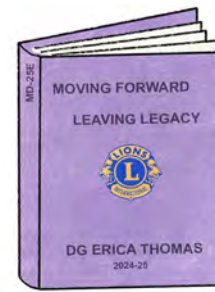


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DISTRICT 25E NEWSLETTER MAY 2025



What a great disaster response team this district has! In just hours of receiving the Disaster Response Grant funds, there were boots and shoes on the ground all over the district looking for folks who needed assistance. In the span of less than 2 weeks starting March 15th there were at least 11 tornadoes and major flooding in the areas of the White, Wabash, and Ohio Rivers. Help couldn't even get to folks with many roads closed due to flooding. The great news in the middle of all this is that many different groups and organizations stepped forward helping folks who were displaced, needed supplies for cleanup, clothing and personal items, tarps, totes, wheelbarrows, rakes, trash bugs, and many other items. It warms my heart to see such kindness and compassion among humans. We will finish distributing recovery items, complete the report and close the grant from LCFI and work on the plans for the next District Project... Details coming soon to a newsletter near you.

There are many things to celebrate this month: 79 (35 more will reach our goal) new members; 78% clubs reporting service on the portal; 100% clubs making donations to LCIF; and 39 clubs have completed reporting the officers for next year. District Governor Elect John has several training/learning events for all Lions but especially all Presidents, Vices, Secretaries, Treasurers and LCIF club coordinators.

One of the most important parts of the District Team is all of you! And how does the District Leadership Team connect with clubs and members? The Zone Chair! Governor Elect John still has some of these opportunities available. Zone Chair is one of the most rewarding positions Lions Club offers!

There is still time left to start new projects, plan for next year's events, invite more folks to help you do more service, encourage yourself and others to go to Lionsclubs.org and then to the learning center and utilize person growth opportunities one hour at a time. A membership perk!

Thank you to all of my family for traveling this journey with me. I could not have done this without you! We are all in this together at this moment making an impact, shaping lives and the world around us, moving forward, one project at a time, leaving a legacy for those who follow.

Yours always in Service...

District Governor Erica Thomas

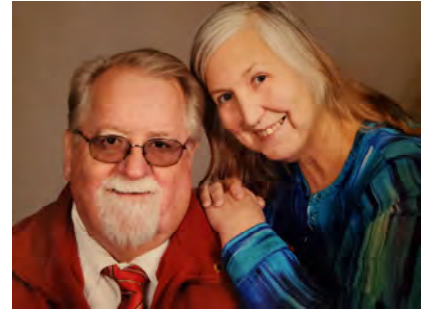
Right: the current District Governors at Shipshewana. Left to Right, 25C John Waymire, 25F Nancy Baxter, 25D "Rocky" Simpson, 25A Patty Cooke-Furlong, 25G Warren Allender, 25B Jim Bush, 25E Erica Thomas

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



1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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Lions,

We are just getting back from our state convention that we had in Shipshewana. It was a great weekend. Our special guest was Past International President Jimmy Ross. He gave us many great Ideas of adding members and starting clubs.

Currently we are at a plus in Indiana for membership But not by very much.

Remember membership as by invitation only BUT we do need to ask to get more people to serve more people.

Some are getting members by asking another organization That needs assistance, a lot of times with Liability insurance for their fun raising and service activity needs. They could become a **Club Branch**. Which only requires 5 members to become a club branch. And possibly in the future even make themselves a club. Which only requires 5 members period. Spring has sprung and fund raisers are starting up. And service activities are going strong.

I am looking forward to getting on track with being the District Governor and I looking for clubs for my visitations.

1st VDG 25E

Lion John Spurgeon

Below Left and Right: Evansville Eastside Lions helped Sleep in Heavenly Peace with beds for these children.



