

It's a brand new year!

First off, I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope everyone started their New Year's resolutions (and many of us have broken them already). Lots of things have happened since the last edition, and you will see information about many of them in this edition.

On Jan. 20, the Lions of Indiana held a very successful Mid-Winter Conference. Thanks to all who were involved in the planning and execution of the Conference as well as all who attended! Those who participated in the service project provided many health hygiene or first aid kits as well as socks/hats and gloves the District Governors will distribute around the state.

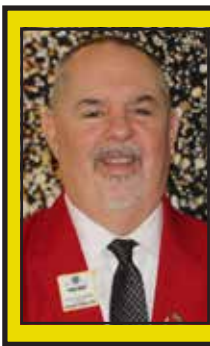
On Jan. 27, District D hosted a Charter party for the new Muncie Lions Club. We were privileged to attend and witness a group

people from diverse cultures and ages come together for Service to form this new Club. I am excited to welcome these new Lions to the team and can't wait to see what new ideas they bring.

I would like to encourage other Districts and clubs to reach out to others in your communities to add new members in the coming months (Membership Commercial over).

February is upon us kicking off the busy season of our District conventions; leading into our State Convention in April and capped off by our International Convention in Melbourne, Australia in June.

I encourage everyone who can attend your District Governor's convention and if possible, a neighboring district's convention. There you may hear new ideas; meet new Lions and



Council Chairperson's Corner

By CC Bob Hrdy
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hear keynote speakers from around the country.

The Indiana Lions State Convention in April brings us the exciting opportunity to endorse a candidate for International Director. Come and see what is new in the State; see old friends; get new ideas from other Lions around Indiana & HAVE FUN!

Vic and I are excited to have the opportunity to attend the 2024 LCI international convention in Melbourne, Australia! Indiana may have a small (but mighty) contingent to cheer on our incoming District Governors!

Finn is sad not to be joining us on this adventure to Melbourne, but he isn't sure they have relief areas on those 15-hour flights, and he doesn't think he can hold it that long! He will stay home and be pampered by "Grandma."

Vic, Finn, and I look forward to seeing many of you as we travel to several conventions this spring!



Photo provided

Melvin Jones Fellowships

By Kenneth Faulkner
MD25 LCIF Chairperson

Do you or someone in your club or district deserve to be presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship? What about a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship?

The 2024 Indiana Lions State Convention is a great place to surprise that deserving Lion at the Saturday lunch.

Not sure if you have enough credits in the club account or district account? Many of our district coordinators or myself can provide that information. We need about six to eight weeks from the start of the convention in order to get the plaque received. Therefore, this needs to be sent NO LATER THAN March 1, 2024.

To send the application to LCIF, go to tinyurl.com/MJFinfo, which will take you to the correct page on the Lions Club International website.

Already have that MJF plaque or PMJF pin? Send me a note so I can put that deserving Lion on the list. Shoot me an email at kennethfaulkner25f@gmail.com. You can also call me or text me at (317) 847-7884.

See you there!

Hoosiers support Special Olympians



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Lions of Indiana donated \$5,000 to Special Olympics Winter Games for our sponsorship during the opening ceremony. A large group of Indiana Lions also attended the closing ceremony.

New amendment raises questions

By PID Linda Tinchner
International Liaison

Greeting Indiana Lions!

District, State, and International Conventions are fast approaching, and the new amendment that was voted on at the 2023 International Convention has created a lot of controversy. I will address this issue again because there have been so many questions.

Member Services Division Manager Kyle Hartje at Lions International has advised that discounted members in a club (could be family members, Leos, students, or young adult members) do have all the same rights as an active member paying full dues, but they do not count towards their club's delegate calculation for district, multiple district, or international conventions.

He went on to say that "discounted members can be sent as a delegate for the club to cast a vote at an election."

"An extreme example may be a campus club exists and consists of 20 student members paying half dues," Hartje said. "This club would receive one vote, as all active clubs get a vote, but it would not get any additional votes based on membership. The club could select any of the 20 student members, paying half dues, to serve as the delegate for that club at a convention for an election. Another way to look at it – as far as the individual member is concerned, there is no impact – they can hold office, take courses in the Lions Learning Center, and cast votes as a delegate."

\$7.3 million will help 6.4 million people

By PID Linda Tinchner
LCIF Area Leader
Illinois, Michigan, Kentucky & Indiana

The LCIF Board of Trustees met the first of January and approved 121 grants, amounting to over \$7.3 million and serving approximately 6.4 million people. LCIF Multiple District Coordinators and District coordinators are truly doing their job helping clubs identify a variety of projects.

A total of 39 of those grants went to club and districts in the United States and Puerto Rico.

Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, and Kentucky are known as CA-1C, or Constitutional Area 1-C, and the four states received a total of \$291,518. Indiana received

three district grants totaling \$172,200.

In addition to the funding listed above, Nepal received \$50,000 to support school reconstruction following the November 2023 earthquake. Lions are proposing to build 58 classrooms and are working with government authorities to identify areas in most need. A request for another \$250,000 is being evaluated and will include some local funding.

A major catastrophe grant for \$100,000 was awarded on Jan. 2 to the Lions of Japan for their recent earthquake, and a Lions committee is working to identify ways to support those affected.

It is important to remember that LCIF does not just give money to areas. A Lions Club must request the funding and submit a detailed budget and plan to distribute the funds to those in need.

LCIF no longer allows clubs to purchase and distribute gift cards. A specific plan of action has to be in place. LCIF is funded by Melvin Jones Fellowships and your donations. They are there to support our clubs in ways clubs could not do alone.

You might want to consider doing what I do and make an online monthly or yearly donation to LCIF. You might even like the new presidential pin program. Ask any LCIF coordinator how you can participate. LCIF is there for you.

HELP WANTED State Administrative Secretary needed

The 2023-24 Indiana Lions Council of Governors is seeking applications for the position of State Administrative Secretary.

The State Administrative Secretary serves as the state council secretary, MD 25 Convention secretary, and is responsible for making reports on behalf of MD25 to Lions International.

A well-qualified candidate is a Lion in good standing with leadership skills and supervisory or nonprofit management experience.

The position is part-time exempt and is based at the state office building in Indianapolis. A full list of duties can be found in the policy manual linked at e-district.org/sites/md25 starting on page 15.

Interested applicants should contact Council Chair Bob Hrdy at (765) 426-9037 or lionbobhrdy25c@gmail.com and submit their resume and letter of interest.

2024 State Convention Constitution and Bylaws proposed Changes:

Note: The following amendments will be presented, each on a separate ballot, for a "YES" or "NO" vote, at the 2024 State Convention.

EXPLANATION

- Strike out indicates current language in Article is being removed.
- Underline indicates additional language added.
- Italics is explanation of renumbering of sections due to new sections being added.

Amendment No. 1

This amendment is proposed and ratified by the Lions of Indiana Long-Range Planning Committee at a regular meeting on November 5, 2023 to amend the Constitution of the Lions of Indiana Article VI Section 2 to amend the responsibility of the State Council in approving state convention arrangements, Section 5 to correct the reference to the Article dealing with Constitutional amendments, and Section 7 to allow candidate floor demonstrations.

ARTICLE VI State Convention

Section 2. The State Council shall have complete responsibility of all phases of the State Convention, including arranging approving all programs, entertainment and meetings as may be suggested or planned by the State Convention Planning Committee. They shall always counsel and cooperate with the host club.

Section 5. Fifty (50) delegates shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business properly brought before the Convention, including the amendment of the Constitution and/or the By-Laws. A majority of the votes cast at the Convention at the time of voting, ignoring blank ballots and abstentions, in favor of the question on the ballot or before the delegates shall constitute passage of the question or motion on the ballot or before the delegates and constitute adoption of the question on the ballot or motion before the delegates, except that a two-thirds (2/3) majority shall be necessary for the amendment of the Constitution and the By-Laws, as provided by Article ~~XII~~ XIV of this Constitution.

Section 7.

(a) All candidates standing for election or a vote of endorsement at the State Convention shall have their names placed in Nomination at the first business session at the State Convention. All Nominations of all announced and qualified candidates shall be made by the State Chairperson of the Nominations and Elections Committee. Nominations from the floor may be allowed only if there are no declared and qualified Candidates for that office.

(b) The State Chairperson of Nominations and Elections Committee shall determine the required qualifications of any candidate by placing the name of the candidate in Nomination.

(c) Any Candidate may have a Seconding Nomination not to exceed three (3) minutes. No floor demonstration during business sessions is authorized or permitted Candidates may have a floor demonstration after being nominated for a maximum of five (5) minutes if they so desire.

Amendment No. 2

This amendment is proposed and ratified by the Carmel Lions Club (25-D) at a regular meeting on November 14, 2023 to amend Articles I and IV of the Constitution of the Lions of Indiana to include the corporate name and identify the corporate officers in a new Section 8.

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE I Name

Section 1. This organization, Multiple District 25, State of Indiana, the International Association of Lions Clubs, here after shall be known as the "Lions of Indiana" or by its corporate name, "Lions of Indiana, Inc."

