023

LODGING: All rooms are \$144.00 /night + tax. To reserve a room, call 1-812-433-4000 and let them know the reservation is for the group code “LICLDC”. Room reservations must be made by February 22, 2023 to ensure the above rates.

Friday Night International Director John Youney (Maine) Welcome Dinner will be in the Tap House at the Casino beginning at 6pm. Dinner will be off the menu, visit the Tap house website for more information and pricing. [Restaurant & Bar in Evansville | Tap House at Bally’s Evansville \(ballys.com\)](#)

Saturday Lunch will be in the Las Vegas Room (meeting room). Lunch will be Mixed Green Salad, Roasted Chicken with Boursin Cream Sauce, Red Roasted Potatoes, Herb Roasted Vegetables, Warm Rolls and Butter, and Cheesecake with Fruit Sauce. **Cost is \$24 per person.**

Park in the Bally’s Parking Garage.

Saturday’s delegate registration will start at 8:00am (Central) in the Las Vegas Room. The Honorary Committee meeting will start at 8am in the Las Vegas Room. The Opening Session will start at 9:15am. The convention meeting will include reports from our District Governor, state projects, committee chairs, Zone Chairs, voting, Tail Twisting, Half Pot, and a Silent Auction. In addition, we’ll have tables set up with information from our State Projects, Indiana Lions Foundation, LCIF, and the 2023 Indiana Lions State Convention.

We are requesting each club to donate an item for the silent auction. Items for the auction will be set up on Saturday starting at 8am. Winners will be announced at 3pm. Point of Contact for the Silent Auction is Lion Sue Russ fsdye@att.net

Person 1 Name:				
	First	Last	Title	
Person 2 Name:				
	First	Last	Title	
Address:				
	Street	City	State	Zip
Club:	Attending: In-Person or Virtually (circle one)			
Phone:	E-Mail:			
Friday Evening “Meet the ID” Dinner.	Number Attending: _____ - Pay at the Tap House			
Saturday Lunch	Number Attending: _____ x \$24 = _____			
	Total Enclosed: _____			
Special Dietary Needs:	_____			

Make checks payable to: **District 25E Lions** and mail to **Cabinet Treasurer Debbie Ellis, 8262 Center Road, Sullivan, IN 47882**. For questions, call DG Don Russ at (812) 455-4099 or PCC Keith Thomas at (812) 354-4637.

For those attending virtually, a link will be provided to the email above.



Roars from F



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Lions are FUN

By GOV. LINDA SCOTT

Hello Lions! It is February already. I want to wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day!

It is a busy time of year, as you know. We have our Cabinet Meeting coming up February 11 at the Decatur Twp. School for Excellence Community Room. We have our District Convention coming up March 4 at the Clermont Lions Park. International Director Ernesto "TJ" Tijerina will be our keynote speaker. We are looking forward to hearing him speak!

At the January Council meeting we were able to hear PDG Dave Wineman speak about membership. Something he said stuck with me and I would like to share it with you. We should share with others the joy we have of being a Lion. He said to remember the word FUN. Lions are Friendly, Upbeat, Nice. I think that is a good way to think about Lions.

When you are talking about Lions to others, think about this. We are friendly and nice people. The things we do for the community are nice for the community and the people there. We are

upbeat about doing the service for others and we feel upbeat as we work together to accomplish the project we are working on.

I have said in my talks to your clubs how I feel Lions bring the sunshine to their communities with the service we do. Let prospective members feel your warmth and sparkle as you talk to them about what Lions do and how they can join you. Let's add some new members by spreading our sunshine!

I have visited more clubs and met so many great Lions and seeing what they are doing for their service. What great projects we are doing here in District F!

The Mid-Winter Conference was held in January. There were two wonderful keynote speakers there. There were many varieties of seminars to attend. The silent auction is always fun to visit and pick up some great items. I have to say the service projects were great also! My notes show we put together 1,085 Caring Cases (first aid kits), 140 hygiene kits, and collected 3,065 clothing items (hats, gloves, socks, and blankets)!

