



District 25E

Newsletter

Southwest Indiana Lions Serving 22 Counties!



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"Volunteering at the North Pole!"

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From the desk of District Governor Glen Georges

Happy Holidays Lions! December marks the halfway point in our year. It is time to look at where we have been and where we are. How is your membership growth? I and 1VDG Erica Thomas asked each of you to set goals for your clubs. Just as I must do as your District Governor.

Let's start with membership. My goal is to start a new club in the district. While we are not ready to charter a new club. It is in the process of becoming a reality we hope. Have you met your goal to grow your club. Why not? Where are you in the process of growing? Who have you asked? Have you followed up? Are you working with your membership chair to grow? They need your help too. It must be a team effort. The district is here to help if needed. Some clubs are doing great and some of us need help. There is no shame in asking for help. It is a sign that you know you need help and really understand your club and are on top of the issues we all maybe facing. Just ask, for help, for members, and for direction when all else seems to not work.

Leadership is the second goal that I set. We have called this continuing education opportunities. I have asked that $\frac{3}{4}$ of the district officers, club officers, and lions of your district attend these events. We have done well but not great. In Lionism, things change all the time in lions. We need to stay on top of the changes. February 3rd is a great opportunity to do this. PDG Mark Clark has done a great job putting together programs that are relevant to our clubs. We will have more information to come about this.

Service is my last goal. As a district we are behind on reports. Do you need help? PID Linda Tincher, CS Christy Nolan, and PCC Keith Thomas are here to help. We want to know when, where, and how many hours was involved in your service project or fund raiser. This information helps us all as Lions across the entire world when we all report our service. This helps LCI to petition The Bill Gates Foundation, Lilly Foundation, and others for their support of our service to our communities.

As I ready for the holidays myself, I just want to remind you that District Convention is on March 22-23 of 2024. Hotel rooms are under \$100 after tax! It is at the Gasthof Village in Montgomery. There will be details in this newsletter. Mid-Winter Conference is January at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Indianapolis on the 19th-20th.

Just the facts, membership as the beginning of the year, 1171. Membership as of right now, 1185. The number of clubs that are more than 2 months out from reporting a service activity is 25 clubs. Only 51% of clubs are complying. Clubs we can do better. We have people here to help. This should be in the 90%. It is so easy and we do want to help.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Yours in Service,

DG Glen M Georges

From the desk of 1st Vice District Governor Erica Thomas



I hope that everyone had some great food and family time on Thanksgiving and are now getting ready for Christmas. I'm going to talk about communication or the lack thereof. Did you know that the last several clubs that closed in our district stopped communicating with district leaders many months before they voted to close? They didn't share their intentions or ask for help until it was too late to offer assistance.

It is the club's responsibility to share information with the District Team. It can be the President, the Secretary, Club Administrator or any other designated member. The following is the information that District Governor Glen is requesting be communicated:

How is the club doing with membership? What goal did the club make for membership? Have you met that goal? Have you even gotten started?

Is your club reporting the service given to your community? I would hope we are all doing something related to the holidays!

What needs for the leadership development is your club asking assistance with? How is your club developing its members for club and district leadership? What are your mentors doing with new members?

The district has become challenged with the lack of leaders. Previous leadership has not pursued the opportunities to reach out to each person and ask "Why are you a Lion? Why are you still a Lion?" We all have those answers, but maybe not to the next questions.

Where do you want to be as a Lion next year, in 3 years, 5 years, 10 years?

Do you want to be stuck in the rut right where you are?

Do you want to do something more?

Do you want to become more than who you are now, more of who you are meant to be?

If you have questions about where to begin with questions 3 and 4, please feel free to call or text me! We will find a place to begin together. In the world of Lions, you are not alone and those around you will not let you fail!

I dare you to report this information to District Governor Glen:

How many invitations have you given to visit your club?

How many invitations have you given to join your club?

How many non Lions joined your last project?

We are so much more together than separate. That goes for individuals and clubs.

Let's get to growing for the future and our legacies!

NDG Erica Thomas

From the random thoughts of Editor PCC Keith Thoms



Hello Lions,

First, I want to remind all clubs that both International and District dues must be paid 14 days prior to the start of the convention, but not just dues! All outstanding bills to Lions International must be paid by this time. If you purchase club supplies or add new members, please download and pay your bill quickly. Also, your club must be in good standing for anyone in the club to be on the ballot. This year that date is March 6, 2024.