Amendment No. 3

ARTICLE IV

State and Corporate Officers

Section 8. The corporate officers of the Lions of Indiana, Inc. shall be as follows:

<u>Corporate President</u>	<u>current Council Chairperson</u>
<u>Corporate Vice President</u>	<u>current Vice Council Chairperson</u>
<u>Corporate Secretary current</u>	<u>State Administrative Secretary</u>
<u>Corporate Treasurer current</u>	<u>State Comptroller</u>
<u>Corporate Directors all</u>	<u>current District Governors</u>

Amendment No. 4

This amendment is proposed and ratified by the Carmel Lions Club (25-D) at a regular meeting on November 14, 2023 to amend the Lions of Indiana Constitution Article X Sections 2 and 4 renaming the "International Reserve Fund" to the "International Candidate Reserve Fund" to reflect the true purpose of the fund and to correct the reference in Section 10 (d) of the "Administrative" Fund to the "Administration" Fund.

ARTICLE X Finance and State Funds

Section 2. The State per capita dues referred to in the foregoing section shall be allocated for the following purposes:

(a) Two dollars (\$2.00) per year for the District Governor's Administration Fund;

(b) Ten dollars and seventy-five cents (\$10.75) per year to the State Administration Fund;

(c) One dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per year to the State Convention Fund;

(d) One dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per year to the International Convention Fund;

(e) Seventy-five cents (\$.75) per year to the International Candidate Reserve Fund to be accumulative from year to year and used for the promotion of a Candidate for International Office.

Section 4. No funds shall be cumulative except the balances remaining in the State Administration Fund; the International Convention Fund not to exceed a reserve of \$10,000.00, and the International Candidate Reserve Fund not to exceed a reserve of \$35,000.00, and the State Convention Fund not to exceed a reserve of \$10,000.00 with \$2,000.00 of said fund to be set aside solely for the purpose of making payment of deposits to Hotels and/or Convention Centers if required to bind contracting of facilities in year prior to State Convention. All other remaining balances as of June 30th shall revert to the State ~~Administrative~~ Administration Fund.

Section 10. Special Assessments

(d) Any funds remaining in the International Convention Host Committee Fund or the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Host Committee Fund after said convention or forum is completed shall be paid to the Lions of Indiana Administrative Administration Fund.

Amendment No. 5

This amendment is proposed and ratified by the Carmel Lions Club (25-D) at a regular meeting on November 14, 2023 to amend Article X Section 11 of the Lions of Indiana Constitution to amend those who will be covered by fidelity surety bonds by the Lions of Indiana and to cover certain district and state officers by Officers and Directors Liability Insurance.

ARTICLE X Finance and State Funds

Section 11. The State Council shall obtain, and/or renew annually, a fidelity surety bond to cover the State Comptroller, the Cabinet Treasurer of each district, and any other person so designated to have control over state and/or district funds ~~the Indiana International Convention Committee Chairperson, the State Convention Chairperson, the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer of each District, the State Council Chairperson, the Vice District Governors of each District, and any other District or State Official~~ as deemed appropriate by the State Council. The amount of coverage to be not less than the maximum net sums of money anticipated to be in the custody of each such Official at any given time during the term of each such office.

The State Council shall obtain, and/or renew annually, an Officers and Directors Liability insurance policy to cover the State Council Chairperson, the State Administrative Secretary, the State Comptroller, the District Governors, the Vice District Governors, the Indiana International Convention Committee Chairperson, the State Convention Chairperson, the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer of each District, and any other District or State Official as deemed appropriate by the State Council. The amount of coverage to be not less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per occurrence at any given time during the term of each such office.

The premium for such bond(s) ~~and policy(ies)~~ shall be paid from the State Administration Fund.

Amendment No. 6

This amendment is proposed and ratified by the Carmel Lions Club (25-D) at a regular meeting on November 14, 2023 to amend the Lions of Indiana By-Laws Article II to clarify how the Council of Governors opens the field for candidates to run for International Director and International Third Vice President and the subsequent endorsement process prior to and during the state convention at which the endorsement is voted upon.

ARTICLE II Candidates for International Office (International Director or International Third Vice President)

Section 1. When the State Council of the Lions of Indiana shall determine that there is an opportunity to successfully present a candidate for an International Office; Upon hearing a positive report from the active Indiana Past International Directors in consultation with Lions International Executive Officers, that an opportunity exists to successfully present a candidate for an International Office and upon an affirmative vote of the State Council of Governors to present such a candidate, the

following procedure will be required subject to the provisions of the International Constitution and By-Laws:

(a) For endorsement of an International Director candidate, all AH Past District Governors in good standing of every district in the State of Indiana shall be notified in writing by U.S. Mail by the State Council Chairperson or their designee by January 1st preceding the State Convention at which such candidate will be endorsed For endorsement of an international Third Vice President candidate, all Indiana Lions who qualify for the office of International Third Vice President of every district in the State of Indiana shall be notified in writing by U.S. Mail by the State Council Chairperson or their designee by January 1st preceding the State Convention at which such candidate will be endorsed. Such notice shall include the qualifications and requirements of candidates and their notice of intention and shall also include the dates by which such notices of intention must be received for the sub-district conventions and the multiple district convention.

(b) Each District shall conduct an investigation to determine if it has a qualified candidate. If any District has more than one (1) qualified candidate who desires to be considered, that District shall hold a Special District Convention to select one (1) Candidate from that District. Only one (1) candidate may be presented from each District for any one office. The candidate shall furnish a ~~statement~~ notice of intention in writing showing the evidence of qualifications for office, a willingness to be nominated and to serve if elected. Each such writing shall be submitted by the District Governor to the State Council Chairperson with a copy to the Nominations and Elections Committee State Chairperson at least ten (10) days before the opening day of the State Convention.

(c) The State Nominations and Elections Committee shall review the qualifications of each candidate for Convention endorsement to be a candidate for International Third Vice-President and/or International Director, to determine that such candidate meets the requirements set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws of the International Association of Lions Clubs, before placing the name of the candidate in nomination at the State Convention.

(d) All qualified candidates for the office will have their names placed in nomination at the State Convention by the Chairperson of the State Nominations and Elections Committee. Each such nominee shall be entitled to one seconding speech not to exceed three (3) minutes duration.

(e) The vote on the question of endorsement of a candidate for International Director or Third Vice-President shall be by secret written ballot. ~~unless there shall be only one (1) nominee seeking the same, in which event a voice vote may be taken.~~ The nominee receiving a plurality majority of the votes cast shall be declared endorsed as the Candidate of that State Convention. In the event of a tie vote, ~~of the nominees receiving the highest number of votes, election between them shall be by lot, conducted by the Chairperson of the State Nominations and Elections Committee, or failure of one nominee to receive the required majority, on any ballot balloting shall continue with respect to the two nominees only who received the lames number of votes on the previous ballot until one receives the required majority of the votes cast.~~

(f) Certification of Endorsement by the Convention shall be made in writing to the International Association of Lions Clubs by the officials designated and in agreement with the requirements set forth in the International Constitution and By-Laws.

(g) No endorsement of any candidate shall be valid unless and until the provisions of this article are met.

Section 2. In the event a candidate for an International Office is elected at an International Convention, any State Office or State Committee Chairperson held by such candidate shall end, except the Indiana International Liaison Committee.

Amendment No. 7

This Amendment was proposed and ratified by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

Amendment # 1 To amend ARTICLE I Sections 4 & 5 of the Bylaws.

ARTICLE I Sections 4 & 5 now reads as follows:

Section 4. State Convention Election balloting shall take place from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on the time prevailing in the Convention City on the last day of the State Convention. The State Nominations and Elections Committee Chairperson shall, at each business session of the State Convention, announce when and where the election will take place.

Section 5. To be entitled to vote, delegates must have their credentials certified by the Credentials Committee. Credential certification shall be open Friday, no later than 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The hours of certification shall be listed and shown on the convention program and published THE HOOSIER LION, and may include a break during the luncheon hour.

Amend ARTICLE I Sections 4 & 5:

Section 4. State Convention Election balloting shall take place from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on the time prevailing in the Convention City on Sunday, the last day of the State Convention, ~~The State Nominations and Elections Committee Chairperson~~ The presiding Officer shall, at each business session of the State Convention, announce when and where the election will take place.

Section 5. To be entitled to vote, delegates must shall have their credentials certified by the Credentials Committee. Credential certification shall be open on Friday, no later than 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The hours of the certification shall be listed and shown on the Convention Program and published in THE HOOSIER LION ~~and~~. Certification may include a break during the luncheon lunch hour.

The amended ARTICLE I Sections 4 and 5 shall read:

Section 4. State Convention Election balloting shall take place from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on the time prevailing in the Convention City on Sunday, the last day of the State Convention. The presiding officer shall, at each business session of the State Convention, announce when and where the election will take place.

