

Roaring with our neighbors to the north



Indiana Lions attended the USA/Canada Forum held Sept. 21 to 23, 2023, in Reno, Nev. (From left) IPID Nick and Gretchen Xinopoulos, District C; PDG Kathy and PID Doug Lozier, District D; PDG Lana Wilson, District G; PDG Billy Chastain, District C; Lion Joy Robinson, District A; 1VDG John Waymire, District C; PDG Pat and PDG Charlie Short, District C; Lion Jeff Kozicki, District D; and 1VDG Jim Bush, District B.

Noblesville Lions Club receives LCIF Model Club Award



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll
Recently the Noblesville Lions Club received the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) award as a Model Club. Club Vice President Jeff Kozicki received the club's plaque for being a model club during LCIF's Campaign 100 drive. Every year the Lions Club International sets a goal in the foundation for donations to help people in crisis around the world. Noblesville's club, through its members, have led by example. (Above) Noblesville Lions Club V.P. Jeff Kozicki (center) is congratulated by Past International Presidents Brian Sheehan and Frank Moore.

Time flies when you're a Lion


Fellow lions of MD 25: It is hard to believe one-quarter of our Lions year is already complete. It is hard to believe that all our districts have celebrated their banner nights, held their first cabinet meetings, and have accomplished much.

A new club was chartered in Muncie, other locations are being looked at, clubs are doing great things in their communities, clubs are holding fundraisers, clubs are growing, and we are having fun!

There are lots of exciting things happening now and coming up soon with the Lions of Indiana. Starting with this issue of our Hoosier Lion, there are some changes. As we announced in August this will be the first issue put out by our new publisher. This will be the first Hoosier Lions published in both printed and digital. So please let us know what you think.

As we move forward, there are lots of things happening. I know there are many, many clubs holding fall events and fundraisers, so keep an eye out and support them.

As you know, we opened the call for a possible candi-



Council Chairperson's Corner

By CC Bob Hrdy
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date for International Director to run at this upcoming International Convention in Melbourne, Australia.

Well, we are lucky enough to have three outstanding candidates. District C, PDG Charlie Short has put his hand up, and in District F, PCC Reed Fish and PCC Sue Topf have also put their hands up.

Each of those districts will hold a special District Convention in the next month and I encourage all Lions in their respective districts to make an effort to make it to your district's special convention to partici-

SAVE THIS DATE!

January 20, 2024

Have you ever needed "Help?" Do you feel like you are working "Eight Days a Week?" Can you only get by "With a Little Help from Your Friends?" Is it true that "All you need is Love?"

If you have wondered about any of these questions, then have we got the Seminar for YOU! At the Mid-Winter Conference on January 20th, we will come together to explore Lionism through the music of the Beatles. Will this happen "Any Time at All?" No, only at the MD 25 Mid-Winter Conference !!!

— presented by Lion Jeff Kozicki

HELP WANTED

State Administrative Secretary

The 2023-2024 Indiana Lions Council of Governors is seeking applications for the position of State Administrative Secretary. The State Administrative Secretary serves as the state council secretary, MD 25 Convention secretary, and is responsible for making reports on behalf of MD 25 to Lions International.

A well-qualified candidate is a Lion in good standing with leadership skills and supervisory or nonprofit management experience. The position is part-time exempt and is based at the Indiana Lions State Office building in Indianapolis.

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) 426-9027 or lionbobbhrdy25c@gmail.com and submit their resume and letter of interest.



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It's been a very busy time in District A

By Stephen J. Helmken
District 25A Governor

The Lions of District 25A have been super busy. We've had many clubs hosting golf outings, working at local festivals, and planning for their upcoming events.

One club I went to highlight here is the Crown Point Club. They will celebrate their club's 80th anniversary on Oct. 19, 2023. PCC Mitchell Semans will be the featured guest speaker that evening. The club isn't celebrating its 80th anniversary, but they are celebrating "80 Years of Serving Our Community." This is an excellent way of looking at the club's history and the many service projects they have done in Crown Point.

Another big event coming up on Oct. 14, 2023, is the "Family & Women's Development Event" at the Washington Park Zoo in Michigan City. Lion Wendy Semans is the organizer of the event. After a short meet-

ing and fellowship, there will be a 50/50 and trivia time. All the proceeds from this event will be donated to the Washington Park Zoo.

I am mentioning this fun event from 1 to 3 p.m. CT because all proceeds will be donated to the zoo in memory of my wife, Lion Alice Helmken, who was a docent for the zoo. She volunteered at the zoo for many years and loved it. She was a lover of the outdoors and all animals. She especially liked helping with the groups of children that came from the schools to take a tour of the zoo. What a great way to remember a fellow Lion with a good heart for all God's creatures.

I was privileged to induct some new Lions into the Lions family in August and September. Door Village Lions Club brought in two new members during the annual steak fry meeting. Welcome to new Lion John Dysard and Lion Matt Fischer. Lion Matt is the son of our District's CT Dennis Fischer. The Kouts

Lions Club brought in one new member. Welcome to Lion Robert Forster. I also presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship and a Progressive Melvin Jones during my official visit to the Kouts Lions Club.

I'm excited to announce that our District Convention will be on March 9, 2024, at the Blue Chip Casino, Hotel, & Spa. My Convention Chair and I signed the contract in August. I am very excited for the convention to be at the Blue Chip. We will have a dinner on Friday night, March 8, 2024, to welcome our ID and his wife. More information about this will be forthcoming.

Let us all remember to keep PCC Scott Smith in our prayers. He had a stroke and surgery on Sept. 15. He has a long road ahead of him. District 25A sends many prayers, Scott, for healing and a full recovery.

Keep Your Beacons of Hope Burning Brightly.



Photos provided

(Above) The Door Village Lions Club inducted two new members during their annual steak fry meeting. (From left) Lion George Morley, sponsor of new Lion John Dysard; DG Stephen Helmken; new Lion Matt Fischer; and his sponsor, CT Dennis Fischer (son and father). (Below left) DG Stephen Helmken inducts new Lion Robert Forster into the Kouts Lions Club. (Below right) PDG Dennis Brown, sponsor, putting the Lions pin on new Lion Robert Forster.



District Governor honors Kouts Lions



Photos provided

District Governor Stephen Helmken (shown at left in both photos) made his official visit to the Kouts Lions Club. He presented a Melvin Jones Award to Lion James Drang (left) and a Progressive Melvin Jones Award to Lion Harold Harmon (right).

Young Lions fill their summer with service

The East Chicago Leos Club (EC Leos Club) has been busy this summer. The EC Evening Lions Club sponsored The EC Leos Club this year.

The EC Leos Club started meeting this spring in April. Our plan was to meet as much as possible during the spring and summer months once our school schedules freed up. Our first meeting was held April 10, 2023, and our Leo Induction Ceremony was held July 22, 2023.

During our Leo planning meetings, we discussed many great ideas and opportunities for our club. Leo Aiden Vazquez came up with the idea of inviting our East Chicago business community to join the Leos in a sponsorship/mentorship opportunity. Leo Aiden explained the goals of our club and asked for their partnership and sponsorship of our club's goals moving forward. We were able to mail out over 100 letters.

Our Leos helped with the East Chicago Police Department's National Night Out held on Aug. 1, 2023. The EC Leos volunteered to sign kids into the event, play games with the kids and assisted with setup and teardown of this event. One of our

Leos, Soledad Castellanos, wanted to hand out friendship bracelets to the kids at the event, which was a huge success. This allowed our Leos to share with the community information about our club.

Our Leos volunteered at the Disabled American Veterans walk on Aug. 26, 2023. Leo Trevor Vazquez wanted to work with the veterans of our community, and we were able to connect with this organization based in Hammond. Leo Trevor asked its sponsoring Lions Club, the East Chicago Evening Lions, for a donation for this event. The EC Evening Lions donated \$250 for this amazing organization, and we look forward to working with them again soon.

Our Leos volunteered at the Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids walk on Sept. 10, 2023. Leo Josh Lopez wanted to work with this organization not only because it is one of his concentrations as a Leo but also for personal reasons dear to his heart. Josh asked the EC Evening Lions for a donation for this event, and we look forward to working with this organization very soon.

