



## Thank you for this amazing year

The first thing I want to say is Thank You to my wife Lion Vicky for putting up with me and supporting me through this year, as well as other members of "Team Hrdy" who have helped me fulfill my commitments as Council Chair. Thanks to PID Nick and Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos; PDG Charlie and PDG Pat Short; and PDG Charles and Lion Roberta Roth!

I also want to thank this year's Council of Governors, including the 1st and 2nd VDGs, for your friendship, the camaraderie, and your willingness to step up to serve.

A special shout out to the Council Vice Chair and incoming Council Chair elect Julia for all your support and the entire State of Indiana GAT team for all the hard work everyone has put in this year.

We've accomplished some significant things, including transitioning the Hoosier Lion to an electronic format and conducting a successful endorsement for an ID Candidate from the state of Indiana. Congratulations PCC Reed & Lion Janet Fish.

As our state moves forward, we need to maintain the momentum and continue to add Clubs and Members. This is the only way our Organization will remain strong and effective. There is plenty of room for growth and it will take EVERYBODY'S effort and support.

I would like to thank our retiring State Secretary PCC Sue Topf for all her hard work and years of service to the Lions of Indiana. You have been a great help!

I hope you will join me in welcoming our new State Secretary & new member of Pike Lions Club, Lion Ann Ninness, as she learns from PCC Sue and finds a way to make the job her own.

I want to close by thanking all the Lions throughout the state of Indiana; the Lions from across the country and around the world they we have encountered and learned from during our travels. It has been a true joy to experience your warmth and hospitality!

We look forward to continuing to serve our Club, District, State, and Association in the years to come.

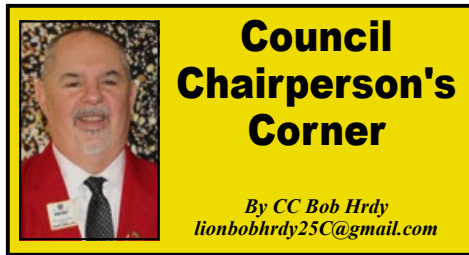
Lion Vicky & I are excited to close out our year in Melbourne, Australia, at LCI Con 2024 – supporting the incoming group of District Governors and spreading the new of the wonderful things done by Lions in the state of Indiana!

Thank you, thank you, thank you!



Photos provided

(Above) "The Grapes" plus two at Boston LCI in July 2023. (Below) Lions Day and the UN, 3-1-24. (From left) Lion Dave from Texas, PIP Al Brandel (2008-2009), IPIP Brian Sheehan (2022-2023), and CC Bob Hrdy. (Bottom) CC Bob & Lion Vicky Hrdy at the 2024 Indiana Lions State Convention.



### Council Chairperson's Corner

By CC Bob Hrdy  
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Yours in Lionism,  
CC Bob, Lion Vicky and Lion Leader Dog Finn  
#WeServe  
#ChangingTheWorld  
#ChangingIndiana



Fish



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(ABOVE) PDG Charlie Short congratulates PCC Reed Fish on his win for International Director. Also pictured: Lion Janet Fish and PDG Pat Short.

## The race is over

The race for International Director drew two candidates from the State of Indiana. Both men are good people and outstanding Lions. We are so lucky to have Lions who want to step up and serve as the face of their State.

The campaign was tastefully and respectfully run by both. Reed Fish of District F is now the endorsed candidate for the State of Indiana.

District C thanks PDG Charlie Short for all you and PDG Pat Short do for Lions. District C wishes PCC Reed Fish the best in his next steps toward becoming an International Director. We know you will represent us well. Congratulations PCC Reed and Lion Janet.

## Reed Fish endorsed as ID candidate

At the 2024 Indiana Lions State Convention in Noblesville, Lions voted to endorse PCC Reed Fish as a candidate for International Director. Because of the timing of our convention, PCC Reed will wait until 2025 to be considered for that position. The Lions of Indiana will strongly support him in his candidacy.

Lion Reed was invited to join this great service organization in 1989 as a member of the Speedway Lions Club. Through the years, he has been able to contribute to the club in many positions – as chair of the majority of the service and fundraising projects and serving on the Board of Directors, as a Vice-President, and then club President in 1996. He is currently the Second Vice-President, which has enabled him to coach the newer officers this year and prepare them for their year as President.

In service to District F it has included being a Zone Chair, trustee for Leader Dog and VisionFirst, member of the MERL team, cabinet treasurer for seven years, Global Leadership chair for nine years, and District Governor in 2013-2014.

Beyond the District, he was honored to have been the Council Chair of the 2014-2015 class of Governors, a member of the training staff for MD 25 Vice-District Governors for multiple years, and Chair for the International Convention Committee (2019), State Convention (2022), and Mid-Winter Conference (2023).

During the time with Lions, he has enjoyed sharing in providing service on five eyeglass missions to Mexico, attending seven International Conventions and four USA/Canada Forums, and has been recognized with two new club extension awards, both Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships (15) and W.P. Woods, and an International President's Leadership Medal and Certificates of Appreciation.

Outside of Lions, he has been active in several other community and professional organizations. He enjoys playing golf, basketball, trips on his motorcycle, learning Spanish, and the occasional remodeling project.

After working in retail management for a regional supermarket chain, Reed started his insurance agency in 1999. He is a graduate of Indiana University Purdue University in Indianapolis with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management.

Lions Janet and Reed have been married for 43 years and are "dog people" – Bella is their current "kid" and was a rescue dog from a local shelter.

## New Lions year is almost upon us

By PID Linda Tincher, International Liaison

A new Lions year is fast approaching. July 1, 2024, will be here in a flash. It is important for clubs to create goals and share accomplishments while recognizing the previous officers and having a meaningful installation for new club officers. If you need help, check out the Installation ceremonies Lions Clubs International has on their website. If you are a new officer, or even a returning officer, please attend your district's training sessions. Some things have changed, and it is better to learn what the changes are now than later.

The new Lions portal is still a work in progress and if you are having issues, don't wait, ASK NOW. Ask your district governor, ask your district administrator, or call or email LCI Support services. Sometimes it is a simple fix, and at other times your request may indicate a problem that programmers need to address. It is important that we not just complain,

but that we figure out the answer to the problem. There are no dumb questions. Just ask!

If you are online, be sure to check out the Peace Poster contest Merit Winners for 2023-2024. The posters are beautiful, and one will be chosen in Melbourne as the overall winner.

July 1 is also the kickoff for the Kindness Matters Contest. To enter, all you must do is submit your application by the designated due dates (consult the Kindness Matters Service Award Guidelines online for further information or contact your GST (global service team). To enter all a club must do is to submit (with pictures) a recently **completed and reported service project**. Explain in detail the impact this project has had on your community. The contest begins at the club level, proceeds to the district then the multiple districts. Nominations must be sent electronically to the next level and endorsed to be considered complete. Nominations with-

out endorsements or signatures will not qualify. A club must be active in good standing and has not won in the past three years.

Mission 1.5 is still on for the coming year and members might want to check out the inspirational videos Lions clubs international has posted on tips for inviting new members. It is all in the ask. Potential new members can be influenced not only by the tone of your voice but by your sincerity and actions. Watch the videos and who knows you might even be inspired to start a new club. As Lions we know WE SERVE, and we are proud. So, show your enthusiasm – invite a new member!