Section 5. To be entitled to vote, delegates shall have their credentials certified by the Credentials Committee. Credential certification shall be open on Friday, no later than 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The hours of certification shall be listed and show on the Convention Program and published in THE HOOSIER LION. Certification may include a break during lunch hour.

Amendment No. 8

This amendment was proposed and ratified by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

- To amend ARTICLE V State Council Sections 1 and 2 of the MD 25 Constitution.

Explanation: The Council may choose to have more candidates to interview for council chairperson, but they are making the selection as always for Council Chair.

Amendment to ARTICLE V Section 1 and Section 2. Strike Sections 1 and 2 and insert **"Appointment of Council Chairperson"** from the Standard Multiple District Constitution and Bylaws.

New Section 1. The council chairperson shall be appointed by the incoming District Governors of the multiple district provided that such chairperson shall be a past district governor when they take office. The Council Chairperson shall serve for a one-year term only and cannot serve in that capacity again. A meeting of the district governors of the multiple district who will be in office during the term of the council chairperson shall be called at the close of the state convention or within 30 days of the close of the International Convention for the purpose of selecting a council chairperson. It shall be the duty of the attendees at this meeting to appoint a club member in good standing in a club in good standing in the multiple district as the council chairperson.

Section 2. The council shall determine the number of candidates to be interviewed. The incoming council shall reject any candidate whose term was more than 10 years prior.

ARTICLE V Section 1 and 2 currently reads:

Section 1. The State Council shall be composed of the District Governors and one (1) Immediate Past District Governor who shall serve as Council Chairperson.

Section 2. At, or within two weeks following the adjournment of the State Convention, the outgoing State Council Chairperson shall convene a meeting of the incoming Governors to select a Council Chairperson from the outgoing District Governors.

ARTICLE V Section 1 and 2 shall read:

ARTICLE V State Council

Section 1. The council chairperson shall be appointed by the incoming District Governors of the multiple district provided that such chairperson shall be a past district governor when they take office. The Council Chairperson shall serve for a one-year term only and cannot serve in that capacity again. A meeting of the district governors of the multiple district who will be in office during the term of the council chairperson shall be called at the close of the state convention or within 30 days of the close of the International Convention for the purpose of selecting a council chairperson. It shall be the duty of the attendees at this meeting to appoint a club member in good standing in a club in good standing in the multiple district as the council chairperson.

Section 2. The Council shall determine the number of candidates to be interviewed. The incoming council shall reject any candidate whose term was ten (10) years prior.

Amendment No. 9

This amendment was proposed and ratified by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

Amend ARTICLE XIV Section 2 of the Constitution.

Explanation: The Council of Governors called a December Council meeting which moved up the deadline for submitting amendments by nearly seven (7) weeks.

Whereas Section 2 currently reads: Any Lion who is a member in good standing of a Lions Club in Multiple District 25 may propose an amendment to the State Constitution and By-Laws. Such proposal must be ratified by the State Council, a State Project, a State Committee, a District, or a Lions Club and then submitted by the ratifying entity. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the State Constitution and By-Laws Committee no later than thirty (30) days before the third (3rd) Council of Governors meeting.

Amend Section 2 by striking third (3rd) and inserting January.

Section 2. Any Lion who is a member in good standing of a Lions Club in Multiple District 25 may propose an amendment to the State Constitution and By-Laws. Such proposal must be ratified by the State Council, a State Project, a State Committee, a District, or a Lions Club and then submitted by the ratifying entity. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the State Constitution and By-Laws Committee no later than thirty (30) days before the ~~third (3rd)~~ January Council of Governors meeting.

As amended, ARTICLE XIV Section 2 shall read: Section 2. Any Lion

who is a member in good standing of a Lions Club in Multiple District 25 may propose an amendment to the State Constitution and By-Laws. Such proposal must be ratified by the State Council, a State Project, a State Committee, a District, or a Lions Club and submitted by the ratifying entity. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the State Constitution and By-Laws Committee no later than thirty (30) days before the January Council of Governors meeting.

Amendment No. 10

This amendment was proposed and ratified by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

- To amend ARTICLE V STATE COMPTROLLER of the MD 25 Bylaws by adding a new Section 3 allowing the Council of Governors to appoint an assistant comptroller.

Reason for the amendment: The Council had previously considered appointing an assistant Comptroller, but decided they needed permissive language to do so.

New Section 3 added to ARTICLE V STATE COMPTROLLER

The State Comptroller may request the State Council to appoint an assistant Comptroller to assist in the duties of the State Comptroller. Prior to the first Council meeting of the Lions year: the Council may issue a request to the membership for Lions interested in the position to submit their names. The Council shall consider the recommendation of the State Comptroller when selecting an assistant Comptroller.

The term of the assistant Comptroller shall expire with the term of the State Comptroller. The assistant Comptroller may be removed by the Council for cause.

Amendment No. 11

This amendment was proposed and ratified by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

To amend ARTICLE VI Section 1. (State Convention) of the MD 25 Constitution by striking (30) and inserting (60).

Reason for the amendment: Lions Clubs International approved an amendment that requires a sixty (60) day interval to consider a candidate from the multiple district.

ARTICLE VI Section 1 shall be amended:

ARTICLE VI Section 1. A convention of the Lions of Indiana shall be held each year, at least ~~thirty (30)~~ sixty (60) days before the date of the International Convention. The State Convention shall be held at a place selected by the State Council and the host club(s) and shall be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

ARTICLE VI Section 1. Now reads: Section 1. A convention of the Lions of Indiana shall be held each year, at least thirty (30) days before the date of the International Convention. The State Convention shall be held at a place selected by the State Council and the host club(s) and shall be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

As amended, ARTICLE VI Section 1 shall read:

ARTICLE VI Section 1. A convention of the Lions of Indiana shall be held each year, at least sixty (60) days before the date of the International Convention. The State Convention shall be held at a place selected by the State Council and the host club(s) and shall be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Amendment No. 12

This amendment was proposed and ratified by the Noblesville Lions Club.

Explanation: this addition aligns the MD 25 constitution with the model multiple district constitution and provides the council of governors with flexibility to address opportunities for the multiple district in a timely manner.

Constitution, Article VI A, Section 1. Revise the first sentence to include "or International Director" and add the following sentences: "The special convention may be called by a two-thirds vote of the Council of Governors at such time and place as they shall determine. Written notice of the special Convention setting forth the time, place and purpose thereof, shall be provided to each club in the Multiple District by the State Administrative Secretary, no less than 30 days prior to the convening date of the Special Convention."

The revised section will read as follows: "A special convention of the Lions of Indiana may be held when and as needed for the sole purpose of endorsing a candidate for the office of Third Vice President or International Director of Lions Clubs International. The convention shall be held at a time and place designated by the State Council of Governors. The special convention may be called by a two-thirds vote of the Council of Governors at such time and place as they shall determine. Written notice of the special Convention setting forth the time, place and purpose thereof, shall be provided to each club in the Multiple District by the State Administrative Secretary, no less than 30 days prior to the convening date of the Special Convention."

Amendment No. 13

Bylaws, Article II A. Revise all references from "Third Vice President" to "Third Vice President or International Director" as follows:

Article II A:

Procedure for a Special Convention to Endorse a Candidate for International Third Vice President or International Director.

Section 1. When the State Council of Governors shall determine that there is an opportunity to successfully present a candidate for Third Vice President or International Director of Lions International the following procedure will be required:

(a) Within ten days after the afore mentioned determination is made, all Indiana Lions who qualify for the office of Third Vice President or International Director of Lions International shall be notified by the Chairperson of the State Council of Governors or a person selected by said Chairperson of the State Council.

(b) Each District shall conduct an investigation to determine if it has a qualified candidate who desires to be considered. If any district has more than one (1) qualified candidate who desires to be considered, the district shall hold a special district convention to select one candidate from the district. Only one candidate may be presented from each district for the office of Third Vice President or International Director of Lions International. The candidate shall furnish a statement in writing showing qualifications for the office, as well as a willingness to be nominated and to serve if elected. Each such writing shall be submitted by the District Governor to the State Council Chairperson with a copy to the Nominations and Elections Committee State Chairperson. This submission shall be at least ten days before the date of the Special State Convention.

(c) The State Nominations and Elections Committee shall Review the qualifications of each candidate for Convention endorsement to be a candidate for International Third Vice President or International Director, to determine that such candidate meets the requirements set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws of the International Association of Lions Clubs before placing the name of the candidate in nomination at the State Convention.

(d) All qualified candidates for the office of Third Vice President or International Director of Lions Clubs International will have their name placed in nomination at the State Convention by the Chairperson of State Nominations and Elections Committee. Each such nominee shall be entitled to one seconding speech not to exceed three (3) minutes in duration.

(e) The vote on the question of endorsement of a candidate for International Director or Third Vice President shall be by secret ballot, unless there shall be only one (1) nominee seeking the same. In that event a voice vote may be taken. The nominee receiving a plurality of the votes shall be declared endorsed as the Candidate of the Lions of Indiana for the office of Third Vice President or International Director of Lions International.

