

NOVEMBER 2026 25E Newsletter

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District Governor's Message
Different Clubs, One Mission

A Thought to Begin

One of the best parts of being District Governor has been getting out and visiting our clubs. I knew I would enjoy meeting fellow Lions and seeing what everyone was doing, but I don't think I realized just how much I would enjoy the experiences along the way.

I've attended club celebrations, enjoyed a picnic in a beautiful park where we shared dinner, held a short meeting, and then spent the evening sitting around a fire enjoying each other's company. I've had the honor of serving as Grand Marshal in a parade, helped set up a Halloween parade for local youth, and helped serve dinner in a park for a community meal.

And somewhere along the way, I've even managed to attend a few regular Lions meetings!

What I've discovered is that while every club has its own personality, we're really not that different. We all want to serve our communities, enjoy time with friends, and make a difference.

This Month Around the District

I'm excited to share that District 25-E continues to show positive membership growth! We've welcomed more than 20 new Lions so far this year, moving us closer to our goal of 100 new members.

But membership growth isn't just about numbers. It's about building stronger clubs, bringing in fresh ideas, and making sure Lions continues to serve our communities for generations to come.

That's why I'm especially encouraged to see several clubs exploring the possibility of starting Leo Clubs. Getting young people involved in service gives them an opportunity to develop leadership skills, build friendships, and experience the satisfaction that comes from helping others.

But I've also noticed something interesting, especially in our smaller communities.

Many of our young people are already involved in FFA, student council, sports, Scouts, and other activities. Between school, family, and everything else they're doing, there simply aren't enough hours in the day to join another organization.

And you know what? That's okay!

Some of our clubs are finding success by partnering with these existing youth organizations. Young people are joining Lions on service projects, and Lions are occasionally lending a hand with their activities as well.

They're learning who Lions are, experiencing the joy of serving others, and building relationships with members of their communities. We may not be chartering a Leo Club in every town, but we're still introducing the next generation to the spirit of Lionism.

Sometimes growing our impact doesn't mean starting something new. It means finding better ways to work together.

I've also had the opportunity to work with clubs that are taking a fresh look at their fundraisers. Sometimes traditions need a little adjustment to better fit the volunteers we have available and the changing needs of our communities.

There's nothing wrong with trying something different. In fact, being willing to adapt is one of the ways we keep our clubs healthy and our members excited about serving.

And speaking of fun, I want to thank everyone who joined us for Banner Night! We had a wonderful evening of fellowship, raised money for LCIF, and yes, several pies found their way into my face!

I'm still not sure whether that was a fundraiser or just an excuse for everyone to have a little fun at the District Governor's expense!

Either way, it was a great evening, and I appreciate everyone who helped make it happen.

Looking Ahead

Our next District 25-E meeting will be November 7 at Crossroads Community Church in New Albany. I hope you'll join us as we continue sharing ideas, learning from one another, and finding new ways to serve together.

We're also making exciting progress toward establishing a new Lions Club in Crothersville. I'm hopeful we'll have some good news to share very soon.

Looking a little further ahead, I hope you'll mark your calendars for our District 25-E Convention on March 13 at Gasthof Amish Village in Montgomery, Indiana. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m., with the convention starting at 10:00 a.m.

I'm excited about what we have planned! We'll welcome Past International Director Jenny Ware as our guest speaker, have some friendly competition with our Rock-Paper-Scissors tournament, and even have RC cars available for everyone to try.

But more than anything, I hope you'll attend because this is your district convention. It's an opportunity to connect with Lions from other clubs, share ideas, celebrate what we've accomplished, and have a voice in the future of our district.

We're working to make this a day that combines the important business of Lions with plenty of fellowship and fun. I hope to see you there!

As I continue visiting clubs, one thing has become very clear to me. It doesn't matter whether your club has ten members or fifty. Every club has something valuable to offer, and every Lion has the ability to make a difference.

Sometimes that difference comes from a major fundraiser or a large service project. Other times, it's as simple as serving someone a meal, giving a child a reason to smile, or sitting around a fire building friendships that will last for years.

Those are the moments that remind me why I'm proud to be a Lion.

Remember...

Service changes our communities.

Fellowship changes our clubs.

Fun keeps us coming back.

Let's keep making this year Fueled by Fun. Driven by Service.