One last item. Don't forget that **Aug. 31, 2024**, will be the last chance to submit **Club Excellence Award** applications. Download the application and submit it now and earn a pin for your president, a patch for your club banner and an opportunity to excel in membership, service, marketing, and leadership.

## DG Julia Kozicki elected as 2024-2025 Council Chair

At the April 27, 2024, final council meeting, the 2024-2025 incoming governors elected District Governor Julia Kozicki as Council Chair.

District Governor Kozicki joined the Noblesville Lions Club in January 2019 and became club vice president later that year. She became the Noblesville Lions Club



Kozicki

President in 2020 for the 2020-2021 year.

At the District level, CCE Julia has served as Women's Membership chair, 2nd Vice Governor, and 1st Vice Governor. She is a Melvin Jones Fellow, a W. P. Woods Fellow, and has received the International President's medal in 2022 and an International President's Certificate of Appreciation in 2023. She is a graduate of the Indiana Regional Lions Leadership Institute.

CCE Julia is a Noblesville native, a Jeopardy! Champion, a graduate of Indiana University Bloomington, and Loyola

University Chicago School of Law. She is a partner at Church Church Hittle + Antrim in Noblesville.

CCE Julia's theme during her governor year was FUN: Friendly, Upbeat, and Nice!

She and her husband, Jeff, also a Lion, have two adult sons, J.D and Josh. Josh is also a Lion.

During her governor year, CCE Julia started the new Muncie Lions Club, and she and her husband are helping the new club grow and serve.

# Care-ing Cases Project keeps growing

By Gail Robbins

District C Public Relations

The Care-ing Cases Special Project, started by District D PDG Kathy Lozier with funding from the Indiana Lions Foundation, has taken on a life of its own.

During the State Convention in April, a group of Lions stopped by and finished off the rest of the 350 backpacks to be given to homeless shelters, domestic abuse centers, high schools, churches, and food pantries.

Each of the seven District Governors took some back home for distribution.

In a conversation with District 25E DG Glen Georges, he was explaining how different groups reach out to them for the Care-ing Cases, which are recycled eyeglass cases filled with first aid supplies and gallon-size Ziplock bags filled with hygiene products put together and placed in a black backpack.

The project is done twice a year: January and April.

We are always look-



Photo provided by Gail Robbins

Several Lions work together to finish the Care-ing Cases at April's State Convention held in Noblesville.

ing for items to put in the bags. If you work on one of the five State Projects and you have 350 items

you'd like to donate – like heavy-duty clips that hold a bag together or good ink pens, tablets, magnifying

glasses, or drawstring backpacks – we would love you to share them with us.

Any Club that wants to donate something, please reach out to me at [gail45robbins@gmail.com](mailto:gail45robbins@gmail.com).

Thank you to all of you who take time to help with this project. You are so appreciated!

## Lions Foundation & Holding Corporation Trustees meeting

The trustees of the Indiana Lions Foundation and Indiana Lions Holding Corporation met at the state office building in Indianapolis on Saturday, Feb 10, 2024.

At this meeting, the trustees approved a \$945 matching grant for the Peru Club to purchase an AED. This brings the total of matching grants for the current fiscal year to \$10,368.

Clubs may submit grant applications at [tinyurl.com/MD25matching-grants](http://tinyurl.com/MD25matching-grants).

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The Indiana State Fair will be held Aug. 2 to 18. Lions will work six gates Tuesday through Sunday each of the three weeks of the Fair. Please use this link to sign-up for this fun time working with your fellow Lions from all over the state: [tinyurl.com/](http://tinyurl.com/)

[MD25statefair](http://MD25statefair.com).

The W. P. Woods credits data has been updated to reflect the 2023 state fair work and each trustee has access to this data. If you wish to know how many credits you have, please contact one of your district's three trustees for that information. The trustees also have club credits information. Trustees were encouraged to publish the club credits data in their district news-

letter, so please look for that in future issues of your newsletter.

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The Foundation provides funding for the Care-ing Cases Project that takes place at both the Mid-Winter Conference and the State Convention. The Foundation has contributed approximately \$2,200 to this project.

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At the Holding Cor-

poration meeting, trustees were presented a proposal to lease Suite 7 of the State Office Building. This suite has been vacant since 2013 and has become a storage location for various Lions projects during that time. The lease of Suite 7 would bring the building to a full lease condition, making the building much more attractive to an investor interested in purchasing the building, as well as provid-

ing much needed additional revenue to maintain the building.

Therefore, the trustees voted to pursue this lease at a rate of \$2,000 per month effective June 1, 2024.

The trustees understand the hardship this may create for alternate storage and for alternate meeting space for larger groups. The two conference rooms in the Lions suite remain available for your meetings.



Photo provided

(Front row, from left) Jennifer Niemeyer – Lakes of the Four Seasons, Cara Jean Rayl – Russiaville, Susie Hudson – New Haven, Sopheap Long – Middlebury, Dennis Tackitt – Zionsville, and Pam Arnold – Monroe. (Second row, from left) John Spurgeon – Brownstown, Eddie McKim – Sandborn, Thomas Schultz – Poland, Tom Robbins – Zionsville – presenter, Mark Clark – Salem – presenter, Wendy Yuhasz – Lydick, Angela Mounsey – Van Buren, and Linda Tincher – Sullivan County – presenter. (Back row, from left) Harrold Mallo – Clermont, John Waymire – Jamestown – presenter, Daniel Moynahan – Lakes of the Four Seasons, Jeff Kozicki – Noblesville, Dennis Fischer – Door Village, Paul Scheetz – Lucerne, Alan Arnold – Monroe – presenter, and Doug Lozier – Carmel – coordinator.

## Training next Lion leaders

By PID Doug Lozier

On May 3 to 5, a total of 16 Lions from all seven districts participated in the Regional Lions Leadership Institute held at the Lions state office building in Indi-

anapolis. The institute is for developing and advancing leadership skills for upcoming club and district leaders.

Topics presented included Lions Fundamentals, Leadership Styles, Diver-

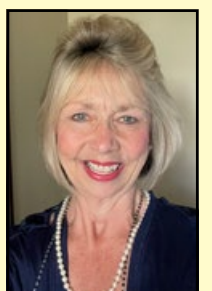
sity, Mentoring, Member Motivation, Meeting Management, Working in Teams, Problem Solving, Time Management, Vision to Values, Mission Statements, Goal Setting, Ethics, Public

Speaking, Conflict Resolution, and Recognition.

Each day, attendees were placed in different groups for activities, group discussions, and group presentations.

## Lions of Indiana welcome Ann Ninness as new Admin. Secretary

Please welcome Lion Ann Ninness to our Lions State Office in the position of Administrative Secretary. She will replace PCC Sue Topf, who is retiring.



Ninness

She is an experienced and self-motivated professional with an extensive background in the not-for-profit sector, and she has experience in communications, client services, project management, and meeting, conference and event planning. She will be able to support the Lions of Indiana, Council of Governors, and State Projects.

Lion Ann's numerous skills include Adobe ProDC, Constant Contact, database management, event management, Google Workspace, Microsoft Office, Office 365, and social media.

Please give Lion Ann your full support as she is learning about the various duties of the State Administrative Secretary.

