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Newsletter


DG Sir Paul Scheetz

Greetings Lions,

WOW! We have reached the end of the first half of our Lions year. Great job Lions. The holiday season is a great time to do extra service projects. Make sure you enter all your projects into the portal. Don't forget around January 10th you should be able to download from the portal LCI dues invoices for the second half of the year. As a reminder, dues need to be paid by the end of the month. For your convenience you can pay online. District Treasurer Karen McKellar will also have the state and district dues invoices as well. January 10th is our next district meeting. This meeting will be in two parts. Letters have been sent out to those attending the first part at 9:00 AM, the PDG meeting will follow at 9:30 AM and everyone else can attend the regular meeting at 10:00 AM as usual. February 28th is the District Convention at the First Baptist Church, 1109 East Columbus Street, Martinsville.

Paul Scheetz
District Governor

DG Paul's Goals

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- TO: Not To Lose Any Clubs
 - TO: Strengthen All Clubs
 - TO: Add Two New Members to Each Club
 - TO: Add Two New Clubs to The District
 - TO: Have 100% Service Reporting
 - TO: Have 100% Club Participation In LCIF



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Special points of interest

- Club in the Spotlight is a new addition to the newsletter. Check out **Cloverdale Lions Club** on page 2.
- Mid-Winter Conference Registration and Sessions



Spotlight Club—Cloverdale

The Cloverdale Lions have been proudly serving southern Putnam County for eighty-two years; since March 25, 1943. We are a small but mighty club of eighteen members, and our Leos Club has fifty members.

A few years ago, to increase member involvement and retention, we set out to have a club sponsored activity for each month of the year. For a small club that is a big undertaking, but now we have multiple activities each month for our members to participate in and serve our community. With that said, let's take a ride through those activities!

- Equine Roundup (and other events) – Did you know that the State's largest indoor horse arena is in Cloverdale? Throughout the year, our club will collect admissions and help with parking to fund our scholarships and other activities.
- Back to School Haircuts – This annual event is provided in conjunction with our local barber shop. Free haircuts for boys and girls, as well as, door prizes such as bicycles.
- Scarecrows/Snowmen – Our town places scarecrows in the fall and snowmen in the winter on the light poles to spread holiday cheer. We offer up "punny" Lions versions for the community to enjoy and spread awareness that we are here to serve!
- Civic Award & Appreciation Dinner- for the last twenty-nine years, we have held a dinner to recognize and celebrate a member of the community that goes above and beyond. At this award dinner, we invite past winners as well as first responders and other community members. It gives us a broad audience to recognize the winner as well as promote our club and encourage new membership.
- Food Baskets – Over the years we have provided food baskets for needy senior citizens, stocked the "Care Closet" at the local school. Imagine being a low-income teenager and being told and/or teased that you are stinky. Most food pantries do not provide personal hygiene items. The care closet provides toiletries and personal care items for children whose families cannot afford them.
- Vision Screening – For the last five years, Cloverdale Lions have ensured the vision screening of our entire county, over 1,000 kiddos at five schools – that's a lot of logistics! We work with other Putnam County clubs: Greencastle, Bainbridge, and get help from nearby clubs Martinsville, Spencer, Brazil, and others as well.
- Preschool Vision Screening – We were the beneficiary of a generous donation from an unaffiliated civic organization that allowed us to purchase our own Plus Optix machine. Owning our own Plus Optix affords us the opportunity to quickly schedule and test young kids. Our member even made a special trip to meet concerned parents at a local Cloverdale event this year. The goal is to test and identify potential eye problems before they become a problem.
- Dictionaries – We provide dictionaries to 3rd graders at Cloverdale and South Putnam school systems.
- Cloverween – A Halloween tradition in Cloverdale, we participate in the parade and offer vision screening to preschoolers as part of the event. One of our members have represented the Cloverdale Lions Club on the planning committee since its inception in 2015.
- State Fair – Each year our members enjoy volunteering at the State Fair for LCIF.
- Scholarships – Speaking of scholarships, we provide two to three each year to students at Cloverdale. We attend the scholarship public interview sessions and have community service criteria for selection.
- ISBVI Service Day – While not happening for 2025, each year members of our club volunteer and help clean up the school grounds for graduation.
- Trash Pickup – One to two times a year, we will pick up trash along the side roads of our community, typically after our homecoming, Cloverween, and Christmas parades. This helps beautify the community as well as keeping pets out of the street – seeking those missed candies, as they could be hit by passing cars.
- Park cleanup – Our local park is owned by the town, but twice a year we spend the day sprucing up the facilities by painting, spreading mulch etc.
- Playground cleanup – The two elementary schools in our community get some love as well, we power wash their equipment, paint, pick up trash, etc.
- Light Poles through Town – Some of our able-bodied members string the lights and garland on the town street lights for the Holidays.
- Cloth-A-Child – A local holiday gift fundraising event called "Just Dessert" is a variety show of local performers. Our club bakes desserts and provides the wait staff for the event.
- Blood Drives – We sponsor three to five blood drives a year, saving countless lives.