I must say, as I delivered them to shelters I was told how thankful they were to get the items. Some of the favorites were the socks, blankets, and hygiene kits. I want to thank you Lions for doing this project. The shelters were so appreciative of everything they received.

Also, District F was given two certificates for having the largest number of District Lions in atten-



TALKING MEMBERSHIP — PDG Dave Wineman speaking about membership.

dance and one for having the highest percentage of District Lions in attendance! Good job!

I hope to see everyone at the State Convention in Bloomington May 12-14. Don't miss out on this

one. There will be lots to learn and do there. Some great things are being planned for that weekend. Watch your newsletters and this paper for registration information.

AWARDS FOR EXCELLENT TURNOUT — Certificates were presented to District F at the Mid-Winter Conference.



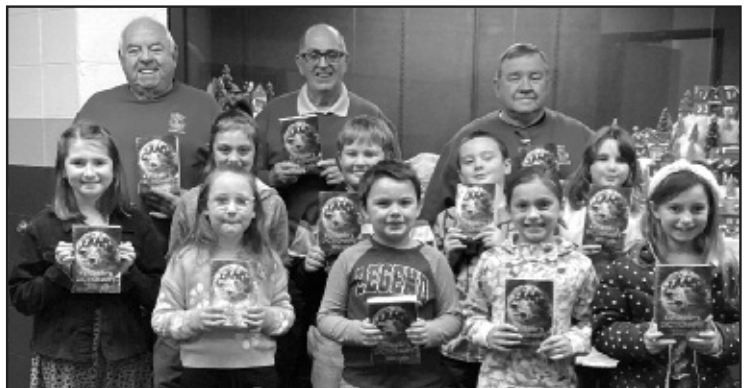
SCHOOL CHECK — Beech Grove Lions Club presents a check to South Grove Intermediate School for the Hornet Nutrition Club. Pictured from left are Kelly Spivey, school resource officer; Lion Don Stowers; Melody Hamilton, secretary-treasurer, South Grove School; and Lion Mike.

CHEVRONS — Speedway Lions receiving Chevrons for membership.



NEW FACE — Southport Lions Club has a new member!

More from District C



THE GIFT OF WORDS — The Clinton Lions Club provides free dictionaries to third grade students enrolled in the South Vermillion School District each year. This year we provided 168 dictionaries, bringing the total to 4,500 to students in Parke and Vermillion counties since the program began in 2012. Pictured in the back of the photo of students from Central Elementary are Clinton Lions Dean Strohm, left, Jeff Williamson, and Chuck Gedrick. Photo courtesy of Central Elementary School.



VISITING THE VISITORS — The Everton Lions Club Official Visit with visiting members from Liberty and Connersville Lions.



Roars from G

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Heading down the homestretch in the wake of success

By GOV. BRIAN THOMAS

Summer and fall of 2022 have vanished in a blur. Winter 2023 is in full swing, as are the activities of District G.

All clubs are operating in full gear with impactful service projects and fundraisers and well-attended member meetings. We

have added almost 40 new members to our ranks, while ensuring that the new members become active additions.

Unfortunately, we had to initiate disbanding protocol for two clubs, which has left us with a negative number pertaining to membership. We hope to erase that negativity with a

club extension in Goshen.

All in all, we are meeting our stated goals and targets and are poised for a successful stretch toward the end of our Lion Year.

My travels as Governor have taken me to 22 official visits. Accompanied by Lion Susan, we are gratified by the welcome we

have received at each stop and remain amazed at the energy and accomplishments of District G clubs.

Attendance at a successful Mid-Winter Conference and productive Governor's Council were highlights of January. The conference was filled with informative seminars and featured two service projects that showcased the essence of Lionism. Thanks to all involved in presenting the conference. February will see a continuation of official visits, our third District Cabinet meeting, and preparation for our District Convention featuring ID Jeffery Gans from New Jersey in early March.

