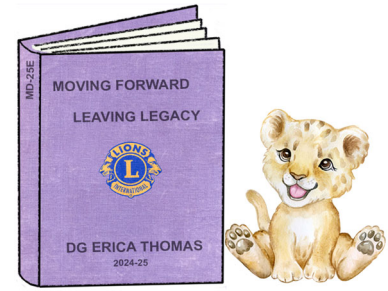


## DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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## DISTRICT 25E NEWSLETTER MARCH 2025



Hello my Friends!

There was so much information shared at our leadership workshop on the 22<sup>nd</sup>! I am sorry if you missed it! Topics included tips on How to truly listen, the criteria for the Club Excellence Award, How to set goals and achieve the goals you set, Ways to be a great leader not just a manager, and How to use Artificial Intelligence or AI to help market and grow your Lions club! Thank you to all who helped facilitate the event and especially PDG Bill for procuring the location and getting us lunch!

Just a reminder that there are still a few days left to reserve your seat and a bed at the District E Spring Convention at the Gasthof in Montgomery, IN on March 21 and 22. We are so blessed to have International Director Guy and his wife Carol join us as we celebrate success, learn new things, discover new ways to serve, honor our fallen lions, and hear what is happening in lions clubs all over the world!

As clubs are gearing up for spring and summer events, let's keep our momentum going, asking friends and neighbors and those we know to come help us serve those in need. Remember that strangers are just friends we haven't met yet!

First Vice Governor John, soon to be Governor Elect, will be announcing his dates and locations for his upcoming training and educational events. The State Convention is in Shipshewana April 25-27.

I am so proud of my team, District E! Thank you for all your support and all the great things you are achieving! New members; More service projects; Growing leaders; We are Moving Forward and Leaving a Legacy for those that follow making this world a better place one person, one community at a time!

I have a few clubs left to visit during my term and I am still trying to find a great location for a new club! I am sending encouragement to those clubs who were talking about branching out of your clubs with a club branch... a few hands can become many! You all are doing Amazing things! Thank you for being who you are and doing what you do. It is my honor to Serve with You.

*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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As a reminder of things to come that we need to do these next few months.

March 21st is our District Convention in Montgomery, Gasthoff's electing and approving District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, State & District Project Trustees, and for committees.

April you should have your Club officers (even if there is not a change) turned into the Lions Portal, Lions Year 2025-2026.

Lots of Easter Egg hunts prior to Easter, and Spring Projects and Fund Raisers you can advertise in the District new letter. Just have the information to editor by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the event.

25 – 27 INDIANA LIONS STATE CONVENTION is at Shipshewana. Get your reservations in NOW.

May more Fund raisers and SERVICE activities REMEMBER “WE SERVE”

July 12 – 16 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION at Orlando, FL. (the next couple of years conventions are scheduled OUT-OF-THE-USA.

There are lots of opportunities for fundraisers and don't forget our 5 STATE PROJECT: Leader Dogs for the Blind, Cancer Control (with a major emphasis on child hood cancer), Speech and Hearing, School for the Blind and Deaf, VisionFirst.

There are THREE trustees for each of the STATE PROJECTS, would be happy to present a program (Presidents and Secretaries consult our District Directories).

**TREASURERS EFFECTIVE JULY 1 YOUR INTERNATIONAL DUES STATEMENT WILL BE SENT TO YOU VIA THE LIONS PORTAL.**

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

*John Spurgeon*



## Important Notice

from your **Cabinet Treasurer Debbie Ellis** and  
your **Cabinet Secretary Christy Nolan**



Attention ALL Club Presidents, Secretaries, & Treasurers,

For those of you who may have never been told, we want to explain to you that if you do not have your LCI dues (that you pay on the portal) or your state and district dues (that you pay to CT Debbie Ellis) paid by the cut off, (this time was March 7, 2025) ( 15 days prior to any convention) you can NOT vote. Some clubs have paid both, some have paid LCI but not State and District and some have paid State and District but not LCI, so if this was your club on 3/7/25 you can NOT vote at the District Convention.