DG Paul's Calendar

December

- 2 Pete Award Flora
- 6 Council Christmas Celebration

January

- 6 Brookston
- 10 District Meeting
- 12 Greencastle
- 13 Zionsville
- 16-18 Mid-Winter Conference / Council Meeting
- 20 Royal Center
- 21 Rossville

ANY CORRECTIONS PLEASE EMAIL THEM TO: paulcz10@yahoo.com

DG Paul's Shared Pictures



District Governor Paul Scheetz presents Lion Duane Wass with his service award. (l to r) Bainbridge Club President Jeff Kiger, District Governor Paul Scheetz, Lion Duane Wass

DG Paul's Pictures continued



District Governor Paul Scheetz presents Bainbridge President Jeff Kiger with the club's oar.

District Governor Paul Scheetz presents Bainbridge Lions Club member Ken Carrington with a Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding service to his club and community. (l to r) Lion Ken Carrington, District Governor Paul Scheetz, Club President Jeff Kiger.



District Governor Paul Scheetz, Lion John Stroot and Clinton Lions Club President Dave Marietta as John accepts the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Certificate of Fellowship.

District Governor Paul Scheetz, Lion Tim Foltz and Clinton Lions Club President Dave Marietta who presented Tim with the Clubs Lion of the Year Award.



DG Paul's Pictures continued

District Governor Paul Scheetz, Lion Cluck Gedrick and Clinton Lions Club President Dave Marietta presented Chuck with the Miyamoto Award.



District Governor Paul Scheetz stands with Delphi Lions Clubs' newest members and sponsors. (l to r) President Brad Fisher, new member State Senator Ron Alting, Sheriff Tony Liggett, new member Deputy Mitch Catron, Governor Paul Scheetz, new members Jesse and Shannon Kelly, Lion Brandon Short.

District Governor presents Mooresville Lions Club President Treg Hopkins with the clubs Mission 1.5 Retention Patch.



District Governor Paul Scheetz presents Mooresville Lions Club President Treg Hopkins with their Club's Oar

DG Paul's Pictures continued



District Governor Paul Scheetz presents Morgantown Lions Club President Randy Wood his club's oar.



District Governor Paul Scheetz presents Lion Michelle Sighting with a Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding club and community support.



District Governor Paul Scheetz presents Lion Vicki Pitcher with a Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding club and community support.



District Governor Paul Scheetz presents
New Goshen West Vigo Lions Club
President Gary Garzolini with the clubs'
Oar.

Mid-Winter Conference



Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference

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Opportunities for Learning

It's not too early to start planning for 2026.

Mark your calendar now for the 2026 Mid-Winter Conference.



Opportunities for Service



Opportunities for Fellowship

**Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport
January 16-17, 2026**

Silent Auction

2026 Mid-Winter Conference – January 17, 2026

We are in need of items for the silent auction at the 2026 Mid-Winter Conference. If you would like to donate something, please contact either Co-Chair Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos at liongretchen@att.net or PDG Linda Scott at lindamscott@comcast.net. Funds raised from this silent auction will go toward support of the MidWinter Conference, to better help defray the costs. Thank you for your willingness to make this event a success.

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"CALLING ALL LEOS!"

YOU'RE INVITED TO
MID-WINTER
CONFERENCE!

FUN

CHANT COMPETITION!

TEAM BUILDING EXERCISES!



STATEWIDE SERVICE PROJECT

LEOS ARE WELCOME TO FRIDAY NIGHT, THE ROOM
RATE IS \$126.00+ TAX AND BREAKFAST/LUNCH ON
SATURDAY IS \$65.00. LEOS CAN SHARE ROOMS. IF
YOU NEED HELP WITH PAYING FOR YOUR ROOM/
FOOD, SPONSORSHIP/FUNDS AVAILABLE TO HELP
YOU ATTEND

January, 16th-17th 2026

Crown Plaza, Indianapolis, IN

COME SEE WHAT YOUR FELLOW LEOS ARE

DOING IN THEIR DISTRICT!