2nd VICE **DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

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Have you ever thought about attending a district or state Lions meeting but weren't sure what to expect, or if you would be welcomed? I would like to invite you to attend any meeting you would like to and I will be your personal assistant that day. I will make sure you are introduced to other Lions, understand the meeting procedure, go through meeting agenda, and answer any questions you may have. Call text or email me we can talk beforehand. 812 569 1886 or brad@bcelectric.info.

We have district positions we fill each year and sometimes it's a struggle to find the right people. Maybe you are the right person. Positions are not just officers, we have committees that help with projects too.

Come join us at the next event we are having our district picnic June 21st. Or attend one of the officer trainings I'll be there. Get in touch with me for more information. 812 569 1886 or brad@bcelectric.info

NDGE Brad Nolan

Club Celebrating Anniversaries in **May**

Ellettsville #9662
Sandborn #9697
Lanesville #51607
Bedford Noon #63115
Wheatland #97177
Fredericksburg #98836

Chartered 05/08/1947
Chartered 05/17/1955
Chartered 05/06/1991
Chartered 05/01/2000
Chartered 05/23/2006
Chartered 05/11/2007



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 11:30 (or after training) Meat will be provided,
please bring a cover dish.



Awards and Thank You's



DGE John Spurgeon's goals

Please RSVP to ericadthomas@yahoo.com by June 18th.

Indiana Lions Foundation Indiana State Fair Project



It's not too early to start thinking about fun and fellowship with other Indiana Lions at the 2025 Indiana State Fair. This is the Foundation's single largest fundraiser. Proceeds support the operation of the Indiana Lions State Office Building and provide funds for the Foundation's new Community Service Grants.

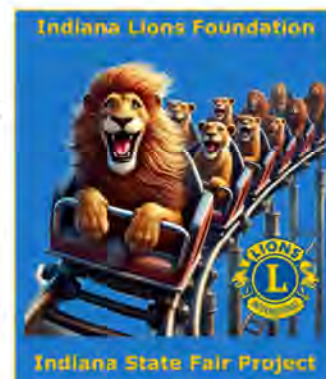
The Fair will be held in Indianapolis, August 1-17, 2025, and we will need volunteers to work at six gates during the Fair.

Scan the QR code above to go to <https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/what-we-do/indiana-state-fair-volunteer/> and sign up to work for the Foundation at the 2025 Indiana State Fair.

If you liked our ferris wheel and carousel pins, you'll love our new roller coaster pin. The proposed design is shown here. The only way to get one of these pins is to work for the Foundation at the Indiana State Fair.

When you work for the Indiana Lions Foundation at the Indiana State Fair, you receive State Fair credits. Work an early morning shift and receive 1 credit; work a regular morning or afternoon shift and receive 2 credits. You may redeem 12 credits for a W.P. Woods Fellowship for yourself or another individual.

This past July, the board of trustees of the Indiana Lions Foundation approved a proposal to allow State Fair volunteers to redeem State Fair credits for Community Service Grants to benefit Indiana Lions clubs, Indiana Lions districts, Indiana Lions state projects, or LCIF. For more information about Community Service Grants, visit the Indiana Lions Foundation website at <https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/>.



If you need assistance signing up for this project, please contact Lion Rose Russell at 574-250-0125 or RoseWRussell@gmail.com.

If you have questions about the Foundation, please contact one of the Foundation trustees in your district.

Cabinet Treasurer/ LCIF Coordinator Debbie Ellis



Hello Fellow Lions,

Hello, I hope you all were able to enjoy this year's State Convention at the Shipshewana, Indiana. Great speakers, good food and awesome service activities were all reported, and a good time was had by all. Please note that International dues will increase by \$2.00 in July 2025. This was the final dues increase approved by Lions Club International. As a reminder, next year's District 25-E minimum membership dues should be received as follows:

Membership Dues as of 07-01-2025

REGULAR MEMBER DUES

	July 2025	January 2026	Total
International Dues	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
State Dues	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 14.00
District Governor Fund	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.00
District Convention Fund	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.50	\$ 1.00
District Vice Governor Fund	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.75	\$ 1.50
TOTAL 2025 DUES:			\$ 68.50

