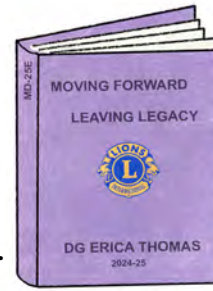


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## DISTRICT 25E NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2024



### Time to Evaluate

How is the district doing? More than 2 months are now complete so let's check on our progress.

- Is the District offering relevant and informative educational events?
- Are the District events being held in a variety of locations?
  - Wednesday September 18<sup>th</sup> Zoom Class 7:00-9:00pm  
Last officer training opportunity until spring for all club positions
  - Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup> New Albany 10:00-2:00  
Learn how to ask someone to be a Lion!  
Learn how to have service projects at all your meetings!  
Zone Chairs will report their year's progress
  - Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup> Salem District Cabinet Meeting 10:00-2:00
- Need to continue working with the district team to develop the best ways to communicate needed information to everyone! Thank you to the Zone chairs that have done their visits and sent me their reports!
- Secretaries and Presidents, did you know that it is one of your responsibilities to share the information you receive from the district with your club members? That includes the monthly newsletter!
- I am averaging 4 clubs visited monthly. Please contact me if you are not already on my schedule.
- Thank you everyone for the continued donations to support Lions Clubs International Foundation! Every dollar help reach so many lives.

USA/Canada Forum was AmaZING! There was so much information and new ideas and different ways to try things... I will be processing things for a while. Many of the folks from District E were first timers attending the forum! Many different topics, encouragement to try something new, service and fundraising projects, finding opportunities and organizations to partner with, remembering your why and how to find it in others... the list keeps going. The next Forum will be in Atlantic City NJ and then in Memphis TN. Keep Growing, Moving Forward and Leaving Legacy!

*District Governor Erica Thomas*

Submit articles for the newsletter to: PCC Keith Thomas at [kthomas@threeidesign.com](mailto:kthomas@threeidesign.com). Flyers and pictures to be shared with the District and Hoosier Lion to be sent to Lion Carol Donner at [donnerspass1@gmail.com](mailto:donnerspass1@gmail.com)

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Hello Lions!

Something to consider it's fall festival time with many fund raisers. Coming from the last district meeting reminded me of what I'm retiring out of insurance. Don't forget that there is a liability policy available for most activities, covering the spectators for such things as tripping over an extension cord stepping in a hole in a festival area.

All we have to do is notify lions international where and when the activity is happening. If the individual club would be buying it the insurance the minimum cost would be \$500. And for alot of our clubs that maybe more than the event would bring in. Of course there are exclusions but those can be seen by looking at brochures that the International has available. There is a \$1,000,000 limit for an individual with a maximum for any number of people that might be injured. Coverage can be increased but there will be an extra charge for that. There is also an accident policy available for those Lions and volunteers who are working the activity.

Be safe and have fun in your Lions years.

Yours in Lionism.

1<sup>st</sup> VDG 25E

*Lion John Spurgeon*

Below: several of the Lions of Indiana that attended the USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Louisville. How many of these Lions do you know?



# Cabinet Treasurer/ LCIF Coordinator Debbie Ellis



Hello Fellow Lions,

When the tornado hit in 2023, Sullivan County was hit hard. We wondered how the Sullivan County Lions Club could make a difference to those in need. We reached out to the Lions Club International Foundation, and within two days we received a \$10,000 check to put back into our community to help with recovery efforts. We provided tarps, flashlights, bottled water, set up a temporary food pantry and helped cook meals to assist those displaced citizens.

We are conducting a fundraiser to replenish the Lions Club International Foundation so that when the next catastrophe occurs, wherever it may be, that support will be there. And, who doesn't like nuts and chocolates? If you would like to order and help out a good cause, click on the below link. You can order online and your order will be delivered straight to your house. And if you are a Lion, you will receive the portion of the cost of your order cost as a donation in your name to LCIF. You can make a difference!

See the below link: <https://sullivanlions.terrylynn.com/>

District 25E Cabinet Treasurer Debbie Ellis

## Past District Governor Glen Georges

What hat(s) do you wear?

