



District 25E Newsletter

Southwest Indiana Lions Serving 22 Counties!



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“Coming in from the Fog!!!”
See page 4 for more info.

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April Showers!

Submit articles for the newsletter to: PCC Keith Thomas at kthomas@threeidesign.com and
Event Flyers and Pictures to be shared with the District and Hoosier Lion to be sent to PID
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From the desk of District Governor Glen Georges

Hello Lions,

We had a great convention at the District level. Our keynote speaker was International Director Jay Moughon. Lions had a great time visiting with friends of old and new. We are now ready for State Convention in Noblesville! We also want to congratulate the slate of new officers and trustees.

We are working hard to gain membership. As of right now we are down 7 lions from the start of the year. We have a lot of work still ahead of us. I know we can do this and end with a net gain. We just need to ask and keep searching for good people to join our clubs.

Three months will go quickly. I know our new DGE Erica is working on Educational Opportunities in Leadership and Zone Chairs. Please reach out if you can help cover our district. The more positions that she can successfully fill the stronger you help make our District. You are the key to our District's success and reaching our DGE's goals.

We are still a long way off our goal of reporting on our service projects and for that matter membership on our monthly reports. PLEASE, reach out to PID Linda Tincher or Lion Christy Nolan for help. The help is available so let's use it. We should be 90% or better at reporting. Getting these reports can be done after each event and if you need help, do not wait till the very last day of the month. We want to help you. This also gets your clubs out in your community seeing the work we all do.

In Closing this newsletter, I want to thank you all for your hard work and your dedication to Lions. We can finish our Lions Year strong.

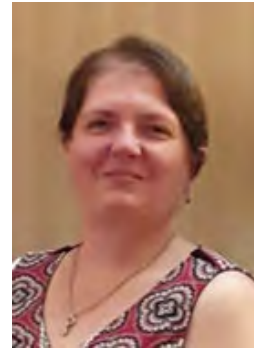
Yours in service,

Glen M Georges

Right: PDG Dale Leffler is out of this world after watching the total eclipse!



From the desk of District Governor Elect Erica Thomas



What Is a Team?

Here are a few definitions for that Noun...

A group of players forming one side in a competitive game or sport (like teams in March Madness!)

A group of two or more animals used to a wagon, cart, etc.

And the one that you might read about for the next few moments...

A group of individuals working together to achieve their goal.

Several things gave me pause when I read the third definition:

There is interdependency, needing each person to have a part, a task, a belief that s/he belongs or fits in.

There is accomplishment and completion, a deadline for that goal.

There is a common goal, objective, vision or mission.

There is planning.

There is task assigning.

There is accountability for those assigned tasks.

There is open and transparent communication with all persons involved in reaching said goal, objective, vision, or mission.

There are strengths, skills, and knowledge that enable collaboration.

There is not only coordinating efforts, but shared common purpose as well.

There is cohesiveness.

There is the ability to create a positive working atmosphere.

There is leadership and delegation skills.

There is clear structure, priorities, focus and optimized time management.

There is constructive feedback.

There is strong work ethic.

There is adaptability.

There is problem solving and analytical thinking and analyzing.

There is reliability.

There is willingness to mentor others, find one's own replacement.

There is evaluation throughout the process or project.

There are team players who actively listen to all teammates.

Each Lion's club is a team with hopefully several teams within. I am certain that each club team has items from above that need improvement. I challenge club members/ teammates to identify and begin to change within the club 2-4 items from the list above. Governor Glen and I want to help each of our clubs in the district become great TEAMS!

Our visits and reporting show that clubs that have focus / purpose, engagement / sense of belonging, and communication are clubs that have become teams where everyone has a position to play!

I can't believe how blessed I am to have such great Teams in the district! It's incredible how often Lions members go above and beyond!

Let's Continue Moving Forward Lions!

Until next time,

DGE Erica Thomas

First Vice District Governor Candidate

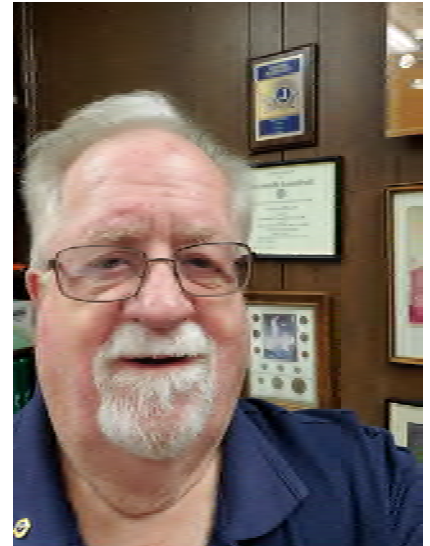
My name is Lion John Wm. Spurgeon, born into a LIONS family. My father James W. Spurgeon was DG of BIG E for Lions year 1959-1960. My sister, Lion Jaline has been president of the Brownstown Lions, District Secretary, Region Chair, and Zone Chair. My family consists of my wife Lion Mary Ann, children Elee (Aaron) Crawford, Jerre Spurgeon, Lion Jonathan (M. Kathryn) Spurgeon, J. "Wesley" Spurgeon, and Stephanie (Joseph Jr.) Martin. 12 grands and bonus grands, all but one living in Indiana.

