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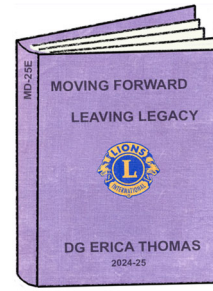
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DISTRICT 25E NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2024



Hello my Friends!

How can it already be time for the whole gamut of holiday service events? From Halloween, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving through Christmas, the list is endless for service opportunities! I challenge each club to discover and complete one new service project between now and the middle of January!

Last month, I attended a conference for my activity profession. I didn't realize until I was there doing something for myself that I had forgotten to recharge and rejuvenate me! As I was reviewing some notes I had taken, I came upon some questions that were posed to us and then for us to ask those same questions to those we serve. I realized that those questions are relevant to Lions as well because our helping others (service) is turned on all the time.

1. What do you want to do that helps you feel well?
2. What do meaningful and purposeful mean to you?
3. What ways do you plan to contribute/ be useful?
4. Is being a Lion a job, a hobby, or a lifestyle for you?
5. Are you being intentional in what you are choosing to do each day?

A challenge that Lion volunteers and healthcare workers share with the desire to help others all the time, is Compassion Fatigue (from watching others suffer) and Burnout frustration. Both groups of individuals need to develop self-care routines. That means developing intentional plans for work, Lions service, and home that give moments away from stressors that lead to Fatigue and Burnout.

That means finding a voice, having conversations with those around us that support us about how we feel and what we need to feel well. It cannot be just about the gripes and concerns...we must come to the conversations with possible solutions and opportunities for realizing that wellness. Our Lions clubs are families/prides that not only support the community but support each other! Speak up! Your ideas, your voice, your feelings are important!

Let's get Serving! Make your Mark! Create your Legacy!

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

1st VICE
DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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Hello Lions!

I have been visiting several clubs in District 25 E, and some of the ideas for fundraisers which have been discussed, which would normally be mentioned at Zone or Cabinet meets for clubs to glean ideas from:

Food Sales as Pancake, Fish, Spaghetti Dinners (Dinner in the Dark to give the idea of what it might be like for the Blind to Experience a meal). Either a special day for serving food at a festival.

Walk / Run ACTURAL OR VIRTUAL - sign up for doing this at one's own level, speed and turn in miles for fund raising Raffle, Turkey Shoot, Tournaments as Tennis, Pickle Ball, Disc or regular Golf.

And don't forget SERVICE PROJECTS which can be done during a meeting. As writing cards to shut ins, Preparing for your fundraisers, Stuffing Envelopes for communications.

Also don't forget that Food Pantries can use Hygiene items as Body Wash, Deodorant. AND Hygiene items can be collected and given to Middle & High School age students.

Give your members something to do along with attending a meeting.

Lions are currently giving just over 13% of Leader Dog annual funds.

Yours in Lionism.

1st VDG 25E

John Spurgeon

NOTICE:

The State Constitution & Bylaws committee has announced any amendments need to be submitted by December 2, 2024 so the committee can review. If you have amendments, please submit to PDG Vern Tincher at vtincher2750@gmail.com.

2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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Why serve as a district officer? How does Lions work? Clubs need district and international just the same as district and international need the clubs. Lions International supplies the district and multiple districts with the knowledge to train members and clubs, offers grants to assist with purchasing service equipment, training materials, and promoting Lions Clubs world wide. District supports the clubs by training club officers, promoting club activities on a larger level, supplying grants to clubs, and helping clubs grow by assisting with membership drives when needed, sending an officer to install new members so they feel that much more important, and keeping members and clubs updated with information from surrounding clubs.

Clubs support the district and international by paying dues, turning in service project information, carrying the physical load of completing the tasks of the communities.

One area can not work without the other and without volunteers to serve as, and club officers we cannot perform the tasks to properly support our community.

2020 Brad Nolan

Cabinet Secretary **Christy Nolan**



Secretaries

CONGRATULTAIONS, you survived your first quarter!