Yours in Service,

District Governor Brad Nolan
District 25-E Lions Clubs International



My beautiful granddaughter Molly Myne “Paps new Cuddle Buddy"

Indiana Lions Foundation Seeking Nominations for the Distinguished Hoosier Lion Award

The Indiana Lions Foundation annually selects one deserving Hoosier Lion to receive the Indiana Distinguished Lion Award. The award is presented at the Saturday luncheon of the Indiana Lions Convention. The winner is selected from among nominees submitted by individual clubs, the district cabinet with the approval of the sitting District Governor, or the Council of Governors with the approval of the Council Chair. Nominees must be a member of a club in Multiple District 25 that is in good standing and must have a minimum of twenty-five years of service as a Lion. Each nominee for this award will receive a recognition plaque that will be presented in person at the Saturday state convention luncheon. Clubs are encouraged to use this mechanism to recognize long-service Lions who have served their clubs and their communities in exemplary ways. It is not required that nominees have had any involvement in holding district or state offices; rather each club will determine the criteria with which they wish to recognize a member from their club. Nominations are limited to one Lion per club and to five nominees in each district. Applications may be submitted by accessing the following weblink. The entry deadline is January 31, 2027.

https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/what-we-do/indiana-distinguished-lion-award/indiana-distinguished-lion-award-form/

DISTRICT 25-E

DISTRICT Meeting

SERVICE ★ FRIENDSHIP ★ LEADERSHIP ★ FUN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026

10:00 AM (Eastern Time)

Registration: 9:15 – 10:00 AM
Meeting Begins: 10:00 AM

Crossroads Community Church

2248 Charlestown Rd.
New Albany, IN 47150



All Lions Are Welcome!

MEETING AGENDA

- Pledge, Song and Prayer
- Financial Report
- Old Business
- Committee Reports
- Q & A
- New Business
- Service Project
- Club Promotion Demonstrations

CLUB PROMOTION DEMONSTRATIONS

Let's put ChatGPT to work for your club!

Each club attending will have a flyer created using ChatGPT to help promote your club and upcoming events. Bring your event details and any photos or logos you have.

PLEASE BRING:

- Event name, date, time and location
- A brief description of activities
- Any photos or logos (if available)

Lunch will be provided
$12.00 per person

Please RSVP to Lion Christy Nolan by **November 1.**
812-569-1868 or lionchristy@gmail.com

Please include your sandwich choice:

BLT • ROAST BEEF • CHICKEN SALAD CROISSANT

JOIN US AFTER THE MEETING AT

RECbar 812
New Albany, Indiana

Let's continue the fellowship at RECbar 812 following the meeting!

LIONS INTERNATIONAL

DISTRICT 25-E

RUMBLE IN THE PRIDE

★ DISTRICT CONVENTION ★

ROCK ★ PAPER ★ SCISSORS CHAMPIONSHIP

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2027

Gasthoff Village ★ Montgomery, Indiana

Registration: 9:00 AM ★ Convention: 10:00 AM



SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

PID JENNY WARE

Past International Director

Inspiring Lions to Make a Greater Impact!

A DAY OF SERVICE, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!



ROCK • PAPER SCISSORS TOURNAMENT



DIABETES STRIDES WALK

Supporting Diabetes Awareness and a Healthier Community



SERVICE PROJECT

Together We Serve Where the Need Is Greatest.



SILENT AUCTION

Great Items!
Great Cause!
All proceeds support Lions service projects.



RC CAR FUN

Come try out RC cars and see what the excitement is all about!



FELLOWSHIP & MORE!

- Great Food
- Great People
- Important Updates
- Fun Activities
- And Much More!

LIONS INTERNATIONAL

TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

DISTRICT 25-E ★ LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

SERVICE FRIENDSHIP LEADERSHIP FUN!



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Stay Connected: How Email Helps Every Lion Stay Informed and Involved

As fellow Lions, we know that Service begins with staying connected. With the printed version of the Hoosier Lion publication ending in December, having an active email address will become increasingly important for keeping up with Lions news, service opportunities, and events.

Email helps members receive newsletters, club announcements, district updates, officer training information, convention notices, and stories of Lions making a difference. It also allows leaders to share timely reminders and schedule changes without the expense and delay of printing and mailing.

If you already use email, please make sure your club secretary has your current address, and it is entered correctly into the Portal. Check your inbox regularly and look in your spam or junk folder if expected Lions messages do not arrive. An email address is useful only when it is accurate and checked!

If you know a fellow Lion without an email address, consider helping them get started online. Free email accounts are available, and you can read messages on a smartphone, tablet, or computer. A little help with the basics can open the door to staying better informed and more involved.

Our Clubs have a responsibility to keep every member connected. Email is important because it lets people communicate quickly, professionally, and across long distances. However, members who cannot use email should continue receiving important information through phone calls, printed updates, or a designated club contact. No Lion should be left out because of technology.

As we strive to improve communications, please assure your email is correct with your Club secretary and in the Portal. Encourage members without an email address to get one. Currently about 25% of our district members do not have an email address.

Our communication methods may change, but our commitment remains the same: We Serve. Staying connected helps us Serve together.

Yours in Lionism,
1VDG Lion Eddie McKim
District 25-E Lions Clubs International
WE SERVE!



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It was a particularly warm night on March 31, 2023 (a balmy 64 degrees). This date was associated with a significant and destructive tornado that struck the southern portion of Sullivan around 10:00 that evening.

Storm warnings had been going on locally all evening. By the 10:00 hour, it sounded like a freight train coming through the sky, and the result was nothing short of catastrophic event that left a total of five deaths in the two neighboring counties in Indiana and Illinois.