This brings me to a new issue that many are not aware of. Several clubs have paid their dues but are still unable to vote because they have a balance greater than \$10 still showing in their accounts. I have discovered that most of these fees are from new members being reported but not yet paid for. I have heard many times that you have 30 days from invoice not statement date to pay. In my mind invoice and statement are the same but that is NOT TRUE! (most treasurers know this, but as a secretary I did not.) **When you input a new member into the portal, it then becomes the treasurer's job to check the portal within a week from adding that member to see if the club has been billed for them. The day LCI bills you for that member's dues the 30 day count begins.** If you are not checking the portal and you are waiting for the statement to be mailed to you, in most cases your bill is already late. I discovered that for those clubs who cannot vote at the District Convention but had paid their dues before the cut off are being denied to vote because of their new members' dues not being paid. While this may seem unfair, LCI has this rule in their by-laws, and they will not budge. Your CT Debbie and I wanted to make all of you aware of this rule so that you may correct this in order to be able to vote at the State Convention. (Remember...you can only have a \$0 to no more than \$10 balance on your account 15 days prior to the convention to vote.) To be assured that you can vote at the State Convention please have all LCI (on Portal), State & District Dues (mailed to CT Debbie) and any outstanding LCI invoices (on Portal) submitted by March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 so they will be processed in time for the convention.

**\*\* Please note that LCI will no longer be sending out statements as of July 15, 2025. Treasurers will have access to statements through the Portal moving forward.** Once this begins, we will have no choice but to get on the Portal so please pass this onto any new incoming treasurers.

If any of you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to CT Debbie or myself, and we will try to help you in any way possible!

Yours in Service,

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# Past District Governor Corner

## This month featuring

### Past District Governor

### Glen Georges



Hello, District, 25 E! As we go into March, we celebrate our Irish culture. But it is also District Convention time! I am sure you all have had our Governor visit your club. Now we are going to help DG Erica CELEBRATE her year. There are a few things we want to help our Governor with at her convention. Bring a Silent Auction item, the funds raised will go to the Riley Matching Cancer Grant. The tail twister is going to be after your dollars to help International Childhood Cancer and LCIF is doing 50/50. So please help us make these fantastic successes. Bring those checkbooks and those dollars and please donate them and take a chance to win. I am sure that Past International Director Linda Tincher and Lion Debbie with the help of Cabinet Secretary Christy will be glad to help you make your contribution to LCIF and ask about how you can leave a Legacy Gift after we leave this life.

We also want to be respectful to our international guests and stand when they are introduced. You may ask why we do this for our International Guest and our District Governor. It shows respect for the time they have dedicated to that position and the office they hold.

Clubs, I hope you are reporting your elections to International. Even if your offices have not changed. It is easy to do but if you are having trouble, please contact CS Christy Nolan or reach out to PID Linda. They don't mind helping you report the changes. Same with the service projects. We need this data to be reported. I know Lion Jessica Jeggers has put an article into this month's newsletter about an easy way we can do service without leaving the comfort of our homes. I am looking forward to this article.

The last thing I want to ask you all to help with is to attend training courses that our incoming District Governor Elect has scheduled. If you are asked to be a Zone Chair or any of the other positions, PLEASE, visit the clubs.

Once again, the Lions Year is quickly coming to a close. Let's make it a good year! I hope to see you in a few weeks in Montgomery for the District Convention! Then to the State Convention in Shipshewana.

PDG Glen M Georges



Do you read your emails and newsletters faithfully ? Do you pass information onto your clubs as needed ? This past weekend was our annual Leadership workshop for District 25E. To say the least attendance was low. Continuing education is important to all members. We are an ever changing society. How many of you know about all the cool new AI advances that LCI is making? Well if you were there GMT Eddie Mckim taught us several free areas of Lionsvirtual.org that can be used. PDG'S Kenny Williams and Bill Willis taught us about leadership, managing, lions styles, and club excellence award. Second Vice District Governor Brad Nolan Spoke on listening and motivation. With DG Erica Thomas there to help along the way.



All in all you missed out on a day full of fun, learning, and lions fellowship.



It's Convention & Election Time!