The elections this year will be the trustees for the five state projects and the Indiana Lions Foundation for a three year term. The trustees typically meet in Indianapolis for 4 to 6 meetings per year. Trustees are to visit the various clubs and inform the clubs what their respective project does and how the Lions can support the project. The 3rd year trustee gives a report at the district meetings. If you are interested in one of these positions, submit your name and letter of endorsement at least 30 days prior to the convention to PDG Dale Leffler.

We will also be electing a District Special Projects trustee for a three year term. The District Special Projects trustees meet at least twice a year in person and via email as grant requests are submitted. As with the state projects, the 3rd year trustee gives a report at the district meetings.

Lastly, this is the time we elect the District Governor and the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors. The candidates for District Governor and 1st Vice District Governor are the current 1st and 2nd Vices respectively.

But the office of 2nd Vice District Governor needs to be elected. A candidate for 2nd VDG has to meet certain qualifications.

The qualifications are as follows:

- Must be an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing.

- Must be endorsed by their club or a majority of the clubs in the district. This endorsement should be submitted to Nomination and Elections no later than 30 days prior to the convention.

- Have served as club president, a member of the board of directors of a Lions club for no less than 2 years, and served as a zone, region chair or cabinet secretary or cabinet treasurer with none of these being accomplished concurrently.

- The District Constitution requires a letter of intent stating intent to run and including the above qualification including years served in these positions.

If you are planning to run for a trustee or a district office position, the deadline for submitting your written nomination and/or endorsement is February 20. Please submit your letters to Nominations and Election Chair PDG Dale Leffler at lefsue.2000@gmail.com, so that your name will be on the ballot.

Until next month, Racing to Serve.

PCC Keith Thomas and PDG Dale Leffler

Past Governor Corner

This month featuring

Past District Mark Clark



Want to grow from a Baby Cub to a Leader of the Pride?

Lions throughout District E are leading the way in service for their communities. From eyeglasses and vision screening, to food baskets, to paying for travel expenses for medical treatment, to providing ramps and medical equipment, to support of our state and international projects, Lions of District E do it all. But so often, as Lions do, we stay in our own territories. Did you know that an average African lion pride would be between 15 to 40 lions and roam a territory larger than 39 square miles? To often our lions clubs and we as lions stay within the territory of our own community. Do you want to learn how to expand what others Lions do outside of their own territories? Or do you just want to grow as a lion to learn new leadership skills to help your club expand its "we serve" motto?

There are two great opportunities for you to learn how to expand your "Lions territory" coming up that you should plan NOW to attend.

The first opportunity is the Indiana Lions Midwinter Conference held in Indianapolis on January 19-21, 2024. The Midwinter Conference will be held at the Indianapolis Crowne Plaza Hotel, which is at the old Indianapolis airport just west of 465 and Sam Jones Expressway at 2501 South High School Road, Indianapolis. There Lions from across Indiana will meet on Saturday, January 20 to learn, fellowship, and grow in their knowledge of Lionism. There will be multiple seminars and workshops for Lions to participate in to learn new topics on how to expand their vision of service for both their communities and beyond their communities. District E's own PID Linda Tincher and CT Debbie Ellis will be presenting a seminar on Finding and Applying for LCIF Grants. This is an excellent day to meet Lions with knowledge gained through years of experience in Lionism, and to meet new Lions who have a new and different perspective on what our service should look like for younger individuals. The main day of the midwinter conference is on Saturday, January 21 and Lions can attend just on that day by either pre-registration or registration when they attend the conference. Save yourself a few dollars by pre-registering and seeing the registration form that is included with this newsletter. This is a day well spent in learning and meeting Lions from across our state that can expand your territory and your Lion service.