In true Lionism fashion, as Lions gathered across District 25-E, within 24 hours, the District leadership team had gathered to develop a Plan of Action; and the result was that in 48 hours an emergency grant of $10,000 (now it would be $15,000) was awarded to help those affected in the tornado with food, tote boxes and tarps and other very needed items to salvage what belongings those affected people could find, while Lions and the community offered support in any way possible.

That's what LCIF is all about, helping those in need in the most devastating times of their lives. One lady's father (his daughter lost her husband in the tornado as he was picked up out of his house and flung across the cornfield), came in our temporary Lions building, and we helped them with supplies, and even helped her father get her replacement eye glasses while she lay in the hospital in Indianapolis as her glasses were lost in the tornado. Clubs from surrounding counties came in with pickups and tools to help in any way possible.

This is all to say that when disaster strikes, Lions find a way to Serve. As we try to continue serving those in need, we also recognize that funds don't last forever. Won't you try to help? A donation of any size, large or small, will absolutely help. And you or your club (as appropriate) will receive recognition for your contribution.

Let us know if you would like to make a donation. Please contact either your club or district LCIF coordinator, or you can make a donation in LCIF online. Let's be that Lions flame that continues to burn as we serve those in need. Sincerely, Lion Debbie Ellis

District 25-E LCIF Coordinators:

2VDG Debbie Ellis Lion Laura Davis Lion Christy Nolan



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Hello Lions,
International President Mark Lyons has several suggestions for energizing your club.

- **Promote the power of service** – On the Lions website is a Service Journey Webpage with tips and tools on amplifying service impact and encourage service activities that align to the Lions Global Causes and sustainable development goals (SDGs). The Service Journey | Lions Clubs International
- **Emphasize community engagement** – Clubs are encouraged to increase their community engagement by hosting open houses, community events or service projects. Remember the more visible your club is in your community, the more you can grow.
- **Promote proven resources** – On the Lions website isaGMT/GET Toolbox page which is packed with helpful information to attract and retain members. Global Membership Team and Global Extension Team Toolbox | Lions Clubs International
- **Target community needs** – Clubs are encouraged to use the New Club Community Needs Assessment form (link: New Club Community Needs Assessment). This form is designed to help clubs identify any local service gaps so they can serve where it is needed the most.

IP Lyons says "the club level is where amazing things happen, so make sure that your district (and club) is energized, motivated – and rooted in service.

Help Lions Promote Their Clubs like Pros

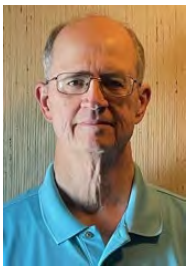
When clubs have a solid marketing strategy, they gain more visibility, more members and more service impact. All clubs are encouraged to use the tools below:

- **Club marketing webpage** – this webpage gives members access to essential resources, including a campaign planner, brand guidelines and social media kits. Club Marketing | Lions Clubs International
- **Lion AI (Ellie)** – Club members can use conversational prompts to brainstorm marketing ideas, create headlines, draft fundraising emails and much more. No AI expertise needed! Lion AI | Lions Clubs International
- **Advocacy webpage** – Lions and Leos can discover strategies to raise awareness, build relationships and inspire action around the causes they support. Get Involved in Advocacy | Lions Clubs International

Racing to Serve,

PCC Keith Thomas

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District 25-E Dues
District 25-E issues dues invoices semi-annually on July 1 and January 1. Each member's semi-annual District dues are assessed as follows:

Category	Semi-Annual Amount
State Dues	$7.00
District Governor Fund	$1.00
District Vice Governor Fund	$0.75
District Convention Fund	$0.50
Total Semi-Annual Dues	**$9.25**
Total Annual Dues	**$18.50**

District Billing Procedures
District 25-E bills each club based on the number of members recorded in the Lions International Portal as of June 30 and December 31 each year. Maintaining an accurate membership count in the Portal is essential to ensure correct billing.

Membership Changes
When a club adds a new member during a billing cycle, Lions International prorates International dues based on the number of months remaining in that cycle. District 25-E does not assess dues for newly added members until the next semi-annual billing cycle. If a member leaves the club during a billing cycle, neither Lions International nor District 25-E adjusts the membership count or dues for that current billing period.

International Dues Schedule
International dues are currently $25 per member, per semi-annual billing period. Beginning July 1, 2028, International dues will increase by $1 per semi-annual period each year through July 1, 2032, as shown below:

Effective Date	Semi-Annual Dues	Annual Dues	
July 1, 2027	$25	$50	
July 1, 2028	$26	$52	
July 1, 2029	$27	$54	
July 1, 2030	$28	$56	
July 1, 2031	$29	$58	
July 1, 2032	$30	$60	

Nominations & Elections:

PDG Dale Leffler – Chairperson

Dear Lions,

It's that time of year to think of the future for our district. Who will our 2nd vice be?? Who would like to be a trustee for our State Projects & Indiana Foundation??

All names need to be in thirty (30) days prior to the District Spring Convention March 12, 2026. Any lion can be a trustee, not just a PDG as has been the belief in the past. Trustee positions are a three (3) year commitment. As a trustee you get to meet trustees from other districts & gather information from over the state. Also, as a trustee you will be making presentations to other clubs in our district so there again you will again gather information about your district.