Section 2. (e): Immediately after the balloting is closed, the Special Convention Election Committee shall count the ballots and certify the person receiving the most votes for endorsement as the candidate for Third Vice President or International Director of Lions International to the State Council Chairperson.

Rationale: This amendment helps align the MD 25 bylaws with the model multiple district constitution and bylaws and allows the state flexibility to put forward qualified candidates in a timely manner.

Amendment No. 14

This amendment was proposed and ratified by the Noblesville Lions Club.

Constitution, Article VI, Section 1. Revise "thirty (30) days" to "sixty (60)" and revise "on Friday, Saturday and Sunday" to "at a time and date fixed by the Council of Governors"

Explanation: These changes align the MD 25 Constitution with the model multiple district constitution and provide the council of governors with flexibility to adjust the convention as needed.

The revised language will read as follows: "A convention of the Lions of Indiana shall be held each year at least ~~thirty (30)~~ sixty (60) days before the date of the International Convention. The State Convention shall be held at a place selected by the State Council and the host club(s) and shall be held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at a time and date fixed by the Council of Governors."

OFFICIAL MD25 STATE CONVENTION NOTICE

Embassy Suites by Hilton Noblesville Indianapolis Conference Center
13700 Conference Ctr Dr S, Noblesville, IN 46060 (317) 674-1900

April 26, 27 & 28, 2024

Election on Sunday, April 28, 2024 – 7:00 am to 10:00 am,
Check Convention Program for LOCATION

CERTIFICATION of DELEGATES IS OPEN

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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Keep your Beacon of Hope shining brightly

By Stephen J. Helmken
District 25A Governor

I want to start this article by telling everyone about District 25A's 2nd VDG, Jim Furlong. Jim fell and broke his "good" ankle in three places. He's had surgery on it, and the doctors told him he can't put any weight on it for six weeks. He will be in a rehabilitation facility for that time.

Please keep 2nd VDG Jim and his wife, 1st VDG Patty Cooke-Furlong, in your thoughts and prayers.

District 25A and 2nd VDG Jim Furlong received good news from LCIF last week. Jim had been working on a grant from LCIF for the Blind Social Center in Gary. The grant is for helping furnish the Center and other much-needed items. Lion Jim has been working on

this grant for a while, and LCIF informed us that the funding was approved. Excellent work, 2nd VDG Jim.

Our District had a good showing of Lions who attended this year's Mid-Winter Conference. Though I couldn't participate in the Friday evening dinner and see the entertainment, I've heard many good comments about the magic show. Since most of LaPorte County was

under snow and driving was almost impossible, my plans had to be changed, and I ended up coming down later in the evening.

The seminars I attended were outstanding this year. I want to applaud ZC Wendy Semans for presenting a seminar at the Mid-Winter Conference for the first time. She presented two seminars, and I was able to attend her first one on how to get a Leo

Club started. And the importance of having active Leo Clubs in your District. Leos are the future of Lions. Wendy also brought along two Leos from the Oregon-Davis Leo Club to discuss what they liked about their club. Also, they shared some of the activities they do as a Leo Club. ZC Wendy is one of the advisers for the club, along with her aunt, Lion Diane Henry. Wendy's pre-

sentation was informative and well organized, and you could tell she was talking as an adviser whose Leo members mean a lot to her. Wendy was approached afterward by a District Governor and by the president of a Lions Club who wanted to know if she would give the presentation at their clubs.

Until next time, keep your Beacon of Hope shining brightly,

Leos support Leader Dog



Photo provided

The Oregon-Davis Leos raised money to sponsor a puppy and presented a \$500 check to Leader Dog. Great work, future Lions!

Lion surprised by Melvin Jones Fellowship Award



Photo provided

Lion Nancy Moneta was presented with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award for her outstanding work as a member of the St. John Lions Club. Lion Nancy has coordinated many projects and fundraisers during her time as a Lion and also served as Club Secretary for many years. She was presented the MJF Award at the club's May meeting by Immediate Past District Governor Nick Gonzalez. Lion Nancy was completely surprised by the award and thanked club members for the honor of being considered for the MJF Award. (From left) Club President Al Konieczka, Lion Nancy Moneta, and Immediate Past District Governor Nick Gonzalez.



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Because I have the heart of a Lion

By Terry L. Marker
District 25B Governor

Greetings from District 25B. One month is already gone in this new year and it was a very active time since the last newsletter filled with the holiday activities and Mid-Winter Conference. It was great to come together with other Lions from around our Multiple District. I personally believe that this year's Mid-Winter Conference set some very high expectations for Mid-Winter Conferences in the future.

District 25B had a very successful Cabinet meeting in late January with two guest speakers. We heard a wonderful talk and

challenge from PDG Ken Faulkner on LCIF. We are entering the finish stretch to reach our goal for the year, both for the District and also the Multiple District. I would hope that we finish strong and exceed what our goal is.

We also heard a message from PDG Charles Short on membership. We are in a challenging time from our International President Patti Hill to raise our membership from 1.4 million to 1.5 million. We can do it, but it will take teamwork. It means setting goals for our clubs, looking for ways to start branch clubs, that can become a regular, and a willingness to work towards

achieving what we are dreaming of.

Lions started out with the dream of one man and a challenge to the businessmen of his time. And look where it is today.

Congratulations to the new Muncie Club that was chartered in January. It took dedication and determination to make it happen. It even took two years to see it come to fruition.

My motto for this year is "Have the Heart of a Lion." It came about because of a man I met at District Governor Elect (DGE) School at St. Charles, Ill. A DGE from Tennessee was supposed to be there, but we were told he was fighting throat

cancer and would not be there. We were in our first morning of instructions and the door to the classroom opened and an individual was pushed into the classroom in a wheelchair. Yes, it was the one person

who was not supposed to be there.

He was asked by the instructor why he was there, and his response was "I had to be here." The instructor again asked why. His response formed

my theme for this year. It was, "Because I have the heart of a Lion."

How many of us can say "I have the heart of a Lion," and will give it my all to accomplish the goals we have set for this year?

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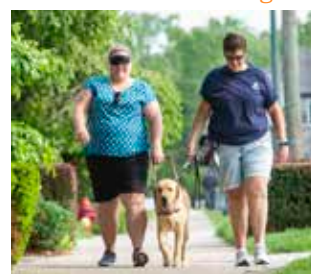
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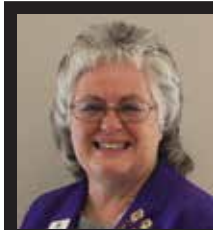
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Happy February Get to know Tom Iles

By Patti Foxx
District 25C Governor

Happy February!
Wow! Were you at the Mid-Winter Conference? There were over 200 Lions who attended the three-day weekend. If not, you missed the magician show on Friday night, sessions of various topics, and donated over 2,000 items for the Sock It to Me and Care-ing Cases

special projects.
Our District Convention is Feb. 24 at Centerpoint Church (formally called Centerpoint United Methodist Church). All nearby clubs and everyone – I would love to see you! Come and meet our guest speaker ID Lee Vrieze and Lion Mary from Jim Falls, Wis.
Changing the World by Covering the Need & Serving with a Smile.

By Worth Donaldson
PLC 1st VP

Plainfield Lions Club President Tom Iles was named Lion of the Year for 2022-2023 by the Club during its annual Christmas dinner with District Governor Patti Foxx on Dec. 11.
“The Lion of the Year is one of the most prestigious awards presented by members of the Club in recognition of a Lion who best exhibits the principles of Lionism within the Club and in the community,” said Past District Governor and Plainfield Club member Gary Lawson.

The Club Excellence Award was also presented to President Tom Iles by District Governor Foxx on behalf of Lions International in recognition of his leadership as president for excelling in the areas of membership, service, leadership and organizational excellence, and marketing. Tom received a 10-year membership chevron and Wayne Carter received a 40-year membership chevron by District Governor Foxx during the festivities.

According to Past District Governor Gary



Photo provided by Worth Donaldson

(From left) Lions Tom Iles with his 10-year chevron, Wayne Carter with his 40-year Chevron, presented to them by DG Patti Foxx.

Lawson, Tom epitomizes the motto of Lions: “We Serve.” Lion Tom is an exemplar Lion and lives to serve each day. If it has anything to do with public service or Lions, this member consistently shows dependability, leadership, cooperation, sincerity of purpose, and exhibits the best attitude when representing Lionism to the Club, community or District.

Tom has been involved in all of the Club's community and service activities undertaken in his 10-year membership and has volunteered for many other activities outside the Club. His newest project was heading up a fourth craft fair in addition to the annual citrus sale. Almost \$10,800 was raised, all going to fund the Club's service projects.

Tom's pet project is preschool vision screenings for

preventable causes of blindness. Under his guidance, the Plainfield Lions have grown the program into the state's largest preschool vision screening by Indiana Lions having screened 540 children from 13 locations in 2023. Twenty children have been referred for additional screening by an ophthalmologist or optometrist. All the children received a free age-appropriate book to promote literacy.