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL:

WENDYSEMANS71@GMAIL.COM

Mid-Winter Conference



Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference

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Saturday, January 17, 2026

Crowne Plaza Airport Indianapolis

2501 S. High School Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46241



For overnight reservations Friday or Saturday night, CALL (317) 244-6861 and mention LIONS OF INDIANA – [or book online here](#). Overnight rate is \$126 plus tax.



KICK OFF DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY NIGHT - JANUARY 16TH

Price: \$50 Social Time: 6:00 PM Dinner: 6:30 PM

Menu: A plated dinner that will include CHOICE OF Beef Tips or Chicken Marsala with House Salad, Roasted Potatoes, Garlic Green Beans, Dessert, House Bread and Butter, Coffee and Tea.

FOLLOWED BY GAME SHOW BATTLE ROOMS!

Get your teams ready for Wheel of Fortune, Family Feud and more!

PLUS - ANNUAL SERVICE PROJECT

We will again assemble our Care-ing Cases, which consists of first aid kits using new 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 district.

LUNCH SATURDAY FOLLOWED BY KEYNOTE SESSION PRESENTED BY

AMBER COX, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

AND GENERAL MANAGER FOR THE INDIANA FEVER.



Menu: Siesta Buffet - Mexican Salad with Cilantro Lime Dressing, Latin Seasoned Ground Beef and Corona Marinated Grilled Chicken Fajitas with Peppers and Onions, Assorted Tortilla and Taco Shells, Lime Rice and Refried Bean, Churro Doughnuts

SATURDAY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

SPEED LEARNING TOPICS

Registration & Continental Breakfast	8:00 am – 9:00 am
Displays & Silent Auction	Open until 3:00 pm
Opening Session	9:00 am - 9:30 am
First Session Seminars	9:45 am – 10:30 am
Second Session Seminars	10:45 am – 11:30 am
Lunch – Siesta Buffet	11:30 am – 12:15 pm
Program & Keynote Speaker	12:15 pm – 1:15 pm
Third Session Seminars	1:30 pm – 2:15 pm
Speed Learning	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Closing Session	3:45 pm – 4:15 pm

Indiana Lions for Leader Dog,
Vision First/Indiana Lions Eye Bank,
Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Inc
Indiana Lions for ISVBI
Cancer Control, Indiana Lions Foundation,
USA / Canada Forum and Lions University,
International Conventions- Hong Kong &
DC, Having Fun in your Club,
LCIF—How Our Foundation Helps the
World, Special Olympics, Lions Quest

COMPLETE NEXT PAGE TO SELECT SEMINARS AND COMPLETE REGISTRATION



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Mid-Winter Conference

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ District: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Club Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

_____ This is my first Mid-Winter Conference.

() \$65.00 Early-bird (Before 11/30) () \$75.00 (After 12/1 or Onsite)

() \$35.00 Conference Only - No Lunch

() \$50.00 Friday Dinner (Circle) Beef Tips or Chicken Marsala

() \$20.00 Friday Entertainment Only (No Friday Dinner)

() LESS \$10 for First Time Attendees!

Total Amount Due
Per Registration:

\$ _____

Any food allergies or special requests? ☐ Gluten Free ☐ Vegetarian Other (Specify) _____

REGISTER ONLINE (www.indianalions.org) or send completed registration form with payment to:

Registrar Lion Cheri Faulkner, 1021 Woodpointe Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46234

E-mail: clermontlionlady58@yahoo.com or questions call: 317-271-3314

Make Checks Payable to: Lions of Indiana, Inc. OR Card Type: ☐ VISA ☐ MC ☐ Discover
Card#: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Security Code: _____ Signature: _____

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.

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 – 3:30		SESSION 4: SPEED LEARNING			

Seminar Session 1 9:45 - 10:30

Seminar 1
Lion Membership Orientation
Presenter: PDG Tom Robbins
Description: Whether you are a new or "seasoned" Lion come and more about Lionism and how to help new Lions.

Seminar 2
Using the Lions Portal
Presenter: Lion Anita Hines
Description: As the Portal continues to expand and improve, learn the ins and outs of putting it to work for you.

Seminar 3
Inviting Made Easy
Presenter: PDGs Jim Bush & Charlie Short
Description: We all want to expand our membership and be able to do more service. Learn how to get past the fear of the ask.