A vice governor has certain requirements such as president of his/her club and be active in the district for 3 years prior to advancing.

All names and information should be sent to PDG Dale Leffler at lefsue.2000@gmail or 1737 S 950 E, Oakland City, IN 47660.

Emergency Preparedness & Disaster Planning:

PDG Dale Leffler - Chairperson

Hello Lions,

This year has been a good year without bad weather.

Seasons are changing!! Now is a good time to make an emergency kit for autos; such as a blanket, flashlight, extra coat & gloves, energy bars, water and some type of heat source. Heat source can be made by placing a wick into a can of Crisco.

Preparing the home for electric outage can be done with a generator (if available). Most gas ranges can be lit with a match or fire stick for heat or cooking. To save heat, block one room for everyone to congregate in and use the Crisco can or small gas heater.

Watch weather reports tell what may be coming your way so you can be prepared. Stock up on food & other supplies ahead of time. Use cell phones sparingly and use power packs to charge them. **By all means stay home if roads are icy.**

Be safe.

DISTRICT 25-E NEEDS YOU!

YOUR DISTRICT. YOUR VOICE. YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD.

2027 DISTRICT CONVENTION ELECTIONS

Saturday, March 13, 2027 | Gasthof Village • Montgomery, Indiana

ARE YOU READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN YOUR LIONS JOURNEY?

District 25-E is looking for Lions willing to share their talents, bring fresh ideas, and help guide the future of our district. We encourage more members to consider serving—and welcome multiple candidates for our elected positions!

7 TRUSTEE POSITIONS OPEN FOR ELECTION!

Each trustee area has three trustees serving staggered three-year terms. One position in each area is up for election this year.

- Cancer Control
- Speech and Hearing
- School for the Blind
- District 25-E Special Projects
- Vision First / Eye Bank
- Leader Dog
- Indiana Lions Foundation

INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A TRUSTEE?
Submit your nomination to PDG Dale Leffler • lefsue.2000@gmail.com

SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

The office of Second Vice District Governor will also be on the ballot. This position has specific eligibility and nomination requirements. Interested Lions should contact district leadership to learn about qualifications and responsibilities.

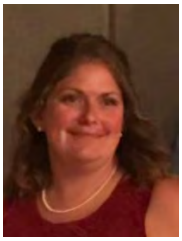
OTHER WAYS TO SERVE

Not every leadership opportunity requires an election! District 25-E also has appointed positions and committee opportunities in membership, service, leadership development, communications, and more. To learn about serving in a district office or appointed role, contact District Governor Brad Nolan or Lion Eddie McKim.

DON’T WAIT TO BE ASKED!

You don’t have to know everything about a position before expressing interest. Ask questions, learn what’s involved, and consider taking the next step in your Lions journey.

STEP UP. GET INVOLVED. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
Fueled by Fun, Driven by Service!



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GMT: Just Ask One—Growing Together!

Last month, we talked about the importance of our "Just Ask One" motto, and I want to keep that momentum going! The results are encouraging: District 25-E is currently sitting at **1,061 members!** That is amazing news!

A heartfelt thank-you to all the sponsors who have invited new members to join our Lions family. Your willingness to reach out, share your passion for service, and invite others to become involved is making a difference. To all our newest Lions, welcome to this wonderful organization! We are excited to have you join us. If we haven't met yet, I look forward to meeting you!

But why stop here? We still have room for more friends who want to make a difference. As you go about your daily lives, look around your community. Who has great ideas for making things better? Who is active in your church, workplace, or community organizations? Who steps up to help others, lends a hand when needed, or finds ways to make life better for someone else?

Those are the people we want to invite to become Lions!

We are looking for people with caring hearts, fresh ideas, and a desire to serve. They may not know much about Lions yet, but they already have something important in common with us: a willingness to help others. Sometimes, all it takes is a conversation about what your club does and a simple invitation to attend a meeting or service project.

You don't have to find ten new members or recruit an entire club. Just start with one person. Share your story. Tell them why you became a Lion and what serving your community means to you. You never know where that one conversation might lead!

District 25-E Lions, let's keep the momentum going! We have reached 1,061 members, and I know there are more wonderful people out there who would make great Lions. Keep your eyes open, keep sharing your passion, and most importantly, keep asking!

Who will be your "Just One" this month?



Right: Miss Molly is a whole month old, and not spoiled at all!

Recently, members of the Ireland Lions Club and the Sons of Liberty dedicated a special Washington Hawthorne tree at Ireland Elementary. The tree was planted to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the country. (Information and photos courtesy of Dubois County Free Press)



Above: Ireland Lions Club members Jerry Himsel, Dave Rudolph, Ron Mendel, and Junie Himsel attended the dedication of the Washington Hawthorne that the club donated to Ireland Elementary.



Left: SAR member Thomas Leland gave the history of the Sons of Liberty and the original Liberty Tree.