Our Leos are also working with their high schools

East Chicago Leos Club Board

Isabella Connelly – President
Aiden Vazquez – Vice President
Julian Orozco – Treasurer
Rhoel Risos Jr. – Secretary

to have an eyeglass collection box for each of their schools. Leo Julian Orozco brought up this idea and opportunity at one of our meetings and started this effort in asking his high school, Bishop Noll Institute, for a location for this box in the school office. Our other EC Leos continued this request with their high schools. We hope to have these boxes in each school by October.

Our Leos volunteered and walked the Mexican Independence Day Parade in Calumet City, Ill. They were invited by the Mexican Patriot Club to participate in this parade. Our Leos had a great time at this event.

The East Chicago Leos Club is currently planning our next fundraiser for Nov. 4, 2023. We will hold a pancake breakfast to benefit the East Chicago community in preparation for the holiday seasons. This event will take place from 8 a.m. to noon at Club Ki Yowga, 5220 Indianapolis Blvd., East Chicago.



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Reflections on change in your own back yard

By Terry L. Marker
District 25B Governor

As I have traveled around District 25B visiting many clubs, it makes me proud to have the honor to be your Governor. You all are active serving your community in many different ways.

Many club members are busy helping with School Sight Screening all over the district, and I am sure clubs all over the state are doing the same thing. I hope you are taking the time to report your hours through your club secretaries to Lions International.

IP Patti Hill's motto is "Changing the World." In the Lions Magazine there is this quote: "Change doesn't happen all at once. It happens through many small choices. With every act of

kindness, we change a life. With ever Lions club and Leo club, we change a community. When we change our communities, we change the world."

I think, that as we move through this new century – which is almost a quarter of the way over – we have wonderful new opportunities to make some small changes. In our clubs, in our projects, in the way we serve our communities. Are we brave enough to step into this century and change?

What are ways we can help? Can we find ways to serve children with cancer? There is an article in the Lions Magazine that talked about making clothing for children smaller than toddlers who were taking chemo – clothing that kept them warm.

Or what about creating a pickleball court in your town or a skateboard park? Let your imagination go and put out a community survey to come up with ideas to help your community.

Hunger is a big problem in our country, and I know many clubs help their food pantries with donations. What about a food drive?

I know we are capable of doing it because I know there are many Lions out there who have the heart of a Lion. So, Lions of Indiana, let's show IP Patti Hill what we are capable of accomplishing.

Before I leave, kudos to the Indiana Lions who made the Lions Magazine. They show our community is not just local, but global.

Until next time, keep on serving.

Where do those glasses go?

Pictured are approximately 2,000 eyeglasses collected by the Heritage Lions in Hoagland, Ind. They are ready to be delivered to Kevin McDermitt of the Arcola Lions Club.

Here is the journey of recycled eyeglasses in Lions Clubs all over the world:

1. Lions Clubs collect used eyeglasses at various community locations.
2. The glasses are shipped to the nearest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center where trained volunteers sort, clean and determine the prescription strengths of the glasses.
3. Volunteers at the recycling center carefully package the prepared glasses and store them until they are required for eyeglass-dispensing missions. Glasses not suitable for re-use are recycled for scrap, with the earnings benefiting local Lions projects.
4. At the mission



Photo provided

site, eye care professionals and trained Lion volunteers perform vision screenings and dispense the appropriate recycled glasses, free of charge, to children and adults in need. Dr. Eric Purdy of Bluffton and Fort Wayne has traveled all over the world helping the poor with their eye problems.

Last February, Lions Clubs from all over Northern Indiana contributed to

gathering, preparing, and shipping over 30,000 eyeglasses to Honduras. Many third-world countries have no access to eyeglasses.

Helen Keller challenged the Lions a hundred years ago to help the poor to see. You can place your unneeded eyeglasses, sunglasses or reading glasses in any of the hundreds of collection boxes located throughout northern Indiana.



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Attica gets visit from their DG



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District 25C Governor Patti Foxx visited the Attica Lions Club.

Sandborn Lions visit Brazil friends



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The Sandborn Lions visiting the Brazil Lions booth at a recent event.

Lions changing the world

By Patti Foxx

District 25C Governor

Did everyone survive volunteering at the Indiana State Fair? Such a great way of meeting other Lions from different clubs, making friends and enjoying the day.

I worked at Gate 12 with PID Doug Losier. My club had three members who worked the morning shift. Fellow Lions are Club President Lora Fenwick, Club Secretary Kathy White, and Lion Rebekah Foltz.

I had my first District Governor Club visit! The award goes to the Brookston Lions Club, which welcomed me with open arms. I had a great time meeting all the Lions at the meeting. They were getting ready for their Bingo game the next night. So, which club will be my next District Governor visit?

Since this month is September, do you know what that means? (Drum roll, please.) It's my 39th anniversary month! Woohoo!

Do you know of any other clubs who have September as their anniversary month?

Our next Cabinet No. 2 meeting will be at the Liz-ton Lions Club at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21. We will also have an Official Call for Special District Convention for consideration of Endorsement Candidates for the International Director, so please make an effort to attend this meeting. Remember Committee Chairs, have your reports ready to

be sent to Cabinet Secretary Charlotte Query (jequery@bluemarble.net) before Tuesday, Oct. 17, otherwise the Tail Twister could fine YOU!

Official visits are getting scheduled, so if you have a certain date let me know, otherwise it could be taken already. So far, I have six visits in October, with three waiting to hear back on.

Lions Changing the World by Covering the Need, Serving With A Smile.

Get to know your District C Clubs

The Clinton Lions Club

By Lion Dean Stroh

The Clinton Lions Club was chartered on Feb. 24, 1943, being sponsored by the Terre Haute Lions Club with 22 charter members. Our last charter member passed several years ago.

Today our membership stands at 88 members with one new member application pending approval. We celebrated our 80th anniversary in May of this year.

From our beginning to the present day, our club has distinguished itself in service to our community and to our citizens. Some of our club's early projects included paving all roads in one of our local cemeteries, taking a set of corneas to the eye bank in Indianapolis that had been donated, refurbishing a room at our local hospital, and in 1955 was one of the first team sponsors of the Clinton Little League when it was established here in Clinton. That commitment continues today as well as sponsorships and support to youth soccer, softball, and numerous other sports programs in our local schools.

We have provided a



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Clinton and Cayuga Lions Clubs recently conducted vision screening tests for local students.

\$2,000 scholarship to a graduating senior from South Vermillion High School since 1995.

We have conducted vision screenings at local daycare centers since 2004. In 2006, we began providing vision screening services to schools in Vermillion, Parke, Fountain, and Warren counties and have screened over 22,000 students.

In 2012, we began providing free student dictionaries to third graders in our local schools and have provided 4,500 dictionaries during this time.

Our club participates in local events throughout the year, such as the July 4 celebration, Little Italy Festi-

val, and National Night Out. We have provided funds and labor for community projects with our parks, law enforcement agencies, fire departments and EMS personnel, and our local library. Our club also puts up our American flag each year, which now totals 220 flags that are on display and maintained from April to November of each year. We also support the Halloween in the Park and Santa Parade each year.

In addition to local projects, our club has always supported each of the Indiana Lions State projects, LCIF, various disaster relief efforts through Lions International, and have purchased a brick for the state office project and paid for a kennel at the Leader Dog facility. Likewise, for several years we had two of our members serve as board members with the Indiana School for the Blind and continue to support their trike race and other events.

Our fundraising events include our annual \$11,000 drawing, which is our largest fundraising event, annual golf outing, and we host several dinners each year. Our vision program

receives a percentage of each of these projects, which enables us to assist families of children found to be in need of eyeglasses or eye treatments for families who lack insurance or the means to cover the needed expenses.

In June 2017, our clubhouse was lost due to a fire. Thankfully no one was hurt as our meeting was about to get started. We were able to save some of our historical items but for the most part everything was lost. From that time to this date, we never let that hinder our efforts to continue in service to our community or affect our local, state, or international commitments.