Ann may be reached via email at [ann@indianalions.org](mailto:ann@indianalions.org), or contact her on the office phone at (317) 824-1024.

# Hoosier Lion Convention Wrap-Up

The Lions of Indiana met for the 103rd Convention April 26 to 28 at the Embassy Suites Conference Center in Noblesville. Attendees who came early were able to enjoy Topgolf in Fishers, sponsored by Vision First/Indiana Lions Eye Bank. Attendees enjoyed the manager's reception and local restaurants before attending the opening business meeting and hospitality room.

Saturday morning, the district caucuses were held and each caucus was visited by Past International President Frank Moore as well as International Director candidates PCC Reed Fish from 25F and PDG Charlie Short from 25C.

After the second business session, delegates enjoyed a luncheon with keynote speaker Katie Stam-Irk, Miss America 2009, the only Miss America from Indiana.

The nominees for the Indiana Lion Foundation Lion of the Year were announced and PDG Merl Goldman of Washington Township Lions Club in 25F was named Lion of the Year. Several Melvin Jones Fellowships from Lions Club International Foundation were also awarded, and two new members were inducted by Past International President Moore, including our new State Administrative Secretary Ann Ninness, as part of Worldwide Induction Day.

Saturday afternoon, delegates enjoyed a number of educational sessions, including Harnessing Leadership by Lion Beth Slade of Leader Dogs for the Blind; the Global Membership Approach for clubs by Lion Jeff Kozicki, 25D Global Membership Coordinator; Charity Gaming Rules by Mark Mason of the Indiana State Gaming Commission; Parliamentary Procedure by Past District Governor Patrick Rodriguez, and LCIF Legacy Giving by Robert Kanonik of Lions Clubs International Foundation. Following those sessions, Lion Angela Mounsey of the Van Buren Lions Club led the Strides for Diabetes Walk around the Embassy Suites.

Saturday night was the All-State Banquet, with a keynote from Past International President Frank Moore and the presentation of the Presidential Award and International President's Leadership award to members of each of the seven Indiana districts. Following the banquet, PDG Ken Faulkner raffled off opportunities to pie some of our leadership as a fundraiser for LCIF. Past International President Frank Moore, Past International Directors Doug Lozier, Linda Tincher and Nick Xinopoulos, State Administrative Secretary PCC Sue Topf, International Director candidates PCC Reed Fish and PDG Charlie Short, and other others were all recipients of the whip cream wonders.

Sunday morning, PDG Kathy Lozier led a meaningful memorial service honoring those Lions who passed during the preceding year. The ballot boxes were busy all morning, with the ID election and 14 constitutional amendment proposals. At the final business meeting, the 2022-23 governors were given their jeweled PDG pins and Global Action Team awards were presented. PDG Barb Toosley announced the election results: PCC Reed Fish will

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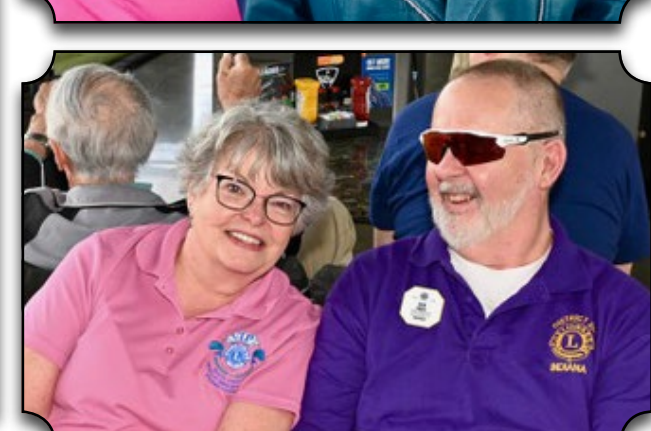
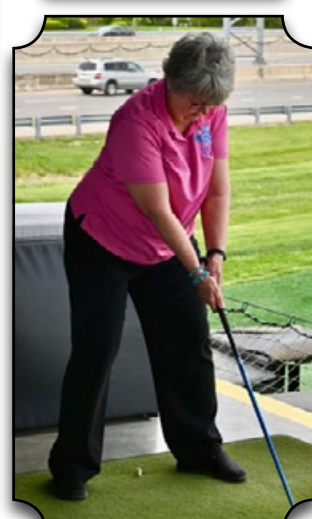
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be the endorsed candidate for International Director from MD 25. Ten of the 14 amendments received the necessary 2/3 vote to be adopted. Amendments 6, 8, 11 and 14 did not receive the necessary votes for adoption.

Following the election results, PDG Paul Russell offered the Convention Resolution and the meeting was formally adjourned. Later Sunday, the district governors elect selected district governor Julia Kozicki of 25D to serve as the 2024-25 council chair.

The convention committee, led by PCC Scott Smith, Lion Christine Woodward, Lion Jeff Kozicki, and DG Julia Kozicki, hopes that all attendees had an excellent time and looks forward to attending the 104th Convention at Shipshewana.





# Roars from District A

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## Time to remember, reflect & be thankful

**By Stephen J. Helmken**  
District 25A Governor

What fantastic weather we had for Memorial weekend. I hope many of you left your house or workplace to enjoy the pleasant weather. On Memorial Day, the weather wasn't as lovely as the rest of the weekend was. Memorial Day is a time to remember and thank those who have served in wars and never came home. They paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

This is also my time of reflection as I look back over my District Governor year. I remember the many clubs I have had the opportunity to visit. I learned of the fundraisers and service projects they have done in

their communities. I've met some Lions for the first time because of my travels, and I am thankful for this. I also reconnected with Lions I haven't seen in a while.

I traveled to Indianapolis and other parts of the state for different meetings or events. During these gatherings, I reconnected with great Lion friends and met some new Lions who became friends. I've put a lot of miles on my car this year, but I wouldn't trade any of it because those miles took me on adventures I wouldn't have had if I were not the District Governor.

I have reflected on my Banner Night, the Cabinet Meetings, and the District Convention. All these were held at places that hadn't

been used before, except for two Cabinet Meetings. I wanted the venues to be new and different from past years. I also got our Leos involved more this year than they have been in the past. Leos attended the Cabinet Meetings and gave reports on their clubs. They also attended the District Convention and were a big help in many areas of that weekend. I'm proud that OUR District has seven Leo Clubs and one Cubs Club.

I changed the size of the District Directory in hopes that it would be better for most Lions to use. The larger size made it easier to read, and there was space to write if you needed to make notes. The spiral binding made it easy to lay flat, and I have

often appreciated it. I give Kelly Bancroft (wife of Lion Allan from the Michigan Club) the credit for my District Directory and thank her for the hours she put in to prepare it.

I think of my Cabinet and the Lions who stepped up to serve alongside me, and I am so very grateful for their time and service. This group of Lions worked well together and had fun after the work was completed. I can't thank them enough for everything they have done this year. I can't imagine what my year would have been like without each serving with me. From my Zone Chairs to my Cabinet Secretary plus my 1st and 2nd VDGs and everyone in between, I thank you. We

made it this far with only one more Cabinet Meeting and a few club visits left.