The second way that Lions can expand their territories is by attending the US/Canada Leadership Forum. District E is in a prime location to attend this forum in September 5-7, 2024 since it will be held in Louisville, Kentucky. These are two exceptional days of learning for Lions from not only Lions from the United States and Canada, but also from around the world as many sitting international directors will attend and participate in this forum. As your district leadership chairperson I have been privileged to attend many USA/Canada Leadership Forums and can tell you that this is an experience not to be missed. It is much more compact than an international convention, you have much greater accessibility to the facilitators then at an international convention, and you have the opportunity to interact with Lions from across a broad spectrum of experience that you do not normally obtain get at an international convention. Not only are the presenters, who are generally past international directors, wonderful in their presentations, but as an added bonus, the meals include outstanding keynote speakers. After the Saturday lunch, the keynote speaker will be our International President who will give us a outstanding message regarding his vision for Lions around the world. On Saturday night after the dinner, we will have an outstanding presentation by Trish Wilson, who has spoken to many groups and businesses on what they can do to change their world each and every day. Again the USA Canada forum will be an excellent opportunity for Lions of District E to expand their territories.

[USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum | \(lionsforum.org\)](https://lionsforum.org)

Complete the registration form TODAY for the MidWinter Conference and plan now to attend the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville, Kentucky to expand not only your Lions Territory, but also your Lion Pride.

Yours in Lions, PDG Mark Clark, District Leadership Chair



DISTRICT 25E SPRING CONVENTION Meal Registration Form



Deadlines: Room Reservations must be received by March 1, 2024
Meal Reservations must be received by March 8, 2024

When: March 22-23, 2024
Where: Gasthof Amish Village
6659 E Gasthof Village Rd
Montgomery, IN 47558

Lodging: All rooms, both King and Queen are **\$99.75** this includes tax. To reserve a room, call 812-486-4900 and give them the reservation code Indiana Lions.

On Friday night, we will have the Meet the ID Dinner. Social time will start at 6pm with dinner starting at 7pm.

Saturday's delegate registration will start at 9:00am in the restaurant loft. The Honorary Committee meeting will start at 9:15am. The Opening Session will start at 10:00am. The convention meeting will include reports from District Governor, state projects, committee chairs, Zone Chairs, voting, Tail Twisting, Half Pot, and a Silent Auction. We will be having lunch between 11:30 and 12:30. In addition, we'll have tables set up with information from our State Projects, Indiana Lions Foundation, and LCIF.

We are requesting each club to donate an item for the silent auction. Items for the auction will be set up on Saturday starting at 8:00am. Winners will be announced at 3pm.

This convention is set at an Amish Style destination that is very family friendly. So bring your kids and grandchildren. Make a weekend getaway out of it.



DISTRICT 25E SPRING CONVENTION

Meal Registration Form



March 22, 2024

Friday Night International Director Jay Moughon Welcome Dinner

Dinner Friday night will be Baked Fish, Meat Loaf, California Blend Vegetables, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, & Tossed Salad. The cost for Friday night's meal will be \$25.00 per person.

March 23, 2024

Saturday Lunch will be Roast Turkey, Smoked Pork Loin, Baked Beans, Garlic Parmesan Red Potato, Homemade Dressing, & Tossed Salad. The cost will be \$30.00 per person.

*Both meals include homemade, Bread, Apple Butter, Peanut Butter, & Butter.
Desserts of Assorted cookies & cupcakes.*

Person 1 Name

First Last Title

Person 2 Name

First Last Title

Address

Street City State Zip

Club: _____

Attending: In-Person or Virtually (Circle One)

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Friday Evening "Meet the ID" Dinner # Attending: _____ x\$25 _____

Saturday Lunch # Attending: _____ x\$30 _____

Total Enclosed _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Make checks payable to: District 25E Lions and mail to Cabinet Treasurer Debbie Ellis, 8262 Center Road, Sullivan, IN 47882. For questions call DG Glen Georges at (812) 746-2140 or CS Christy Nolan at (812) 569-1868.

For those attending virtually, a link will be provided to the email listed above.

Lions of Indiana MD25 Special Olympics Committee

The Lions Special Olympics Committee would like to inform all Indiana Lions Club of a unique opportunity to support Special Olympics of Indiana in two separate Sports Venues, for the same amount of donations (\$10,000.00) we have been doing for just the Winter Games.

We are proposing to the Council of Governors to continue our support of the Special Olympics Winter Games at a new level of \$5,000.00 per year. (This is made possible because the Indiana Knights of Columbus has agreed to become a co-sponsor of the Winter Games for the other \$5,000.00) This means the Winter Games will not lose any support/funding, ensuring that our Indiana Athletes will continue to enjoy a quality Winter Games experience.

With this in mind we have been offered to also Sponsor the fastest and expected largest single sport for Special Olympics of Indiana – "Corn Hole" competition.

