



# District 25E Newsletter

Southwest Indiana Lions Serving 22 Counties!



## JUNE 2024

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# 25E INFO HOTLINE

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## Welcome to Summer!

Submit articles for the newsletter to: PCC Keith Thomas at [kthomas@threeidesign.com](mailto:kthomas@threeidesign.com) and Event Flyers and Pictures to be shared with the District and Hoosier Lion to be sent to PID Linda Tincher at [linda.tincher@ma.rr.com](mailto:linda.tincher@ma.rr.com)



## From the desk of District Governor Glen Georges

Hello Lions, it is hard to believe this is my final article as your District Governor. I want to thank you all for your hard work and to show the rest of the state that District E is here, and we are strong. The district has 1165 members. This is down 6 from where we started. I know we are going to lose 23 members this month for sure. We still can add members now. Lions this year has been one of our best despite the loss of 4 clubs. Mt. Vernon, Martinsburg, Tennyson, and Dugger. Please remember their service as we wish them well and work to rebuild our district. Back in 2015/16 we had 64 clubs and now we are down to 49 clubs in 2023/24. This is just food for thought. We can build branch clubs and specialty clubs and grow. You have shown me that we can do it.

Thank you for the memories and the friendship over the past year. I am just your cheerleader. Each of you made this year the best it could be. I know we are in good hands with DGE Erica Thomas and 1stVDGE John Spurgeon and 2ndVDGE Brad Nolan. We have good people in the pipeline to lead also. Please give them all your support. If you have a PDG in your club keep them dusted off and use them. PDG's love to serve, and we want to also support the team.

Remember and you have heard me say this many times, YOU make the district strong and please take advantage of the Learning Opportunities that DGE Erica and her team provide. Make sure you let her team know what the heartbeat is wanting in your clubs. Please make those reservations for DGE Erica to come and visit. Ask the Vice Governors to come and visit if possible. Get the projects in to tell your club what is going on. We have Lions that may not understand we can help someone with cancer or hearing and so much more.

You all have made me so proud of this district. Please reach out to me for help on anything you have a question about. I am here to help and help DGE Erica have a banner year!!!!

Thank you is not enough but will have to do it. It has been a wonderful year and I want to express my gratitude to you all. See you soon!

One last time,

*DG Glen M Georges*

# From the desk of District Governor Elect Erica Thomas



Hell Lions,

Here is the next part of the journey... the district goals for the next year!

1. Start 1 new club
2. Induct more than 120 new members
3. Continue the District's great ability to retain members
4. Increase clubs reporting service from only 35%
5. Increase the District's Lions Club International Foundation Individual donations to 10% and clubs donating to 55%.
6. By the end of August, 60% of the Zone Chairs and 40% of club officers receiving online and/or in person training.

Sometimes on the district governors' journey as they prepare for their year, the incoming International President encourages the districts to develop their own goals. Sometimes the goals are set for the district teams and we are on that journey this year.

I know that our district is hard working and great at reaching goals put in front of us so I know that these challenges will not phase us in the least. I will do my best to keep you informed with our progress each month and cheer us on as we reach and surpass the goals we set for our clubs.

My slogan is Moving Forward Leaving Legacy. If we are not planning for our future, what are we leaving for those who follow us?

Now is the time to contact me to schedule your club's governor visit. Remember there are only so many Tuesdays and Thursdays in the year!

812-766-0159 or [ericadthomas@yahoo.com](mailto:ericadthomas@yahoo.com)

*DGE Erica Thomas*

Right: 2024-25 MD-25 Governors

From Left to Right: 25E Erica Thomas,  
25D Rocky Simpson, 25G Warren Allender,  
25F Nancy Baxter, 25A Patty Cooke-Furlong,  
25C John Waymire, 25B Jim Bush