Hello fellow Lions. We had some 64 Lions of Indiana at the USA / Canada Forum this past weekend and some of you were from our District E. There were lots to learn and do and enjoy. I hope if you went you gained something positive from this forum. I know I always learn something new myself. They offered a lot on how to market our clubs and how we can use AI to make videos and other flyers to help do this. You can go onto the Lions Portal for more information.

I want to take this opportunity to talk about something that is available to all Lions no matter if you are a president of your club or the District Governor of your District. That is Lions University. It is available to help us all learn things and best part is it is FREE! You can get a Bachelors or a Masters and even a Doctorate degree.

The lessons learned in them we can use in our daily life at work, home or in our clubs. Millions of dollars have been spent to put these courses together for us at no charge to you and is top notch materials. Look into these classes. They can be done in a matter of minutes usually and some may require a little more of your time, but the point is it is there for you to use. Like anything on the internet, it is available 24/7 and 365 days a year.

To access the Lions U, just log into the Lions Portal. In the search bar you can type in Lions University or just click on the Learning tab and start your own learning experience. I hope you take the opportunity and help our organization grow.

Your friend,

PDG Glen M Georges

**Past District Governor Corner**  
**This month featuring**  
**Past District Governor**  
**Kenny Williams**



Hello Lions,

I have always been interested in our history and how this nation came about. When I heard the national anthem sang at a game recently by someone under the influence of alcohol. I was PO'd to say the least. I **love** this country and I don't want anyone to besmirch our good name. When I think about how the anthem came about, I felt the need to give everyone a little history lesson.

During the War of 1812, a negotiator was sent to the British prison ships anchored a short distance off shore. His name was Francis Scott Key. He negotiated a one for one swap for the British prisoners we were holding. He didn't have a chance to go ashore, as the British Navy showed up to shell Fort McHenry. If the fort lowered our flag, they would stop the shelling. They refused. Key watched all night as a murderous barrage thundered down on the fort and its flag. Throughout the night, he could still see the flag in its glory. By morning he saw it still standing but ripped in many places. When he was allowed to leave, he observed the flag had been held up by the patriots in the fort. Many died holding it up. Key then sat down and penned the Star Spangled Banner, that later became our national anthem.

That's why it honks me off when people disrespect the flag and our country. We have warts plain to see, but for all of our past and present faults, we are still the greatest country on the planet. What has this got to do with an article that is supposed to be about Lions?

It has everything to do with our freedoms and what we do with them. For all of our different religions, races, politics, and orientations, we Lions, keep trying to make this world a better place for our kids and everyone in it. You are present day patriots. I don't care what your politics are, you are my friends and fellow countrymen and women. I thank you for everything you do for your communities and your country. 'We Serve' may be a motto, but it is so much more. Keep doing what you can to keep this country the place everyone wants to live the American Dream.

Thank you for all you do,

PDG Kenny Williams

## ***Club Celebrating***

## ***Anniversaries in September***

**The Following clubs are celebrating Anniversaries:**

**Paoli Meridian #9676**

**Chartered 09/27/1954**

**70 years of Service**

# Environmental Chair

## Sharon Kamman

Environmental News – Fall 2024



### WATCH OUT FOR DEER WHEN DRIVING

The following information was gleaned from an article in magazine “Outdoor Indiana.”

I bet a lot of you have had an encounter with a deer jumping out in front of your car. There are more than 14,000 deer-vehicle collisions in Indiana every year. October is prime time because it is mating season. Peak hours for collisions are dawn and dusk. Be aware and cautious in areas where roads divide farm fields and forest land. Deer will cross roads to get to food.

Tips on how to avoid deer encounters:

- Avoid swerving to keep from hitting a deer. Braking and hitting the deer is safer than swerving off the road or into oncoming traffic.
- When you see one deer, assume there are more. Slow down and look for others along the side of the road.
- Use your high beams at night to illuminate deer eyes.
- If a deer is on or near the road, slow down. Blow your horn continuously to scare away the deer.
- Don't rely on novelties like deer whistles, fences, and reflectors, which are ineffective at deterring deer.
- Observe driving safety laws, always wear a seatbelt, and observe posted speed limits.