If we become the "Corn Hole" Sport Sponsor, plans will include semis finals in each of our District with the State Finals held in Indianapolis.

We will have the opportunity to place the Lions Logo on all State Competition Corn Hole boards along with the toss bags. This will give the Lions exposure not only to all athletes, coaches and families but the public/spectators.

It will also give the Lions in each District the opportunity to assist in the administration of the "Semi Finals Games" and "State Final Competition Games" as registers, score keepers, referees etc.

As an added bonus this will also give all Lion Clubs the opportunity to contact their local Special Olympics County Program and offer the same assistance for the local competitions. In addition each Lion Club could offer to help supply/make their Local County Program Corn Hole supplies. This would give each Club the ability to negotiate with the County Program Coordinator to allow the Local Lions Club to place their logo on the Corn Hole Board and Toss Bags just like what will happen on the state level.

All this Membership Involvement and Recruitment Opportunity for only a \$5,000.00 Sponsorship of the fastest growing sport for Special Olympics. Besides providing endless opportunity for "Service Hours" we can also participate as "Unified Partners" in the competitions. Great way to attract younger members and old alike.

Please let your leaders and members know you support these opportunities for your Club to participate in.

Thanks,

Co-Chair PDG Steve Holtzleiter

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Indiana Lions Special Olympics Committee