While much needs to be accomplished in the remaining months of our year, and as District Governor with many miles yet to be traveled, I'm looking forward to some major changes in my lifestyle. At the end of the Lion

Year in June, I will transition to Past District Governor for the second time, and at the end of the year I will finish up 20 years on the Elkhart City Council. This will open up more time and opportunity for me to continue my path in Lions.

Every interaction with District G and State Lions has shown me what Lions can mean in our lives and the lives of those we SERVE! While travelling from Indianapolis from Mid-Winter, Lion Susan and I stopped for a late lunch in Kokomo. I wore my red coat into the restaurant and while there, a family from another table stopped and conveyed thanks to me as a Lion because they had received vision aid from a Lions Club.

Little things like that make it all worthwhile.

"Making our lives better by making other lives better."

COVERT YULE-TIDE BENEFACTORS — The Lydick Lions Club enjoyed playing Secret Santa to a local family in the community. They couldn't wait to bring some holiday cheer to the family! Pictured from left are Lions Lori Ferro, Wendy Yuhasz, and Teckla Lane.



GIVING GUIDANCE — DG Brian distributes items gathered at Mid-Winter to Guidance Ministries in Elkhart.



CHEVRON VISIT — Chevron recipients at Leesburg visit with DG Brian.



GLASSES FOR SENIORS — The Plymouth Lions Club provided 160 pairs of reading glasses, which will be distributed to senior citizens through Miller's Merry Manor, Miller's Senior Living, and the Marshall County Council on Aging. Pictured from left are Robin Cupka, Plymouth Lions Club President; Lion Stephen Eggleston; and Janis Holiday. Photo submitted by Lion Susan Eggleston, Plymouth Lions Club.



HEROES — The Rochester Lions Club named four late Lions Club members as Hometown Heroes, a program of the Rochester Downtown Partnership and the City of Rochester.

All four honorees were veterans, Lions Club members, and Melvin Jones Fellows. Their Hometown Heroes banners will be displayed on light poles in downtown Rochester from January through May 2023. Pictured on banners, from left, are Lions Robert "Bob" Bridge, John Howkinson, Robert A. "Bob" Cessna, and David Miller. Photo submitted by Lions Jeri Good and Mary "Katie" McCarter, Rochester Lions Club.



SOLID INDUCTION — New members are inducted at the Roann Covered Bridge visit.

DON'T GET LOST AT STATE CONVENTION

The official State Convention website shows the floor plan for both levels of the Bloomington/Monroe County Convention Center.

Take some time to familiarize yourself with the layout at indianalionsconvention.org/index.php/2020-state-convention-program-booklet-ad to increase your comfort level in finding your meeting venues during what promises to be a very busy weekend.

Together

(Continued from page 1)
dication form for the specific details to register with the block reserved for the Lions.

At 9 a.m. Friday morning there will be a presentation in the Monroe County Convention Center on the limestone industry of Lawrence and Monroe counties. We will have a special speaker from Bloomington make this presentation to the Lions. Please arrive early to attend this event.

Friday night the Ellettsville Lions will be sponsoring a Bar-B-Q dinner at the Monroe County Fairgrounds from 5-7:30 p.m., with the High Sierra Band performing.

The 1st General Business Session is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. The dinner is sure to be a good time to catch up with old friends and make new friends over great food and music. Be sure to find out about our "Pitch a Penguin" game during the convention!

Saturday is filled with the district caucuses, vendors, exhibits, the 2nd Business Session, awards luncheon, seminars, and our ALL-STATE BANQUET! During the All-State Banquet, the Indiana Singing Hoosiers will perform. This is sure to be a great performance for the Lions!

On Sunday, voting will take place from 7-10 a.m. Next, please join PDG Newell Clifton at the Lions memorial service, which will honor Lions who have passed away during the past year.