ADDITIONAL SPOUSE/STUDENT DUES

(FAMILY PLAN UP TO FIVE PER HOUSEHOLD)

	July 2025	January 2026	Total
International Dues	\$ 12.50	\$ 12.50	\$ 25.00
State Dues	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 14.00
District Governor Fund	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.00
District Convention Fund	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.50	\$ 1.00
District Vice Governor Fund	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.75	\$ 1.50
TOTAL 2025 DUES:			\$ 43.50

Hope this helps, if you have any questions, please give me a call at 812-798-2096 or email ellisdebbie259@gmail.com. Thanks for all that you do!!

District 25E Cabinet Treasurer Debbie Ellis

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 April

<u>Fallen Lion</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Andrew Lloyd	Francisco Lions	35.15 years
Roy Don Love	French Lick West Baden	43.6 years
Zona Ruth Ping	Hardinsburg Lions	11.9 years
Rich Rudolph	Ireland Lions	34.44 years

Prayer List

Lions in need of Prayers

Lion Charlie Placke

PDG Charlie Crawford

PDG Don Russ

Lion Nichole Harris

Lion Carol Murdock

Lion Jim Springer

Lion Bruce Ellis

Lion Marvin Mast

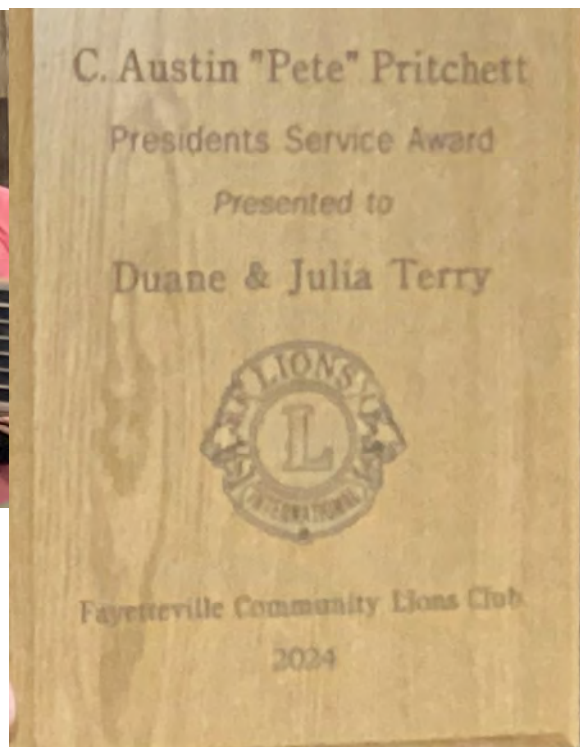
Lion Bill Hinkle

Lion Ben Davis



Above: District Governor Erica Thomas with first winners of C Austin "Pete" Pritchett Service Award winners Julia and Duane Terry. Also pictured is Kristin Pritchett Messmore, "Pete's" daughter holding the club's plaque of winners of the award.

Right: close up picture of the award. Congrats Lions Julia and Duane Terry!!



New Lions in April

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Carmen Bishop	Georgetown Lions Club	Dan Humphrey
Kurt Eckert	Ireland Lions Club	Keith Eckert
Benjamin Gaither	Ireland Lions Club	Matt Bueltel
Tyler Lechner	Ireland Lions Club	Greg Brescher
Mark Gray	Oakland City Lions Club	PDG Dale Leffler
Shanna Hartley	Oakland City Lions Club	Carol Donner
Sherry Jourdan	Seymour Noon Lions Club	Steve Gault

District Events and Calendar

May 12	Mitchell Official Visit
May 17	Continued Learning/Officer Training at Salem starting at 10am (Eastern)
May 19	New Middletown Official Visit
May 21	Fredericksburg Official Visit
May 22	Continued Learning/Officer Training via Zoom 7pm to 9pm
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 to before the meal.
June 26	Continued Learning/Officer Training via Zoom 7pm to 9pm

For the zoom link or more info on training, please contact PDG Mark Clark at m.d.clark106@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!