No matter what you do, sometimes hitting a deer can't be avoided. If you hit one:

- Move your vehicle to a safe place on the side of the road and turn on your hazard lights.
- Call the police. Don't approach the deer, whether it's alive or appears dead; wounded deer are unpredictable and can be dangerous.
- As with any vehicle accident, follow the responding officer's instructions.

If you want to keep the deer, you can, for personal purposes, with the proper permit. Such documents are issued by DNR conservation officers, district biologists, and local or state police officers. Thanks to Indiana Hunt for Hunger, donating deer meat is also an option.

So, hope this information might be helpful to you this fall when traveling . We know that soon the beautiful fall leaves will attract many people to southern Indiana. Be safe and watch out for those deer!

Lion Sharon Kamman

Environmental Chair, District E



# More Environmental News

## Sharon Kamman

The following information comes from an article in the Indianapolis Star. The peak season for West Nile Virus is from July through October. It has been reported that mosquitoes with West Nile Virus have been found in 32 Indiana counties.

Humans become infected by West Nile Virus through the bite of a female mosquito. Most people who become infected won't get sick, according to the CDC. About one in five people develop fever and mild symptoms and about 1 in 150 will develop serious illness. People who develop the following symptoms should see a doctor immediately.

High fever, severe headache, neck stiffness, muscle weakness or paralysis, nausea or vomiting, sore joints, or confusion.

According to the Monroe County Health Dept. there is no specific treatment for West Nile Virus and no vaccine for humans. For severe cases, intravenous fluids, airway management, and respiratory support are recommended.

How do we avoid getting West Nile Virus?

Drain any standing water on your property that could be a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Empty and clean birdbaths, flower pots, pet water dishes and any other receptacle that could accumulate water. When working or playing outdoors for any length of time, dress in long sleeves, long pants and wear hats.

Defend against bites by wearing insect repellent with DEET.

Another thing to watch out for in summer is ticks. Check your children and pets for ticks after they have been outdoors. Ticks can also carry disease and should be removed as soon as possible.

Hope you all are enjoying your summer. I know we're all looking forward to the cooler weather of fall.

Lion Sharon Kamman, Environmental Chair

## Thank You!

The Indiana State Fair is over for another year, and the preparation of the final report on the Indiana Lions Foundation's State Fair project is still in progress. At this point, we can report that our Indiana Lions volunteers worked nearly 7,000 hours selling and scanning tickets at 6 gates at the 2024 Indiana State Fair. Additional information will be available when the final report is complete.

We want to thank everyone who worked for the Foundation at the State Fair. This is the Foundation's single largest fundraiser and it is your efforts that made it successful again this year.

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

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Hello Lions,

Do you or your club provide orientation for new members? What about for seasoned members?

I have heard someone say I had an orientation session when I became a Lion, why do I need to attend an orientation? I will answer that with a few questions...

How many areas of focus/causes does Lions International have?

How many state projects do the Lions of Indiana have?

What is the difference between LCIF and Indiana Lions Foundation?

Do you know what a cyber club is?

Are you keeping current on the changes in Lionism? An orientation session is a way to help everyone get back up to speed.

The district leadership is discussing when, where, and how to have a district wide orientation, but nothing confirmed yet. Check future issues of the newsletter for updates.

### **Racing to Serve, PCC Keith Thomas**

Below left: Council Chair Julia Kozicki wear her Derby hat and District Governor Erica Thomas at the Forum in Louisville.

Below right: Skeleton in a medical office in Evansville.



## 58 EARS...I MEAN YEARS...OF SWEET CORN

Wirth Park in Oakland City was abuzz with excitement during the 58<sup>th</sup> annual Sweet Corn Festival, held August 8<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup>, by the Oakland City Lions Club. The midway was full of carnival rides, food trucks, bouncy houses, music entertainment and best of all...people having a good time. You could hear kids laughter and excited voices throughout the park, while adults were seen smiling ear to ear.