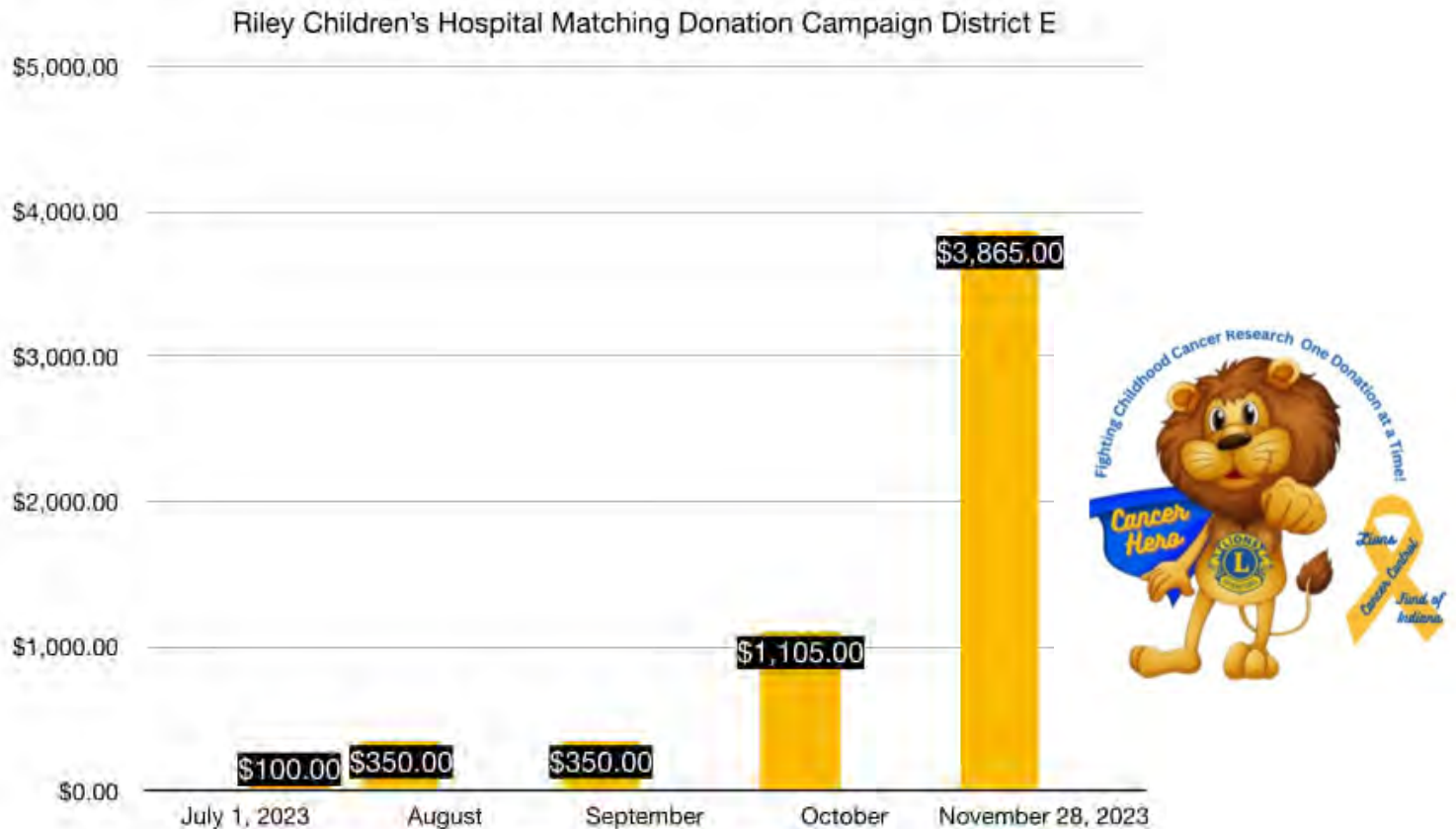
New Lions In November

Welcome to Lions!

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Crystal Langford	Francisco Lions	Harold Everett
Keith Langford	Francisco Lions	Harold Everett
Travis Buffenbarger	Ireland Lions	Jason Wehr
Daniel Henning	Odon Lions	Jonathan Britton
Damon Phillips	Odon Lions	Leroy Wadsworth
Trenton Scott	Shoals Lions	Audra Deckard
Barbie Jo Olson	Sullivan County Lions	Not Listed

Welcome new Lions!!

Goal of \$5,000.00 for District E



Lions, we are better than half way to our District Goal of \$5,000.00 for the Riley Children Hospital Matching Grant Campaign. Help us reach \$5,000.00 to fight Childhood Cancer in Indiana. Donate TODAY with the words RILEY CAMPAIGN on the check memo sent to CT Debbie Ellis. Call Trustees, Sue Leffler, Bill Willis, or Mark Clark TODAY for a program for your club. HELP US reach our goal for the children of District E and of Indiana.



District Events & Calendar



December 11	Official Visit to Shoals Lions
December 19	Official Visit to Salem Lions
January 9	Official Visit to Oakland City Lions
January 11	Official Visit to Petersburg Lions
January 16	Official Visit to Ellettsville Lions
January 19-20	Mid-Winter Conference Crowne Plaza, Indianapolis Airport
January 21	3rd Council Meeting at Indianapolis
January 23	Official Visit to Evansville Eastside Lions
February 3	Continuing Education at location to be determined.
March 22-23	25-E Spring Convention / 3rd Cabinet at Gasthof Village at Montgomery with ID Jay Moughon
April 26-28	Indiana Lions State Convention at the Noblesville Embassy Suites Hotel
June 1	Pre-Council Meeting at Indiana Lions State Office, 8780 Purdue Rd., Indy
June 15	4th Cabinet Meeting / Picnic, location to be determined.

**Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference**
Catch the Magic of Lionism



It's not too early to start planning for 2024. Mark your calendar now for the 2024 Mid-Winter Conference.

Opportunities for Learning



Opportunities for Service

Opportunities for Fellowship

Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport
January 19-20, 2024

MARCH 22-23, 2024

25E SPRING CONVENTION

GASTHOF AMISH VILLAGE, MONTGOMERY, INDIANA

APRIL 26 - APRIL 28, 2024

103rd Indiana Lions State Convention

EMBASSY SUITES CONFERENCE CENTER
NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA

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 of District 25E



Lion Henry Nelson

Winslow Lions

2.44 years of service



Prayer List for District 25E



Lions in need of Prayers

PDG Vern Tincher

Lion Jim Fisher

Lion Jack Voightschild

Lion Jaline Spurgeon

Lion Charlie Placke

PDG John Ferry

PCC Scott Smith (25D)

PDG Myrna Thompson

PDG Nancy Lambert

Lion Ed Fitchcock

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				



**Each year, approximately
400,000 Children
Worldwide develop Cancer.
That's 1 Child Every
90 Seconds!**



More Than 80% of Children Diagnosed with Cancer are cured, but that number does not begin to make clear the damage cancer wreaks on kids and their families. Approximately 1,800 kids still die each year from this disease in the U.S. alone. For those who do survive, toxic treatments take an irreversible toll on their health. These therapies leave Children with lifelong chronic conditions that range from fragile bones to strained hearts to infertility.