The membership brunch will fill you up and the convention will conclude with the 3rd Business Session. All the ladies will receive a gift for attending the convention on Mother's Day. All in all, the convention will be a busy and exciting time for the Lions of Indiana. Make plans now to attend in Bloomington and have a great experience being a Lion. We both look forward to seeing you in May.

What a great Mid-Winter Conference!

By PCC Reed Fish, 2023 Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference Chairperson

The Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference Committee thanks all the Lions and guests who attended the 34th rendition of our state's best opportunity for a compact learning and motivational experience.

With 12 seminars and two workshops, our members were able to discover more information on topics that ranged from diabetes to leader dogs; tail twisting to recruiting; mentoring to legacy gifting; insurance/legal to partnerships/sponsorships!

Going with the theme "With the Power of You, Together We Can!" it was evident that our Lions Can!

The attendees brought in the largest amounts of donations in the brief history of the Sock It To Me and Care-ing Cases service projects and organized everything to be given to the District

Governors, who in turn will distribute to those in need in their respective Districts. The Governors' vehicles were overflowing with these gifts for the needy!

At the pre-Mid-Winter Conference dinner, the audience was entertained by Charlie Adams, known as "Indiana's Speaker," as he shared his experience in TV news and sports reporting. He recounted some stories about some well-known Hoosier heroes and some not so well-known people and how everything comes back to serving the community and each other.

The Conference's keynote speaker was Indiana State Police Superintendent Douglas Carter. Since 2013 he has led the nearly 3,000 troopers and employees under Governors Mike Pence and Eric Holcomb. He shared with the attendees about the changes that have taken place between the community and law enforcement, but reinforced that they are here to serve and will continue to serve the public. He acknowledged the importance of what the Indiana Lions contribute to their communities in addressing the needs and serving above self.

If you have not attended a Mid-Winter Conference, I encourage you to reach out to someone who has attended recently. There were 27 first-timers and over 200 Lions and guests who can be asked whether it was a good "investment" of time to learn proven methods to help improve/strengthen their clubs, meet old friends and make new ones, help in two service projects, be entertained and motivated by two excellent speakers, and, of course, eat "Lions" style (great food and lots of it!) at the Friday dinner and Saturday luncheon!

Mark your calendars now and plan on bringing some new Lions for the 35th Mid-Winter Conference, to be held at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport hotel January 19-20, 2024.

'And a good time was had by all ...'


Here are some scenes from what was, by all accounts, a very successful and enjoyable Mid-Winter Convention:



Report to Council of Governors from Constitution By-Laws Committee

By David S. DeVilbiss, MD25 Constitution and By-Laws Chair

No inquiries or proposals for amendment have been presented to the Indiana Lions State Constitution and By-Laws Committee by the date required in the Constitution during this Lions Year. Consequently, this committee has not been convened and there is nothing to report regarding new amendments to the Constitution.



2023 Indiana Lions 102nd State Convention
Hosted by District 25E
May 12,13,14, 2023
Bloomington/Monroe County Convention Center
with special guests: International President Brian Sheehan and Lion Lori




EXHIBIT AND VENDOR APPLICATION

Each 8'x10' Booth Includes
8' skirted table
2 chairs

Lions Exhibitor – Free Non-Lions Exhibitor - \$50

w/ electrical per booth – \$25 Additional Booths - \$50 each

Please return this completed form and payment by March 16, 2023 to:

PCC Keith Thomas
400 N 12th Street
Petersburg, IN 47567

Make checks payable to: Lions of Indiana, Inc State Convention

Questions, please contact PCC Keith Thomas

kthomas@threeidesign.com or (812) 354-4637
(if no answer, please leave a message)

Name: _____

Organization/Club: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

_____ Lions Exhibitor - \$0 _____ Non-Lions Exhibitor - \$50

_____ Electricity - \$25 _____ Additional Booth - \$50 each

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Thank you for supporting the Lions of Indiana!!!