Seminar 4
Serving your Club
Presenter: PDG Mark Clark
Description: Does the thought of being a club officer scare you? This informative session will go over the various positions and give you the tips and skills to do a great job and make your club even stronger.

Seminar Session 2 10:45 - 11:30

Seminar 5
Zeffy and Your Club
Presenter: Lions Dan Moynihan & Jennifer Niemeyer
Description: Learn how Zeffy can be used by your club to take online payments with no fees and can do so much more. This session will show you how to start using it in minutes.

Seminar 6
Using AI to Promote your Club
Presenter: TBD
Description: Ever has issues writing an article or a follow-up letter? With finding corporate or work partners? Learn how AI can be used to help simplify these tasks.

Seminar 7
How to Build a Leo Club
Presenter: 2VDG Wendy Semans
Description: Leo Clubs are an exciting way to get younger people involved in service. Come learn how to start and grow a club with Leos from across the state.

Seminar 8
The GMA Approach to Revitalizing Your Club.
Presenter: IPCC Julia Kozicki
Description: The Global Membership Approach (GMA) can be used to revitalize a club. Come and learn what PIP Brian Sheehan calls "the secret sauce" of Lionism.

Seminar Session 3 1:30 - 2:15

Seminar 9
Gaming Rules
Presenter: Mark Mason
Description: Does your club host games? Learn what you need to stay legal from the Assistant Director of the Indiana Gaming Commission.

Seminar 10
Creating a Great Newsletter
Presenter: PDG Marty Juel
Description: A well-crafted newsletter is a critical communication tool for all Lions. Learn how to create engaging articles for your own newsletter and for all media to tell the story of your club to your community.

Seminar 11
Creating a Club Google Profile
Presenter: Peter Brown of Ash Interactive
Description: Learn why your club needs a Google business profile and how to set it up.

Seminar 12
Pediatric Cancer Update
Presenter: Dr. Jennifer Belsky
Description: Last year, Dr. Belsky of Riley Hospitals gave an inspired talk on her work in pediatric cancer research. Join us for an update of this critical work.



Mid-Winter Conference



INDIANA LIONS MID-WINTER CONFERENCE



January 17, 2026

Crowne Plaza, Indianapolis Airport



ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY!

To help offset the drastically increased cost of EVERYTHING at Mid-Winter, the committee is selling ads in the Mid-Winter program booklet.

These ads could include all kinds of messages:

- Congratulate your District Governor on a Great Year so far.
- Challenge the other clubs of your district to a membership increase!
 - Promote upcoming fundraisers.
- Challenge the other clubs of your district to attend your district and multi-district conventions.
 - Invite clubs to club anniversary celebrations.
 - Anything you want!

Name _____

Organization/Club _____

Email _____ Phone _____

_____ Full Page Ad \$100.00 _____ Half Page Ad \$50.00 _____ Quarter Page Ad \$30.00

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Make check payable to: Lions of Indiana, Inc. and mail to Lions of Indiana, 9002 Vincennes Circle, Indianapolis, IN 46268 [or register and pay online here.](#)

Card Type:

[] VISA [] MC [] Discover Card#: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Security Code: _____ Signature: _____

Ads should be photo ready in PDF or JPG Formats.

Mid-Winter Conference



INDIANA LIONS MID-WINTER CONFERENCE



January 17, 2026

Crowne Plaza, Indianapolis Airport

Lions or Project Exhibitor

6'x30" table

3' space = \$15.00

6' space = \$30.00

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, 2025

To:

Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos

849 Ironwood West Drive

Brownsburg, Indiana 46112

liongretchen@att.net

Make checks payable to : 2026 Mid-Winter Conference

Name _____

Organization/Club _____

Email _____ Phone _____

_____ Lion 1/2 table \$15.00 _____ Lion full table \$30.00 _____ Commercial Vendor \$50.00

Total Enclosed _____

Poland Community Lions Club



The **Poland Community Lions Club** (PCLC) dedicated the Dodson-Smidley Trail on Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025. A grant from the Terre Haute Association of Realtors (THAR) helped make the dream of a walking trail at Poland Park a reality for the Poland Community.

The Dodson-Smidley Trail was named in honor of Bob Dodson and Steve Smidley both men were instrumental in supporting and planning the walking trail.

Bob Dodson is a retired social studies teacher who loves nature and the outdoors. His gardening skills are reflected throughout the park in the many trees he has transplanted and the abundance of native plants Bob planted throughout the park. He has been involved in the trail layout from the beginning.