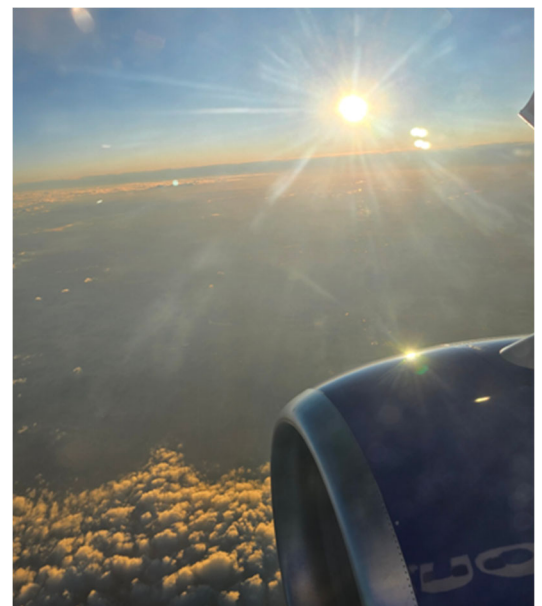
Have you registered? Have you ever been before? Let's get ready to meet ID Guy and show him some Hoosier Hospitality! So pass this onto your club members, your zone, non Lions, and your Spouse. Car pool! We can't wait to see you March 21st and 22nd.

Now Secretaries you have survived the first half of the year. So now comes the fun part... Elections! Make sure you get with your nominating committee to get the process going. All officers are to be reported by April 1, 2025.

Are you still having trouble with the portal? CALL ME! That's what I'm here for!

Lionchristynolan@gmail.com

Even when traveling I'm still available. Enjoying the sunrise view this morning.



# Environmental Chair

## Sharon Kamman

### ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS – SPRING 2025

I read an article this week and want to share it with you. Think about these things and make your decisions about what you eat and drink.



Microplastics are everywhere! They're in beauty products we wear, cleaning supplies we use, and even in the food we eat. Research suggests that these particles, smaller than a grain of rice, can harm reproductive, digestive, and respiratory health.

In a new scientific study, physicians report that switching from bottled water to filtered tap water could cut your microplastic intake by about 90% each year. This advice may be tough to swallow. Bottled water was America's favorite packaged drink last year (2024) according to industry data, with 16.2 billion gallons consumed. Microplastic exposure occurs when particles break off from the bottle's inner surface and enter the water, particularly when the bottle is squeezed or exposed to heat.

Stopping the practice of heating food in plastic containers could be one of the most effective ways to reduce microplastic consumption. (I've been using glass containers to microwave food for quite a while – also to store food in the fridge or freezer.)

Startling research published last month found that the human brain contains approximately a spoon's worth of tiny shreds of plastic. Researchers are calling for more studies on the long term health effects of microplastics.

How about you? Can you think of other ways to help curb the use of so much plastic?

Lion Sharon Kamman

Environmental Chair, District E

## ***District Events and Calendar***

March 10	OV at Bedford
March 11	OV at Sandborn
March 18	OV at Brown County
March 21—22	District 25E Convention with ID Edwin "Guy" Hollander
April 3	OV at Hardinsburg
April 14	OV at Elizabeth
April 15	OV at Georgetown
April 25-27	State Convention in Shipshewana
May 1	OV at Pershing Township
June 7	Pre-Council Meeting
June 21	Final Cabinet Meeting/Picnic at to be determined

**Please contact District Governor to schedule your club's Official Visit Now as there are only so many Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursday available.**

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 February*

<b>Fallen Lion</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Years of Service</b>
Ernest Gehlbach	Elizabeth Lions	14.7 years
PDG Fred Wattula	New Salisbury Lions	17.6 years