2022 -2023 Nominations and Elections
State Convention Report to Council

January 22, 2023

MD Positions open for candidates:

STATE COMPTROLLER

Term: 2 years, starting on July 15, 2023, thru July 14, 1025. (*State Constitution, Article IV, Section 4*)

Each District shall conduct an investigation to determine if it has a qualified candidate for State Comptroller. One (1) candidate from each District can be submitted. Election for that candidate will follow District election format. The candidate shall furnish a statement in writing showing that such candidate is willing to be nominated, will serve if elected. Each such written statement shall be submitted by the District Governor to the State Council Chairperson with a copy to the State Nominations and Elections Committee Chairperson at least ten (10) days before the opening of the State Convention.

INDIANA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Term: 3 years, starting after the International Convention, 2023 thru 2025. (*State Constitution Article IV, Section 6*)

Qualifications: A PDG from Districts: C, D, E, F or G, ONLY.

Elected members of the Indiana International Convention Committee shall be elect at the State Convention from among candidates nominated at their District Convention, shall follow the procedure set forth in the By-Laws of that district. Such nominations shall be submitted by the District Governor to the State Council Chairman with a copy to the State Nominations and Election Chairman at least thirty (30) days before the opening of the State Convention.

If no nominations are received on time, nominations will be taken from the floor at a State Convention business meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
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CC: State Council Chairman Scott Smith
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Marion, IN 46922
All DG's to be forward to District Newsletter Editor



2023 Indiana Lions 102nd State Convention
Hosted by District 25E
May 12,13,14, 2023
Bloomington/Monroe County Convention Center
with special guests: International President Brian Sheehan and Lion Lori



Event Sponsor Form

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Sponsor signage around convention

Silver Level - \$1000
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Sponsor signage around convention

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Mark Clark
106 Spring Meadow Circle
Salem, IN 47167

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Organization/Club: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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TOGETHER WE WILL!
2023 Indiana Lions State Convention

Monroe Convention Center
302 S. College Ave.
Bloomington, IN 47403

May 12-14, 2023

CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOK ADVERTISING APPLICATION FORM

WHAT MAKES A GOOD AD?

- Events-Advertise a Club, district, community or business event...
- Honors-Thank a Lion, recognize an employee, congratulate a VDG...
- Welcome IP to Indiana and thank sponsors
- Show Club pride! Share Club History!

The 2023 Convention Program Book will be the standard 8.5" x 11" page. Please circle to indicate chosen size/price. **Deadline for submission is Saturday, April 1, 2023.**

Full Page 7" x 10"	Half Page 7" x 8" Horizontal Only	Quarter Page 3.5" x 5" Vertical Only	Business Card Size 3.5" x 2"
\$250	\$150	\$75	\$50

To place your ad: 1. Email your digital ad to PCCJim.Query@yahoo.com
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IN MEMORIAM

Ronald Warren Retseck

August 15, 1938 - January 7, 2023

Ronald Warren Retseck, 84, passed away at home surrounded by family on January 7, 2023.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 13, 2023, at St. Mary the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 411 W. 11th St., Michigan City, with Fr. Pat Gaza officiating. Entombment followed in Greenwood Cemetery, Michigan City. Visitation was from 10 a.m. until time of service at the church. The Ott/Haverstock Funeral Chapel, Michigan City, handled the arrangements.

Ron was born Aug. 15, 1938, in Michigan City, Indiana, to the late Berneth (Cash) and John Retseck. He graduated from St. Mary's High School and served in the U.S. Army. He and his wife of 59 years, Susan, were married Nov. 30, 1963.

Ron worked at and then owned Rowley's Shoes in downtown Michigan City until it closed in October 1989. He then worked as a sales representative for R.L. Polk and later as a home confinement officer at PACT Bradley Center until he retired in 2015.