Right: Lion Kasandra Ramsey with new Lion Diane Cartwright as she is being inducted by DG Erica Thomas

Welcome to the Georgetown Lions Diane!



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				



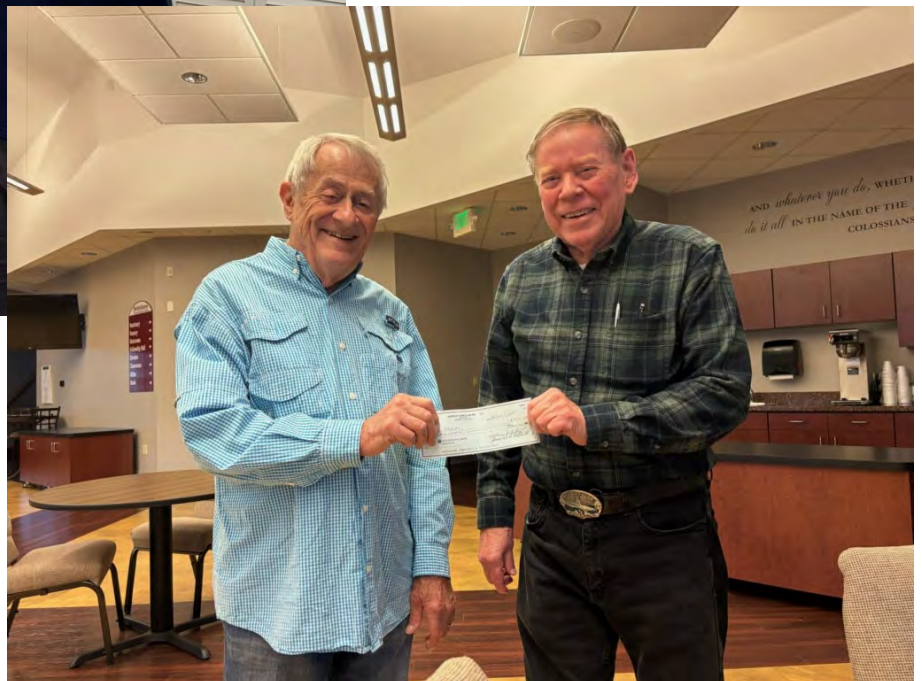
Left: Lions Bill and Ceal Schulz of the Evansville Eastside Lions volunteering at St. Vincent Depaul Food Pantry.

Below: Lions Bill and Ceal Schulz were glad to get 8500 pairs of glasses out of their garage!



Left: Evansville Eastside Lion Mike Skvara presented a check to Andy Hape, President of the Southern Indiana Chapter of National Football Foundation.

Right: Evansville Eastside Lion Bob McDaniel presented a check to Hangers, a not for profit clothing charity for needed Preschool and School age children.