Of course, I can't draft this last article without talking about my late wife, Lion Alice. I'm sitting in my office at home, looking around at the many pictures I have of her at different Lion functions. We attended meetings, fundraisers, and other events when I was the 2nd and 1st VDG. I can't help but notice her smile and how genuine it was as I remember how much fun we had at the different events. I can't help but wonder how different things may have been this year if Alice had still been with me and we had been able to go on this adventure together. I hope and pray that she is proud of

me and what I was able to accomplish this year.

Lions of District 25A, thank you for letting me be your District Governor for 2023-2024. I hope that I was able to be your Beacon of Hope as we traveled through this year together. You have certainly been mine. I pray that you will always be that Beacon of Hope for those you come in contact with who could use your help. In the years to come, when you see a lighthouse somewhere in your travels, I hope it will make you remember me and remind you to keep your Beacon of Hope shining brightly for all to see — especially your fellow Lions.

Thank you and God Bless you,  
DG Stephen J. Helmken



Photos provided by George Morely  
(Left) Lion Bonnie Olson, Lin Cindy Fischer, Lion Sue Kaiser, Lion Gene Flickinger and SA Food Coordinator Linda Neess. (Right) Lion George Morley, Lion Cindy Fischer, Lion Bonnie Olson, Lion Sue Kaiser, and Lion Gene Flickinger.

## Door Village Lions give back in big ways

Door Village Lions were again able to bring cases and cases of food to the La Porte Salvation Army through the ongoing Lions Candy Day collections at the La Porte Post Office.

Each year for more than 20 years, members conduct their semi-annual Candy Day Sale at the Post Office, and each year in May they donate all proceeds from the sale to the Salvation Army Food Bank. And this year,

just like clockwork, it was déjà vu all over again.

Project Chair Lion Cindy Fischer scheduled all the time slots for Friday and Saturday collections, confirmed the club had sufficient candy for the two days, purchased more if necessary, and spent the two days assuring each of two-hour shifts were covered and collected the proceeds at the end of each shift.

This year the proceeds

were under \$700, so at the next club meeting members voted to round it up to \$700. Lions Bonnie Olson and Sue Kaiser then proceeded to purchase items suggested by Salvation Army Food Bank Coordinator Linda Neess, and with help of Lions Gene Flickinger, George Morley, and Cindy Fischer, delivered the several cases of food to the always grateful Neess.

Members each and ev-

ery year express their sincere hope that those who are in a position of need can benefit from their work on this project and know that Lions really care because Lions' sole purpose is to serve others.

If you are interested in joining our great group of Lions or would just like to volunteer to work one of our 12 ongoing projects, please call George Morely at (219) 575-3575.

## John Pisowicz: the Lion you want to have your back



Photos provided  
Crown Point Lion John Pisowicz has been an Emergency Preparedness Coordinator with the Porter County Health Department for five years as well as a Flight Nurse out of Lafayette, Ind. He gave a wonderful presentation about emergency operations plans and the possibilities of what can happen in our own community. Part of his job involves writing plans for emergencies, running exercises to test the plan, planning drills with local police, fire department, health care facilities, EMTs, rehab centers and more. Some of the drills include Chemical Spills, Active Shooter, Bomb Threats, and Nuclear Threat — just to name a few. Lion John encourages everyone to have a Go Kit in case of evacuation, which would include enough supplies for a week — water, medications, clothing, etc. He gave an amazing presentation, and we are lucky to have him in our club. (Below) Lion John (right) with Lion President Mary Jane DiMichele.



## Medals & pies at State Convention



Photos provided  
(Above left) CS Pat Greer received the international presidential medal. (Above right) 1VDGE Jim Furlong received the presidential medal. (Below) PDG Robin Smith getting pies PDG Patrick Rodriguez in the face at state convention.



## Learning about Teal Hearts



Photo provided  
Sue Straatman, Market Manager and Volunteer for National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, spoke to the Crown Point Lions Club on May 16. Straatman is an ovarian cancer survivor and has vowed to bring awareness to her community. She runs the Teal Hearts of Northwest Indiana, which was founded in January 2019 by herself and three other women, including Joan Gang, deceased wife of Lion Ron Gang. The group meets once a month and has a Zoom meeting once a month for fellowship and companionship in their journeys and has grown substantially. September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, and the group ties teal ribbons on trees in the community as well as having a Memorial Walk during that month. You can contact her via email, tealheartsnwi@gmail.com, or check out their Facebook page "Teal Hears NWI." For more information about ovarian cancer, email northwestin@ovarian.org. (ABOVE) Sue Straatman with Lion Vice President Carla Smolek.

## Crown Point has given four scholarships



Photos provided  
Crown Point Lions Club President Mary Jane DiMichele, Cindy Beckman, Carla Smolek, and Sharon Thom were honored to attend the University of St. Frances Scholarship Luncheon to recognize scholarship recipients. Crown Point Lions Club has given four scholarships to deserving Crown Point students, including Rosie Penrod.

## Wirtz Family earns Melvin Jones Fellowship

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The Melvin Jones Fellow, one of the highest levels of recognition for a Lion, was presented to the Wirtz Family in honor of Lion Jim Wirtz, who passed away Dec. 5, 2023. A donation of \$1,000 was given to Lions International in memory of Lion Jim. We were honored to have Lion Jim's family in attendance.





## Roars from District B

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# This year was greeeeaat!

**By Terry Marker**  
District 25B Governor

Greetings from District 25B, the northeast part of Indiana.

Clubs are winding up their Lions year and gearing up for their summer-

time activities. I hope your plans include working the Indiana State Fair for the Indiana Foundation.

I know many clubs also have their local festivals to work, too. Many have weekly activities that they take part in. Let your com-

munities know what they are supporting when you are out there. It is more than just eyeglasses.

I was at a club this week, and my wife had a conversation with a member who told her how he had become the recipient

of a cornea transplant from the Indiana Lion's Eye Bank. Most people don't know we have that. What about Indiana Speech and Hearing, Inc., or Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Indiana Lions for Leader Dog,

Cancer Control?

I know I'm talking to the choir here, but the point is, we need to get the word out. People need to know what we do. They need to hear it. They need to see it, over and over and over. Summertime is a good time

to do it when we are out there in the public amongst them. Get your posters up and tell people who we are and what we do and ask them to come and join in serving our communities.

Thanks for a Greeeeaat Year!

## Andrews Lions support Camp Hero



The Andrews Lions Club presented a check to Camp Hero, a camp that the police department puts on during the summer for children 8 to 13 years old, which involves sports and recreation, outdoor adventure, art and crafts, and Team building Skills. (From left) V.P. Lion Phil Sunderman, Deputy Don Whitney (school resource officer), Chief Deputy Chad Hammel, President Lion Glen Fisher presenting the check, Deputy Austin Bullock, and Secretary Lion Don Morgan.

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## Distinguished Lion of the Year



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**Lion Mike Okuly from the Andrews Lions Club receiving his plaque for being nominated for Distinguished Lion of the Year. To be considered, a Lion must have been a member for 25 years and be nominated by his or her club, district, committee or Council of Governors.**

## Union Township dedicates playground equipment

On May 9, the Union Township Lions Club dedicated new playground equipment that was installed at the Union Township Park. The equipment replaced a playset donated by the Lions Club 15 years ago, which was falling in disrepair and had become a safety hazard. The new equipment is larger with more play activities for the local youth to enjoy while at the park.