## *New Lions in February*

<b>New Member</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
Doug Baird	Brown County Lions Club	Robert Oliger
Tony Coykendall	Brown County Lions Club	Robert Oliger
Angie Bough	Chandler Lions Club	Lori Hunt
Jim Bough	Chandler Lions Club	Lori Hunt
Joe Hopper	Chandler Lions Club	Tony Rhoades
Jerry L. Hunt	Chandler Lions Club	Jenn Young
Lori Hunt	Chandler Lions Club	Jenn Young
Jason Jamerson	Chandler Lions Club	Tammy Osha
Jerry Leslie	Chandler Lions Club	Chris Leslie
Marilyn Leslie	Chandler Lions Club	Chris Leslie
Kevin Schneider	Chandler Lions Club	Tony Rhoades
Jennifer Titzer	Chandler Lions Club	Chris Leslie
Rynn Young	Chandler Lions Club	Jenn Young
Carrie L. Grant	Ellettsville Lions Club	Ross Whittaker
Rick W. Johnson III	Ellettsville Lions Club	Ross Whittaker
Patient M Lumona	Ellettsville Lions Club	Monica Clemons
Chad Hardin	Ireland Lions Club	Matt Bueltel
Luke Messmer	Ireland Lions Club	Seth Mehringer
Cheryl A. Agee	New Albany Lions Club	Debra Hess
Joni Ellis	Sullivan County Lions Club	
Kevin M. Ellis	Sullivan County Lions Club	Debbie Ellis

### 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				

Hello Lions,

I have accidentally let off the Clubs celebrating anniversaries for the last few months. Happy Anniversary to the ones I missed!

## *Club Celebrating Anniversaries in*

### *December*

Mitchell #91782  
Georgetown #107008

Chartered 12/07/2005  
Chartered 12/08/2009

### *January*

Lynnville #9674

Chartered 01/24/1952

### *February*

Salem #9696  
New Albany #9684  
Brown County #9683  
Shoals #9699  
Hardinsburg #31740

Chartered 02/02/1926  
Chartered 02/05/1941  
Chartered 02/08/1943  
Chartered 02/11/1946  
Chartered 02/24/1976

### *March*

Bloomfield #9649  
Boonville #9652  
Ireland #9669  
Petersburg #9709  
Elberfeld #33524  
Tell City #48257  
Ramsey #49344  
Medora Comm #101582

Chartered 03/09/1950  
Chartered 03/09/1951  
Chartered 03/17/1959  
Chartered 03/03/1970  
Chartered 03/21/1977  
Chartered 03/14/1988  
Chartered 03/29/1989  
Chartered 03/27/2008

## *Prayer List*

### Lions in need of Prayers

Lion Charlie Placke  
PDG Charlie Crawford  
Lion Henry Spindler

Lion Carol Murdock  
Lion Jim Springer  
PDG Don Russ

Lion Marvin Mast  
Lion Bill Hinkle  
PDG Vern Tincher





# Fish Fry

Sponsored by: Mt. Olympus Lions Club  
& Mt. Olympus Community Center

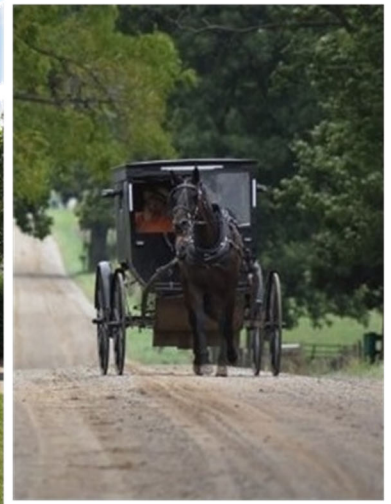
**Saturday, March 15, 2025**

**4-7 pm CT**

**Mt. Olympus Community Center**

Fish, baked beans, potato salad, dessert & a drink is included in each meal

Adults	\$14
Children Ages 7-12	\$7
Children Under 6	free



### Time Is Running Out to Register for the Indiana Lions State Convention in Shipshewana

As I look out into my back garden, I can only envision the arrival of Spring. Surely under all that melting snow are flowers and green grass accompanied by rising temperatures. While this may seem like wishful thinking, the one thing for sure is the arrival of the 2025 Indiana Lions State Convention in Shipshewana on April 25-26-27. While you can sit back and wait for the arrival of Spring you need to take action to insure your participation at the Convention. The deadline for room registration and Convention registration is March 26. This date is critical, if you wish to stay at the Farmstead Inn, due to the appearance of two well-known entertainers at another venue, the Inn will not take room reservations past the 26th. The committee has secured several rooms at other lodgings in Shipshewana, but they are in short supply. We can hedge on the March 26 date for Convention registration, if you are not planning on overnight stays, but we need to give our caterers a definite number of attendees two weeks prior to the Convention. Thank you for your understanding of this request.