Skylar survived 2 battles with Leukemia that robbed her of her elementary school experience. She is now Cancer free, but her bones were so ravaged by treatment that she has trouble walking and is in excruciating pain and will eventually require an artificial hip.



Tate overcame stage 3 Liver Cancer as a Baby. From his chemotherapy, he must now wear hearing aids and weak bones have led to multiple breaks



Layla was diagnosed with a brain tumor at the age of 4, kidney cancer at 10, and thyroid cancer at 15. Despite all she endured, she remained a bright light for all around her. She passed away in 2022 at the age of 19 when her brain cancer recurred.



There are at least 483,000 childhood cancer survivors in the U.S. Many suffer from lifelong conditions, including heart damage, stroke, and increased risk to develop other cancers.

Right: PID Linda Tincher assists PID Doug Lozier with 1VDG training.

Next year's District Governors are well trained.



Left: PDG Kenny Williams (Ellettsville) shows Lion Dene Bartley (Petersburg) how to use the Diabetes Screening equipment.



Below: PDG Kenny Williams (Ellettsville) give last minute instructions to Petersburg Lions Dene Bartley and Lowell Thomas about Diabetes Screening.



LIONS COMPLETE 2023 VISION SCREENING OF 1,741 LOCAL STUDENTS

Members of the four local Lions Clubs (Bedford, Bedford Noon, Fayetteville Community, and Mitchell) joined together, in vision screening teams of 5 to 12 trained Lions, for 3 weeks in October and 1 week in November to conduct vision screenings on students at 17 Lawrence County Schools, screening one school in the morning and one school in the afternoon each day. Working with the Principals and Nurses the Lions helped complete the 2023 school year's State of Indiana required mandated school vision screenings for each school. This was the 14th year the local Lions have volunteered to do vision screenings in all schools. There were a total of 33 different Lions from the four clubs who volunteered to help this year. The Lions complete a certification-training program and donate all their time performing screenings at the schools. Each student's eyes are screened for distance and near visual acuity using Optec optical testing machines for 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 8th graders. The total number of students screened at North Lawrence Elementary and Middle Schools, Mitchell Elementary and Junior High Schools, St Vincent de Paul School, Lawrence County Independent Schools, Springville Community Academy, Stone City Christian Academy, JC Christian Academy and Lawrence County Home Schools was 1,741 with 285 students being referred for vision problems to seek additional professional eye exams. Many Lions Clubs throughout the state are now performing this valuable service for their community schools and children with great success and many others are working to get this great project started in their communities.

Right: Photo shows Lions Heather Wessel and Wanda Helton vision screening at the St Vincent de Paul School

Below Photo shows Lion Bob Ruble vision screening at the Springville Community Academy



Right: Photo shows Lion Newell Clifton vision screening at the Needmore Elementary School



The Dictionary Project

A total of 372 3rd grade students in the five Bedford North Lawrence Elementary Schools, St Vincent de Paul School, Lawrence County Independent Schools, Springville Community Academy, Stone City Christian Academy, JC's Christian Academy, and Lawrence County Home Schools have now received new dictionaries from the Bedford Lions Club with partial assistance from a Smithville Charitable Foundation grant. This is the 18th consecutive year the Lions have participated in this Dictionary Project while presenting a total of 7,287 dictionaries to the students according to Lion Heather Wessel, chairman of the local program. The Lions Club hopes that through this project the dictionaries provided can be used as each pupil's personal reference book. Inside the cover of each book is a Lion label and each pupil can write in his or her name.

The dictionaries are used to assist students in improving their reading ability and comprehension. Lion Wessel stated "It is a chance for them to expand their vocabulary and to have their very own dictionary."

Below: Mrs. True's 3rd grade class at the St Vincent de Paul School showing off their new dictionaries after receiving them from Lion Heather Wessel



Below: 3rd grade classes of Mrs. Cage and Mrs. Bartlett at Needmore Elementary School with their dictionaries after receiving them from Lion Heather Wessel



Below: Brownstown Lions John & Mary Ann McMahan-Surgeon distribute Dictionaries to Brownstown Central Elementary 3rd Grade class of Mrs. Shelton. Later Lion Jonathan Spurgeon and family showed to help distribute other classes their Dictionaries.



Below: Petersburg Lion 1VDG Erica Thomas discussing the dictionaries after handing out dictionaries to the 3rd grade class at Otwell Miller's Academy.