Looking forward, we are very happy to report that six long years after the fire and relocating to three different locations for a temporary clubhouse, we finally have a new home to call our own. Last week, the final signatures were affixed and we have a modern, up-to-date building that will soon be converted into the CLINTON LIONS CLUB which will provide us with a home base as we continue to live up to our motto: "WE SERVE."

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Lebanon Kiwanis, Lions & Rotary clubs joined forces for Celebrate Community

Part of a global service week initiative to strengthen communities and improve lives

LEBANON, Ind. — Community service took center stage on Sept. 13 as local Kiwanis, Lions, and Rotary clubs came together for the Celebrate Community initiative.

Together, the Lebanon clubs hosted an intergenerational Ice Cream Social for the residents of Crown-Pointe Senior Living Community. Over 120 residents, family members and Lebanon High School football players enjoyed ice cream sundaes, visiting with each other, and musical entertainment by Marc & Nash Imboden.

"It was a great night for all involved," said Amy Hammerle, Lebanon Kiwanis Club president. "Coming together with the Lebanon Lions and Rotary Clubs to serve these special seniors was rewarding and so much fun!"

Leadership from the service organizations Kiwanis International, Lions International, Optimist International, and Rotary

International have encouraged their clubs and youth programs around the world to work together on projects during one week as part of a joint initiative dubbed Celebrate Community — #CelebrateCommunity.

About Kiwanis

Founded in 1915, Kiwanis International is a global organization of clubs and members dedicated to serving the children of the world. Each year, the Kiwanis family of clubs devote more than 7.3 million hours of service. Kiwanis clubs sponsor adult and youth leadership programs and conduct more than 241,000 projects. Through service projects and fundraisers, Kiwanis members improve their communities, make lifelong friendships and, most importantly, help children reach their full potential. Visit LebanonKiwanisClub.org for more information.

About Lions

Lions International is the

largest service club organization in the world. More than 1.4 million members in over 49,000 clubs are serving in 200 countries and geographic areas around the globe. Since 1917, Lions have strengthened local communities through hands-on service and humanitarian projects, and we extend our service impact through the generous support of our Lions Clubs International Foundation. We are focused on supporting vision, the environment, childhood cancer, hunger, diabetes, and other pressing humanitarian needs to help address some of the biggest challenges facing humanity. For more information about Lions Club of Lebanon, visit e-clubhouse.org/sites/lebanonin/index.php.

About Rotary

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.4 million members of more



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Members of the Lebanon Kiwanis and Lions Clubs. (From left) Lebanon Lions members Eric, Stephanie, Cindy Russell and Brad Bailey, and Rotary Clubs come together to host the "Celebrate Community Ice Cream Social" at CrownPointe Senior Living Community in Lebanon.

than 46,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work improves lives at

both the local and international levels, from helping those in need in their own communities to working

toward a polio-free world. For more information, visit [Facebook.com/RotaryClubLebanonIN](https://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubLebanonIN).

Martinsville Noon Lions receive \$150,000 LCIF Diabetes Grant

The Martinsville Noon Lions Club has partnered with the Diabetes Youth Foundation of Indiana to construct a cabin at "Camp Until-A-Cure" in Noblesville. The formal announcement was made during the 82nd annual PDG John Hurt Cookout on Sept. 13, 2023, at the Jimmy Nash City Park in Martinsville.

Lions Cabin is a two-unit handicapped accessible cabin which is capable of housing up to 10 campers on each side. Each unit shall have its own restroom and shower, and the cabin will be heated and cooled to allow camping into the off-season months. In addition, Lions Cabin will feature a laundry facility to serve the entire camp.

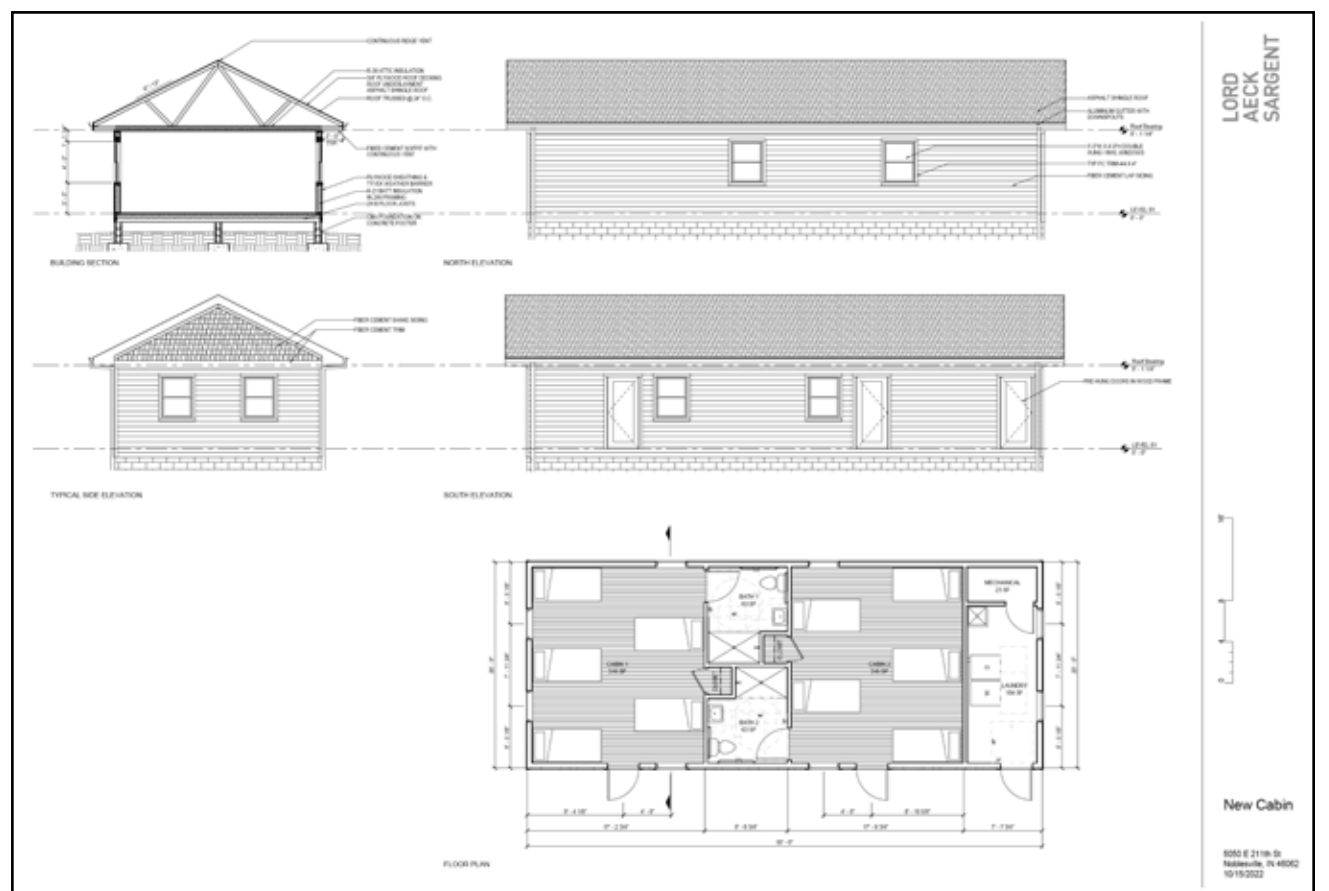
The cabin is being constructed in memory of Lion Roger Chalkley and PCC Terry Maxwell, both former members of the Martinsville Noon Lions Club. The cost of the project is estimated at \$204,000. Funding for the project has been made available through memorial contributions received from the Martinsville Noon Lions Foundation, the Dis-

trict 25C Diabetes Committee, the Multiple District 25 Diabetes Committee, the Indiana Lions Foundation, the Spencer Lions Club, the Diabetes Youth Foundation of Indiana, and a \$150,000 matching diabetes grant received from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

At the cookout, PCC Ross Drapalik gave a brief history of this partnership and the process of raising the \$50,000 matching funds and obtaining the \$150,000 LCIF grant. Jenna White, the Executive Director of the Diabetes Youth Foundation of Indiana, talked about the camp and its mission of serving children ages 5 to 15 years with Type 1 Diabetes. The camp helps kids learn to manage diabetes and allows them to just be kids.