# Upcoming Lions Continued Learning and District Meetings!

June 29<sup>th</sup> All Lions Learning

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

Chandler Community Center

401 E. Washington Avenue Chandler, IN 47610

Meal pulled pork sandwich, potato salad,

baked beans, drink \$10.00

RSVP by Monday June 24<sup>th</sup>

July 6<sup>th</sup> All Lions Learning and District Meeting

10:00am-2:00pm Eastern Time

Sandborn Lions Club Hall 130 S. Anderson Street

Hwy 59 Sandborn, IN 47578

Subway Lunch (cost depends upon # attending)

RSVP by Monday July 1<sup>st</sup>

RSVP go to CS Christy Nolan at [christy@bcelectric.info](mailto:christy@bcelectric.info)

# From the random thoughts of Editor PCC Keith Thoms



Hello Lions!

As the Lions' year comes to a close, it is a good time to reflect on the successes and challenges of the year.

For the District, overall it was a successful year. We had several clubs added multiple members. Overall member retention remains at a high level and we have no open trustee or Vice District Governor positions. We currently facing the challenges of learning a new reporting system, the Lions Portal. We also had the challenges of losing several clubs.

Let's address the challenges. The Lions Portal, despite changing systems in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, the club officers seem to be willing to learn the program and are adapting quicker than I thought they would. If you are experiencing issues with the Lions Portal, please reach out to PID Linda Tincher or CS Christy Nolan. They are willing to help you with this.

Spoiler Alert! This could be your club!

Of all the clubs that closed, each of them had an aging membership and waited too long to get serious about recruiting new members. Everyone wants younger members, targeting potential members 25-35 years younger than themselves. Try recruiting someone 5-10 years younger instead. Once they are comfortable in the club, they can start recruiting someone 5-10 years younger than they are.

Another common issue was a lack of signature focus. A signature focus in your community helps everyone know the club. It also helps in recruiting members if folks have a working knowledge of what the Lions do!

The last item was none of the current members wanted to hold the office of president. I agree that the president office is important and can be scary. But I know your club is not going to let you fail as President. They may not agree with everything in the club, but they will not let you fail. These clubs decided to close because no one wanted to step up and say "I will run for President" and instead decided to vote to close.

None of these clubs wanted to close, but these challenges just overwhelmed the members. If your club is having any of these challenges or others, please bring them to the district leaders' attention. The district can't help if they don't know there is an issue.

So, Thank You District Governor Glen for a great year. District Governor Elect Erica, we are behind you ready to help you have a great year!

Until next month, Racing to Serve,

*PCC Keith Thomas*



# From the desk of Cabinet Secretary Christy Nolan



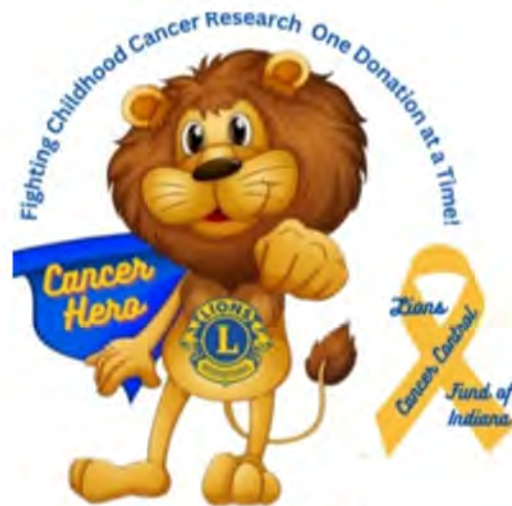
We are less than one month away from completing another Lions year. Congratulations!!!

It's been a crazy last couple of months with all the portal changes and no training in advance to release date. Please make sure to watch the newsletter for training dates. As we learn new things, we will do our best to relay them to you . Please make sure all of you check the portal for updated address, email, and phone numbers for all Lions in your club.

District picnic is coming up June 15th at Boggs Lake, this is great time to get together at a casual event to socialize with fellow Lions. I will be there if you have questions or need help with any end of the year finish up.

Most of all, have a great last month!