There is still time for individual clubs to purchase an ad in the program book that would highlight your favorite project and accomplishments. Contact Middlebury Lion Sopheap "Sophie" Long for details. Her email address is [sopheap.long@gmail.com](mailto:sopheap.long@gmail.com), her phone number is 574-215-9474.

The committee has arranged for a memorable Convention with informative seminars, a full exhibit and vendor area, interaction with fellow Lions, and of course, delicious food. That combined with the various attractions around the Shipshewana area will insure a marvelous weekend. Our special guest, Past International President Jimmy Ross, and Saturday luncheon speaker, local weatherman/poet/storyteller Gary Seiber will certainly inspire you to magnify your involvement in Lions and community involvement.

The committee has done just about everything we can do, now it's up to you. We hope to see you at Convention!

PDG Marlyn Fast  
PDG Brian Thomas





**JIMMY M. ROSS**  
**PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT**

Jimmy M. Ross of Quitaque, Texas, USA, was elected to serve as 2006-2007 president of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 89<sup>th</sup> International Convention, held in Boston, Massachusetts, USA June 30 - July 4, 2006.

Past President Ross is a rancher and a retired judge.

A Lion since 1969, Past President Ross is a member of the Quitaque Lions Club. He has held many offices within the association, including club president, multiple district secretary, state membership & extension chairperson, multiple district convention chairperson, multiple district council chairperson and international director. Additionally he has taken part in eyeglass recycling missions to South America and been involved in chartering more than 500 clubs.

Past President Ross has also been active in numerous professional and community organizations. He was a member of both the Water Control & Improvement Board and the District Juvenile Probation Board and chairperson of the board of the All Emergency Systems in 26 counties of Texas.

Past President Ross's special interests have been in membership extension, the strengthening of clubs and community service. In recognition of his work on behalf of the association, he has received many awards, including District Governor Appreciation Awards, International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor bestowed upon association members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Past President Ross and his wife, Velda, have three daughters, two granddaughters and two grandsons.



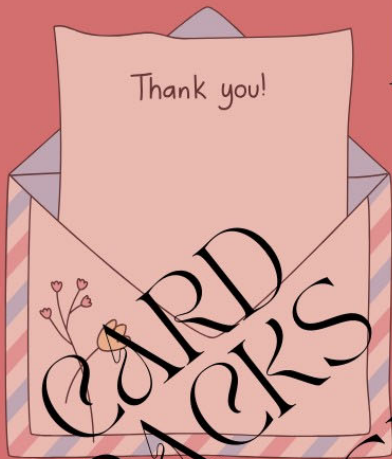
## LCIF Giving

Do you know there are multiple ways to help support Lions? We have a one time donation. Those are great but did you know you can do monthly donations? How easy is it to give \$10.00 a month? Have it auto withdrawal and you don't even have to do anything. CT Debbie Ellis and I would love to come see your club to talk not only about giving options but tell you about where your money is going and how you are helping " Make your Mark on the World ".

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NOT JUST A MEETING  
LETS SERVE



CARD  
PACKETS  
SHELTER  
MATS  
STUFFED  
ANIMALS  
BIRTHDAY  
PACKETS

## ITEMS TO BRING

- **PLASTIC BAGS, WALMART, DOLLAR GENERAL ETC**
- **SMALL STUFFED ANIMALS FOR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL FOR DISTRIBUTION TO YOUNG CHILDREN**
- **GALLON ZIP LOCK BAGGIES**
- **CAKE MIX, 12 OUNCE CANS OF 7UP, BIRTHDAY  
• NAPKINS, TABLE CLOTH, CANDLES, SMALL  
PACKAGE OF SMALL PLATES, CARD, ICING, THROW  
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