Left: Fifth grade students gave a presentation during the tree dedication. Members of the Sons of the American Revolution served as an honor guard.



Right: Ireland Elementary Principal Shannon Bauer said the tree dedication helped students better understand the connection between the roots of our country's beginnings and its 250th anniversary, while also giving them a personal connection to the events.



Above: Jerry Himsel placed the plaque in the ground before having photos taken.

Ramsey Lions Club Report on October Vision Awareness Event

Wednesday, October 14, 2026, 6:00-8:00p.m. Unity Chapel Methodist Church
Held with the Ramsey Cub Scouts and Scout Troops, #4071, Scout Master Joe Kellum
Special Guest: Jesse Belcher, Crawford County Economic Development Executive Director and user of a Leader Dog

Approximately 35 Cub Scouts – both boys and girls – attended, along with over 30 parents and other siblings. A second meeting with about 20 of the older Scouts BSA followed the Cub Scout session. In both sessions, after the Pledge of Allegiance, Scout pledge and Scout laws Scout Master Kellum introduced Debbie Thornton, Ramsey Lions Club Secretary to lead the program.

Lion Debbie briefly introduced the other Ramsey Lions present, 8 total. She spoke about the Lions Clubs purpose and service goals and encouraged the adults present to come to the next regular meeting October 26, as well as the annual Turkey Shoot on November 1.

After introducing Mr. Belcher, and his mother – who drove him to the event – Jesse spoke about his background. He was approximately 27 years old when he lost his sight in both eyes because of an accident. His Leader Dog Laddie is his second dog.

Jesse gave information on the Leader Dog training program – for both the dogs and the handlers. He also showed the Scouts a Red tipped cane and demonstrated how it is used. Jesse explained how to interact with a Leader Dog and its handler a public place. Lions Leader Dog materials and stickers/bookmarks were given to the scouts and their parents.

Jointly he and Lion Debbie presented information on the Braille reading system and gave out sheets on the braille alphabet. We passed around the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance printed in Braille. He also demonstrated the use of a Braille watch and phone/internet voice capabilities that assist him.

The Scouts asked many questions and were fascinated by the idea that Mr. Belcher cannot drive. After the presentation the Scouts came up individually and met Laddie and shook hands (paws). It was a well-received program with both sessions lasting a total of 2 hours. Laddie was tired by the end!

Hello Lions,

Please remember to contact Lion Ceal Schulz to add and remove names from the Prayer List and the Fallen Lion list. Also please let Ceal know about the memorial service or visitation. Ceal's email address is cealschuz4@gmail.com

District Prayer List

Lions in need of Prayers

Lion Carol Murdock	PDG Charlie Crawford	Lion Jim Springer
Lion Bill Hinkle	Lion Ben Davis	Lion Bruce Ellis
Lion Nichole Harris	Lion Don Southwood	Lion Neil Arnhart
PDG Harold Klinestiver	Lion Martin Bailey	Lion Carl Ramsey

Fallen Lions in October

Fallen Lion	Club	Years of Service
G. L. Chandler Jr	Ellettsville Lions	49.75 Years!!!

New Lions in October

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Jack Lewis	Bloomfield Lions	1VDG Hallie Pell (25C)
Karen Hullett	Boonville Lions	Sheila Crock
Connie Bealmear	Chandler Lions	Karen Rhoades
Ronny Bealmear	Chandler Lions	Karen Rhoades
Pamela Meier	Sullivan County Lions	2VDG Debbie Ellis

Club Anniversaries in November

Worthington #9710	Chartered 11/02/1947
Oakland City #9685	Chartered 11/01/1965

District Events and Official Visits

Nov 1	**Ramsey Lions Turkey Shoot**
Nov 4	**Tell City Lions Official Visit**
Nov 5	**Winslow Lions Official Visit**
Nov 7	**2nd Cabinet Meeting in New Albany**
Nov 9	**Bedford Lions Official Visit**
Nov 10	**Sandborn Lions Official Visit**
Nov 12	**Petersburg Lions Official Visit**
Nov 16	**Medora Community Lions Official Visit**
Nov 17	**Ellettsville Lions Official Visit**
Nov 24	**Sullivan County Lions Official Visit**
Nov 30	**Lanesville Lions Official Visit**
Dec 3	**Seymour Noon Lions Official Visit**
Dec 14	**Shoals Lions Official Visit**
Dec 15	**Salem Lions Official Visit**
Jan 16	**Mid-Winter Conference at Carmel**
Jan 17	**3rd Council Meeting at Carmel**
Jan 26	**Brownstown Lions Official Visit**
Feb 2	**Odon Lions Rabbit Fry and Official Visit**
Feb 11	**Boonville Lions Official Visit**
Feb 20	**Leadership Workshop at French Lick**
Feb 23	**Evansville Eastside Official Visit**
Mar 12,13	**District E Convention Gasthof with PID Jenny Ware**
Apr 24	**Indian Creek 50th Anniversary Celebration**
Apr 27	**Fredericksburg Official Visit**
Apr 30-May 2	**State Convention (25F Host) Location to be Determined**
June 5	**Pre-Council Meeting at Indiana Lions State Office**
June 19	**District Picnic Cabinet Meeting at Spring Mill Butternut Shelter House**

District Governor Brad Nolan is scheduling meetings with the District's Lions Clubs. Contact District Governor Brad Nolan at brad@bcelectric.info to schedule your club's Official Visit today!