Two PDGs help with Winter Special Olympics



Photos provided by PDG Pat Short

From Jan. 8 to 10, PDGs Pat and Charlie Short were in Southern Indiana at Perfect North Slopes volunteering with the Winter Special Olympics at Winter Games in Indiana and Ohio. Both Pat and Charlie went as qualified volunteers after handbook review and passing various tests and qualification requirements. They were thrilled to lead the Tippecanoe delegation into the Opening Ceremony venue with the lighted torch. Indiana Lions were recognized as co-sponsors with their \$5,000 donation. On Monday athletes were out practicing with preliminary competitions that afternoon. The Shorts were thrilled to assist. Charlie was practice coach for skiing and medal ceremony announcer, and Pat was one of the medal presenters at the Closing Ceremonies. Both were two of the timers for all snowshoe events. Finals ended with an Awards Ceremony. What an honor to be a part of the Special Winter Olympics.

Get to know the Frankfort Lions Club

By Mike Nichols

The Frankfort Lions Club was chartered on the evening of January 17, 1938. It was organized with 23 members and was sponsored by Lafayette Lions Club. Over the years, we proudly sponsored Clubs in Colfax, Michigantown, Kirklin, Clarks Hill, and Rossville.

With our current membership of 20, we continue to “serve” our community mainly in the following ways:

- Two college scholarships of \$500 each
- A fish dinner serving more than 300 folks
- Over 1,000 vision screenings of people of all ages
- 15 pairs of eye glasses for those in need
- Monthly reading to 55 HeadStart students along with distributing to them 165 books
- 80 books given to foster kids for their Christmas party
- Approximately 1,500 pairs of used glasses collected



Photo provided

Hello, Frankfort Lions! Thank you for taking good care of DG Patti.

lected

- Sponsored essay contest for Spanish Heritage Festival with a \$350 prize
- Donated \$500 to the Boys & Girls Club for coats
- We consider Dorner Park our park. With the help

of the Lions Foundation and Mr. George Dorner, we were able to:

- Add a park bench
- Replace a split rail fence on both sides of the road going through the park

• Paint various structures

- Trim grass
- Repair/replace signage at the horseshoe courts

We take “We Serve” to heart – 85 years down, 100 to go!

What goes up must come down



Photo provided by Gene Thompson

With the holidays now past, this team of Zionsville Lions had their hands full taking down lights. (Back row) PDG Tom Robbins, Liam, and Gordon White. (Center) Andrea Turnbull and Kurt Eckert on the ladder. (Front) Ric Morris, Chuck Turnbull on the ladder, and Austin Eckert.



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Zionsville's first female Lion



Photo provided

PDG Tom Robbins stopped by to visit the Zionsville Lions Club's first female Lion Margaret Julien. Meg brought her husband, Eran Julien, for years to his Lions meetings while he was losing his eyesight. Finally she says the President of the ZLC said, "Why Meg, you're at every meeting, why don't you just join?" So she joined Zionsville Lions in 1987. Meg was still an active member of the club until the COVID pandemic.

Cyber Lions



Photo provided by Patti Foxx

The Indiana Cyber Lions Club having their meeting with DG Patti Foxx.

Anna Wilson earns fellowship



Photo provided

Lafayette Lion Anna Wilson was presented with a Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired Fellowship by ISBVI Trustee PDG Pat Short. Congratulations Lion Anna!

Awards for four ladies in District C

Photos provided
During the Indiana
Lions Speech and
Hearing Holiday
Luncheon DG Patti Foxx
presented awards to
four individuals from
District 25C. They are
Indiana State University
students Caitlyn Baker,
Morgan Worrell, and
Kathryn Grube. All are
doing research in speech
language pathology.
Each received \$300. Not
pictured is ISU student
Sadie Bueker.



Barron Charles Roth is Brookston's MVP



Photos provided by Pat Short

Brookston Lion Club Barron Charles Roth received an MVP award from Lafayette Lion Carl Landskron. Congratulations, Charles!

Spencer collects glasses, presents check & gives DG pin to match her grape jacket



Photos provided

(Left) Club President PCC Jim Query presented a check for donations to the state projects. (Center) Spencer Lions Club presented DG Patti Foxx with a basket of goodies and a pin of grapes to go with her grape jacket. (Right) The Spencer Lions Club collected over 1,000 pairs of eyeglasses.

Flora Lions stand ready to serve their community



Photo provided by SVDG Paul Schetz

Hello, Flora Lions!

Care-ing matters in Lebanon and all through District C



Photo provided

The Caring Center in Lebanon seems pretty happy to receive a gift from FVDG John Waymire. He was delivering the Care-ing Cases first aid and hygiene bags that were put in the travel bags at the Mid-Winter Conference Special Project Workshop. The lady running the shop said there was someone in recently looking for hygiene items. Winter supplies of brand-new socks, gloves, hats, and warm blankets were donated also. If you know of a church, school, or donation center, to mention a few, in District C that would love to get a donation of Care-ing Cases first aid kits or hygiene bags, please let me know the name and address of the place. Thank you, John, for finding a home that truly wanted the item to help others.



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Happy 90th birthday, George!



Photos provided

Lion George Smith of the Anderson Noon Lions Club turned 90 years old in January. DG Julia Kozick helped him celebrate his big day. Lion George became a Lion in 1965, which means he has been a Lion for 59 years! During those years, he has worn many hats, including MD 25's State Organist around 1973. Happy birthday, George!

Noblesville & Carmel Lions assist Gleaners



Photos provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll
On Jan. 18, the Noblesville and Carmel Lions Clubs assisted Gleaners in distributing food to needy customers. This was done at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds in Noblesville. This is a monthly event. The following Noblesville Lions helped: Steve Shaw, Gary Hipes, Joe Connerly, Jeff Kozicki, and Josh Kozicki. From the Carmel Lions: Bill Wrin, Matt Best, and Bob Yunker.

Inviting new Lions today & planning for tomorrow in 25D

By Julia Kozicki
District 25D Governor

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 January and February are "Someone inviting others to join them in serving" and "Someone planning for the future."

We are incredibly proud to announce the chartering of the Muncie Lions Club – the club was official on Dec.

3, 2023, and held a charter celebration on Jan. 27. The Muncie club has been inviting others to join them in service for several months, while meeting as a club and performing service activities. They were delighted to invite a crowd of almost 70 Lions and guests from around the state to share in their fun. Past District Governor Steve Holtzleiter and GMT/Lion Jeff Kozicki received extension awards and PDG Steve will serve as their Guiding Lion. The 25D team will be inviting more folks to join as we work to form another new club in Gas City in the coming months. Share the fun of Lionism and invite a

friend to your next meeting.

We are also working on planning for the coming year. First Vice District Governor David "Rocky" Simpson is working to fill out his committee chairs and cabinet for the coming year and is planning his goals for 2024-25. I know he is excited to see more new members and is making plans for a Special Olympics fundraiser. Plan to attend the 25D Convention in Noblesville on March 2 to hear from International Director Ron Keller of Ohio and learn more ideas on how to make your meetings fun.

We hope everyone is planning to join District

25D at the Indiana Lions MD 25 Convention, 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! The registration form is in this paper and can also be found at IndianaLionsConvention.org.

Join us in inviting new Lions and making plans for the next Lions year – together we are *Changing the World!*

Welcoming Muncie to the pride



Photos provided

(Above) The newly inducted Muncie Lions. (From left) Matthew Giesman, Sam Giesman, Jack Correa, Vinko Tanjic, Suzzy Giesman, Dr. Ajit Tawari, Latha Kambham, Uday Kambham, Tom Strack, Barbara Strack, Mona Venugopal, Sarah Webb, Jency Roshan, Kelly Carston, Brenda Ragland, Ron Ragland, and Ro Selvey. (Below left) District Governor Julia Kozicki presents Extension Excellence awards to 25D Global Membership/Extension Chair Jeff Kozicki and Past District Governor Steve Holtzleiter. (Below right) Past International Director Doug Lozier installs Lion Suzzy Giesman as president while secretary Lion Brenda Ragland looks on. (Bottom left) First Vice District Governor David "Rocky" Simpson pins new Muncie Lion Jack Correa. (Bottom right) New Muncie Lion Jency Roshan signs the charter being held down by District Governor Julia Kozicki.



Running late doesn't count as exercise



Photos provided

The Russiaville Lions recently spent time learning that "running late doesn't count as exercise." They learned about functional fitness – things that can be done while seated in a chair at work or watching TV. A few Lions even tried out wall squats!



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Awards & choir highlight Westfield Christmas

By **JEFF LARRISON**
Westfield Lions Club

On Dec. 14, 2023, the Westfield Lions Club held its annual Christmas dinner and program at the Friends Church on South Union Street. Approximately 80 Lions and guests attended the event, catered by Westfield High School's "Foodies Rock" – students who are part of the school's Culinary Arts program.

Part of the annual tradition also includes Westfield High School's Signature Sound Choir performing for the Lions and their guests. This has been a part of the Lions' Christmas program for over 10 years now. The choir's fine arts teacher, Alison Wessel, directed the choir in several songs that resulted in a standing ovation.