During the dedication, the Lions Club recognized donations from foundation grants:

- The Indiana Lions Foundation matching grant: \$1,000
- Lions Club International Foundation, Community Impact Grant: \$5,000
- The Adams County Community Foundation, traditional grant: \$2,000

The Lions club received "in kind" donations from local businesses:

- Stone Street Quarries donated stone to expand the



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(Above) The Fuelling family was present at the dedication. (Below) Union Township Lions Andy Martin, Richard Marbach, Rex Marbach, Pam Arnold (Indiana Lions Foundation representative), Duane Franz, Jim Bush (Lions Club International Foundation representative), and Scott Marbach.

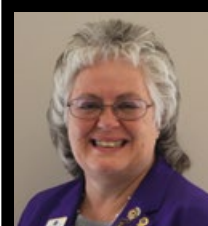
play area and to bring the area to grade level and to improve drainage.

- Fleming Excavating delivered the stone.
- Buchan Sawmill donated the wood mulch (shock absorbing base for play area).
- Randy Krueckeberg delivered the wood mulch.

The Lions Club dedicated this new equipment in



memory of Marie Fuelling, a 13-year-old who recently passed away on April 8, 2024, from brain cancer. Both of Fuelling's grandfathers were charter members of the Union Township Lions Club.



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## Hello Team Plus One!

**By DG Patti Foxx**  
District 25C Governor

Hello, June! Well, this is bitter-sweet. It's my last newsletter, which is happy, but sad it's coming to the end of being your District Governor. I can't wait to see what the next chapter will be.

All the Clubs I got to adventure out to meet with all of you – you welcomed me with open hands and Lions' hearts.

I want to say THANK YOU to my team and Committee Chairs, and our awesome newsletter editor Terri Delp along with our Lions newsletter Lion Gail Robbins. To

everyone I met: I might forget your name but not your face or your kindness given to me.

Training has been here and gone but, if you still need assistance, reach out to your new Team Leaders! We are still learning the new system and maybe someone can show you an easier way to assist you.

Welcome DG John Waymire and IVDG Paul Scheetz – you guys will be grrreat!

Remember to get your Club visits turned in soon with John and your new officers in the system entered as soon as possible.

*Changing the World by Covering the Need ... Serving With A Smile.*

## AED installed in Clinton clubhouse



Photo provided

Recently the Clinton Lions Club received and installed a new AED unit in our new clubhouse. This project was made possible through a grant from the Vermillion County Community Foundation. Hopefully we never need to put this equipment to use, but if and when the need arises, we will be able to do so. We thank the Vermillion County Community Foundation for its support with this addition to our clubhouse. Together we can proudly live up to the Lions Motto "We Serve." (From left) 2nd Vice President Chris Strohm, Lion President Jerry Spurr, and 1st Vice President Dave Marietta.

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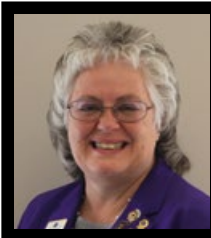
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## Get to know your clubs . . . Who are the Lafayette Lions?

Founded on March 27, 1920, the Lafayette Lions became Indiana's first Lions club. From the start, Lafayette Lions engaged a cross section of community leaders to provide leadership for an improved quality of life.

From the beginning, the club sought to be the incubator and startup funder for area social and health service nonprofit capacity. We started the Lafayette Community Chest (now the top-performing United Way), Tippecanoe Boy Scouts, Tippecanoe Girl Scouts, the Columbian Park Zoo, Tippecanoe County 4-H, our regional food bank Food Finders, and the local chapter of the National Federation of the Blind.

While Lions are internationally famous for their work to aid the blind and

deaf, Lafayette has also made efforts to improve general public health and wellness. These have included support for the Wabash River Cycle Club, McAllister parkrun, the Purdue Marathon, diabetes awareness and relief, blood drives, our 2020 "Feeding The Frontline" pandemic food program, and our annual effort to vision-screen over 9,000 area school students to help detect childhood vision problems. Just for fun, we were well-known for hosting the Purdue Senior Basketball Banquets: the Men's for 99 years and the Women's for 46.

Lafayette Lions have always been leaders in the Lions movement in Indiana. The club has produced 13 district governors, three council chairs, and an Inter-



national Director. PID Robert Phillips and Lions Ted Tedford of Lafayette helped found over 30 clubs in Northern Indiana and made Indiana its own District 25.

As an apolitical and non-religious association of men and women, Lions International forms a network

of 1.4 million members in 210 countries. Lions is open to all people of goodwill and all meetings are public. Lafayette Lions are proud to support our current community and international efforts, and we invite requests to serve new community needs.

## Meeting Indiana's only Miss America



Photo provided by Gail Robbins

Meet Indiana's only Miss America, Katie Stam-irk, of 2009. She spoke at the Lions State Convention in Noblesville on April 27. Zionsville Lion Kenny Caldwell was excited to say hi to Katie. He has helped check tickets at the Miss Indiana State Pageant for years and has met her before. The Miss Indiana Scholarship Pageant will be held at the Zionsville Performing Arts Center starting June 26, with finals on June 29.

## Happy 100th Birthday, Lion Meg Julien!



Photos provided

Lion Meg Julien would bring her husband, who was going blind, to the Zionsville Lions Club meetings year after year. She said that one day the President of the Club said, "Meg, you're always here. Why don't you just join?" So she did, becoming Zionsville's first female Lion. Meg stayed active in the Club meetings until COVID restrictions kept her at her residence more. Thank you, Lion Meg, for years of serving as a Zionsville Lion, recruiting many Lions, and just being an upbeat, wonderful person. (Top right) Zionsville Lion Gerald Resler chats with his old friend Lion Meg. (Right) Zionsville Lion Fred Hampton, 98, wishing Lion Meg Julien a Happy 100th Birthday.



## What exactly is an invasive species?



Photos provided by Pat Short

(Top) Robert Suseland of Tippecanoe County Soil & Water Conservation District Rural Conservationist recently gave a great presentation on Invasive Species in the Lafayette area and throughout Indiana. We were surprised to hear that burning bush and Bradford pears are on the list, along with honeysuckle. (Above) Club President Veronica Pickens, Robert Suseland, and PDG Charlie Short.

## DG gets eclipsed



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DG Patti Foxx enjoyed the Total Solar Eclipse on Monday, April 8!

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## Kindness matters



Photo provided by Robert Ford  
Three years ago, DGs Dennis Brown, Doug Eversole, Jim Reeve, Alan Arnold, Ron Edwards, Isabel Atcheson, Ron Bigham, and CC Keith Thomas decided to give a scholarship to a first-time attendee of the State Convention. After Jim Reeve passed, the scholarship was given in his memory. This year, they decided to send that money to the Riley Hospital for Children Cancer Foundation to receive a matching fund from the Walther Cancer Foundation. (ABOVE) PDG Doug Eversole explains to Lion Sherri Reeve how his class of PDGs are honoring her husband PDG Jim Reeve this year.

## Lions love little leaguers



Photo provided  
Zionsville Lions had two Little League teams join them for dinner. After meeting and hearing about the players, nearly 90 people took a walk on our new property trail.

## Five acres of new work for Zionsville



Photo provided by Mike Heffner  
The Zionsville Lions Club's five new acres added to the Lions Park has created a constant need to clean up the land. New member Dr. David Agarwal joined ZLC Master Gardener Dan Dumbauld and volunteer Gordon White by putting in some hours to keep improving the area.