We've also created another tool to help clubs become more visible.

Our new District 25-E Lions Connect page gives us one place where people can learn more about Lions, find activities and connect with what's happening around our district.

We also have reusable District 25-E signs featuring the Lions Connect QR code. Clubs can use them at fundraisers, service projects, informational meetings and other community events. Instead of someone driving by wondering what's happening, we can give them an easy way to find out. Scan the QR code included with this article and take a look.

Below: The Borden Indiana Lions (District 25F) Fish Booth. Working are George Tipker, Mike Carter, Chris Gray (President) and Tim Shouse. They have had a booth here 57 out of 59 years. Longest operating booth since inception of the Harvest Homecoming in New Albany.





Ellettsville and Stinesville Lions Club teamed up together on donating dictionaries to Edgewood Intermediate School (4th graders).

From left to right, Eric Dunn (Stinesville Lions), Monica Clemens (President Ellettsville Lions), Amanda Owens (Secretary Stinesville Lions), Jane Locke (Secretary Ellettsville Lions), and Phillip Walden (Treasurer Stinesville Lions).

Seymour Noon Lions support Special Olympics
By Zach Spicer

Special Olympics Indiana is a nonprofit organization that provides year-round sports training and competition for individuals with intellectual disabilities ages 8 and up.

The state program serves around 20,000 athletes.

For a dozen years, Lions of Indiana has supported that organization through the Gold Medal Program, giving Lions Clubs around the state an opportunity to provide financial support at the $100, $250 or $500 level. Today, $5,000 goes toward Special Olympics' Winter Games, and $5,000 goes toward the cornhole state tournament.

This year, the Seymour Noon Lions Club donated at the Gold Medal level ($500).

At the club's Oct. 15 meeting, Lion Bill McDonald and his wife, Toni, of the Osgood Lions Club spoke about the Gold Medal Program, and Special Olympics Indiana President and CEO Jeff Mohler shared insight about the state organization.

Lion Bill said one-third of Lions Clubs in the state currently donate to the Gold Medal Program. The Lions of Indiana Special Olympics committee he chairs works to promote the program around the state in hopes that other Lions Clubs will donate.

Lion Bill said it's a partnership that provides another way for Lions to get involved with the Special Olympics athletes because they also are encouraged to volunteer at the sports competitions.

"I get so much joy and the feeling of self-gratitude with Jeff and his friends, my friends," Lion Bill said. "The enthusiasm of a Special Olympics athlete is catching, it's contagious. Once we get Lions involved with Special Olympics, you're hooked for life. The joy of working with Special Olympics is second to none. This is something we can do, we should do."

Special Olympics Indiana was started by two professors at Indiana State University in 1969, and it became incorporated on Oct. 26, 1971, which coincidentally is Mohler's birthday.

"I tell people I was born to do this," Mohler said.

Today, 20 Olympic-type sports are available for athletes.

"Through sports, we can change our communities. That's what we do," Mohler said.

The organization also promotes health and fitness and leadership programs for athletes.

"This is not my organization," Mohler said. "It belongs to the athletes. The more we can give leadership and decision-making to the athletes, that's true leadership."

The Seymour Noon Lions Club also supports Special Olympics by hosting a basketball tournament in January each year. The event scheduled for Jan. 9, 2027, will be the 44th. It's unique because it's free for the teams to enter, and the players and coaches receive free lunch, thanks to local businesses' support.

The Noon Lions also donate to other local Special Olympics causes, including the Jackson County program's Polar Plunge team. Three people associated with the county program also are members of the Seymour Noon Lions Club.

For information about the Gold Medal Program, email Lion Bill at lionmcdonald53@gmail.com. For information about Special Olympics Indiana, visit soindiana.org.



Photos by Zach Spicer
(Left) Special Olympics Indiana President and CEO Jeff Mohler speaks to the Seymour Noon Lions Club during a club meeting Oct. 15 in the community room at First Financial Bank in Seymour.



(Right) Lion Bill McDonald, standing, of the Osgood Lions Club speaks to the Seymour Noon Lions Club during its meeting Oct. 15 in the community room at First Financial Bank in Seymour. He chairs the Lions of Indiana Special Olympics committee. Seated at left is his wife, Toni, and at right is Special Olympics Indiana President and CEO Jeff Mohler, who also spoke to the Noon Lions.

GROWING LEADERS, GROWING SERVICE

Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference 2027



Saturday, January 16, 2027

Carmel Event Center
502 E. Carmel Drive, Carmel, IN 46032

Attendee Registration Form

You asked for it and we listened. A one-day event jam-packed with new learning opportunities and networking! Registration includes continental breakfast and lunch.