The groundbreaking for the cabin is expected in early October with the dedication of the cabin hoping to be the weekend of the 2024 State Lions Convention in Noblesville.

The Martinsville Noon Lions Foundation is an IRS 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and tax-deductible



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Plan for the two-unit handicapped accessible cabin.

donations can be sent to P.O. Box 1062, Martinsville, IN 46151.

For more information about Camp Until-A-Cure and about how your club can

participate with the camp, please contact PCC Ross Drapalik at ross.drapalik@sbcglobal.net or (765) 346-2443. You can also visit the camp's website at dyfi.org.

CALL FOR SPECIAL DISTRICT CONVENTION

This is the Official Call for our District 25C Convention as required by our Constitution and By-laws, as noted below:

- IN 25-C BYLAWS – Article V: Meetings
- IN 25-C BYLAWS – Article VI: District Convention

Our District Cabinet Meeting will hold a Special District Convention for an Endorsement Consideration of Candidate for the International Director. The meeting will be convened at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023, at the Lizton Lions Club, 610 U.S. Hwy. 136, Lizton.

All District Lions are invited to attend the convention. Those Lions who are designated as voting delegates from clubs in good standing in the District will vote for the endorsement of an International Director for District 25C.

If you have any questions in the meantime, call District Governor Patti Foxx at (812) 201-0906.



APRIL 26 - APRIL 28, 2024

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Hello, Monrovia!



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Hello Monrovia Lions!

Like Leos to Lions, it's pups to Leader Dogs



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Two Zionsville Leader Dog Puppy Raisers, Dr. Becky Porter (left) and Jennifer Means, came to the Zionsville Fall Festival to share, under the Pet Pavilion tent, what their responsibilities are to raise a puppy to be a Leader Dog. ZLC Paula Krutz brought her Career Changed dog and explained what causes a Career Change. Laura Brown also stopped by with her beautiful female puppy, but that caused a bit of an attention problem for the male pups. If you'd like a Leader Dog speaker, please email Leader Dog District C Trustee Gail Robbins at gail45robbins@gmail.com.

Lafayette Lions scream for ice cream



Photo by PDG Pat Short

The Lafayette Lions enjoyed their day with the Ice Cream Trailer, which was at the Dan Patch Days Festival in Oxford, Ind., on Sept. 10. (Front row, from left) Zone Chair Clyde Pickens and DG Patti Foxx. (Back row, from left) PDG Charlie Short, Zone Chair Veronica Pickens, and Ice Cream Chair Carl Landskron.

Zionsville Leos come out strong



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The Zionsville Alpha Leos Club is ready to start helping the community. Learn more at ZALC.org.

15,000 visit Zionsville fall festival



Photo by ZLC Park Director Gene Thompson

The Zionsville Lions Club, Inc. just finished a huge three-day Fall Festival. A total of 2,000 VIP Special Needs and families joined in for a fun, totally-free night of food, cash, and carnival rides in the beautiful Zionsville Lions Park, with the ZCHS Best Buddies Club, Zionsville Alpha Leo, and National Honor Society students there to enjoy the night with them. Saturday was the outstanding parade where thousands line the street from ZHS to the end of Brick Street. All 15,000 guests can't go wrong with the Carnival, the Entertainment Tent, Pet Pavilion, Kids Corner, bounce houses filling a whole section of the park, vendors, Fire Department, Police, balloons, the awesome car show . . . and food, food, food! But it leaves the Park a mess, and that's when ZLC faithful Park Committee starts putting it back together again. (Above) One group of volunteers included (from left) Larry Randell, Mark Rubino, Tad Dougherty, Tom Robbins, Tom Lewis, and Bill Ravestain.

silent

A U C T I O N

2024 Mid-Winter Conference – January 20, 2024 “Catch the Magic of Lionism!”

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

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

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

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

Not their first rodeo, little buckaroo



Oxford Annual Rodeo Weekend was a big ole success, partner. If you missed it, see you next year.

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Prairie Creek's annual hobo stew



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The Prairie Creek Lions had a room full of folks enjoying the annual Hobo Stew dinner night.



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Serving & sharing 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, our next two answers are "Someone helping the visually impaired" and "Someone sharing the great things that Lions do."

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In the last two months, Lions in 25D (and around the state) have been conducting vision screenings at

local schools, with thousands of students already screened and many students referred for additional testing.

We've also begun collecting eyeglasses at the Greentown Lions Club to be processed in our sister districts. And we're connecting those in need of glasses with free eye exams at Eyeglass World and America's Best.

I learned recently of a Lion in the Anderson Noon club who received a new cornea through our Vision First/Indiana Lions Eye Bank and is now regaining his vision and mobility. We continue to be Knights for the Blind across Indiana.

As was shared in district

newsletters in September and can be seen here, the Council of Governors is working to improve how share the great things Lions do with our new publisher of the Hoosier Lion. We hope to share more information in our digital issues and have better looking papers for the hard copies.

The Hoosier Lion can be a great recruiting tool to show all the ways that WE SERVE in Indiana and to share all of great ideas Indiana Lions have for serving, fundraising, and just having FUN!

Use the Hoosier Lion, your local paper if possible, and your website and social media sites to promote our good work and let our com-

munities know we're still here and ready to SERVE.

District 25D is excited to host the Indiana Lions MD 25 Convention next April 26 to 28 at the Embassy Suites in Noblesville. We are looking forward to some new activities and some great speakers, as well as our Strides Walk for Diabetes and the traditional fun of a state convention. Mark your calendars now for a great time in my hometown – you never know what kind of FUN this bunch can get into.

Thank you for your commitment to serving and sharing the great news of Lionism – together we are Changing the World!

Old friends



Photo provided

Lions Betty Yunker and Gretchen Xinopoulos catching up while celebrating at DG Julia Kozicki's banner night.

Noblesville Lions helps out Gleaners



Photo provided

The Noblesville and Carmel Lions Clubs continue to partner and help Gleaners pass out food to those in need. The location has moved to the Hamilton County Fairgrounds, but it remains on the third Thursday of each month. (Kneeling) Phil Mellencamp, Gleaners North/West Service Manager. (From left) Carmel Lions Bill Ryan and Matt Best; Noblesville Lions Jerry Baker, Joe Connerley, Ron Williamson, Dale Unger, and Steve Shaw.

Passing on wisdom



Photo provided

The Past District Governors living in 25D provided solid advice to DG Julia Kozicki and passed it to her on the new Scroll of Wisdom. Pictured here are DG Julia, IPCC Scott Smith, and PDG Mike Imbler.

Service in Grant County



Photo provided

Members of the Marion Lions Club dedicated services hours to helping the Grant County Services for the visually and hearing impaired. (From left) Marion VP Kassie Lemons, Kingsley, Lion Carol Hamilton, and IPCC Scott Smith.

Fundraising visibility matters



Photo provided

Make sure you are visible during fundraisers. Marion Lions participated in the James Dean Festival in Fairmount.

Westfield Lions Club celebrates 93rd anniversary

Annual awards presentation & addition of another new member

The REPORTER

Last Thursday, Oct. 5, the Westfield Lions Club held its 93rd anniversary dinner at the Friends Church on South Union Street. The event always includes the presentation of several significant awards, and this year included the induction of a new member.

Twenty-three Lions were awarded "perfect attendance" pins for the 2022-2023 Lions year. This included special recognition of Lion Ted Engelbrecht (49 consecutive years) and Past District Governor Bob Benson (54 years) of perfect attendance.

Dave Sobczak was awarded the Richard Miyamoto Fellowship award for his outstanding work organizing and developing the plans for the renovation of the Club's new clubhouse. Along with the countless hours he's spent on this, he's a tireless volunteer at the Club's numerous service projects.