## All work & no play . . . not here!



Photo provided  
Colfax Lions Club held a Dedication Ceremony to celebrate their new park playground equipment.

## Come see Clinton's new clubhouse



Photo provided by Pat Short  
The Clinton Lions Club will hold an Open House at their new clubhouse from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 15. Light refreshments will be served. The new clubhouse is located at 200 S. Lincoln St. in Fairview (Clinton). All are invited to come see our new building.

## Leader Dog has his day



Photo provided by Robert Ford  
Keep spreading the news! Three Leader Dog Trustees and LD Satch worked the crowd at the Brownsburg Fire Territory Safety Festival. They gave out a lot of information on Leader Dog and sold red heart Leader Dog pins. If anyone wants one of the great LD pins, contact Robert Ford at rford58@sbcglobal.net. (ABOVE) Leader Dog District F Trustees Robin Nicoloff and Chair Pauline Ulrey, and LD Satch. (Not pictured: District C LD Trustee Robert Ford.)

## Lafayette: Where Monarchs are made



Photos provided by PDG Pat Short  
The Lafayette Lions welcomed DG Patti Foxx to their club on April 3. Following social time and a nice dinner, DG Patti talked about Mission 1.5 and other Lions-related issues. She then presented several Monarch awards: recipients were Lions Diane Haby (10 years), Council Chair Bob Hrdy (15 years), and Dave Ehlers (60 years). Lions not present (Mark Bowman and Keith Bundy) will receive 49- and 55-year Monarchs, respectively. In addition, DG Patti congratulated the club on achieving a Club Excellence Award for 2022-2023. Acting President Lion Aki Kamsali received the banner patch and pin on behalf of the club.





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# Surrounded by a great team

**By Julia Kozicki**  
District 25D Governor

Hello Lions of Indiana from District 25D! As I shared in August, my theme for the year has been ‘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 May and June are ‘Someone offering sharing their time and treasure’ and ‘Someone surrounded by a great team.’

In 25D I have had the privilege of working with a great team who have shared their time and treasure abundantly. The commitment of our district team has helped District 25D to accomplish a number of goals as well as host a successful state convention, and I want to highlight their efforts here.

The 2022-23 Area Leader PDG Dave Wineman led a goal-setting session for 25D and challenged us to achieve 100 percent service reporting for 2023-24. Thanks to the hard work of Global Service Coor-

inator Lion Anita Hines, every club in 25D has reported at least one service project! Our Global Membership Coordinator Lion Jeff Kozicki took on the challenge to add at least one club by helping to form the Muncie Lions Club and is well on his way to form the Gas City Lions with the assistance of Zone Chair Mike Careins. Two-thirds of our clubs have added at least one new member and the district is plus 32 members as of this writing. We also had a goal of increasing women’s membership

and we are up 8 percent in women’s membership for the year. IPCC Scott Smith served as Global Leadership Coordinator and met our zone chair training goal and led a great club officer training session last spring. Our DGE David ‘Rocky’ Simpson and 1VDGE Jim Dubeansky have been everywhere – leading the recovery in Winchester and Selma, supporting the extension and leading a service project in Gas City, and generally ready to assist whenever and wherever needed. PDG Betty Weist

and PDG Kathy Lozier have provided experienced guidance as our cabinet secretary and treasurer and

We had a great team from 25D planning the state convention. IPCC Scott Smith set the vision and Lions Christine Woodward and Jeff Kozicki were the organizing chairs. Their vision and leadership led to an outstanding event with 328 in attendance including 70 first-time attendees. Many thanks to PID Doug Lozier for planning great seminars and speakers as well as providing experienced

guidance to make the event a success. PDG Dan Wilcox created the updated convention website. PID Nick Xinopoulos and Lion Jeff Kozicki solicited a record number of ads and sponsors. We hope everyone who attended had a great time and we look forward to next year’s convention in Shipshewana!

It has been a privilege to serve District 25D this year and I look forward to continuing my service as Council Chair in 2024-25.

*Yours in Service,*  
DG Julia

## Westfield Lions Club’s Poker for Sight: another huge success

*First-place winner brings home \$10,000 prize*

**By JEFF LARRISON**  
Westfield Lions Club

On April 26 and 27 the Westfield Lions Club held its semi-annual ‘Poker for Sight’ Texas Hold’em tournament at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds. Approximately 300 players competed for \$25,000 in prize money, including \$10,000 for the winner.

From the three six-hour qualifying sessions, 41 players advanced to compete in the championship round. With about 10 minutes left in the final session, Brian Sprague played the winning hand. This is the second time he has come out on top, after winning our spring 2010 tournament.

The money raised from this event allows the Westfield Lions Club to donate significant amounts of funds to various charities and orga-



**(From left) Mark Albright, Bill Nesbitt, Tracy Rogers, Brian Sprague, Rodney Benson, Jeff Larrison, and Steve Hall.**

nizations. Along with this, the Westfield Lions provide scholarships to several Westfield High School seniors, grants to help fund school trips for students, dictionaries for every third grader, and funds for many other school-affiliated

classes and activities.

Before each of the qualifying sessions and championship session in each tournament the Westfield Lions present \$1,500 ‘big checks’ to local organizations. Chairs of Honor, the Indiana Diabe-

tes Youth Camp, the Indiana Blind Childrens Foundation, and Third Phase were this year’s recipients.

For more information on the Westfield Lions Club and how to become a Lion, go to [WestfieldLions.org](http://WestfieldLions.org).

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## 100% report service



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**Congratulations to 25D District Governor Julia Kozicki and District Service Chair Lion Anita Hines on having 100 percent of the 25D Lions Clubs reporting service during this Lion year. Pictured here is an example of an environmental service project by Union City Lions planting some blue spruce and Norway spruce trees at Harter Park near the swimming pool by Lions Dean Coats, Larry Amspaugh, and Owen Griffith.**

## It takes a lot of Lions to keep these streets tidy



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club

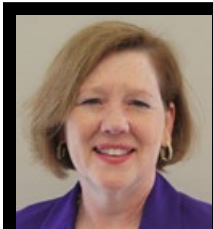
**Noblesville Lions came out in mid-April to do their bi-annual adopt a street program that helps the city keep the streets clean. They cleaned from 16th and Field Drive to Cumberland Road, then Cumberland Road to State Road 32 on both sides of the street. (ABOVE) Lions Walt Scheid, John Terhune, Hayden Parsons, Gene Beck, Ron Williamson, Gary Hipes, Steve Shaw, and District Governor Julia Kozicki. Not pictured: Jeff Kozicki, who took the picture.**

## Sweetser Lions donate to first responders



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**The Sweetser Lions raised \$1,087 from their May 4 breakfast 4 and presented the check to Tana Bowland and Kirk Herring of the Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Department.**



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### Noblesville Lions support Indiana Honor Flight



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll  
 On May 22, the Noblesville Lions Club welcomed Trina Winegardner as speaker. She represents Indiana Honor Flight (IHF) which flies veterans to our nation's capital to see the many memorials. To be chosen for this trip, a veteran must apply to the IHF organization. The current waiting list is around 1,000 vets in Indiana. Once a vet has made the trip, he or she is invited to many follow-up events the IHF has sponsored. (ABOVE) Lion VP Jeff Kozicki thanks Trina Winegardner.

