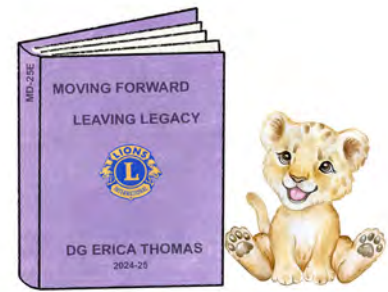


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DISTRICT 25E NEWSLETTER JUNE 2025



You, My Lion Friends, have made my District Governor journey in District E EXTRA-Special! In almost every club I visited, Lions were EAGER to talk about goals and how to achieve them. Folks were ERNEST in their sincerity and intensity to serve those in need. All across the District, Lion members are EBULLIENT in their ENERGY, EXCITEMENT, and ENTHUSIAM to try new things. Our Lions clubs have become more EFFICIENT and EFFECTIVE in accessing and utilizing the Lions Portal. With help from Lion Anita Hines, our service reporting is above 80% more than double the goal I set! Lions in the District are becoming more EDUCATED on service ideas and ways to find and invite others to join us. We are learning more ways to be ELOQUENT in our communications. AI can be an asset. We are finding more ways to be ENGAGING and EMPOWERING. We continue to be good stewards, ENTRUSTED with being ECONOMICAL with our resources. Lions' EFFORTS may appear EFFORTLESS because of the fun, camaraderie and ENJOYMENT as they serve together. That is noticed and greatly appreciated! We have EFFACACIOUSLY reached several goals:

1. All of the clubs made a donation to LCIF (100% way better than my 75% goal)!
2. More than 115 individuals have made LCIF contributions.
3. We have brought in 83 new members, very close to the 120 goal the district set this year.
4. The District continues to raise money for the Riley and Walther Family matching grant.
5. We have 42 clubs that have reported service.

Hopefully you can find all the **E** words that describe how EXCELLENT this District is.

In other news, the district has completed the Emergency Disaster Grant and is now working on the request money from the District Community Grant fund to help with the matching funds portion for a Disaster Preparedness Grant.

Thank You My Friends!

District Governor Erica Thomas

Submit articles for the newsletter to: PCC Keith Thomas at 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

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We have training session scheduled for June 14 @ Chandler Community Center and June 28 @ Sullivan City Hall Chamber. Also at Picnic at Francisco June 21st, and Zoom on the 26th (RSVP to Carol Donner donnerspass1@gmail.com for zoom meeting link) , time 6:30 to 9 pm eastern. Training is for ANYONE but geared toward President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer (and reminding clubs that international will be e mailing dues statements), Artificial Intelligence.

I having been in ongoing training sessions for over a year, preparing to be the District Governor for 25-26, I am searching for invitations to make my official visits to EACH District Club. I do not want to be pushy and tell a club when I am coming, I would like these official visits to be at your request at your time. The meetings at state level are normally on the weekends, so the weekly meetings are pretty well open right now. My Official visits will start after the International Convention, which this year is in Orlando, Florida ending on July 17th.

So be Prepared to “Come Serve with Us” over the LIONS YEAR.

1st VDG 25E

Lion John Spurgeon

District Goals for 2025-26

Clubs: Start two new club.

Membership: Induct more than 120 new members

Retention: To continue the District’s great ability to retain members

LCIF: Increase the District’s LCIF individual donations to 10% and maintain 100% clubs donating.

Leadership: By the end of August, Provide training to 60% of the Zone Chairs and 40% of club Officers receiving online and/or in person training.

Service: Increase clubs reporting service from 80%.

2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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We Are Lions

As a Lions club member you are a part of the greatest world wide service organization.

An individual can do great things to help their community, that same individual with the backing of Lions can do great things for the world. As a part of Lions we work together for great causes with great resources to make wonderful things happen .

When you join Lions you stop being an individual serving your community and become part of the greatest service organization in the world, and We Serve as a whole.

We Are Lions!!!

We Serve

2nd VICE Brad Nolan

Left Image: Oakland City Lions
Dwayne Donner, Jim Smith and
Dale Leffler working in the cook
trailer at the car show at
Hornady Park in Petersburg.

Right: Oakland City Lion John
working the line at the car show.



Club Celebrating Anniversaries in *June*

Palmyra #49676
Chandler #82874
Fayetteville Comm #105942
Pershing Township #108647
Canton #111273

Chartered 06/03/1989
Chartered 06/28/2004
Chartered 06/23/2009
Chartered 06/16/2010
Chartered 06/09/2011

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Hello Lions,

It has been a bit since I wrote an article for the newsletter. As the Lions year is coming to an end, I wanted to address some of the brighter spots in the district.