Two Lions received Lions Clubs International's top honor: the Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) award. Lions Mike Birk and Keith Sanborn each received their second MJF award, making them "progressive" award winners. Birk's extensive work developing the Club's new foundation (Westfield Lions Foundation) positions the Club to do even more in the community with the funds they can raise. Sanborn has served as the Club's treasurer for several years and has done an outstanding job.



Photos provided by Westfield Lions Club

(Top) Chris Bluto, Steph Meyers, and Bob Benson. (Above left) Ted Engelbrecht with Dave Sobczak's award. (Sobczak was unable to attend.) (Above right) Carrie Larrison receiving the Lion of the Year Award from Ted Engelbrecht.

He has also been involved in virtually all the Club's service projects.

The Roy O. Hadley "Lion of the Year" award was presented to Lion Carrie Larrison. Although she has only been a member for about 10 months, she has been serving alongside the Lions for over 15 years. Since joining the club, she has recruited four new members and has taken on the responsibility of organizing the Club's meet-

ings (including meals). Her service work goes beyond just the Lions Club. She is on the executive board for Open Doors Food Pantry and oversees the "Weekend Food Bag" program, the Thanksgiving Food Project, and the Christmas Food Project. She definitely sets the example for how to serve the community.

The Club added a new member, Steph Meyers, to bring the roster to 63 mem-

bers. Past District Governor Bob Benson handled the induction ceremony and welcomed her into the Club. She joins her husband, Chris Bluto, as another husband-and-wife Westfield Lion combo.

The Westfield Lions, established in 1930, continue to look for men and women interested in making a difference in their community. Go to WestfieldLions.org to find out more and how to become a member.

Kozicki family at banner night



Photo provided

The Kozicki family at banner night – JD, GMT Jeff, DG Julia, and Lion Josh.

Grand Master Hinshaw earns key



Photo provided

PDG Dan Wilcox presented Tipton Lion Ron Hinshaw with the Grand Master Key for having sponsored 50 people into Lionism.

Lions District Gov. Julia Kozicki inducts three new Carmel Lions

Submitted by
Denisse Jensen
Carmel Lions Club

The Carmel Lions Club was honored to welcome Lions Club District Governor Julia Kozicki at their Aug. 12 meeting.

The evening was marked by a momentous event as Governor Kozicki took the lead in inducting three new members into the Carmel Lions Club: Hill Swayze, Stacy Swayze, and Jay Sharma.

With a determined goal of reaching 100 members this year, the Carmel Lions Club is making remarkable strides towards that target. The addition of these three new members brings the total membership count to an impressive 91, underscoring the club's commitment to community service and growth.

Governor Kozicki's visit served as a signif-



Photo provided by Carmel Lions Club

(From left) District Governor Julia Church Kozicki, GMT Jeff Kozicki, Matt Best, Hill Swayze, Stacey Swayze, John Rodgers, Jay Sharma, and Bryan Ferry.

icant inspiration to the club members, who were delighted to have her join them. Her leadership and involvement in the induction ceremony highlighted the importance of the Lions Club's mission of service and community betterment.

The Carmel Lions Club is dedicated to making a positive impact in the community, and with their ever-growing membership, they are well on their way to achieving their ambitious goals. As they continue their journey towards 100 members, their

commitment to service and community support remains unwavering.

For more information about the Carmel Lions Club and their upcoming activities, please visit CarmelLions.org or email carmellionsclub@gmail.com.

Westfield Lions & Elevance Health team up to fight food insecurity

Grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation helps fund service project

The REPORTER

The Westfield Lions Club received a \$2,250 grant from a partnership between the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Elevance Health Foundation.

When Lions Club member Carrie Larrison learned that the grants being offered by LCIF could be used to assist with food insecurity in the community, she immediately thought of Open Doors Food pantry, where she is vice president of special projects.

Open Doors provides "Weekend Food Bags" that are distributed to students in Westfield schools. In addition to the grant money, employees from Anthem Health in Indianapolis, as well as several members of the Westfield Lions Club, volunteered to organize and pack the food that was then distributed to the schools for October. Currently, there are 219 students in Westfield receiving these food bags every week.

To keep the program going, Open Doors needs approximately 9,000 food items every month. This includes almost 500 each of canned pasta meals, individual mac and cheese pouches and cups, condensed chicken and noodle soup, cereal, oatmeal packets, Pop-Tarts, and various snacks like fruit cups and applesauce.

Open Doors needs the public's help in collecting the food items it distributes to the students each month. For a



Photo provided by Westfield Lions Club

The Westfield Lions Club, employees of Anthem Health, and Open Doors Food Pantry volunteers came together help pack Weekend Food Bags for Westfield students. Westfield Lions (wearing yellow shirt) included Melissa Paradise and Carrie Larrison (front row) and Kathy and Jim Kahler (back row). Open Doors volunteers (wearing green shirts) included Kari Pitre and Andrea Mikels.

complete list of items that are needed, community members are encouraged to visit opendoorswestfield.org.

About LCIF

For more than 50 years, LCIF has been strengthening communities and assisting those in need through humanitarian services and grants. LCIF is recognized as one of the most financially effective charitable organizations in the world with 100 percent of the funds raised going to help those in need, including millions of dollars annually to disaster relief efforts around the world. For more information on LCIF and how to support it, go to LionsClubs.org.



Photo provided by Westfield Lions Club

Sheridan Lion Steve Brazzell honored for recruiting effort



Photo provided

Sheridan Lions Club President Jim Kitchel (left) presents member Steve Brazzell with a pin in recognition of his outstanding recruiting efforts. The local service organization is always on the lookout for new members.

Hayden Parsons, now a Noblesville Lion



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club

On Sept. 13, the Noblesville Lions inducted Hayden Parsons into the club. A associate attorney at Adler Attorneys in Noblesville, he is new to the area and was welcomed by the club. He is sponsored by Lion Walt Scheid. (From left) Lion Jeff Kozicki inducted Hayden Parsons, along with Sponsor Lion Walt Scheid.

Noblesville Lions learn from Westfield Lions



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club

At their Sept. 13 meeting, the Noblesville Lions Club learned about the Westfield Lions Club's Poker-For-Sight Tournament. Westfield Lion Jeff Larrison visited the Noblesville club to speak about this fundraiser the Westfield Lions conduct twice a year to fund their club's causes. The Noblesville Lions are interested in learning about the work involved in doing a project like this. The project is very detailed and takes the help of the entire club. (Above) Westfield Lion Jeff Larrison (left) and Noblesville Lion Jeff Kozicki, Club Fundraising Chairman.



Roars from District E

Governor Glen Georges

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Twisting tails



Photo provided
Vice District Governor (VDG) Erica Thomas welcomed Lions to Oakland City and served as tail twister.

Choices in members & projects

By Glen M. Georges
District 25E Governor

Hello Lions, it is good to be a Lion. We are all busy serving our communities. As we work our pancake breakfasts and chili dinners, let's remember to keep asking people to join our clubs. We need to be looking for quality people to join the ranks in our clubs.

As a District Governor, I have told clubs that if they feel an applicant is not a good fit for the club, it is okay for a "No" vote for that person. We want to keep the members we have and not send them out the door because of a problem with the new member who was not a good fit. I have worked with clubs in the past on membership to their club. They thought just because they had a person who wished to be a part of their club, they had to accept them. We did find a club that was very happy with the person joining their club. It just took a

little work and thinking to solve.

Now that we are a quarter into the new Lions year, we should be looking at our goals to see how we are doing on achieving them. Do we need to adjust anything? Maybe we have already reached the goal and maybe need to increase that goal. Talk to your club about your club's goals and see how it works with those of the District Governor's goals.

We are always looking for leadership. It comes in many forms. Running to be District Governor, Club President, and representing our state projects. I know our Vice District Governors are working hard to carry on the torch of leadership, and your help is needed. Reach out to them and let them know where you want to serve on their cabinet. It is your club, district, and organization, not the District Governor's. He or she is the person who was chosen to lead us.

As my fellow District

Governors make our club visits and tell you about the condition of our districts and our organization, let us know if you have questions. We are only as good as our clubs let us know. I personally want people to tell me if I am doing a good job or if I need take a look at myself. I look at criticism as ways to better myself. It is all in how we wish to take it.