Now on to the fun and craziness of quarter two, the holidays... yes you can do this. We know life is going to be super crazy so just be prepared. Everyone will be doing extra giving. Make sure they are turning in their service hours to you. Are you doing your part, asking, recording, and encouraging them? Yes, I bet you didn't know as secretary you are the club cheerleader. Yep, you signed up to be the cheerleader bet you didn't know that. We are constantly trying to get the clubs to do good, whether individually or as a group. Service is in our veins. So, get out there and do what we do best. Bring cheer to our clubs and communities! Have a great Thanksgiving and record those actions of service this month.



District 25-E Cabinet Secretary

CS Christy Nolan

LCIF Coordinator

Christy Nolan

With Thanksgiving coming up, everyone starts the month as what they are thankful for daily. By the 11th or 12th day of the month you start to notice the posts dying off (me included) and by Thanksgiving they have almost completely stopped. Well, I struggle with this as I have so much to be thankful for. I have a strong, healthy family that I love dearly, wonderful friends, and an extended Lions family. I am thankful every day for those pleasures. Oh, don't get me wrong my family may drive me crazy. I get busy and don't have time to hang out with friends. Lions' families are just that family, they don't always agree. But regardless they all know I'm a phone call away when trouble comes knocking.

LCIF is the same way. Even though we don't think about it daily it is there to help when the time comes. Right now, within our country we have families struggling with the aftermath of Milton. LCIF and Lions clubs have stepped up to help.

Since September 27, LCIF has awarded 10 Emergency grants totaling \$150,000 for hurricane relief across Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee. We are still working with Lions in additional districts that are assessing needs, and we anticipate additional grant funding will be awarded soon. Lions in these districts are using Emergency grants first, and then will assess if additional LCIF funding is needed.

In addition to these 10 Emergency grants, LCIF has also awarded 2 Major Catastrophe grants. Multiple District 35 (Florida) and Multiple District 31 (North Carolina) were each awarded Major Catastrophe grants for \$100,000 each. Lions are working to develop a plan to use these funds.

As of 9/30/24, LCIF has awarded 12 grants totaling \$350,000 for US hurricane relief.

Donations to the general disaster fund help us award these grants immediately to Lions who are impacted by natural disasters. We anticipate additional funding requests will be received and awarded to help support Lions continue hurricane relief activities.

We don't hear enough about what Lions and LCIF do because we are our own worst enemy. We do not brag and boast about what we do. Instead, we jump in and take action to heck with pictures, articles, or anything else. We just want to help. Have you had your LCIF coordinator come speak to your club this year? Have you appointed a club level LCIF director? Contact myself or CT Debbie Ellis to come speak to your club. We would love to share what great giving opportunities we have for you for "Giving Tuesday".

CS Christy Nolan

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Past District Governor Corner
This month featuring
Past District Governor
Dale Leffler



Hello Lions,

Winter is coming upon us. Do you know what to do when electricity is out or ice on the roads & walkways??

Here are a few tips to help keep you safe & warm.

Keep a can of Crisco & a candle wick handy. This will burn slowly with little to no odor except when blown out. Can provide light and a little heat.

Have a disaster kit at home & an emergency kit in your vehicle.

Dress in layers & wear gloves & scarves to help keep you warm.

Keep cell phones charged.

Keep your car gassed up in case you need to travel or to charge a cell phone.

When traveling, make sure roads are safe & there are no restrictions.

Avoid caffeine & alcohol, as they constrict blood vessels, which limits circulation.

Monitor forecasts through local news outlets or weather apps.

A generator could help if available.

DO NOT USE a heater in an unoccupied room. If using a fireplace, use a screen to help ventilate & keep sparks from starting a fire.

If the electricity is out, stay in an interior room & cover up with blankets or try to get to some place that has heat.

Turn faucet on for a slow drip to keep pipes from freezing.

Dale Leffler

Club Celebrating
Anniversaries in November

The Following clubs are celebrating Anniversaries:

Worthington #9710

Chartered 11/02/1947

77 Years of Service

Oakland City #9685

Chartered 11/01/1965

59 Years of Service

Lions Clubs Recruiting: Building a Brighter Future Through Community Service

This article explores the importance of effective recruitment strategies for Lions Clubs and how these efforts can transform communities.

The Importance of Recruitment

Recruitment is vital to the sustainability and growth of any organization, and Lions Clubs are no exception. New members not only bring fresh ideas and energy but also expand the reach and impact of the club's efforts. The challenges faced by communities are ever evolving, ranging from health crises to environmental issues, making it imperative that Lions Clubs continuously recruit passionate individuals who are committed to service.