PLEASE NOTE! Hotel blocks have not been reserved. If you require accommodations, book directly with local hotels at your earliest convenience. Click here to view nearby hotels.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Registration & Continental Breakfast (Assorted muffins, mini cinnamon rolls, seasonal fruit salad (GF), regular or decaf coffee, herbal teas).	8:00 am – 9:00 am – Main Foyer
Exhibit Displays & Silent Auction – Proceeds from the Silent Auction will be donated to Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc. to support pediatric cancer research and treatment at Riley Children's Hospital and will be matched by the Walther Cancer Foundation.	Open until 3:00 pm – Main Foyer
Opening Session	9:00 am – 9:30 am – Wabash Ballroom
First Session Seminars	9:45 am – 10:30 am
Second Session Seminars	10:45 am – 11:30 am
Lunch Buffet (Beef brisket, Italian chicken, home-style mashed potatoes with white gravy, seasoned green beans (no meat), house salad with ranch or Italian dressing, dessert, iced tea, water, assorted sodas, coffee and herbal teas).	11:30 am – 12:15 pm – Wabash Ballroom
Program & Keynote Speaker – Guest Speaker PID Dave Wineman	12:15 pm – 1:15 pm – Wabash Ballroom
Third Session Seminars	1:30 pm – 2:15 pm
Fourth Session Seminars	2:30 pm – 3:15 pm
Closing Session	3:45 pm – 4:15 pm

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS – LUNCHEON KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Guest Speaker, Past International Director David Wineman from Sebewaing, Michigan, United States was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions International at the association's 106th International Convention in Melbourne, Australia. He is CEO of both Abadata Computer Corporation and Abadata Connect, Inc. with more than 45 years of experience in information technology. He has held a number of offices within the association, including district governor, Guiding Lion, youth chairperson, region chairperson, vice council chairperson, area leader, zone chairperson and Lions of Michigan Foundation trustee, among many others. PID Wineman joined the Sebewaing Lions Club, now known as the USA Lions Club, in 1994 and is still an active member.

PLUS TWO IMPACTFUL SERVICE PROJECTS!

Million Meals Movement (Fighting Hunger at Home) & Care-Ing Cases.

COMPLETE PAGE TWO TO SELECT SEMINARS AND COMPLETE REGISTRATION

Mid-Winter Conference 2027 - Attendee Registration Form

Name of Attendee _____

Street Address _____ City _____ ST ____ ZIP _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

District _____Club_____

_____ First Time Attendee ($35) _____ Conference Registration ($45) _____ Conference w/o meals ($35)

AFTER THE EARLY BIRD DEADLINE OF DECEMBER 10, 2026, REGISTRATION INCREASES

_____ First Time Attendee ($45) _____ Conference Registration ($55) _____ Conference w/o meals ($35)

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

_____ Leo ($20) If sponsored, paid by _____(Club/District)

If mailing registration, send to: PDG Patti Foxx 2431 E Co Rd 1200 N Brazil, IN 47834

____Check (payable to Lions of Indiana) ____ Credit Card

CC #: _____

Exp. Date:_____CVV: _____

Signature:_____

Billing Zip Code: _____

Review the seminars offered and note the session time each seminar will be offered. Please circle your selection for each session to help us plan sufficient seating and handouts.

Please note – schedule is subject to change.

TO REGISTER ONLINE - GO TO: **www.indianalions.org**

Questions, call 812-201-0906

Time	Session	1	2	3	4
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

Seminar Descriptions

Seminar 1: Recruiting New Members
Presenter: DG Mike Careins
Practical approaches to attracting new members, creating meaningful invitations, nd building a stronger, more engaged club

Seminar 2: Indiana Lions Foundation
Presenter: Lion John Wilkins
Learn about the Indiana Lions Foundation, its purpose, available resources and how clubs can benefit from and support its work...

Seminar 3: Resurrecting Dying Clubs
Presenter: PDG Jim Bush
Practical ideas and strategies for revitalizing struggling Lions clubs, rebuilding membership and engagement, and creating renewed momentum.

Seminar 4: Gambling & Gaming Regulations
Presenter: Heather Ahnafield, Charity Gaming Division
Understanding Indiana charity gaming regulations, requirements, and best practices for Lions clubs conducting gaming activities.

Seminar 5: Club Organization and Future Planning
Presenter: PCC Rocky Simpson
Using SWOT analysis and an annual club calendar to strengthen organization, set priorities, and plan for the year ahead.

Seminar 6: Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)
Presenter: PDG Ken Faulkner
An overview of LCIF, its humanitarian programs, grant opportunities, and ways local clubs can participate and make an impact.

Seminar 7: Fundraising with a Twist
Presenters: PDG Angela Locke & 1VDG Christine Woodward
Fresh and creative fundraising ideas designed to make fundraising more engaging, enjoyable, and successful.

Seminar 8: Club Insurance
Presenter: PDG Mark Clark
Confused as to what the Lions Clubs International insurance policy covers for your club? Wondering about your club's liability for service or fund-raising activities? Come to this seminar to find out if you can get answers to your questions.