### Noblesville's Embassy Suites overrun by Lions



Photos provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll  
 From April 26 to 28, the Indiana Lions State Convention was held at the Embassy Suites in Noblesville. Many Lions Clubs from across Indiana convened for partnership and to attend the many seminars. Attendees were treated to Saturday's luncheon speaker Katie Stam-Irk, Miss America 2009, and the dinner speaker Past International President J. Frank Moore of Alabama. Two Noblesville Lions were honored at the event. Lion Jeff Kozicki (above left) was given the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award to honor exemplary service, which is named after Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions International. Kozicki is the current Global Membership Approach (GMA) 25D Coordinator. Lion Steve Craig (above center) received a nomination for Lion of the Year. (TOP) A few Noblesville Lions helping with the convention services. (ABOVE RIGHT) 25D Lion Leadership (from left): Scott Smith, Past Dist. Gov; Julia Kozicki, 25D Dist. Gov; and Rocky Simpson, 25D Governor-Elect.

### Sheridan Lions award scholarships to Alexander & Kolb



Photo provided by Chuck Godby  
 Sheridan Lions Club member Steve Bilby (right) presented \$1,000 scholarships to Sheridan High graduating seniors Emma Alexander and Eli Kolb on behalf of the local service organization during the school's annual Senior Awards Night.

### Noblesville Lions honor George Kristo



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll  
 On May 9, the Noblesville Lions Club recognized George Kristo for his support of Lions Club. The club awarded him a W. T. Woods Fellowship through the Lions International Foundation. The name George Kristo should be well-recognized around Noblesville for his support of the many causes in the city and county area. The club deeply thanks George for his support. (From left) Lion Gene Beck, George Kristo, and Lion VP Jeff Kozicki.

### Sheridan Lions honor Lowell Shelburne



Photo provided by Chuck Godby  
 Lifelong Sheridan resident Lowell Shelburne (left) received his pin in recognition of his 25-year membership in the Sheridan Lions Club. Making the presentation is soon-to-be club president Alan Lyon.

### Westfield Lions break ground for renovation

*Extensive remodel increases meeting space & adds kitchen*

By JEFF LARRISON  
 Westfield Lions Club

On April 18, the Westfield Lions Club, along with a big helping hand from Mayor Scott Willis, broke ground on the new clubhouse renovation project at 1101 E. 169th St.

Lions, their guests, and city employees celebrated the first shovels of dirt being turned over. After the ceremonial groundbreaking, Mayor Willis discussed his first 100 days in office, along with the significant plans he and his administration are putting together for the city.

The major renovation project will allow the Lions to resume renting out their clubhouse to members of the community. Ever since the previous clubhouse was built in the late 1950s, the Lions have provided a reasonably priced option for

parties, family reunions, baby and bridal showers, church services, and many other events. Once the Lions' previous clubhouse on Jersey Street was torn down for a redevelopment project, there was no longer an affordable rental facility available for the community.

Now that the renovation is underway, the Club expects to have the facility open and ready for the community before this fall. Included in the renovation project is a larger meeting room, a full kitchen, a conference room, handicap-accessible bathrooms, and storage for the Club's poker tournament and fish fry equipment and supplies.

Once the renovation work is complete, the Westfield Lions will hold an open house celebration to give the public a first-hand look at the results. The Li-



Photo provided by Westfield Lions Club  
 (From left) Dave Sobczak, Ted Engelbrecht, Rodney Benson, Mike Birk, Mayor Scott Willis, and Gary Smith.

ons have worked closely with the State of Indiana and the City of Westfield to make sure the "new" facility meets all the proper codes and standards. In particular, they thank city officials for

their help and cooperation in getting the final plans to the finish line.

For more information on the Westfield Lions Club or how to become a member, go to [westfieldlions.org](http://westfieldlions.org).



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## Words of advice for new Lion leaders

By **Glen M. Georges**  
District 25E Governor

How fast a year goes by. It seems like we were just starting the new Lion's year and it has already come to an end.

This is our last article as District Governor. We are all preparing for a new group of leaders to take over. To the new leaders of our Districts and Club, I wish you all the very best.

Now, as a PDG, I find myself looking at what is next for me. Many of our Lions are doing the same thought process. Some will take on new roles and some will fade back into our clubs. As new leaders,

I encourage you to keep them active. Membership chairs in our clubs or LCIF chairs in our clubs. There is a lot of work ahead of all of us no matter the role we choose to take.

It is important to allow the new leaders to have their chance to lead and not be met with "we already tried that." Or my favorite "that will not work, we did that." New leaders, ask questions. Lots of questions. Take the opinions given and don't be afraid to glean what you need and explain what your vision is. Humility in your actions will take you farther than "I am the Leader and I said so" with your task.

Be bold and take a

new approach to old problems. We all have a problem that seems to nag our clubs. Form committees for projects. Even if it is only three or four Lions. Make "S.M.A.R.T." goals for your plans. How do you know where you are going if you don't have a plan? How will you know when you get there if you do not have a plan?

Something you may need to look at is your club's focus. Maybe your community has grown and what you thought was your club focus is no longer valid. We must learn to adapt to change. It is the one thing that is always changing. If we learn how and what the

needs are we will grow. If each of us will work together we can meet Mission 1.5 that was launched in Boston with our 2023/24 Governors. We should be adding new members to our clubs and building new clubs where we have none. Anybody can help build a strong club and we can become Guiding Lions to help mentor new clubs.

The new portal will get easier as time goes on. Anytime something new comes along it is scary. Lions overcome these challenges and we become stronger Lions, stronger clubs and stronger leaders. Take advantage of the Lions learning center to mentor our new lions and to

also help us become stronger members. We all play a key role in Lions International. Each one of us helps the organization do great things in our towns and all over the world.

So much has happened in the past year with the new Hoosier Lion newspaper to the Lions Portal and so much more. This is truly the best organization to be a part of. Each of us may feel like our little contribution is insignificant, but together it makes a huge impact with each of us doing our part.

I am sure Lions back in 1917 were scared of the new programs that came out then as we are of the new programs of today.

Our international leaders are there to help us move forward in "Changing the World." We must get the word out about Lions are more than old gray-haired men and women that collect eyeglasses. We are gray-haired men and women helping with hearing aids, leader dogs for the blind and vision screenings, and so much more.

In closing this, my final article, I want to thank each of you for everything you do. It is true that together we can do so much. It has been a pleasure to represent the Lions of Indiana and District E once again.

*Yours in service,  
DG Glen M Georges*

## Nothing says fun like 4-H (and hot dogs)



Photo provided (Top) Lions Debbie Ellis, Kathy Crock, Kevin Crock, Debbie Landis, Laura Roberts and several 4-H participants pose for a group picture during the 4-H Fun Night. (Above) Lions Barbie Olson, Laura Roberts, Kevin Crock, Kathy Crock, Cindy DeHart and Debbie Landis are preparing hot dogs for the 4-H participants Fun Night at the Sullivan County Fairgrounds.