Identifying Potential Members

Effective recruitment begins with recognizing individuals who share the organization's values. The ideal Lions Club member is community-minded, seeks to develop personal leadership skills, and has a desire to help others. Potential recruits can be found in various areas including:

1. **Local Businesses:** Many entrepreneurs are looking for ways to give back and may align with the mission of Lions Clubs.
2. **Schools and Universities:** Engaging students and young professionals introduces a new generation to service while offering valuable leadership training.

Community Events: Utilizing existing community events allows for organic engagement with potential members who are already involved in service-oriented activities.

Utilizing Social Media and Online Platforms

In today's digital age, leveraging social media is crucial for successful recruitment. Lions Clubs can utilize platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn to:

1. Share stories of community impact.
2. Promote events and service opportunities.

Highlight the benefits of membership, such as networking and personal growth.

Creating engaging content that resonates with the target audience can help spark interest and draw new members to the cause.

Hosting Informational Meetings and Open Houses

Hosting events that invite the community to learn about the Lions Club can be a highly effective recruitment strategy. Informal gatherings, open houses, or informational meetings can serve as a platform to:

1. Share the history and mission of the Lions Club.
2. Discuss ongoing projects and their impact.

Allow potential members to meet existing members and ask questions.

These gatherings foster a welcoming environment where individuals can experience the camaraderie and purpose of the organization firsthand.

Lions Clubs Recruiting: Building a Brighter Future Through Community Service (Continued)

Promoting the Value of Membership

When recruiting new members, it is equally important to communicate the tangible benefits of joining the Lions Club. Membership offers:

1. Opportunities for personal and leadership development through various programs.
2. Networking with like-minded individuals from diverse backgrounds.

The satisfaction of making a significant difference in the local and global community.

Highlighting testimonials from current members about their experiences can further emphasize these benefits.

Tailoring Recruitment Approaches

Every community is unique, and recruitment strategies should be adapted to fit local demographics and interests. Understanding the community's specific needs and aligning them with Lions Clubs projects can create a compelling case for individuals to join. Additionally, leaders should be attentive to feedback from current members to continuously improve recruitment efforts.

Conclusion

Recruiting new members is pivotal for the ongoing success of Lions Clubs. By actively engaging the community, utilizing modern technology, and showcasing the multitude of benefits membership offers, Lions Clubs can ensure a steady influx of passionate individuals ready to make a difference. Ultimately, effective recruitment leads to a stronger organization, better service delivery, and a brighter future for communities across the globe. Together, Lions can continue to exemplify their commitment to serving humanity, one community at a time.

Eddie McKim

Global Membership Team

GMT Coordinator



Lions Clubs International

FOUNDATION

Hello CA I Coordinators/Area Leaders,

We are pleased to provide an additional update to LCIF's ongoing support following the impact of recent hurricane in the southeastern United States.

Between July 1, 2024 and October 14, 2024, LCIF awarded 147 grants globally totaling US \$2,828,653 under the cause of disaster relief. This includes refugee relief grants.

United States

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We deeply understand the extensive damage across these states and are in ongoing communication with Lions in affected areas. We're continually reviewing new requests from districts that may need further assistance. Our commitment to supporting relief efforts is unwavering, and we truly appreciate the dedication of Lions actively helping in these devastated communities. Your enthusiasm for sharing the impactful work of YOUR foundation is incredibly inspiring.

Thank you for your heartfelt support and unwavering dedication. You are appreciated beyond words.

With gratitude,
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Hello Lions,

This year I have the pleasure of being the Nominations and Elections Chair for both the State and the District. Since the District Convention is quickly approaching (March 2025), I thought now would be a good time to let everyone know about the nominations.

Anyone who is interested in running for the office of 2nd Vice District Governor has to meet a few qualifications. Candidates must have been club president for a year and served on the club board of directors an additional two years. They must also have served on the district cabinet for a year. I must receive letters of endorsement at least 30 prior to the convention or by February 19th. If you are interested, please contact me for additional information.

Also, 30 days prior to the convention, candidates for the trustee positions should have their letter of intent to me. Candidates should be in good standing with their club and willing to serve on the project they are elected to. For more information for the projects, please contact me for additional information.