Seminar 9: How to Chair a Meeting: Easy Robert's Rules
Presenter: PCC Julia Kozicki
A simple, practical guide to running an effective Lions meeting using basic parliamentary procedure without making it complicated.

Seminar 10: Riley Children's Hospital & Cancer Control Partnership Update
Presenter: Dr. Jennifer Belsky
An update on the partnership with Riley Children's Hospital and Cancer Control, including current initiatives, opportunities for Lions involvement, and ways clubs can support these efforts.

Seminar 11: Leos & Cub Clubs
Presenter: 1VDG Wendy Semans
An introduction to Leo and Cub Club programs, including how they work, what is required to establish a club, available resources, and the benefits of engaging young people in Lions.

Seminar 12: Lions Portal: Service & Service Reporting
Presenter: Lion Anita Hines
A hands-on look at using the Lions Portal to record service activities, complete service reporting, and make the most of the tools available to clubs.

Seminar 13: New Member Orientation
Presenter: 2VDG Jeff Kozicki
A practical introduction for new Lions covering club involvement, Lions structure, opportunities for service, and how to get the most from their membership.

Seminar 14: Vision Screening
Presenter: Henry Rodriguez
An overview of Lions vision screening, including how the program works, equipment and training, volunteer opportunities, and ways clubs can bring vision screening into their communities.

Seminar 15: Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP)
Presenter: Michael Webb & Lion Faith Kamp
Learn about SHP's mission and the urgent need for safe sleeping spaces for children, Specifically, learn about ways Lions Clubs can participate through funding, volunteering, or sponsorship.

Seminar 16: Do You Want to be a District Governor?
Presenter: CC Jackie Kurley
An inside look at the District Governor journey, leadership opportunities, responsibilities, preparation, and what members should consider if they are interested in serving at the district level.

LEADING THE WAY

Leader Dogs for the Blind & Lions Newsletter

November 2026



'Tis the Season for Giving – Double Your Impact!

This holiday season, Lions have an opportunity to make an even greater difference for people who are blind and low vision!

Mail to:
Leader Dogs for the Blind
Attn: Lions Department
1039 S Rochester Rd
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

From November 1 through December 31, every donation to Leader Dogs for the Blind will be matched dollar for dollar through our Holiday Drive to Change Lives Matching Gift Challenge.

Leader Dog is 100% philanthropically funded, and your generosity helps us raise, train, and match Leader Dogs with clients while also providing Orientation & Mobility training and Teen Summer Camp to individuals nationwide. Together, these services help people who are blind or low vision live with greater confidence, independence, and connection to their communities.

If your Lions Club gives $500, our matching partner will provide an additional $500. Your club receives credit for its $500 gift, and our matching partner receives credit for theirs. Lions have been changing lives alongside Leader Dog for generations. This **holiday season, let's double that impact together!**

Donate by mail or online at LeaderDog.org - Donate. Be sure to include your Lions Club name with your gift so we can recognize your generosity.

Mission Moment

"Leader Dog Jerimiah is a bundle of joy. He not only provides companionship, but as a guide dog, he brings a lot of awareness to what's going on. He'll be a source of pride for my kids, they love animals and we'll all be able to travel together so much more."

Ryan, Guide Dog client from Ohio with Leader Dog Jerimiah



Windsor Downtown Lions (ON) - 13th Annual Golf Outing



The Windsor Downtown Lions Club of Ontario just completed their 13th annual charity golf tournament. The tournament has grown from 44 golfers and $4,000 raised in year one to welcoming 148 golfers and raising $38,000 this year! Golfers receive 18 holes of golf, a registration gift, lunch at the turn and entry into the 'closest to the pin' and 'longest drive' contests. Tim Hortons supplies the golfers with free breakfast. This event enables the Windsor Downtown Lions to continue their long-running support for Leader Dogs for the Blind. When the tournament ends, the preparations for next begin!

Brainerd Lions Club (MN) – Putting for Dogs

Community members gathered for an enjoyable morning of putting, food, fellowship, and fundraising in support of Leader Dogs for the Blind and individuals in our local community. The event was especially meaningful to us this year as we gathered in memory of Heather Aanes and celebrated her commitment to service dogs. Events such as this allow our club to proudly advance Leader Dogs for the Blind's mission of expanding independence and opportunity for people who are blind or have low vision.



Villa Rica Lions (GA) – Summer Visits



The Villa Rica Lions Club was honored to attend as a Top Dog Club for the Lions weekend with Leader Dog where we got to personally experience the beautiful facilities, meet clients and hear their life-changing stories, and even walk with guide dogs and their trainers. It was an incredible experience celebrating the many lives Leader Dog has impacted and looking to the future in how we can further the mission to help more clients needing help. We are proud to support this amazing organization and will be sure we tell others how they can get involved to bring independence to those living with visual impairments. The Villa Rica Lions are a first time Top Dog Club after their club hosted a Dinner in the Dark event in partnership with the Carrollton Lions Club.