Ron was a 54-year member of the Michigan City Lions Club, where he served in all offices. He also served as Indiana Lions District Governor (1987-88); and on the boards of Catholic Charities, Michigan City Downtown Council, and the Franklin Square Commission. Ron was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion. He was a member of St. Mary the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, where he sang in the choir and served as a Eucharistic minister and on the Parish Council.

He is survived by his wife, Susan; four daughters, Janet Retseck, M.D. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Mary Dickirson of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, Karen (James) Caughey of Indianapolis, and Carol (William) Leirer of Castle Rock, Colorado; six grandchildren, Holland, Savanna, Keegan, Meika, Jessica, and Katie; two great-grandchildren, Ireland and Henry; and one brother, James Retseck.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, John Retseck; and one sister, Sharon Eslinger.

The family would like to thank Franciscan Hospital and Dunes Hospice for their compassionate care.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Gary, 940 Broad-

way, Gary, IN, 46402, catholiccharities.org/donate, or Lions Cancer Control Fund, 8780 Purdue Road, Suite #10, Indianapolis, IN, 46268, lionscancercontrol.org/give/donate.

George "Doug" Douglass Owens

November 29, 1933 - January 13, 2023

George "Doug" Douglass Owens, 89, of Pendleton, passed away peacefully January 13, 2023.

Doug was born to George and Irene (Douglass) Owens on November 29, 1933, in Amarillo, Texas, but lived his life in the Pendleton vicinity. He graduated from Pendleton Heights High School and Anderson College, then obtained his Doctor of Jurisprudence from Indiana University in Bloomington. He married Carolyn Sue Rainey in 1958, and they raised five children. After her passing in 1997, he married JoAnn Karaffa in 2003. Doug was a loving husband, father, and "Grandad" to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Doug was raised on a farm, worked as a soda jerk while in school, and later opened his own law practice where he practiced law for over 50 years. Doug was committed to supporting his community as shown by co-founding the South Madison Community Foundation and his involvement in the Lions Club, June Jam-boree, Pendleton Christian Church, Friends of the Falls Park, Historic Fall Creek Pendleton Settlement Inc., Pendleton Artist Society, Pendleton Business Association, Pendleton Travel Company, and the Pendleton Poker Association. He was a District Governor of Lions Club and recipient of the Melvin Jones Award for worldwide recognition of his service above and beyond to the Lions Club and community.

Doug had an adventurous soul and was an avid international traveler throughout his life. He was an instrument-rated private pilot, and he frequently portrayed Benjamin Franklin as a historical interpreter visiting schools, libraries, and museums. He was a keen gardener and provided fresh produce to his restaurant, The Pendleton House, for many years. In fact, his garden was so plentiful that he was known to sneak vegetables into Pendleton residents' cars! Doug portrayed Santa Claus in the holiday parade for years, and he enjoyed long walks with his dog Silka. He was a lifelong, ardent fan of the Chicago White Sox and could quote

statistics for many decades.

Doug is survived by his wife, JoAnn Karaffa; sons, Bryce (Steffanie) Owens, and Angus (Stephanie Spencer) Owens; daughter Amanda (Robert) Blacketter; sister Mariellen Gilpin; grandchildren, Jonathan, Katrina, Zayda, Raythe and Fletcher Owens and Paige and Ian Blacketter. He has been blessed with numerous step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Carolyn Sue Owens, brother-in-law John Gilpin, and sons, Joshua and Tod Owens.

Visitation took place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, with funeral services immediately following at Pendleton Christian Church, 1170 S. Pendleton Ave., Pendleton, with Pastor Michael Canada officiating. Graveside services were at Friends Cemetery, 1794 W. State Road 38, Pendleton.



GEORGE DOUGLASS OWENS

Get your LCIF project grant money

By PID Linda Tincher
LCIF Vice Area Leader, IL, IN, KY & MI

Do you ever wonder what type of projects LCIF funds? If so, you are not alone.