First: New Members: As of May 31st, the district has added 83 new members. Half of the clubs in the district added at least one new member. 8 clubs added 5 or more members. Brown County and Indian Creek Lions added 5 new members. Ireland, New Albany, Sullivan County Lions added 6 new members. Georgetown and Petersburg both added 7 new members. The club with the biggest increase in members is the Chandler Lions with 11 new members! Awesome job! More Lions means more Service!

Second: Service Activity Reporting: I was afraid we were going to take a huge step back on the service activity report with the **Lions Portal**. At the end of the previous Lions year, service activity reporting seriously dropped to nearly nothing. Even though there are several clubs still struggling with the Portal, with help from Cabinet Secretary Christy Nolan, District Administrator, Past International Director Linda Tinchler, and Multiple District Global Service Chair Lion Anita Hines. 42 clubs have reported at least one activity this year. Lions International has continued to make improvements to the Portal. With these improvements, hopefully we can continue to build on this success. Please remember that these service activity reports are NOT bragging. This is information LCI and LCIF use to acquire money to give grants. It also helps the District Governor know what the club is doing.

Third: Service Activities at Meetings: I was not sure what to think about this when DG Erica first discussed doing a service activity at her first cabinet meeting. I must admit that doing a service activity or two during the meeting has added a new element of fun and accomplishment to the cabinet meetings and several clubs have incorporated this into their meetings. Meetings have a renewed purpose and have hopefully helped the clubs find new activities and hopefully new members.

The year is not over yet, so there is more time to add more members, report more service and do some meaningful projects before District Governor Erica becomes a Past District Governor! Let us continue to build on all the great things we have been doing this year into the next year and help District Governor Elect John Spurgeon have a great year!

Racing to Serve, Past Council Chair Keith Thomas

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				



District 25E Picnic for **ALL** Lions!



Saturday June 21st

At the Francisco Lions Clubhouse Park

at 201 1st Street

Officer Training from 9:30am to 11:30am Central Time

Lunch starting at approx. 11:30am.

Meat will be provided.

Please bring side dishes,

desserts and your favorite drink.



Awards and Thank You's



We will be helping DGE John Spurgeon finalize the
District's goals and the year's action plans.

Please RSVP to ericadthomas@yahoo.com

by June 18th.



Upcoming Lions Continued Learning and District Meetings!

June 14th All Lions Learning

9:30am-1:30pm Central Time 10:30-2:30 Eastern Time

Chandler Community Center

401 E. Washington Avenue Chandler, IN 47610

Meal pulled pork sandwich, potato salad, baked beans, drink

Meal cost is \$10.00

RSVP by Monday June 9th

June 26th All Lions Learning

7:00-9:00pm Eastern Time

Zoom Meeting

Request Link from Lion Carol Donner Contact at bottom of page.

June 28th All Lions Learning and District Meeting

10:00am-2:00pm Eastern Time

Sullivan City Hall Use Entrance on Beech Street

110 N. Main Street Sullivan IN 47882

Meal is pizza cost \$5.00

RSVP by Monday June 23rd

RSVP go to Lion Carol Donner at donnerspass1@gmail.com

Environmental Chair

Sharon Kamman

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

June 2025



Without honey bees, many of our best loved foods would not exist. Here are just a few: onions, peppers, tomatoes, berries, watermelon, cucumbers and broccoli. Honey bees are critical to U.S. food supplies. One third of the foods we eat are pollinated by honey bees. They are the tiny forces behind more than \$20 billion worth of U.S. crops every year. But these vital pollinators are under siege. Most recent data shows that beekeepers have lost up to 48% of their colonies between April 2022 and April 2023. The culprit is systemic insecticides called “neonics” and sulfoxaflor. Even in low doses, these insecticides can damage a bee’s ability to navigate back to the hive.

Researchers say we have about a decade to save the honey bee and a million plants and animals from vanishing. In April 2024, sulfoxaflor was banned in California, where most U.S. commercial bee colonies spend part of the year.



You may think, “what does this have to do with me?” Well, we all like to eat, don’t we? We all need to keep reading and learning about the world around us. Talk to your farmer friends. Talk to your congressional representatives. Read about how your representatives vote on important environmental issues. And most of all, remember that perhaps we can’t solve these issues in our lifetime, but we have children and grandchildren who will have to deal with them after we’re gone.

Looking forward to a beautiful summer - - a time for growing.