## We the people

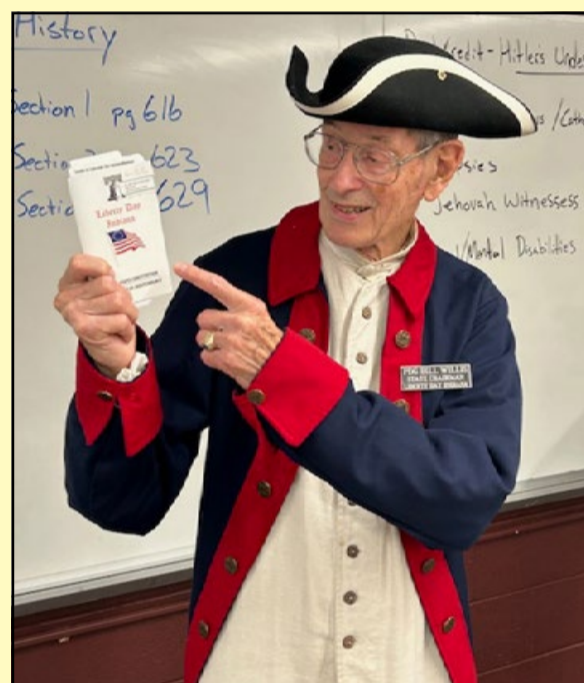


Photo provided by SV Junior Jonathan Beckett "This booklet contains the three words that changed the world." Springs Valley juniors learn about the U.S. Constitution during a May 2 Liberty Day presentation by Liberty Day State Chairman PDG Bill Willis, 25E, who wears a Revolutionary uniform and tricorne hat. Students learned that the first three words of the preamble, "We the people," turned the world upside down when the Constitution was approved in 1787. The U.S. Constitution introduced the idea of the people controlling the government when the world was ruled by kings, queens, and other rulers who had complete control of government and the people. The Hoosier State Liberty Day program was introduced by the Indiana Lions Clubs 23 years ago and the free Constitution booklets are made possible by patriotic businesses. For more information email [wgw@bluemarble.net](mailto:wgw@bluemarble.net).

## \$25k from Vision First



Photo provided LCIF Area Leader, Past Intl. Director Linda Tincher proudly holds up a \$25,000 check for LCIF presented by the President of the Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Vision First Past Council Chair Keith Thomas, and CEO Lion Tim Fischer at the Indiana Lions State Convention Friday night business session. Thank you, Vision First!

## Wearing pies to raise money



Photos provided (Left) Participants in the LCIF Pie in the Face Campaign: PID Linda Tincher, PID Doug Lozier, PID Nick Xinopoulos, PDG Charlie Short, Adm. Sec. PCC Sue Topf, Past International President Frank Moore, and PCC Reed Fish. This event raised over \$4,000 for Lions Clubs International Foundation! (Middle) Past International President Frank Moore. (Right) PDG Tom Robbins "pies" PID Linda Tincher.

## How donations give the gift of sight



Photos provided (Left) The president of Vision First, Indiana's Eye Bank, giving a presentation to the Evansville Eastside Lions. He explained how donations from clubs help with ocular surgeries. (Middle) Lion Bill Schulz proudly displays a certificate of appreciation from the Evansville State Hospital for providing items to the hospital that the state does not provide. (Right) DG Glen Georges proudly presents Evansville East Side's Lion Bob McDaniel with a nomination plaque for being one of the nominees for the Indiana Lions Foundation of the Year Lion at the 2024 Indiana Lions State Convention.

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# You are what make Lions Club great

**By Ed Harper**  
*District 25F Governor*

I have heard many Past District Governors say that their year as Governor went past very quickly. With less than one month left as the District Governor of 25F, I agree with their statement.

It seems like my first visitation of my year as Governor was just yesterday. Milan is always the first visitation of the Governor's new year and they set the standard for all visitations. I have really enjoyed these visitations. It has been nice to visit with Lions friends from the past and make new Lions friends at each visit. All clubs have very welcoming and there hasn't been a bad meal yet! I have been asked how much weight I have gained and if I can still button my purple jacket. Yes, I gained three pounds but have already lost that weight working at keeping up my three acres of grass and planting my garden.

I want to thank all the Lions of District 25F for their friendliness and accepting me as their Governor for the past year. Many Lions helped me with cabinet meeting, our District 25F Convention, and supported me by attending the Lions State Convention. Being Governor has been a great experience and I am very happy to have served the Lions of District 25F in this position. I look forward to continuing to serve the district and working with the Lions of Indiana.

District Governor Elect Nancy Baxter has visited most clubs in the District with me this year. She has gone through the required training to become a District Governor and will do a great job for you next Lions year. Please welcome her as she serves as your Governor and visits your club. She is a hard worker, very organized, and will be a great District Governor. Also support the upcoming District Governor Angela Locke and Brenda Wilson.

Again, thank you for your support for me as your Governor and all that you do for your community, District and State project and supporting Lions Club International. You are what makes Lions Club great.

*Yours in Lionism,  
DG Ed*



# Have you been flocked?



Photo provided

The Milan Lions Club held a fundraiser where flamingos were placed in their yards. Members could pay to have them removed, sent to a neighbor, and buy insurance to not get them back. We started with members, but it didn't stay with members. It expanded from Milan to Sunman, then Batesville and Aurora. The goal was to raise money to offer a vocational scholarship to a Milan student not attending college, but wanting to attend a vocational or technical program to advance in the career of their choice. The fundraiser began in April and ended in May with more than \$1,500 raised to offer a \$500 scholarship in 2025, 2026 and 2027! In the photo, you will see what happens when YOU DO NOT get insurance. Thank you to our "Flocking Squad," Lions Carla Blair, Jodi Cummings, Kris Clark, Pam Yates, and Melissa Baker for your hard work.





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## Welcome back, Lions of 25G

**By Ron Guth**  
District 25G Governor

I have tried to meet most of you during my visits over the past year and still have two more clubs to visit.

You may ask why “welcome back?” It’s because you have been out serving your communities in north central Indiana and not just sitting at home looking at the TV or each other over the dinner table. You are “Lions in Action” and prove it daily with service to others.

I’ve learned so much from you about how our district supports our friends and neighbors over the past year. Yes, we did lots of fundraisers to generate funds and we had fun doing it because, well, we are Lions and that’s what we do.

Remember, the good things that happen with those funds are limitless. Scholarships for youth, funds to support camps for physically challenged youth and adults, ramps

for the handicapped, and vision screening for school and pre-school children. We clean up along the highways, hold family festivals, hand out free dictionaries, fund and work food pantries, visit with our seniors, and free eyeglasses for those in need.

Do you see a trend here?

There are too many to list and I haven’t covered any of the state projects and LCIF that our clubs support. We are Lions, we are strong, and we are here to serve. Have I accomplished all my goals for the year? No, but not for a lack of effort of the team that has surrounded me. My heartfelt thanks goes out to the outstanding efforts of our district action team members, past district governors and immediate district cabinet members who have helped make this district proud of our accomplishments.

Thank you to all the district Lions who have made this a most enjoyable year to be a LION.

## Honoring Somerset Monarchs



Photo provided  
During his May 21 visit to the Somerset Lions Club, DG Ron Guth presented 25-year Charter Monarch Chevrons to Lion Kathy Hecker (left) and Lion Phillip Rebholz (center), and 15-year Monarch Chevron to Lion Linda Rebholz (right).

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