I often hear Lions say most of the money goes overseas. Well, yes, some does, as we are an international organization, and they have as many issues overseas as we do in the U.S.

The LCIF board of trustees recently approved \$909,477 for worthy projects within the United States, and I want to share the following information.

Ohio, Texas, New York, Minnesota, California, Missouri, Massachusetts, Alabama, Ore-

gon, Montana, Rhode Island, and Tennessee all received either an LCIF Matching Grant or a Hunger Grant. The matching grants were for eye research projects or for purchasing Kid-sight vision screening equipment, renovating, or creating an all-inclusive playground, and funds for constructing beds for a camp. The hunger grants were authorized for the purchase of kitchen equipment, helping to secure a vehicle to deliver meals, a mobile food pantry and equipping local food pantries that will ensure many individuals will benefit from these programs.

\$909,477 distributed in just this quarter is a lot of money for good causes around our country. The needs are great and I am sure

there are already applications waiting to be processed for the next LCIF Trustee meeting.

If your district or club is interested in obtaining a grant, be sure to look at the LCIF grants toolbox on their website to find out how you can qualify. Some grants require a match while others do not. LCIF staff are happy to assist any club and often offer suggestions that speed up the process.

LCIF wants to be able to fund everyone's requests; therefore, it is very important that we continue making club and individual donations once a year, monthly, online, or by mail. Lead by example and make your donation now to ensure every project will always be funded.



By PDG Kenny Williams, MD25
Diabetes Chair

Attention all Lions clubs:

Are you looking for a new service project that supports the State cause of diabetes awareness?

Well, guess what? All Districts in the State of Indiana have a diabetes screening kit for your club to use. The District Governor or your Diabetes Chair has the kit, provided by our State Diabetes funds.

It has two systems you can use. Instruction for using both systems are included in the kit. If we can set up a sufficient number of trainees, I will come conduct training. The key is to get trained and set up an event (health fairs; conventions, not necessarily Lions; ball games; etc.).

You must publicize it any way possible. Check your supplies to make sure they are not outdated (MD25 diabetes funds will reimburse the resupply).

If you don't screen a lot of people, don't feel bad. Not everyone wants a finger stick. No matter the number, you just identified whether someone has blood glucose problems.

The benefits of this new service project are Lions Clubs' visibility, helping our communities, identifying health problems, and increased membership. The project does not require many people; two to three Lions can easily conduct the screening.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact your District Diabetes Chair, DG, or me. My contact information is (812) 320-4258 (cell phone) or kenny-williams78@hotmail.com. Yes We Can!

Thinking

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We all care about our communities and we're trying our best to make a positive difference. It's time for us to start caring about each other. How often do we not see a club member attend a meeting or project for a certain period of time? We must find a way to stay in touch with each other

with a phone call, email, or card. Find someone who would like to stay in touch with your club members. Make your members feel like they are missed when you don't see them. Everyone likes to hear that they are missed and are feeling well.

Just remember, "Together We Can - Together We Will."

RESERVE YOUR ACCOMMODATIONS SOON

The two suggested hotels for Lions for the State Convention:

1. Courtyard by Marriott Convention Hotel, 310 S. College Ave., Bloomington, attached to the convention center. Room rate: \$109/night until April 11. Free parking at convention center. Call (812) 335-8000 and mention "Lions Club 2023."

2. Hyatt Place Hotel, 217 S. Kirkwood Ave., Bloomington, 1 1/2 blocks north of the convention center. Room rate: \$119/night, includes breakfast. Free parking. Call (812) 339-5950 and use block code "Lion."

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State convention seminar schedule

Saturday Afternoon

First session, 1:30-2:20 p.m.

Seminar 1: "Together We Can, Together We Will," Duke Energy West Room. Introduced by 3 PIDs, presented by IP Brian Sheehan. For Club Presidents and Vice Presidents (everyone welcome).

Seminar 2: Indiana Lions Foundation and Holding Corporation, Hansen Room. Introduced by 2VDG Erica Thomas, presented by PDG Don Cooper.