District Secretary *Christy Nolan*



DISTRICT 25-E  
YOUR CLUB CAN BE A CANCER HERO

Remember to have YOUR club send a donation to the  
Indiana Lions Cancer Control Fund  
For TREATMENT, EDUCATION AND RESEARCH  
AGAINST CANCER of both ADULTS and CHILDREN

REMEMBER TO HAVE YOUR CLUB ARRANGE A VISIT BY ONE OF THE  
CANCER CONTROL TRUSTEES FOR A PROGRAM TO YOUR CLUB

**You are cordially invited to  
Lions District 25 E's Banner Celebration.**

**Celebrating the incoming  
District Governor Erica Thomas.  
Emcee—Lion Duane Terry**

**Where: Dubois County Museum  
2704 North Newton Street  
Jasper, IN 47546**

**Saturday July 27, 2024  
1:00 P.M. Museum Tours  
Cost \$5 per person at the Museum Desk  
Social Time - 3:00 P.M. Eastern Time  
Celebration starts at 3:45 P.M. Eastern Time**

**The meal is \$25 per person  
Buffet meal of Smoked Pork Chops, Roast Beef,  
Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans,  
Broccoli & Cauliflower, Rolls, Drinks  
and Cherry Delight**

**Reservation are due by July 20, 2024  
email [ellisdebbie259@gmail.com](mailto:ellisdebbie259@gmail.com) or  
Mail to CT Debbie Ellis  
8262 Center Road  
Sullivan, IN 47882**

**Please bring your club banner  
And money for the Riley Cancer Matching Grant.**





# District Events & Calendar



## Glen's Calendar

**June 15** 4th Cabinet Meeting / Picnic at West Boggs Lake Redbud Shelter

## Erica's Calendar

- June 21-25** International Convention in Melbourne Australia
- June 29** Continued Learning Event at Chandler Comm Center (9:30a-1:30p CT)
- July 6** District Meeting and Continued Learning at Sandborn (10a-2p ET)
- July 9** Official Visit / Install Officers at Chandler
- July 16** Official Visit at Corydon
- July 20** 1st Council Meeting at Riley Township Lions
- July 23** Official Visit at Sullivan County Lions
- July 27** District Banner Celebration at Dubois County Museum
- Aug 2—18** Indiana State Fair—Consider working a gate for the Indiana Lions Foundation
- August 24** Continued Learning at Medora Christian Church (10a-2p ET)
- Sept 5—7** USA/Canada Forum at Louisville Kentucky
- Sept 21** Continued Learning at location to be determined
- October 5** 2nd Council Meeting at location to be determined
- October 11—13** PDG Weekend in New Harmony (District 25E is the host)
- October 26** Continued Learning at Salem Lions Clubhouse
- November 30** Continued Learning at location to be determined
- December 14** Council Christmas Party
- January 17,18** Mid-Winter Conference in Indianapolis
- February 22** Continued Learning at French Lick West Baden
- March 21—22** District 25E Convention with ID Edwin "Guy" Hollander

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

## 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,

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](mailto:cealschulz@sbcglobal.net)

## New Lions In May

Welcome to Lions!

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Ronald Umphress Jr.	Bedford Lions	Robert Warren
Dan Fischer	French Lick West Baden	Frances Drabing
Sheila Fischer	French Lick West Baden	Frances Drabing
Justin Harris	Seymour Noon Lions	Curtis Staley
Jeremy Kratzer	Seymour Noon Lions	Bill Rinehart
<b>Welcome new Lions!!</b>		



## *Fallen Lions of District 25E*



Lion Don Derrington

Chandler Lions

19.2 years of service



## *Prayer List for District 25E*



### Lions in need of Prayers

Lion Jack Voightschild  
Lion Charlie Placke  
PDG Myrna Thompson  
Lion Johannah Edwards  
Lion Ceal Schulz

Lion Jaline Spurgeon  
PDG John Ferry  
Lion Ed Hitchcock  
Lion Connie Thomas  
PDG Newell Clifton

Lion Jeff Cooper  
PCC Scott Smith (25D)  
PDG Cindy Wright (25D)  
PDG Vern Tincher



**September 5-7, 2024**  
**Louisville, Kentucky**

The Lions of Kentucky are looking for volunteers to help at the USA/Canada Lions Forum.