BEDFORD LIONS CLUB RECOGNIZE 54 OUTSTANDING AREA YOUTHS FOR SERVICE

About 300 people attended the Bedford Lion's Club annual Youth Appreciation Program held at the First Baptist Church. The honored youths ranging in age from middle school to high school were introduced by a representative from the organization, from which they had been nominated, and cited for each of their individual accomplishments such as having high moral character, unselfishness, being aware of the feelings and needs of others, being the first to volunteer, being a good leader, serving as role models for other youth, and being a good solid citizen of whom our community can be proud of now and in the future. The nominating organizations were schools, church youth groups, 4H clubs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Boys & Girls Club. Their families were also introduced and applauded for their efforts in raising these outstanding kids. Those honored include the following with the organization nominating them: 1) Oliver Brown and 2) Gabriel Dixon from Between the Crowd. 3) Elie Montgomery, 4) Lane Shelton and 5) Harryson Hayes from Lawrence County 4-H. 6) Kaych Kwakye, 7) Richard Bell, and 8) Madison Thompson from First United Methodist Church. 9) Sienna Fritch, 10) Mayzie Galloway, 11) Claire Coulter, 12) Calvin Trezona, 13) Fami Strunk and 14) Olivia Spoonmore from Springville Community Academy. 15) Lennon Blevins from Girl Scout Troop #3220, 16) Brooke Barr and 17) Reese Ritter from Boy Scout Troop #332. 18) Jared McAdams, 19) Anna Sowders and 20) Javin Thorp from Dive Christian Church. 21) Jenny Lopez from Avoca Baptist Church. 22) Kenley Inman, 23) Maria Rees and 24) Braeliin Pierce from Lawrence County Independent Schools. 25) Ava Patton and 26) Ayden Webster from JC Christian Academy. 27) Lazarus Kagemann, 28) Audrey Bunch, 29) Sarah Holbrook, 30) Gabe Dixon, 31) Tyler Bellush and 32) James Jet from First Christian Church. 33) Tucker Inman and 34) Carmen Smith from Mundell Christian Church. 35) Foster Johnson and 36) Temperance Thompson from Bedford Middle School. 37) Hailee Hall, 38) Aiden Lee and 39) Parker Seidle from Mitchell Junior High School. 40) Alaina Fish and 41) Elijah Wagner from St Vincent de Paul School, 42) Lana Bishop and 43) Havannah Chase from Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence County, 44) Sophie Patton from First Baptist Church, 45) Mackenzie Daley and 46) Ellie Shipley from Valley Mission Church of the Nazarene. 47) Camryn Kurtz and 48) Roman Lewis from Mt Pleasant Christian Church. 49) Emma Voris and 50) Jaxson Osterhage from Free Methodist Church. 51) Josh Thompson, 52) Jarrett Gore, 53) Sydney Bush, and 54) Kelsey Gore from Cornerstone Worship Center.

For the past 30 years the Bedford Lions Club has conducted this outstanding community project honoring 730 local youths, praising the kids for their many accomplishments, thanking the families for supporting such great children, and challenging the kids to set high goals, always do their best, and continue to help others throughout their entire lives. The Youth Appreciation Project is a great way for the Lions to highlight the fine work done by the youth of our community and is greatly needed since these dedicated kids rarely get any publicity for the outstanding deeds they do in our community. Each youth was presented a very nice certificate stating they are "An Outstanding Youth Who Has Unselfishly Given Time and Talent for the Betterment of Our Community" along with complimentary Pancake Festival tickets by Lion Bob Bottorff, president of the Bedford Lions Club. Photos were taken during each presentation and a group photo was taken at the end. Photos taken during the event can be viewed online at the Bedford Lions Club face book page. The program was concluded with a big group "Thank You" lead by the Lions program chair Barb Morris followed by everyone in attendance enjoying some of the many tasty desserts served by the Lions. The Lions Club motto is "We Serve."

Below: Photo shows 40 kids honored by the Lions Club with Lion president Bob Bottorff on the right back and Lion Youth Appreciation chair Barb Morris in the center back





Above: DG Erica Thomas installs the new officers at Elizabeth Lions Club. From Left to Right: Neil Arnhart (Lion Tamer), PDG Harold Klinstiver (Membership Chair), LeighLancia (Treasurer) Sheila Dodds (Secretary), Bob Dodds (Vice President and Tail Twister), Tammy Puckett (2nd Vice President), Mark Gregory (President) Sitting is Carol Klinstiver



Left: PID Nick X, PID Linda Tincher, PDG Vern Tincher with his Presidential Medal,, PIP Jimmy Ross, DG Erica Thomas

Below Left: PID Linda Tincher and PDG Vern Tincher

Below Right: PIP Jimmy Ross with Lion Mary Ann and DGE John Spurgeon