Seminar 3: Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing Inc., Cook Group East Room. Introduced by Lion Monica Clemons, presented by PDG Alan Arnold.

Seminar 4: Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Cook Group West Room. Introduced by PDG Pat Short, presented by PDG Connie Roe.

Seminar 5: Indiana Lions for Leader Dog, Ralph Rogers Room. Introduced by Lion Pat Bigham, presented by Lion Pauline Ulrey.

Second Session, 2:30-3:20 p.m.

Seminar 6: "Lions in Motion," Duke Energy West Room. Introduced by PID Linda Tincher, presented by Lion Lori Sheehan, LCIF program presented by PDG Ken Faulkner.

Seminar 7: "How to Add New Members Into Your Club," Hansen Room. Introduced by CC Scott Smith, presented by PDG Charlie Short.

Seminar 8: Indiana Lions Cancer Control Fund, Cook Group East Room. Introduced by PDG Bill Wills, presented by Lion Bev Coombs.

Seminar 9: VisionFirst Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Cook Group West Room. Introduced by PID Nick



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with special guests: International President Brian Sheehan and Lion Lori

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR OWN LODGING BY APRIL 11, 2023

Courtyard by Marriott Convention Hotel (attached to Convention Center)

310 South College Avenue, Bloomington, IN 47401 (Free Parking available at Convention Center)

Room Rate: \$109.00 per night, plus tax, until April 11, 2023.

Call 1-812-335-8000 for Reservations and mention LIONS CLUB 2023 in making the reservation

Hyatt Place Hotel: 217 S. Kirkwood Avenue, \$119 per night w/ breakfast

Hyatt Hotel does charge for parking; 1 1/2 block north of Convention Center & free parking

Call 812-339-5950 and use block code LION for the reservation.

Come and visit several Lions project tables and related booths including a U.S.A./Canada Forum apparel vendor.

Friday Golf Outing to be at Stonecrest Golf Club – 18 holes at \$39. Meet in the hotel lobby.

Scooter rental is \$120 for Friday thru Sunday.

Friday, May 12th 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, MONROE COUNTY LIMESTONE PRESENTATION

Registration Form (one per person)

Register Online and pay with PayPal: www.indianalionsconvention.org

Deadline: All Registration Forms must be postmarked by April 30, 2023.

Please print name/Lions Title as desired on name badge:

Name and Lion Title: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

District: _____ Club: _____ Email: _____

Is this your FIRST Indiana Lions State Convention (circle one) Yes No

Attend the Friday morning Monroe County Limestone Presentation (circle one) Yes No

Friday Evening BBQ Dinner at Monroe County Fairground sponsored by Ellettsville Lions Club

Choose pulled pork: _____ or pulled chicken: _____ \$ 13.00 = _____

Saturday Lunch: sandwich bar: chips, seasonal fresh fruit, pickle spear & drink

Choose warm beef & swiss sub w/ lettuce & tomato: _____
Or grilled ham & cheese on sourdough bread: _____ \$ 20.00 = _____

Saturday Night Banquet: Choose 1 Entrée below

Choose: citrus glazed pork chop _____ mushroom chopped steak _____ \$ 23.00 = _____

Sunday Brunch: fried chicken, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit, bacon, french toast \$ 20.00 = _____

Saturday Stables Wall: T-shirt Size (\$ to 3XL, other) _____ \$ 13.00 = _____

2023 Indiana Convention Pin \$ 4.00 = _____

Scooter Rent (Friday thru Sunday) \$ 120.00 = _____

Total Registration Paid: \$ _____

Special dietary needs, list here: _____

Mail this Registration Form and Your Check, payable to
Indiana Lions State Convention 2023 to

CT Debbie Ellis, 8262 East Center Road, Sullivan, IN 47882
Contact Info: 1-812-758-2058 or ellisdebbie255@gmail.com