Another tradition at the Club's Christmas program is presenting deserving Lions with awards. This year Lions Larry Clarino and Bruce Bowman received "Outstanding Service Awards" for their work in launching the Westfield Lions Foundation (WLF), a 501(c)(3) organization. The president of the WLF, Lion Mike Birk, presented the awards to Larry and Bruce. The WLF was put together so that groups and individuals can make tax-deductible contributions to the Club.

Another award presented went to Dale McCullough, a 36-year Lion who was a part of the Club's search for a new location when they had to move from their previous clubhouse in downtown Westfield. Dale's "Progressive Melvin Jones Award" – the highest award in Lions Clubs International – is the second time he has received this recognition.

Another big part of the evening was induction of another new member, Steve Hall, which brings the roster up to 64 Lions. Lion Steve was inducted by Past District Governor Dan Wilcox and sponsored by Lion Mark Albright.

At each Christmas program Lions put donations envelopes on the Christmas tree at the meeting. At the end of the meeting the Club's president announces the total and the organization receiving the donations. This year's total donations set a record – \$1,400! Lion President Rodney Benson presented the check to Andrea Carlisle of Hoosier Veterans and Families.

The Westfield Lions Club, located at 1101 E. 169th Street, has been serving the citizens of Westfield since 1930. They typically meet on the first and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in learning more about the Club is welcome to attend. More information on the Westfield Lions can be found at WestfieldLions.org.



Photos provided by Westfield Lions Club

(TOP LEFT) Dale McCullough was presented with his second Progressive Melvin Jones Award. (TOP CENTER) Westfield Lions Foundation President Mike Birk (center) presented Outstanding Service Awards to both Larry Clarino (left) and Bruce Bowman (right). (TOP RIGHT) Steve Lion (center) was sponsored by Mark Albright (left) and inducted by Past District Governor Dan Wilcox (right). (ABOVE LEFT) Andrea Carlisle of Hoosier Veterans and Families accepted a \$1,400 worth of donations from Lions Club President Rodney Benson. (ABOVE RIGHT) Directed by fine arts teacher Alison Wessel, the Westfield High School Signature Sound Choir performed during the dinner.

Sheridan Lions roam across the lands during December

Submitted by
Chuck Godby
Sheridan Lions Club

The Sheridan Lions Club members closed out a busy December 2023 by enjoying a Christmas dinner in Kirklin with their spouses.

The local Lions kicked off the month by teaming with Sheridan Youth Assistance, Mama's Cupboard, and Sunflower Pantry to pass out food and gift cards to more than 340 Sheridan residents.

They later enjoyed visits from Sheridan High School's girls basketball coach Jaidlin Bradshaw, who brought players along and shared both athletic and academ-

ic highlights from her team this season. The Lady Blackhawks are currently soaring high with a record of 12 wins and only three losses. The Lions also heard from Sheridan Elementary Principal Valerie Roberts, who spoke of students' needs.

Staying true to their mission, the Lions created a fundraiser for the school that takes place during the current basketball season. The first fundraiser was held Dec. 14, and the second on Jan. 6, when the boys team hosted Rossville. The Lions Club paid admission to the game in exchange for the donation of any of the following items: youth size socks, briefs, winter gloves and stocking caps.



Photos provided by Sheridan Lions Club

The Sheridan Lions lived their mission in December by helping the children of the community.

Noblesville Lions give dictionaries to Hazel Dell Elementary students



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll

On Jan. 17, the Noblesville Lions Club gave out dictionaries to third and fourth graders at Hazel Dell Elementary School. The club gave out 216 dictionaries to nine classes. These are special dictionaries that carry information about our country and is almost part of a civics lessons. (Above) Lion Steve Shaw and Lion Duke Miller with Mr. Seago's fourth-grade math class.

Lions learn from Leader Dog & its human, too!



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll

At the Noblesville Lions Club meeting on Jan. 10, the Lions were entertained by Patricia Bingham and Connie Bowman, along with Sky, a Leader Dog. Bingham spoke about the formation of the of the Indiana Leader Dog Foundation here in Indiana. Bowman gave the Lions her insight into her training along with her dog, Sky. (From left) Patricia Bingham, Connie Bowman, Sky, and Noblesville Lions Club Vice President Jeff Kozicki.

Noblesville Lions conduct eye screenings for preschoolers at Noblesville First UMC



Photos provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll

On Tuesday and Wednesday, the Noblesville Lions conducted eye screening for its Kid Sight program. They screened 184 preschool children at Noblesville First United Methodist Church. This program is chaired by Lion Dale Unger. (ABOVE LEFT, front row) Director Lyndsay Sheridan and Lion Dale Unger. (Back row) Lion Dave Marsh, Steve Shaw, and Duke Miller. Lion Cheryl Helton provided the photo. (ABOVE RIGHT) Director Lyndsay Sheridan, Lion Dale Unger, Steve Shaw with camera, and Dave Marsh conduct a vision screening on a child.

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We need new Lions to build new clubs

By Glen M. Georges
District 25E Governor

Now that we are halfway through our Lions year, we look back for a progress report.

Where are we on our goals? What do we need to change to make our goal a success? Do we have the right people doing the right jobs? Our First Vice Governors are preparing for their trip to the Q Center for further training to be prepared for their year. Our clubs are electing officers for next year. All of us are working on recruiting new members to join our clubs or start new ones.

We need new Lions to start the new clubs and we need new Lions to help us build these new clubs. We

forget that Lion Johnny and PDG Susie are getting older and may not be able to go out and knock on doors. Just because they helped build 10 new clubs between the two of them does not mean they can do the leg work to start that number 11 Lions Club. They are our resources of knowledge. We need new people to want to grow our organization.

You don't have to be a Lion with 25 years in to help start a club. Chances are if it is a younger Lion asking, we may be surprised at the outcome. If you have a mix of ages, you can help relate to the demographics of the community. This can also help build relationships in your already existing club. We must be willing to listen to what is being said.

Try asking the community what the need is. You may think you know but could be wrong about what the need really is.

Just an example, in my district, we had a town that formed a club because they had no ball field for the kids. This club continues to grow and be an active club. We just must be willing to listen to the need.

I have a different example of a club that voted to close. They had just elected a new president. This president asked the club for an amount of time and literally went around the neighborhood and doubled the size of the club – and it's still growing. It is like new life was brought back into the club and they are trying new things. It is best to work all together when at all

possible.

Take a package of index cards to your next meeting and ask your club to write down the names of three people they would like to see join. Do not put your name on the card, just the name of a few people in your community you think would be a good fit. If you don't already have one, appoint a membership chair. The club can talk about these people and ask them to come to a meeting or a service project or an event. Let them see what you do. Let them help with the event. Work up a trifold about your club. Include things you do for the community and two foundations we support along with five state projects. Show them about the causes we support. Explain your clubs' dues and if you serve

a meal, pay for them to come to your meal. Ask them questions. This is just as much an interview for you to see if they will be a good fit as it is for them to see if they want to join.

I hear all the time, "Why I should pay dues to do good in my community when I can volunteer for free?" You must be ready to explain why we have dues. The insurance for our events. Together we can do more. We are self-sustaining our organization. All the money we bring in from the community we spend in the community. Books for kids to learn how to read. The food pantries we run or support.

Sit down and write all the things you like about Lions Club. I bet you will find there are a lot of things in Lions

to share with new members. Who knows? You may surprise yourself. This may even re-energize you to do more in Lions or try new things. If we do not re-invent ourselves, we are going to lose. You may even be the next District Governor we are looking for. Remember we want kids to know the joy of service. Leos and Lion Cubs are a great way to involve the entire family. Reach out to your District Governor for more information.

We can build a better world one step at a time. Involve our friends and family. Let the towns and cities here us ROAR with pride. That is why in 1917, Melvin Jones asked Dr. W. P. Woods to join together. Singularly, we can only do so little. Together we can do so much!

Nobody sells raffle tickets like Josh does



Photo provided

Josh Taylor proudly sports the T-shirt presented to him by the Ramsey Lions Club. Josh sold over 250 \$5 raffle tickets to friends and coworkers for the Ramsey Lions Club fundraiser! Josh is the grandson of Lion Norris Taylor. Congratulations Josh! Way to go!

Teaching the next generation



Photos provided

On Sept. 26, 2023, the French Lick-West Baden Lions Club visited Spring Valley Elementary School third graders. (Above) Club President Bill Willis, shown at left in the photo, taught students about the Hoosier state and U.S. Constitution. (Left) Lion Frances Drabing passes out copies of "A Student Dictionary" to the kids. Thanks for all you do to help grow the next generation of leaders, Lions, and well-informed Americans!



Supporting the Salvation Army



Photos provided

Congratulations to the Fayetteville Community Lions Club members for ringing the bells for the Salvation Army at Walmart on Dec. 16, 2023. They raised a record amount of \$1,193. (Left) Lions Rick Ferguson II, Chelsea Pellman, President Duane Terry, Addie Datish, and Hank Jones. (Right) Lions Army Nichole and Chris Harris, President Duane Terry, and Lynn Burch.