So now we are looking at the holidays. So much service to do and fundraising to do. It fills our hearts and souls as Lions and feeds our desire to do more. The more members we get, the more service we can do. I know we have all heard International President Dr. Patti Hill tell us about MISSION 1.5. We will get to this milestone. We have time and time again shown we can achieve anything.

Thank you for all the service you do in your communities. I hope to see many of you at the Mid-Winter Conference. In our District E, we

call these "Continuing Education" opportunities. This is an excellent opportunity to bring our new members together with Lions from all over the state. If we feed their minds with knowledge, we will all be a stronger organization. It may inspire them to move up in leadership.

It is never too early to be talking about State Convention. Please consider coming to the State Convention to support your Governor and hear what is going on in the organization. We have a lot of hard work that goes into putting this on and more information will be coming out in the next couple of issues of the Hoosier Lion.

Thank you again for your service and your friendships. We all have fellow Lions who are down due to illness or other things going on in their lives. I would like to take this time to let a personal friend know that we in District E are praying for him and a full recovery.

Liberty Day returns to Shoals Community Schools



Photo by Shoals H.S. Principal Josh Mullis

Eighth- and 11th-grade students at Shoals Community Schools learned about the three words which changed the world 236 years ago when the U.S. Constitution was approved on Sept. 17, 1787. "We the People," the first three words of the Constitution, was a transformation from "I, the King," who had all the government power. Liberty Day State Chairman Bill Willis, speaker, said that a survey indicates that only one-third of Americans can identify the three branches of government, and the Lions Liberty Day program seeks to change that. Patriotic businesses, like Gold Bond in Shoals, Ind., sponsor the program to provide free copies of the Constitution to Hoosier students. Shoals High School was among the first schools to have a Liberty Day program when it began 22 years ago.

Banner Night biking



Photo provided
Oakland City Lions hosted DG Glen's first Cabinet Meeting & Banner Night – but while they worked at setting things up ... DG Glen had a bit of fun!

Welcome to the pride, Lions



Photo provided

DG Glen Georges swears in new members: Debbie & Edgar Thornton to the Ramsey Lions Club and Mary Ann O'Brien to the Palmyra Lions Club during his recent visitation.

Rooted in sight



Photo provided

PDG Mark Clark, Salem Lions Club delivers used eyeglasses to DG Glen at Zone Meeting.

Leadership Presidential Medal



Photo provided

Immediate Past District Governor Don Russ and Past Intl. Director Linda Tincer presented PDG Ron Edwards, Bedford with a Leadership Presidential Medal. He was scheduled to receive this at our state convention, but illness prevented the presentation until this event.

Cabinet meeting conversations



Photo provided

DG Glen Georges & Cabinet Secretary Christy Nolan opened the cabinet meeting right and PDG Mark Clark Led a roundtable discussion on membership issues.

Long-term project improves Palmyra



Photos provided

This past spring Palmyra Lions Club started a community project of cleaning the Palmyra Recycle Center. After each meeting, weather permitting, members go to the Recycle Center to pick up trash and sweep the area. The venue is on Highway 150 at the entrance to Palmyra. It is now a welcoming sight to travelers! (From left) Wayne Jacobi, Diane Geswein, and Evelyn Hunter.

A digital Lion's work is never done



Photo provided

Cabinet Secretary Christy Nolan, Seymour Noon and PDG Keith Thomas, Petersburg assist New Albany Lion Angie Silver with a computer issue.



Roars from District F

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So much to share from District F

By Ed Harper
District 25F Governor

I have several items to present to my fellow Lions this month.

While training to be a District Governor the past two years, I heard many District Governors say that their year was going by quickly. With all the visitations, meetings, projects to put on by clubs, and helping Lions in need, I found this to be very true. My year as your District Governor is already a quarter of the way over. Time flies when you are having fun, and I am enjoying everything about being District Governor.

Visitations are going well with 25 percent of the 25F clubs visited so far. Another 25 percent of the clubs have scheduled my visit to their club. If your club is part of the 50 percent that have not scheduled my visit, please do ASAP. With bad weather in the winter, travel might not be possible because of poor road conditions and rescheduling visitations becomes difficult.

Summer and fall are the time for clubs to have outside projects and fundraisers. I have visited and taken part

in many of these throughout in the district. If you have a fundraiser coming up, remember to place a flyer in the district newsletter. Winter seems to be the time for pancake breakfasts. I would love to join you, as many other Lions in the District would like to also, but if we don't know about your activities, we can't support them.

I have seen several club working together to make their projects a huge success. All Lions realize that we are getting older, and many clubs are getting smaller, so working together with other clubs to support their projects and working with them on their projects just make sense.

Connersville Lions Club has achieved something few clubs in our state have achieved. They have been a club for 100 years, receiving their charter on March 20, 1923. Only one club in District 25F is older than the Connersville Lions Club. Congratulations to Connersville for this achievement and best of luck in the coming years.

Please keep IPCC Scott Smith in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers from a stroke.

Ripley County Lions conduct vision screenings



Photo provided by Milan Lion Shirley Bocock

The Ripley County Lions consist of members from Milan, Osgood, Versailles, and Bright, and we also have several volunteers from the Ripley County Retired Teachers Association. We're a very active group who also screens students in Dearborn, Ohio, and Jefferson counties, and sometimes Decatur County.

Lions on parade in Clermont



Photo provided

DG Ed Harper being chauffeured by PDG John Brown in the Clermont parade.

\$2,500 donation

Photo provided

Greensburg Lion President David Weigel presents a \$2,500 donation check to DG Ed Harper.

A mascot is worth 1,000 words



Photo provided

Middletown Lions, led by Lion Bill Hoyt, who hosted the fall District 25F meeting.



Roars from District G

Governor Ron Guth

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District 25G's eyeglass mission to Mexico records huge success

In the five-day mission held in Uriangato, GTO, Mexico, Sept. 25 to 29, a total of 3,276 eyeglasses were distributed.

Twenty-four Lions and others participated in this effort, including Lions from Massachusetts, Ohio, and southern and central Indiana, in addition to the District 25G Lions. Three others from Mexico, including two optometrists, also worked during the mission.

Planning begins for every annual eyeglass project the moment the team returns from a mission, including collecting, sorting, cleaning, reading prescriptions, filing, and boxing glasses for succeeding missions. Hundreds of local Lions are included in this process accounting for thousands of hours to make this district-wide project a success.

This year, group leader PDG Marty Juel reported that two Lions from Mexico came to our work site to discuss having our missions in their respective areas both in 2024 (Aguascalientes) and 2025 (near Mexico City, possibly being held immediately prior to the Lions International Convention there). Juel will make a site evaluation later this year to Aguascalientes to review the numerous specifics to determine if the Lions will have the facilities and resources to host our missions.

The mission schedule began at 8 a.m. every workday, when the first of the several hundred people that come each day for glasses arrive at the facility where the mission is held. The Uriangato Lions Club has a huge, 125-by-175-foot indoor area, ample for the several areas of work, including initial testing of eyes with the three district's autorefractors; selection of glasses, where most Lions concentrate their efforts; and final adjusting of glasses, making sure the glasses are properly fitted. It should be remembered that used eyeglasses come in two sizes: too small and too large!

The workday usually ended by 6:30 p.m. when dinner was served at the facility. After returning to the hotel for the evening,



(Top) PDG Marty Juel makes final adjustment on glasses for this young girl. (Above) PDG Chole Weyrauch, District C, is shown working with a local translator to communicate with a local to determine if the new glasses are a good match to her prescription. (Below) This boy originally was quite vehement about not wanting glasses – that is until he found out how well he could see with them.

there was time for Lions to unwind and otherwise reflect on the day's activities.

On the final Saturday, a daytrip to nearby Yuriria, was sponsored by the Uriangato Lions. The area featured a huge man-made lake and a 700-year-old monastery, originally used by an Order of Augustine monks.