Steve Smidley was a charter member of the Poland Community Lions Club. He taught several years at ISU in the areas of Parks and Recreation. He often joked that his subject was to teach people how to play. He loved to help with anything that had to do with the park and its planning. Steve died in 2024. Although he did not get to see the completion of the trail in the park, we feel he would be proud of his efforts to make the park a pleasant place to play. He was noted for saying, "Live your life, go play!"

Special thanks to Perkins Construction for their hard work to build the trail.

Photo caption:

Attending (L-R), Anna Long, President PCLC; Dawn Keller Doll, Secretary, PCLC; Steve King, PCLC; Kathy Slight, PCLC; Nancy Jonas, Treasurer PCLC; Kathleen Perkins, PCLC, Michelle Engle, VP THAR; Tammy Kolodiejek, affiliate member THAR; Tracy Malooley, CEO THA; Joyce Smidley; Kyle Nees, Perkins Construction; JoAnn Nees, PCLC; Grant Perkins, Owner, Perkins Construction.

Jamestown Lions Club



The **Jamestown Lions Club** has partnered with the Jamestown Community Partnership (JCP) and the Indiana Lions Foundation to provide new Christmas decorations in the town park, which was accomplished with a \$1,500 matching grant from the Foundation. The club is also planning further park improvements by assisting the town to replace the park's flagpole. In the above photo are Indiana Lions Foundation Vice-President, John Wilkins; Jamestown club President, PDG John Waymire; Jamestown club member, Lion Ed Tebaugh; Jamestown Community Partnership (JCP) member, Amanda Hankins and JCP Vice-President, Dave Smith.

Frankfort Lions Club



Chuck Tedrick of the **Frankfort Lions Club** spearheaded a project to plant 500 Daffodils in Dorner Park on November 15th. The Daffodils were donated by George Dorner. It was a community event with many youth clubs and other community organizations helping. Chuck served hot dogs afterwards.

Clinton Lions Club



The **Clinton Lions Club** held their annual veterans day dinner recently serving a smoked pork chop and all the trimmings free of charge to all veterans. During the event our District Governor Paul Scheetz dropped by and like any good lion he jumped right in and helped serve the 27 veterans in attendance. Pictured is DG Scheetz serving our first veteran to attend his free dinner. We appreciate the DG attendance and help. Photo courtesy of Clinton Lion Jerry Spurr

REMINDER:

HOOSIER LIONS needs **YOU** to send Gail Robbins pictures and news on what's going on with **YOUR Lions Club!**
gail45robbins@gmail.com



2026 Indiana Lions State Convention

EMBASSY SUITES
6089 Clarks Creek Rd.
PLAINFIELD, IN 46168

MAY 1-3, 2026

CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOK ADVERTISING APPLICATION FORM

WHAT MAKES A GOOD AD?

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

The 2026 Convention Program Book will be the standard 8.5" x 11" page. Please circle to indicate chosen size/price. **Deadline for submission is Saturday, MARCH 1, 2026.**

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

To place your ad: 1. Email your digital ad to PCCJim.Query@yahoo.com
2. Mail your check (payable to Lions of Indiana, Inc. State Convention),
with this completed application to: PCC Jim P.M. Query
2408 Shepard Patrick Rd.
Spencer, IN 47460

Your Name _____

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Indiana State Convention

2026 Indiana Lions 105th State Convention

May 1-2, 2026

Embassy Suite, Plainfield, IN

Exhibit and Vendor Applications

Each 10' X 10' Booth Includes 1 – 8' Skirted table and 2 chairs

Lions Exhibitor \$25.00

Non-Lion Exhibitor \$100.00

Lions' additional booth \$12.50

Non-Lions Additional Booth \$50.00

Electrical Hookup? _____ YES or _____ NO

Vendor Booths will be available for set up starting at 8 AM-12 PM on Friday May 1st

Vendor's hours: Friday 12 PM- 6PM Saturday 8 AM – 4PM

Make payment to: Lions of Indiana Inc.

Deadline - Please return the completed form and payment by March 1, 2026:

PDG Patti Foxx

c/o 2026 State Convention

2431 E Co Rd 1200 N., Brazil, IN 47834

Questions, please contact

PDG Patti Foxx --- pafoxx31@gmail.com (812) 201-0906

Name of Exhibitor _____

Organization / Lion Club _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail _____

____ Lion Exhibitor ____ Non-Lion ____ Electricity ____ Additional Booth

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Thank you for Supporting the Lions of Indiana

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