Lion Sharon Kamman

Environmental Chair –
District E



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

Fallen Lions in May

Fallen Lion	Club	Years of Service
None Reported		

Prayer List

Lions in need of Prayers

Lion Charlie Placke	Lion Carol Murdock	Lion Marvin Mast
PDG Charlie Crawford	Lion Jim Springer	Lion Bill Hinkle
PDG Don Russ	Lion Bruce Ellis	Lion Ben Davis
Lion Nichole Harris	Lion Kathy Crock	
Family of 2VDGE (25C) Marj Schultz		

New Lions in May

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Terry Fordice	Brownstown Lions Club	John Spurgeon
Brad Allen Norrick	Francisco Lions Club	Sherilyne Drew
Diane Cartwright	Georgetown Lions Club	Kasandra Ramsey
Ashley Bollinger	Mitchell Lions Club	Larry Root
Beau Bollinger	Mitchell Lions Club	Larry Root
Rhonda Boone	Sandborn Lions Club	Joseph Boone

District Events and Calendar

2025

June 7	Pre-Council Meeting at VisionFirst
June 14	Continued Learning/Officer Training at Chandler starting at 10am (Central)
June 21	Final Cabinet Meeting/Picnic at Francisco Lions Clubhouse with Officer Training starting at 9:30 am Central.
June 26	Continued Learning/Officer Training via Zoom 7pm to 9pm
June 28	Continued Learning/Officer Training at Sullivan City Hall Chamber starting at 10am (Eastern)
July 13-17	Lions International Convention in Orlando Florida
July 26	Council of Governors Meeting at Zionsville Lions Clubhouse starting at 10am
August 1-17	Indiana State Fair
August 2	District Cabinet Meeting in New Albany.
Augst 16	District E Banner Celebration at Brownstown Christian Church.
Sept 18-20	USA Canada Leadership Forum in Atlantic City. Are you planning to Attend?!?
October 7	District Cabinet Meeting at Vincennes University Jasper Campus.
October 11	Second Council Meeting in Crown Point
Dec 20	District Cabinet Meeting—location to be determined.

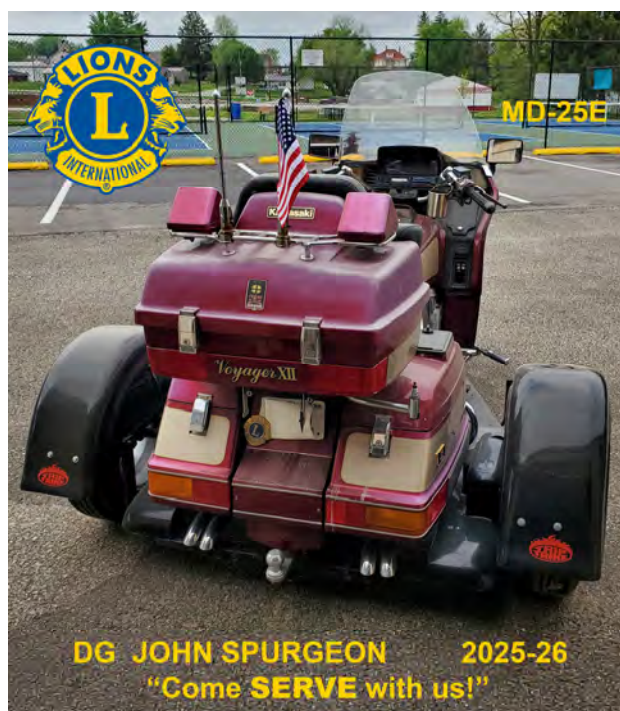
2026

Jan 16-17	Mid-Winter Conference—location to be determined.
Jan 18	3rd Council Meeting—location to be determined.
March 20-21	District Convention at the Bedford 1st Baptist Church with ID Chris Carlone.
May 1-3	State Convention at the Embassy Suites in Plainfield.
July 3-7	Lions International Convention in Hong Kong.

For the zoom link or more info on training, please contact Lion Carol Donner at donnerspass1@gmail.com

John is starting to schedule meetings with the District's Lions Clubs. Please contact District Governor Elect John Spurgeon to schedule your club's Official Visit!

DGE John is not doing a pin. The image to the right will be the artwork on cover of the new directory.





Left: Boonville Lions Dr. David Hyndman and Dr. Bethany Ford presented two \$1000 scholarships at Boonville High School.

Below: New members and sponsors at Indian Creek Lions from left to right and back to front.

Lions Susan Hingle, Rosemary Byers, Rob McConnell, Catherine Sherrill, Vicki Sorensen, Mary Mahern, Roger Taylor and DG Erica Thomas