There are several ways to volunteer and still attend the forum.

The following are pre-forum tasks needed on September 4th and 5th:

Airport Greeter, Peace Poster Display Setup, Host Committee Office Setup, Pin Trader Setup, Prepare Hospitality Baskets, Lions Forum Store Setup, Registration Packet / Bag Packing, Registration, and more

At the Forum from September 5th, 6th, and 7th:

Registration, Forum Store Workers, Strides Walk, Host Committee Officer Workers, Meal Seating, Meal Display Table Signs, Update Forum Room Signage, Seminar Greeter and Runners, Greeters / Traffic Control, Forum Store Take-Down (Saturday only), Host Committee Office Take-Down (Saturday only), and more

If you are willing and able to help, please visit:

<https://lionsforum.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2024-Forum-Volunteer-Louisville.pdf>

# DISTRICT PICNIC

WHERE: **WEST BOGGS PARK**

16117 US 231

LOOGOOTE, IN 47553

**RED BUD SHELTER**

TIME: 10 AM TO ?? (Eastern)

RSVP: CS CHRISTY NOLAN

[christynolan@bcelectric.info](mailto:christynolan@bcelectric.info)

BY JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

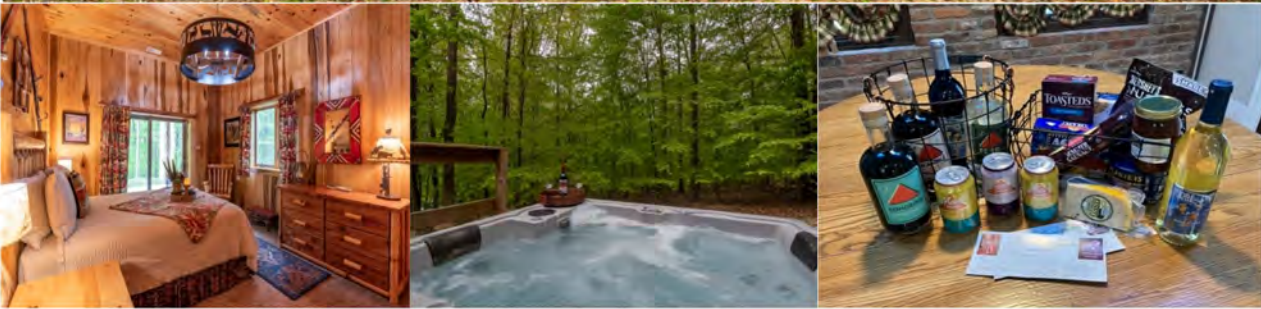
BRING YOUR FAVORITE FOOD THAT YOU ARE BEST KNOWN FOR AND THE DISTRICT WILL PROVIDE THE MEAT! BRING YOUR OWN DRINK AND REMEMBER THOSE PAPER PLATES AND UTINSELS TO EAT WITH!

**DGE ERICA WILL HAVE LEARNING OPPERTUNITES FOR OUR NEWLY ELECTED LEADERS!**



# WIN A TWO NIGHT STAY FOR TWO at Antler Log Cabins!

Brown County Cabins near Nashville, Indiana



Two people will enjoy two nights at Antler Log Cabins near Nashville, Indiana! Choose from luxurious cabins that include fully equipped kitchens, stone fireplaces, hot tubs, and much more! Nearby attractions include shopping, horseback riding, or hiking at Brown County Indiana State Park. Prize includes a basket with adult beverages and snacks to enjoy during your stay!

## Georgetown LIONS CLUB Raffle

Proceeds benefit our Sam Hopper Scholarship Fund

### Tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5

### Drawing September 2, 2024 - Need Not Be Present to WIN

Raffle tickets are ONE TICKET for \$1 / SIX TICKETS for \$5. All proceeds will benefit our Sam Hopper Scholarship Fund.