Thanks for your boundless generosity



Photos provided

Recently, a Sullivan resident made more than 30 monetary contributions to nonprofits in Sullivan County, and the Sullivan Lions Club was a grateful recipient! Lions Laura Roberts and Kathy Crock of the Sullivan Lions Club made this beautiful quilt as a thank you gift for her generosity. (From left) Laura Roberts, Kevin Crock, Gentry children, Mrs. Phillips, John Delph, Tammy Delph, Kathy Crock, and Chris & Brandy Gentry presented the quilt to Mrs. Phillips.

Ellettsville Lions serving Edgewood Intermediate School

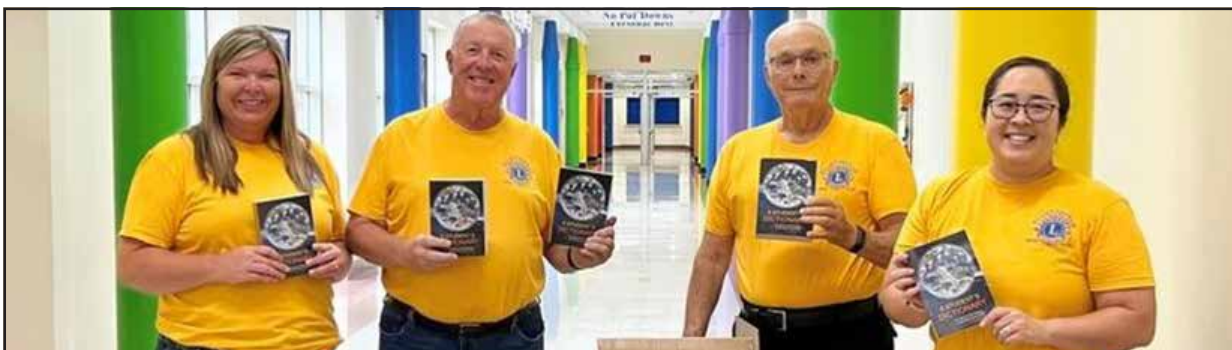


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Ellettsville Lions passed out dictionaries at Edgewood Intermediate School. (From left) Jennifer Robinson, Kenny Williams, Phil Rambo, and Aubrey Williams.



Got shoes? Got sneakers?

Collecting shoes for charity!
All sizes and conditions accepted.

BLOOMINGTON LIONS CLUB

is partnering with
GotSneakers.com to
recycle shoes for charity.

Please bring shoes to
25E District Meeting
in March.

Wanted shoes in good shape.
Only athletic shoes are accepted!

Thank you!





Roars from District F

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Great month for Lions is District 25F

By Ed Harper
District 25F Governor

It has been a great month for Lions in District 25F with many activities that we can be proud of as Lions.

Winter Special Olympics this year at Perfect North Slopes in Lawrenceburg hosted 284 athletes for the three-day event. Sunday evening started with a dinner for all athletes, families and friend followed with a very impressive opening ceremony. Monday was a day of practice for all athletes and Tuesday was competition and awards day. All athletes supported each other and were very happy to be at the event. Indiana Lions helped sponsor this event by donating \$5,000. If you have not attended this event, I encourage you to give it try next year.

Mid-Winter Conference on Friday evening, Jan. 19 started with dinner and followed with good entertainment. May thanks goes to PDG Kathy Lozier and PDG Tom Robbins for organizing the service project that will help many



(Left) These hungry Lions got together for lunch after the awards ceremony at the Winter Special Olympics in Lawrenceburg. (Right) Four members of the Speedway Lions Club were given chevrons by DG Ed Harper.

homeless and needy people in the state of Indiana. Many Lions helped with the Friday evening project getting kits ready to distribute. Saturday was an educational opportunity for all in attendance with 16 sessions to choose from in the morning and afternoon. Sunday was a time for your Council to meet and have reports on the many projects going on with Indiana Lions.

We have a new Lions

Club in the Indiana! Many Hoosier Lions helped celebrate this event with the "Charter Party" held in Muncie. Officers and members of the new club were sworn in by PID Doug Lozier. The 21 new members have already been doing service projects even before they were officially a Lions Club.

All the District Governors received a box in December from LCI. The boxes contained chevrons

for Lions showing the number of years of service each Lions has achieved. After serving for 10 years, Lions receive their first chevron and additional chevrons are presented for each additional five years served. I have been distributing the chevrons at club as I make my official visits. For the clubs that I have visited before the chevrons were shipped, I will be mailing them to the club president.

Many of you know PDG Tom Slattery who collected eyeglasses for recycling for many years. Lion Tom is now at an assisted living facility. I printed his address incorreced in the District 25F Newsletter earlier in this Lions year. If you want to mail him a card or letter, his address is:

Five Star Residence of Clearwater
Tom Slattery
4519 E. 82nd St

Indianapolis, IN 46250

Many clubs have collected bottle caps and lids to be recycled and made into benches as a service project for their community. There are several bags of caps and lids that have been donated and sent to Lions State Headquarters in Indianapolis. If your club could use these items, please contact me or the state office and your club can have the caps and lids for your project.



Photo provided

Lions, Ninja Turtles & kids enjoy movie night



Photo provided

The Clermont Lions Club held a free movie night on Saturday, Jan. 27. Children and adults watched Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem. The club also had an outdoor movie night last summer. This is a new community service suggested by one of our newer members.

Edinburgh Lions Club celebrates 80th birthday



Photo provided

The Edinburgh Lions Club invited District Governor Ed Harper for his official visit on Jan. 25. After a great meal, DG Ed made his presentation and helped the club celebrate their 80th birthday with cake and ice cream. Edinburgh Lions presented DG Ed with a check for \$6,000 in support of district and state Lions projects. This is a great example of a smaller club doing great things for their community.

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Roars from District G

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Distict G Lions leap into new year

By Ron Guth
District 25G Governor

Greetings fellow Lions! Let's leap into this year with our paws ready for action!

I'm still trying to absorb all the great things I learned during the Mid-Winter Conference in January. You missed a lot If you didn't

attend! The seminars were very well planned and presented with topics that covered a wide range of interests. Also, the entertainment on Friday night was great, along with "feeling good" when working on one of the service projects. You do have another chance for a great learning activity with the USA/

Canada Lions Leadership Forum Sept. 5 to 7 in Louisville, Ky.

It's convention time in Indiana with our 25G District Convention on March 9 in Argos and the Indiana State Convention April 26 to 28 in Noblesville. Lots of information to share with you, vote for new leaders, and soak up

Lionism. All Lions Club members, not just officers, are invited. You will not be disappointed when you attend.

The last few months may have been a little slower in fundraising activity but not in our service to others. The winter months are hard on the homeless, elderly, and financially

struggling members of our localities. We as Lions have stepped up to the challenges they face by providing funds, food, labor, and companionship to them as needed because we are "Lions in Action." Be proud of your club's accomplishments and let your local news outlets, Facebook groups, and MyLion show

what you do as a club.

We took a hit on membership with the normal drops we see at the end of December and need to redouble our efforts to find new Lions to join our clubs. When you are out doing service "Just Ask" and talk to them about how they could be part of the largest service club in the world!

La Fontaine Lions Club welcomes DG



Photos provided

25G District Governor Ron Guth visited the La Fontaine Lions Club. (Left) Lion Jerry Wilson received the 30 Year Milestone Chevron Award. (Center) Lion Ethel Eib received the 25 Year Milestone Chevron Award. (Right) Lion Stephen Polk with patch and pin for The La Fontaine Lions Club Excellence Award, which was received while he was president for 2022-2023.

Peru Lions make Christmas bright



Photos provided

On Dec. 5, the Peru Lions held their annual Christmas pitch-in dinner. Members brought children's winter scarfs, mittens, sock caps, and other warm articles of clothing. During the meeting, the Lions also approved a \$300 donation to the Peru Police Department's "Shop With a Cop" program. Pictured is Lion Dave Frushour presenting Peru Police Officer Tyler Shoffner with several bags of those articles and the check for \$300.

PDG Brian Thomas receives top state award

After 20 years of service to the Elkhart City Council, PDG Brian Thomas was presented the Sagamore of the Wabash by State Representative Doug Miller on behalf of Governor Holcomb.

The Sagamore is the highest honor the Governor of Indiana bestows on Hoosiers. Gov. Holcomb reserves the Sagamore for an individual "distinguished by his Humanity..., his Wisdom in Council, and his Inspiration in Leadership," who has contributed to his State in an extraordinary manner.

Thomas has certainly gone above and beyond

in his service to the State of Indiana and to Elkhart. In addition to serving five terms on the Elkhart City Council, he served twice as the Indiana Lions Governor of District 25G.

"If I have any advice to give for the incoming City Council," Thomas shared at the award ceremony, "it would be to check your egos and your politics at the door and remember you are here to serve. I'm not fully retiring - my service to the State of Indiana and Elkhart will continue, and I look forward to sitting right out there [pointing to the Council Chamber audience] at future meetings."