Besides organizing the entire event, the OC Lions Club also served meals in the park's community center, selling out of most everything each day. Hats off to the cooks! And along with serving ears of corn drenched in butter with each meal, the club also sold bundles of fresh picked corn, starting the Monday before the festival until Sunday, the day after the festival ended. There wasn't a single ear left by the time cleanup started.

The theme this year was Down on the Farm, and Lion Jessica Jerger Nieves had a blast with the kids while having sack races, a corn shucking contest, finding the "pigs" in loose straw and crafts. Other kids events included a baby contest and bike giveaway for both a boy and a girl.

Saturday morning was the parade and the community lined up on both sides of the road along the route, waving to ones they knew while kids raced to grab the candy being tossed from floats and firetrucks. District Governor Erica Thomas was the Grand Marshall for the parade.

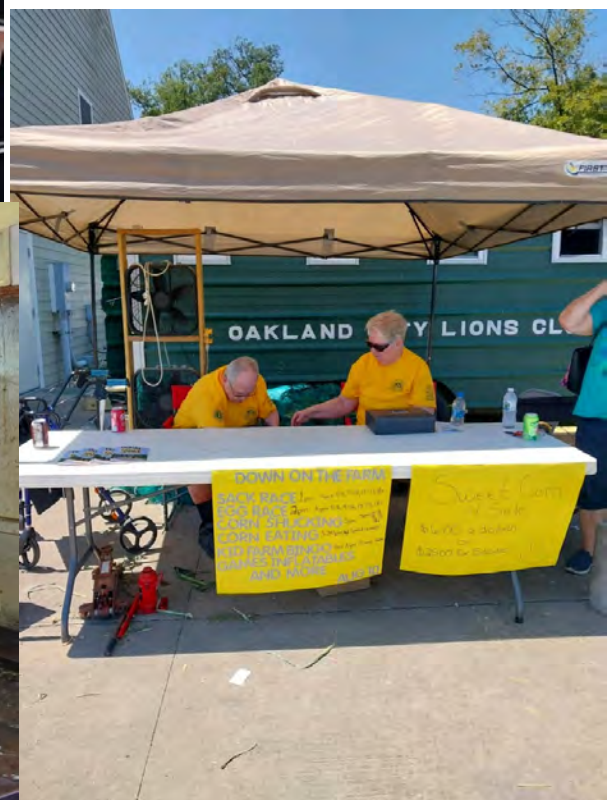
Oakland City Lions Club knows none of this would have been possible if it hadn't been for all the great volunteers who stepped up to lend a hand. The club members realize how special it is when you are not only serving your community, but serving WITH your community as well.



Left: Francisco Lions serving at the Festival

Left Bottom: District Governor Erica "working" in the cook shack

Right Bottom: Lions Dan and Kay James selling bags of sweet corn





# Lions Check Vision at 2024 4H Fair

24 Members of the four Lawrence County Lions Clubs (Bedford, Bedford Noon, Mitchell, and Fayetteville Community) conducted vision screening at the Lawrence County 4H Fair from July 6, 2024 to July 13, 2024 and screened 45 adults for far and near vision and field of vision with 15 being referred with problems to seek additional follow up professional exams.

We also screened 105 children for far and near vision with 19 being referred to seek additional follow up professional exams. This year Lions screened 45 children age six to two with a KidSight camera referring 4 with problems to seek additional follow up professional exams. The Lions tested 46 people for blood glucose. Information on diabetes diet, management, and recipes were offered. Also eleven pairs of new reading glasses were given free of charge to individuals needing corrective glasses to help improve their near vision. We would like to thank the Lawrence County Fair Board and our 3 community minded sponsors (Day and Carter Mortuary, Brent Maudlin State Farm Insurance, and Williams Wealth LLC) for making this service to our community possible.



Above left: Lion Rosemary Stanley (Bedford Noon Lions) performing diabetes testing.  
Above Right: Lion Judy Clifton (Bedford Lions) performing KidSight screening.