Anyone who would like a raffle ticket(s) please send a check for the amount desired, along with their name, address, and phone number. Please make your check out to: *Georgetown Lions Club* with Raffle Tickets in the Memo. Send checks to Georgetown Lions Club, in care of K. Ramsey 5900 Georgetown Greenville Road, Greenville, IN 47124

We will fill the tickets out for them and send back the KEEP ones for their records. (It's also a great way to know we received the check!)

1. Gift package also includes TWO Gift Certificates for \$25 each to Turtle Run Winery in Corydon, IN

2. The end date to insure we're able to mail back KEEP tickets is: FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2024

Must be 21 years or older to win. Redeemable up to one year from drawing. The \$690.00 value covers a two-night stay for 2 guests at any cabin except Homestead. Guests are responsible for additional fees if more than 2 guests or adding additional days to the stay. Gift certificates are not redeemable for cash. No refunds available if less than \$690.00.



# Past District Governor Corner

## This month featuring

### Past District Governor

#### Dennis Lambert



Hello Lions,

No one likes change.

I have made many changes in my life. But when you change something in someone else's life you get immediate feedback.

I have been a machinist for over forty years and have gotten good at repairing machinery. I've also made tools for production employees to do a better job of repetitive quality control. I'd remake tools when the production was done for the day. But first thing in the morning, the operator would see something for the first time and despair in the thought of using it. Sometimes I'd have to tweak the design and other designs they couldn't or just wouldn't use.

But I always tried to do my best.

What I'm trying to say is if change comes suddenly in your life make the best of it.

Bob Saget said; "... tomorrow is the first day of the rest of your life."

*PDG Dennis Lambert*



Raffle ticket  
\$5.00 each or  
5 for \$20.00

*Please put name and  
phone number on ticket.*

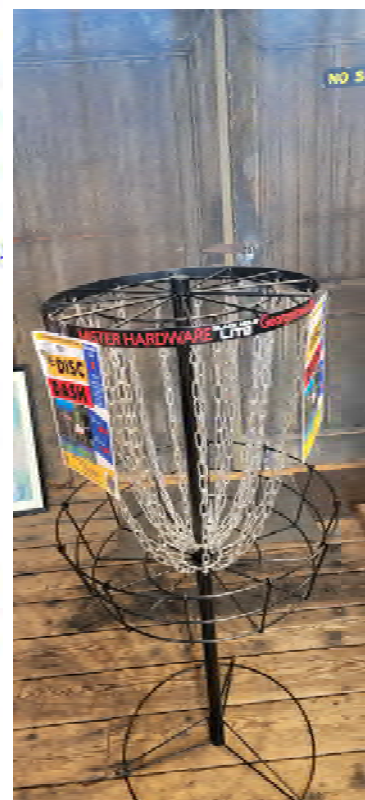
Proceeds go to Seymour Noon Lions to support multiple community agencies.

Winner will be drawn on July 1<sup>st</sup> at the Seymour Noon Lions Disc Dash.

See flier or visit

[HTTPS://SEYMOURIN.RECDESK.COM/COMMUNITY/PROGRAM](https://seymourin.recdesk.com/community/program) to register.

Special thanks to Mister Hardware in Georgetown IN for donating the basket for us to raffle off!





**SEYMOUR NOON LIONS CLUB**

**SATURDAY**

**AUGUST**

**3**

**10 A.M. - 3 P.M.**

**FREEMAN FIELD  
RECREATIONAL  
COMPLEX,  
2476 N. STATE  
ROAD 11,  
SEYMOUR**

**2ND**



**DISC**

**DASH**



**EARLY  
REGISTRATION**

**\$25**

**DAY OF  
REGISTRATION**

**\$35**

**REGISTRATION ONLINE AT:**

**[HTTPS://SEYMOURIN.RECDESK.COM/  
COMMUNITY/PROGRAM](https://seymourin.recdesk.com/community/program)**

**QUESTIONS? CALL HUNTER NOLAN AT 812-569-2754.**