Photo provided

Peru Lions earn multiple awards from DG Ron Guth



Photos provided

25G District Governor Ron Guth visited the Peru Lions Club. (Top left) Lion Dave Frushour was presented the Appreciation Award for 22 years as Club Secretary from Club President Dick Galvin. (Above left) Club President Dick Galvin presented the Distinguished Service Award to Lion Dennis Eckerley for his efforts in service projects and heading up the Cheer Club program. Lion Bob Cassler is pictured in the foreground. (Above right) Club President Dick Galvin presented Lion Ken Magers with the Lion of the Year Award for his countless hours of service to the Peru Lions for the Club's major tenderloin fundraisers, free eyeglasses program, and to Helping Hands of Miami County.

Lydick Lions prepare 862 meals from salvaged food

Lydick Lions of District 25G and company, along with members of Lydick Food Pantry, joined together at the Food Cultivate Rescue in South Bend.

Donning hair nets, face covers, and gloves, the Lions formed production lines around the tables, full of large pans of food ready to be scooped into individual meal trays. Smiles, laughter, and chatting as they passed trays down the line, for scoops of nutritious food to be sealed and ready to be distributed to those in need.

In two hours, the Lions were able to create 862 meals. Being part of something so important to the lives of others is humbling and gives a feeling of warmth to the soul.



Photo provided

(Front row, from left) Lion Teckla Lane (Secretary) and Stephanie Szczepankiewicz (both holding sign) and Karen Swisher (Food Pantry). (Center row, from left) Terry Keeton (Food Pantry), Cathy Day, Lion Wendy Yuhasz (President), Lion Paul Yuhasz, Lion Lori Ferro, and Elaine Gaulin (Food Pantry). (Back row, from left) Lions Jim Day, Mike Lane, and Bernie Ferro.

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2024 Lions Mid-Winter Conference

by PCC Sue Topf
2024 Lions Mid-Winter
Conference Chairperson

Over 200 Lions from all seven districts registered and attended the 2024 Lions of Indiana Mid-Winter Conference! The theme was “Catch the Magic of Lionism”, and if you were there, you were part of the Magic! Thank you to all who braved some

Indiana Winter Weather to be there, and I hope it was worth your time.

The magic began on Friday night, with our own special Magic Show, presented by Daniel Lusk! The evening was filled with fun and laughter and everyone was amazed by his magic!

Many Lions assisted in our two service projects-Sock it to Me, and Care-

ing Cases! Boxes and boxes of supplies were on hand, and Lions were showed their generosity by bringing socks, blankets, hats and gloves.

All in all, sixteen seminars were held. We heard Music from the Beatles, and how to put a little fun into your club meetings. We were educated on Mentoring, LEO’s, New Member Orientation, and our future as Li-

ons, Securing Sponsorships, Pediatric Cancer and much, much, more!

Throughout the hotel and meeting rooms, laughter was heard and knowledge was learned.

Thanks to a hard working committee who made everything look so easy and seamless. We went from morning sessions to lunch to the afternoon sessions, and closing.

We heard from the publisher of the New Hoosier Lion, and what we can do to supply more news and how to make the paper even better. Thanks to Stu Clappitt, publisher, for taking the time to share with us, and take some photos!

The closing session awarded District F with having the greatest number of registrations and Clermont

Lions Club for having the greatest number of attendees!

Looking forward to next year, the Lions of Indiana Mid-Winter Conference will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2025. If you have not had the opportunity to attend a MidWinter Conference, make plans to attend next year! Once again, we will be at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport Hotel!

The magic of laughter



Photo provided by Gail Robbins

25C DG Patti Foxx with Magician Daniel Lusk, who provided Friday night entertainment during the Mid-Winter Conference in January. Patti gave everyone one of the biggest laughs of the evening. Lusk explained to her how their interaction would go, he gave her a deck of cards and it was ALL about famous movie stars. Once she finally had some cards, she threw them over her shoulders before being instructed to. He gave her more cards and she threw them before he told her to, and 200 guests were laughing at the exchange between them. He finally asked her to pick one of the three cards he had left. Now her job was to show him the name on the card, and it said Tom. All she had to do was say a last name of a “movie star” that had Tom for his first name. Patti said “Robbins,” leaving the magician totally stumped but the entire room roaring in laughter! PDG Tom Robbins, in absolute shock, was laughing even harder. Oh, DG Patti – thank you for such a great moment of laughter.



Photos provided

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Lions, you are the power and drive behind every Special Project that gets presented at the Mid-Winter Conference and the State Convention.

Here some pictures of you working to bring the Care-ing Cases, which have first aid items in them, hygiene bags, and the Sock it to Me Project to a finish Friday night at the Mid-Winter

Conference. Thank you for caring about those you don't know.

The items go to shelters, domestic abuse centers, churches, schools, rescue homes for children, and food pantries. If you know of a place anywhere in Indiana that needs any of these items, please let us know.

A special Thank You

to the Lions who donated items and to The Lions Foundation Grant that allows us to buy so many first aid and hygiene items. Thank you to Lion Sam Robbins from Zionsville Lions Club and Screen Broirdery in Noblesville for once again donating socks and gloves.

In total, 115 blankets, 1,520 pairs of socks, 51

winter scarves, 28 scarf & hat sets, 261 pairs of gloves, 126 hats, 115 miscellaneous items were donated.

Because of you, others will be warm.

Special Projects:
Care-ing Cases, Hygiene Bags & Sock it to Me Co-Chairs

PDG Kathy Lozier,
Lion Jennifer Drapalik & Lion Gail Robbins



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(317) 674-1900 (Group Code LIO) or click [here](#)

Room Rate: \$175/night. Includes cooked-to-order hot breakfast and manager’s reception

For those not staying at the hotel who wish to enjoy the breakfast or reception, the cost is \$20 per – please register below.

Friday Golf Outing at Top Golf, 9200 E 116th St. Fishers

\$20 per person / limited to 48 golfers

Registration Form (one form per person)

Deadline: All Registration Forms must be Postmarked by April 12, 2024

Please print name/Lions title as desire on Name Badge:

Name and Lion Title: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

District: _____ Club: _____

Is this your FIRST Indiana Lions State Convention (circle one)

YES

NO

Special Dietary Needs, list here: _____

Friday Top Golf

\$20

Friday Evening Hors D’oeuvres

\$10

Saturday Lunch: Beef Tips with Buttered Noodles

\$25

Or Chicken Parmesan (circle one)

Saturday Strides Walk T-Shirt Size (S to 3XL)

\$20

Saturday Dinner: Grilled Ribeye or Filet of Salmon (circle one)

\$35

Non-Hotel Guest: Breakfast ticket(s)

\$20

Non-Hotel Guest: Manager’s Reception ticket(s)

\$20

Total Registration Paid

Mail this form (postmarked by 4.12.24) and your check,

payable to: Indiana Lions State Convention to:

Lion Christine Woodward, 13862 Kickapoo Trail, Carmel, IN 46033

Woodward1999@sbcglobal.net or 317-716-0622

2024 State Convention Tentative Schedule of Events		
Time Begin	Time End	Event
Friday, April 26, 2024		
9:00am	11:30am	Council of Governors
2:00pm	4:00pm	Top Golf
2:30pm	3:00pm	Credentials Committee Meeting
3:00pm	5:30pm	Registration and Packet Pick-Up
3:00pm	5:30pm	Exhibits and Silent Auction Open
3:00pm	5:00pm	Credentials Certification
5:30pm	7:30pm	Manager’s Reception/ Lions Reception with Hors d’oeuvres
7:30pm	9:00pm	General Business Session 1
9:00pm	11:00pm	DJ with cash bar
Saturday, April 27, 2024		
8:00am	4:00pm	Exhibits and Silent Auction Open
		Service Project
8:00am	4:00pm	Registration and Packet Pick-Up
8:30am	9:30am	District Meetings
9:00am	4:00pm	Credentials Certification
10:00am	11:30am	General Business Session 2
11:45am	1:45pm	Luncheon
		Katie Stam Irk, 2009 Miss America
		Presentations (MJF, WPW, etc).....
		State Awards
2:00pm	2:45pm	Seminars
3:00pm	3:45pm	Strides Walk for Diabetes
4:15pm	5:00pm	Past District Governors Meeting
5:30pm	7:30pm	Hotel Manager’s Reception
6:00pm	6:50pm	Receiving Line
7:00pm	9:30pm	All-State Banquet
		Past International President Frank Moore
Sunday, April 28, 2024		
6:30am	7:00am	Credentials, Nominations, Elections Breakfast
7:00am	10:00am	Voting
7:00am	10:30am	Full Service Breakfast – For Embassy Suites Guests
10:00am	10:45am	Worship and Memorial Service
11:00am	11:30am	Morning Session
		Jeweled PDG Pin Presentations
		Membership Award Presentations
11:30am	1:00pm	General Business Session 3
1:15pm	4:00pm	Council Meeting (starts 15 minutes after General Business Session 3 concludes)