Below Left: Lion Glen Coyle (Mitchell Lions) and PDG Lion Lee Cuba (Bedford Noon Lions) performing far and near sighted vision screenings

Below Right: Lion Joey Slone (Mitchell Lions) performing peripheral vision screening and Lion Brent Maudlin (Bedford Lions) performing far and near sighted vision screenings



# ***District Events and Calendar***

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<b>Sept 9</b>	<b>Official Visit to Mt. Olympus</b>
<b>Sept 12</b>	<b>Official Visit to Fayetteville Community</b>
<b>Sept 21</b>	<b>District Meeting and Continued Learning at New Albany Elks Lodge</b>
<b>Sept 23</b>	<b>Official Visit to Medora Community</b>
<b>Sept 25</b>	<b>Official Visit to Indian Creek</b>
<b>October 5</b>	<b>2nd Council Meeting at Middlebury</b>
<b>October 11—13</b>	<b>PDG Weekend in New Harmony (District 25E is the host)</b>
<b>October 14</b>	<b>Official Visit to New Albany</b>
<b>October 22</b>	<b>Official Visit to Brownstown</b>
<b>October 26</b>	<b>District Cabinet Meeting at Salem Lions Clubhouse</b>
<b>November 14</b>	<b>Official Visit to Seymour Noon and Seymour Evening</b>
<b>December 1</b>	<b>Virtual District Meeting and Continued Learning</b>
<b>December 14</b>	<b>Council Christmas Party</b>
<b>December 17</b>	<b>Official Visit to Salem Lions</b>
<b>January 17,18</b>	<b>Mid-Winter Conference in Indianapolis</b>
<b>February 22</b>	<b>District Leadership Learning at French Lick West Baden</b>
<b>March 21—22</b>	<b>District 25E Convention with ID Edwin “Guy” Hollander</b>

Cabinet Meetings/ Lions Learning

September 21<sup>st</sup> 10:00am-2:00pm Eastern time

New Albany Elks Lodge 426 Pearl Street

Brunch is lunch \$15

RSVP to Christy Nolan at [christy@bcelectric.info](mailto:christy@bcelectric.info) by Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup>

**Please contact District Governor to schedule your club’s Official Visit Now as the calendar is quickly filling up.**

Beverly Kay Wattula, age 82, of Crandall, Indiana, peacefully passed away on August 23, 2024.

Born on November 25, 1941, in Kelso, Washington, Beverly was the beloved daughter of Rex and Alta Wycaver. She graduated from Castle Rock High School and went on to earn a degree from Eastern Washington State College in Ellensburg, Washington. Beverly dedicated her career to serving others as a Case Worker for Children and Family Services in Corydon, Indiana.

On June 8, 1963, Beverly married Fred Wattula, with whom she shared a deep and enduring love. They enjoyed many adventures together, traveling and creating lasting memories. Beverly was an active member of the Lions Club in Crandall and had a passion for reading, sewing, playing solitaire, and caring for her pets. Above all, she cherished the time spent with her family, especially her husband Fred.

Beverly is preceded in death by her parents, her daughter Kathy Wattula, and her siblings Judy Wycaver and Gary Wycaver.

She is survived by her devoted husband Fred Wattula; her granddaughter Kayla Hoffman; her grandsons Tyler Hoffman and Evan Doyle; and family friend Stephanie Hoffman.

In accordance with her wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service to honor Beverly's life and legacy was held on Monday, September 9, 2024 at Swarens Funeral Home.