For the Lions who participated in this project, lifetime friends are made with Lions from Uriangato. It should also be noted that this year's District Governor was from Uriangato. In all, there were four PDGs from Indiana as well as current governor, Ron Guth.



New vision screener available for area clubs in St. Joseph County



Photo provided

Lydick Lion Mike Lane is shown with a Plusoptix vision screener used to test preschool and daycare children in St. Joseph County. He demonstrated it at a meeting held in August for Lions from Lakeville, Lydick, and Clay-Granger clubs. The screener is available for other Lions Clubs in the area to do similar screenings.

We are Lions! Hear us roar!

By Ron Guth
District 25G Governor

child.

Have I told you what an honor it is to be part of the 25G team?

I've been traveling around the district a lot recently visiting some of our great clubs and hearing stories of pride and inspiration. Sure, there was talk about some fundraisers, but more about service projects and how well they had worked to serve others.

The excitement in a child when they get their very own dictionary to keep and use to learn the wonders of the written word. How about the gratitude you see in the eyes of the school nurse and teachers when your club has done vision screening for an entire grade level in a few hours instead of weeks? Or when you get that letter to read to your club that a parent sent thanking you for providing glasses for their

A new access ramp for someone, a resident who needed a little help for vision surgery to restore sight, and the list goes on. Scholarships for students, donations to the softball team, help for that 4-H project, and yes, we have helped many more in so many ways.

We are proud to be Lions because of what we do for others, not because we have the best pancakes, fish, porkchops, or tenderloins.

People know us for our longstanding fundraisers, but we need to shout out to the media why we do them. Let the local paper know what you have done, post it on your Facebook page, or write it on the wall in the hall. When more people see what Lions do besides fundraisers, they will want to be part of the largest service club in the world.

Did I mention that we have fun doing it?

Obituaries

Douglas William Goldman

Oct. 13, 1963 – Aug. 29, 2023



Douglas William Goldman passed away in the early hours of Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at 59 years old.

His brother Andy and father Merle were by his side at the time of his passing. Doug and his twin brother, Daniel, were born and raised in Indianapolis. Doug was in the class of 1982 at North Central High School and went on to graduate from Purdue University with a major in Communications. Doug found his passion in catering and worked for years as a talented waiter and Manager. Doug loved the outdoors.

At age 13, he and his twin learned to water ski on Lake Lemon and Lake Wawasee, and snow ski in Michigan. He loved his family and adored making people laugh. Doug loved to travel to California to see Daniel, they had many memorable times in Los Angeles. Doug will be missed by so many, including his twin brother, Daniel, with whom he shared a special bond.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Nancy Goldman (Epler).

He is survived by his brothers, Andy and Daniel; and his father, Merle, who loves Doug and will miss him so much. May God rest his soul.

Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 16, 2023, at Union Chapel United Methodist Church, 2720 E. 86th St., Indianapolis, with calling from 10 to 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to your local AA or to a favored charity.

Condolences: indianafuneralcare.com

Stuart Alyn "Al" McConnaha

Oct. 13, 1931 – Sept. 14, 2023

Al McConnaha, 91, passed away on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at Witham Memorial Hospital in Lebanon, Ind. He was born in Boone County, Ind., on October 13, 1931, a son of the late W. E. McConnaha, Sr. and Mary Gladys (McKinzie) McConnaha.

On June 6, 1959, he was united in marriage to Margaret "Margi" (Ullman) McConnaha at the First Presbyterian Church in Lebanon; she survives.

Al was a 1949 graduate of Lebanon High School and 1958 graduate of Indiana University. Between his schooling, he served his country honorably as a medic in the United States Air Force from 1951 to 1955.

Al was extremely proud of his hometown and was involved in many community activities throughout the years. He was active in Buffy, Jaycees, Sertoma, 4th of July Committee, and the list goes on. Al served many years at the local and state levels of Lions. He served 13 years on the Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing Committee and was the District Governor in 2006 and 2007. He was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Lebanon, where he served as Elder, Deacon, and on many committees. Al also served the community as a City Council member and on the Center Township Advisory Board.

Al was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend to many. His hobbies were photography, reading, sleeping in his favorite chair, and listening to classical music.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Margi McConnaha; two children, Kellie (Todd) Johnson of North Canton, Ohio, and Michael (Rhonda) McConnaha of Lebanon; five grandchildren, Megan (Matt) Woodard, Katie (Logan) Pennington, Ryan McConnaha, Ben Johnson, and Kam Johnson; five great-grandchildren, Hadley Woodard, Hazel Woodard, Wilder Pennington, Waverly Pennington, and Walker Pennington; brother, James (Janice) McConnaha of Merritt Island, Fla.; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Al was preceded in death by his sisters, Betty Powell and Patricia Bell; and brother, Willis E. "Mac" McConnaha, Jr.

Funeral services are planned for noon on Thursday, September 21, 2023, at the Myers Mortuary, 1502 N. Lebanon St., Lebanon. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of services. Interment will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lebanon.

Memorials may be directed in Al's memory to the Lebanon First Presbyterian Church or Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing Inc.

Condolences: myersmortuary.com



Photo provided

Lion Mike Lane discusses the dictionary with third graders.

Lydick Lions distribute dictionaries

The Lydick Lions Club has been busy handing out dictionaries to third graders in the community. For several years the Lions have distributed dictionaries, and this year they distributed 210 dictionaries to five schools in the community.

The club received a huge welcome and lots of smiles at each school when the students were presented with their very own dictionary to keep. Each class was given a short informational talk about the dictionary, and we explained the mission of the Li-

ons Clubs to help the students understand who we are. They were amazed to see the longest word in the English language: 1,909 letters! The dictionaries also have the ABCs in American Sign Language, and the kids were signing words before the Lions left.

When you can put a book in a student's hand and it will help them learn, it makes us all happy!

The following Lions presented distributed dictionaries: Wendy Yuhasz, Paul Yuhasz, Mike Lane, Teckla Lane, Leroy Wise, Jim Day.

DG Guth inducts two new members



Photo provided

During DG Ron Guth's visit to the New Carlisle Lions Club on Sept. 11, two new members were inducted into the club. (From left) New Carlisle Lions President Ron Coppersmith, DG Ron Guth, Lion Denny Allen (sponsor), and new members Barry and Elizabeth Barnett.

Milford hits mark with firearms fundraiser



Photo provided

The Milford Lions Club recently announced four winners of its gun raffle, held at the Syracuse Eagles Club on Monday, Sept. 25. The turnout was outstanding, as was the fundraising where 75 percent of proceeds went to the Milford Family Fun Fest, and 25 percent went toward Milford Lions Club Projects Fund. First-place prize was a Henry 30/30 brass gun, second-place prize was \$250 in Milford Bucks, third-place prize was \$100 Milford Bucks, and there was a bonus prize of yet another Henry 30/30 brass special edition. What a fun and enjoyable time for all who were involved. (Above) Lion Steve Weisser and Lion James Smiley.

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

Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport
2501 S. High School Road, Indianapolis, IN 46241
(317) 244-6861

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

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

Friday Night Dinner January 19, 2024

Make your plans now to join us at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport Hotel for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship.

Menu: A plated dinner that will include Grilled Pork Chop or Chicken Marsala with Scalloped Potatoes,

Garlic Green Beans, Fresh Garden Salad, Dessert, House Bread and Butter, Coffee and Tea.

Price: \$ 30.00
Social Time: 6 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.
Registration table will be open for packet and meal ticket pick-up on Friday evening until 6:30 p.m.

Friday Night Entertainment: Magician Daniel Lusk

Saturday Luncheon January 20, 2024

Menu: Grilled Black Angus Burgers, Bratwurst with Sauerkraut, Bourbon Brisket, Cole Slaw, Macaroni Salad, Baked Beans, Corn, Vegetable toppings for

burgers and assorted condiments, Breads, Sheet Cake, Coffee and Tea.

Price: Included in Full Conference Registration

Two Service Projects

“Sock It To Me” - Please bring new socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, knit hats and blankets to be collected

and divided among the district governors to distribute to needy people in their districts.