At the state level, we are looking for candidates for the office of Comptroller and International Convention Committee. Anyone can run for the office of Comptroller but only Past District Governors may run for International Convention Committee.

Thank you,

Racing to Serve, *PCC Keith Thomas*

District Events and Calendar

November 14	Official Visit to Seymour Noon and Seymour Evening
December 1	Virtual District Meeting and Continued Learning
December 14	Council Christmas Party
December 17	Official Visit to Salem Lions
January 17,18	Mid-Winter Conference in Indianapolis
January 28	Official Visit to Evansville Eastside
February 22	District Leadership Learning at French Lick West Baden
March 21—22	District 25E Convention with ID Edwin “Guy” Hollander

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

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 October

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Greg Gahlinger Sr	Georgetown	Kasandra Ramsey
Mary Gahlinger	Georgetown	Kasandra Ramsey
Mark McComas	Georgetown	James Galbreath
Cory Mueth	Jasper	Gary Sturgil II
Kyle Hinderlider	Medora Community	Chris Snodgrass
Jennifer Olmstead	New Albany	Sara Glass
Anita Bottom	Petersburg	Larry Bottom
Charlotte Frederick	Petersburg	Larry Bottom
Taylor Hunt	Petersburg	Larry Bottom
Carla Johnson	Petersburg	Larry Bottom
Dustin Steward	Seymour Noon	Brad Nolan
Arwin Quinn	Shoals	Theresa Fuhrman
Cheyanna Hayes	Winslow	Lucebra Gamble
Falicia Hayes	Winslow	Lucebra Gamble

Fallen Lions in October

None Reported

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 Mike Crouch	PDG Charlie Crawford	Lion Jim Springer
Lion Rex Drabing	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				

51st Annual Seymour Oktoberfest October 3-5, 2024

The Seymour Noon Lions were busy during the **51st Annual Seymour Oktoberfest Festival** held from October 3-5, 2024, in downtown Seymour, Indiana.

The Noon Lions set up downtown on Wednesday, October 2nd to get our trailer and merchandise ready and the outside surrounding the trailer decorated. We even found time to sing “Happy Birthday” and have a birthday cake on 2VDG Brad Nolan’s Birthday!

The Seymour Noon Lions are responsible for selling the **“Official Oktoberfest Merchandise”** for the festival and have been appointed as the official seller of swag by the City of Seymour.

We sell short-sleeved shirts, long-sleeved shirts, sweatshirts, Alpine Hats, and Festival Collector Pins and we also sell **water and sodas each year for \$1.00** (as a service and not a fundraiser) and are the cheapest every year at the festival.

The best part of the festival for me was talking to all the great people from all over Jackson County, the state, and the United States. They were unique, down-to-earth people who were just there to join in the celebration and help support your cause.

We would like to say **“Thank You”** to all those individuals who helped man the Seymour Noon trailer to help sell merchandise and the drink station to help sell our covey of refreshments. **You gave freely of your time and talents, and we appreciate every one of you!**

YOU are the reason that we can do what we do in our community because of the support that you so freely give – Thank You!

We look forward to seeing you next year!





More Pictures from the 51st
Annual Seymour Oktoberfest



“WE SERVE”
WHERE THERE'S A NEED
THERE'S A LION

SeymourNoonLions.org



A big pat on the back to the Lions who have been out there in all the schools and day cares this fall screening those 18 month to 6 year olds. With most of the screenings entered for the month, the Lions of Indiana have screened over 6500 kids across the state from August to October using a fleet of KidSight and club owned cameras. Now that most

**August to
October 2024
District Count**

A	1162
B	163
C	1504
D	453
E	351
F	1696
G	1245
Total:	6574

are finishing up schools and Head Starts, think about focusing on the small day cares, nurseries, and ministries in your area. Set up a monthly screening at the county library. The sooner we can screen kids, the better!

The current consent forms and cover sheet are available for download at: <https://www.visionfirst.org/operationkidsight>

I have also created a public Google Drive folder with documents related to KidSight. Email for a link if that's in your comfort zone.

If you need hard copies mailed to you, please call **317-213-3902** or email Karlene Roe at **kidsight@att.net**.