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 cealschulz@sbcglobal.net

## *New Lions in August*

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Michael Hunsaker	Bedford Noon Lions	Rita Kersh
Roy Ice	Brown County Lions	Jim Oliver
Lloyd Beesley	Medora Comm. Lions	Ruth Beesley
Timothy Rink	Odon Lions	Bryan Porter

## *Fallen Lions in August*

Richard Owens	Stinesville Lions	55.86 years of service
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## *Prayer List*

### Lions in need of Prayers

Lion Jack Voightschild	Lion Jaline Spurgeon	Lion Jeff Cooper
Lion Charlie Placke	PDG John Ferry	Lion Carol Murdock
Lion Marvin Mast	PDG Cindy Wright (25D)	PDG Newell Clifton
Lion Sara Glass	Lion Mike Crouch	PDG Charlie Crawford
Lion Rex Drabling	PDG Sheryl Schafer	Lion Bill Hinkle

### List of common used Lions abbreviations

IP	International President	PIP	Past International President	ZC	Zone Chair
RC	Region Chair	ID	International Director	PID	Past International Director
DG	District Governor	PDG	Past District Governor	CC	Council Chair
PCC	Past Council Chair	CS	Cabinet Secretary	CT	Cabinet Treasurer
LCIF	Lions Club International Foundation	LCI	Lions Club International		
GMA	Global Membership Approach				





## Cornhole Sectionals Locations

### SECTIONAL 1 - SEPT. 15

- Location: 3848 N. Frontage Rd., Michigan City, IN 46360

### SECTIONAL 2 - SEPT. 15

- Location: 9273 IN-9, Hope, IN 47246

### SECTIONAL 3 - SEPT. 14

- Location: 555 W. Ohio St. Kendallville, IN 46755

### SECTIONAL 4 - SEPT. 15

- Location: 300 S 3rd St., Monticello, IN 47960

### SECTIONAL 6 - SEPT. 14

- Location: 4405 S. Madison St. Muncie, IN 47302

### SECTIONAL 8 - SEPT. 15

- Location: 1300 E. 100 S., Lebanon, IN 46052

### SECTIONAL 9 - SEPT. 15

- Location: 412 Eastern Ave., Sunman, IN 47041

### SECTIONAL 10 - SEPT. 14

- Location: 6800 N Green River Rd. Evansville, IN 47725



State Tournament | Sept. 29 | Grand Park, Westfield

Email Bill McDonald closer to September to learn more about exact dates, times and locations!





Right: The Bedford Lions Club with assistance from Fayetteville Lion , Lynn Birch participated in the Lawrence County Boys and Girls Club "Back to School Bash" by providing Eye and Diabetes Screening on August 3, 2024.



Left: Ramsey Lions Laura Davis and Debbie Davis-Thornton took a break from selling raffle tickets on an Old Henry rifle and "boogied" as "Elvis" (in the pink cadillac) performed at the Milltown IN Family Festival.



Right: Lions at LCIF training in San Antonio  
 Front Row Sophia Long, PDG Steve Holtzleiter,  
 Back Row: CS Christy Nolan, PCC Sue Topf,  
 1VDG Jackie Kurley, PID Linda Tincher



Left: District Governor in the Oakland City Lions Sweet Corn Parade



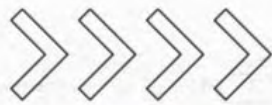
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Page 13 New Secretary for Georgetown—Debbie Bruns, 6203 Covey Court, Floyds Knob, IN 47119,  
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If you have discovered an error in the directory, please let me know at kthomas@threeidesign.com





Join us for the 4th annual Boonville Lions Club



# SPAGHETTI DINNER & AUCTION

*AT STUDIO B GYMNASIUM*

Saturday

**October 19, 2024**

Serving 4:30-6:30 pm  
Food available as take out

**\$8** in advance

**\$10** at the door

**\$5** 5-12 years old

**Under 5 FREE**



Purchase tickets at Dr. David Hyndman's  
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Get ready for a  
**FIRST QUARTER  
CELEBRATION!**

Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup> from 10-2 EST  
Elks Lodge 426 Pearl Street  
New Albany

Lunch is Brunch for \$15.00

Come Away with New Service Ideas &  
How to Ask Someone to Join you in  
Serving Others!

RSVP to Christy Nolan

[christy@bcelectric.info](mailto:christy@bcelectric.info)

by Sunday September 15th



# **SAVE THE DATE**

**DISTRICT 25-E PROUDLY INVITES YOU TO  
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**DATE: OCTOBER 11-12-13, 2024**

**WHERE: NEW HARMONY INDIANA**

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