“Care-ing Cases” - Friday night after the dinner program, we will again assemble our Care-ing Cases, which consist of first aid kits using cleaned hard eyeglass cases and toiletry kits

made up of personal hygiene items. These cases will be given to the district governors who will share them with the needy people in their districts.

Saturday Keynote Speaker
To be determined

Saturday Conference Seminar Schedule

Morning Seminar Session 1 (9:45 - 10:30)

Seminar 1

Title: Mission 1.5
Presenter: PID Thomas Matney, Kentucky, Global Action Team Area Leader

Description: Everything you ever wanted to know about our campaign to achieve the goal of 1.5 million members globally.

Seminar 2

Title: All You Need Is Love
Presenter: Lion Jeff Kozicki, Noblesville Lions Club, District 25-D GMT/GET Coordinator

Description: Have you ever needed help? Do you feel like you are working eight days a week? Can you only get by with a little help from your friends? Is it true that all you need is love? If you have wondered about any of these questions, then this is the seminar for you! We will come together to explore Lionism through the music of the Beatles.

Seminar 3

Title: Mentoring: You've Got a Friend in Me.
Presenter: Lion Ruth Kelly, Zionsville Lions Club

Description: Learn how to increase your membership retention with the equation of Mentoring plus Service equals Retention

Seminar 4

Title: Serving Beyond the Club
Presenters: PDG Tom Robbins, Zionsville Lions Club and PDG Jeff Locke, Williamsburg Lions Club

Description: This session will discuss leadership opportunities beyond the club level from zone chairs and cabinet positions to project trustees, committee chairs, and District leadership.

Morning Seminar Session 2 (10:45 - 11:30)

Seminar 5

Title: Indiana Lions Fighting Pediatric Cancer
Presenter: TBD

Description: Learn about the Cancer Control Fund's new partnership with Riley Children's Foundation & the Walther Cancer Foundation.

Seminar 6

Title: Putting Fun In Your Club Meetings
Presenter: Luanne Julian, Middletown Lions Club

Description: Discover new ways to dispel the persistent myth that Lions Clubs meetings are B-O-R-I-N-G.

Seminar 7

Title: Community Partnerships
Presenter: TBD

Description: How to partner with other organizations in your community for more effective service and fund-raising.

Seminar 8

Title: Building a Cabin for Children with Type 1 Diabetes
Presenters: PCC Ross Drapalik, Martinsville Noon Lions Club, and Jenna White

Description: The Martinsville Noon Lions Club has partnered with Diabetes Youth Foundation of Indiana (DYFI) to construct a new cabin and laundry facility at "Camp Until-a-Cure" in Noblesville, Indiana. PCC Ross Drapalik will discuss the process of turning a \$10,000 memorial contribution into a \$204,000 turn-key project, and Jenna White, the Executive Director of DYFI, will talk about the camp, its needs, and how your Lions Club can help.

Afternoon Seminar Session 3 (1:30 - 2:15)

Seminar 9

Title: Finding & Applying for Grants
Presenters: PID Linda Tinchler, Sullivan County Lions Club

Description: Where to find grants, how to write grant requests, and how to avoid common pitfalls that may prevent you from getting grants.

Seminar 10

Title: Securing Sponsorships
Presenter: PDG Tom Robbins, Zionsville Lions Club

Description: What you need to know to secure ongoing sponsorships.

Seminar 11

Title: Lions International Convention in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Presenter: PDG Alan Arnold, Monroe Lions Club, and Indiana Lions International Convention Committee Chairman

Description: Everything you need to know about the 2024 International Convention in Melbourne, Australia

Seminar 12

Title: Eyeglass Recycling: An Eye-Opening Experience

Presenter: PDG Marty Juel, Elkhart Lions Club, District 25-G

Description: Does your club collect used eyeglasses for Lions eyeglass missions? Find out what it takes to get used eyeglasses from your club's donation box to new owners in Mexico.

Afternoon Seminar Session 4 (2:30 - 3:15)

Seminar 13

Title: Lion Cubs Program
Presenter: Wendy Semans, Hamlet Lions Club

Description: Learn about the activities and projects for "Pre-LEO" children and grandchildren and how the Cub Program could stimulate membership growth and retention in your Lions Club.

Seminar 14

Title: Who's Who with Lions Acronyms and Badges
Presenter: PDG Kathy Lozier, Carmel Lions Club and Vice President, Indiana Lions Foundation, Inc.

Description: Decoding the "alphabet soup" of Lions acronyms and abbreviations

often encountered in Lions meetings and communications and recognizing Lions officers by the shape and design of their name badges.

Seminar 15

Title: New Member Orientation
Presenter: Lion Jeff Kozicki, District 25-D GMT/GET Coordinator

Description: Congratulations! You have added a new member to your club! Now what? This seminar will discuss how to start your new member right and get them the information they need to get a solid start. This seminar will also be great for Lions that have been around for a while as there may be a few things they can learn about their Club, their District, and Lionism.

Seminar 16

Title: USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Louisville KY
Presenter: PDG Chuck Carlson, Forum Host Committee Chairperson

Description: What happens at a Forum, the seminars, speakers, meals, and other details to encourage you to attend the Forum in Louisville in September of 2024 and become educated, motivated, and inspired.

Conference Registration Forms

Attendee Registration Form

35th Annual Lions of Indiana Mid-Winter Conference

Jan. 20, 2024

(Each attendee is asked to complete a separate form)

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: \$40.00 (\$5.00 less than last year)
**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED
OR EMAILED BY NOVEMBER 30, 2023**

Registrations received or postmarked after DECEMBER 1ST and ON-SITE \$50.00 Conference Registration with no meals included: \$25
Registration includes: morning coffee and pastries, buffet luncheon, use of hotel meeting rooms, audiovisual equipment, keynote speaker expenses, printing, and supplies.
To guarantee meal availability, Registration must be received by Monday, January 15, 2024
CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations must be received prior to January 10, 2024 to receive a refund. CANCELLATIONS REQUESTED AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY REFUND.
Refunds will not be granted because of the weather.
Seminars and Workshops will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Send registrations early to ensure the seminars of your choice.
PLEASE SEND COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND CORRECT REMITTANCE TO:
Lion Angie Crouch, 9051 Greystone Court, Indianapolis, IN 46234
mwam2893@gmail.com. (317) 518-4070
Make Checks Payable to: Lions of Indiana, Inc.
OR
Card Type: ☐ VISA ☐ MC ☐ Discover
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Note : If using a Visa or MC you will be charged a 3% fee by the processing company. All other cards along with debit cards will have NO fee added.
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Zip Code: _____
District: _____
Telephone: _____
E-mail: _____
() This is my first Mid-Winter Conference.
I was encouraged to attend by: _____
Registration:
() \$40.00 early-bird
() \$50.00 after Dec.1
() \$25.00 Conference Only - No Lunch
() \$30.00 Friday Dinner (Circle) Pork Chop or Chicken Marsala
= Total Amount Due Per Registration: _____
Review the Seminars offered and note the session time each seminar will be offered. Please circle your selections for each session to help us plan sufficient seating and handouts for each seminar.

9:45 - 10:30	Seminar Session 1	1	2	3	4
10:45 - 11:30	Seminar Session 2	5	6	7	8
1:30 - 2:15	Seminar Session 3	9	10	11	12
2:30 - 3:15	Seminar Session 4	13	14	15	16

Exhibitor Registration Form

Mid-Winter Conference

Jan. 20, 2024

Crowne Plaza, Indianapolis

Lions or Project Exhibitor
6'x30" table
3' space = \$10.00
6' space = \$20.00
Commercial Vendor
6' x 30" table = \$50.00
Plus 10% of sales
Please advise if electricity is needed

**Please return completed form and payment by
December 15, 2023 to:**
Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos
849 Ironwood West Drive
Brownsburg, Indiana 46112
liongretchen@att.net

Make checks payable to: 2024 Mid-Winter Conference
Name _____
Organization/Club _____
Email _____
Phone _____
_____ Lion 1/2 table \$10.00
_____ Lion full table \$20.00
_____ Commercial Vendor \$50.00
Total Enclosed _____