Please remember the mailing address for submitting screenings has changed. The current cover sheets have the correct information.

Reach out if you need supplies for your cameras/screenings.

Lions of MD25, keep up the good work!



District Governor Erica Thomas (Right) presents to the Sullivan County Lions Club members Past District Governor Vern Tincher, Past International Director Linda Tincher, and Cabinet Treasurer and Past President Debbie Ellis with a Club Excellence Award for Lions Year of 2023-2024.



Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc. Annual Holiday Luncheon

You are invited to attend! The Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Inc. Board of Trustees will have our annual holiday luncheon on Sunday, December 15, 2024, at the Indiana School for the Deaf Brown cafeteria, 1200 East 42nd Street, Indianapolis, across from the State Fair Grounds. Activities will begin at 12:30 p.m. Plan to arrive early to check in at the registration table and visit with friends. The cost per person is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door.

Our special guests will be the deaf high school students, your donations helped sponsor, who attended the Deaf Youth Leadership Camp for four weeks in Stayton, Oregon last summer. As a highlight of the luncheon program, the students will report on their experiences while attending the Leadership Camp.

Also attending will be staff members of the Indiana School for the Deaf, staff members from the Riley Children's Hospital Audiology & Speech Department, and Riley Children's Foundation. Faculty representatives from our four state universities as well as scholarship recipients will be in attendance.

In support of your project, the Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing trustees hope you will join us for this inspiring occasion. We encourage you to bring other Lions and friends to experience the excellent work we do in fulfilling our motto "We Serve." Please complete the form below and return it with your check to arrive at the address shown below no later than December 7, 2024. Thank you for your support.

We will be having a silent auction, if you have an item you would like to donate, please bring with you on December 15th.

Please reserve _____ dinners at \$25.00 each. (Children under 4 no charge)

Amount enclosed: \$_____ Make check payable to Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc.

Name	Title	District	Club

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Make Your Mark In Indiana!

Mark Your Calendar

Make plans now to attend the Indiana Lions 2025 Mid-Winter Conference, Saturday, January 18, 2025, at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport Hotel.

Holding the Line on Costs

It seems like the price of everything has been going up lately. That's why we've decided to hold the line on the prices for the 2025 Mid-Winter Conference. The prices for the Friday night dinner and the conference on Saturday will be the same as they were in 2024.

Best Place for Learning

Some Indiana Lions say the Mid-Winter Conference is "the best place for learning" about leadership, service, and all aspects of Lionism. The following seminars will be offered:



The Lions Portal	Eyeglass Recycling (and Mission Trips)
Membership Orientation	The Secret Sauce
How To Take Care of Your Heart (Which allows us to serve better)	Building Fellowship in Your Club Through Icebreakers and Recognition
LCI Insurance and Retention: Not Just For Membership Anymore	Emergency Preparation / VOAD
Gaming Rules	Understanding Diabetes (without the big scary!)
Cancer Control	Artificial Intelligence In Promoting Lions
All You Need Is Love: Understanding Lionism Through the Music of the Beatles	LCIF From Giving To Grants To Legacy

New This Year: Speed Learning

During the last two seminar sessions, we will offer several "speed learning" sessions—short sessions that will give you an overview of a specific topic. Speed learning gives you the opportunity to learn about a number of topics in a very short time. When you arrive at this session, you will select a topic that interests you. After approximately 12 minutes, everyone will switch to a new topic. At the end, you will have received an overview of four topics that interest you.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum	Indiana Lions for Leader Dog
International Convention 2025 Orlando Florida	Indiana Lions for ISBVI
Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Inc.	Vision First Indiana Lions Eye Bank
Indiana Lions Foundation	Having Fun In Your Club

Rewarding Service Projects

"Sock It To Me" – Please bring new socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, knit hats and blankets to be collected and divided among the district governors who will share them with individuals in need in their districts.

"Care-ing Cases" – After the dinner program on Friday evening, we will assemble our Care-ing Cases, which consist of first aid kits using cleaned hard eyeglass cases and toiletry kits made up of personal hygiene items. These cases will be given to the district governors who will share them with individuals in need in their districts.

Registration Form Available Now

Download the registration form and information packet from the Indiana Lions website at indianalions.org.