Graduate of Brownstown Central H.S., Northwood University (West Baden, IN), Bachelor Business Administration, Ozark Christian College (Joplin, MO) Associate of Music Ministry.

I was installed into Joplin, Missouri, Rangline Lions Club in 1981. Upon returning to Indiana, I transferred to Brownstown Lions in June of 1982.

I am serving as Secretary and have done so for 30 + years. I have also served multiple times as Zone Chair and Region Chair, Indiana Lions for Leader Dog, Trustee and once as District parliamentarian

I am looking forward excitedly and anxiously, since I missed a year of training, to serving as Vice District Governor for 25-E, and am asking for help and prayers to fulfill my duties as Vice District Governor and on to serving as District Governor for Lions year 2025-26.



Second Vice District Governor Elect

My name is Lion Brad Nolan, I am a member of the Seymour Noon Lions Club.

I will be serving as your second vice district governor for the 24-25 lions year.

I joined lions in 2010, I own a small business and felt it was important to give back to the community that was supporting my family. I have served as club secretary, treasurer, vice president, and president. I have served as district zone chair and tail twister and currently I am a special projects trustee.

My time as a lion serving my community has been extremely rewarding, all 3 of my children have participated in events and have learned it can be fun and rewarding to help make the world a better place. My wife Christy Nolan is also a lion currently serving as district secretary.

When I joined lions I didn't realize I would become a part of an organization that touches so many lives in so many ways. I have been a part of several fundraisers, community projects, and charity events. My whole family has enjoyed working at the ISBVI on clean up days and participating in the Brians Trike Race and now the disc golf tourney. We have assisted in getting grants and park cleanup after a major storm. I am so glad that Lions found me. I look forward to serving our district in the coming years, please feel free to contact me for any assistance you need.



Open Your Phone Calendar Right Now!

Get the Banner Patches On!

Bring Your Family!

Join Us for the

Banner Celebration!

Saturday, July 27th 2024

Dubois County Museum

2704 N. Newton Street

Jasper, IN 47546

1:00pm Eastern Museum Tour Begins

Adults \$5.00 each

Children \$3.00 or less depending on age

3:00pm Eastern Social Time

3:45pm Eastern Celebration Begins!

Here's Another Open Your Phone Calendar Moment!

Please Mark the Following Dates

As Lions Learning Events

ALL LIONS WELCOME!

2024

May 11th and 18th

June 15th and 29th

July 6th

August 24th

September 21st

October 26th

2025

February 22

March 21-22

May 10th , 17th and 31st

June 21st and 28th

The May and June meetings will include current and updated information for all club offices. July 6th Learning Topic will be Setting Goals and Developing Action Plans

Locations are being confirmed. Flyers coming soon.

If your club would like to host one of these dates, please contact

DGE Erica at 812-766-0159 or ericadthomas@yahoo.com

Subject: District E Learning Location

PDG Corner

This month featuring Past District Governor Newell Clifton



Maintaining Critical Mass

What is Critical Mass? Definition 2 is, “the minimum size or amount of something required to start or maintain a venture. Example: a communication system is of no value unless there is a critical mass of users.” Our common venture is the Lions Club. I find that several 25E Lions Clubs are below critical mass, including my own Bedford Lions Club.

How does a Lions club drop below critical mass? It often begins with the loss of a valuable Lion with ability in at least one traditional or “signature” project. In the Bedford Lions Club, Lions Phil Mitchell and Jon Heichelbech passed in August and October 2023, and now our 73rd annual Pancake Festival is set for May 4. We failed over the years to recruit new Lions, and most experienced Lions are over 70 years old with health problems that limit physical activity. We are seeking non-Lions to help with our set-up and tear down of the event. Lions must induct new Lions and train them to understudy a senior Lion on a favorite project. Are you bringing your “replacement Lion” into your Lions Club?

Visiting ID Jay Moughan brought several famous quotations to our District 25E Convention. Allow me to add two of my favorites.

“I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good thing, therefore, that I can do or any kindness I can show to any creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.”

— **Stephen Grellet** (French-American missionary)

Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to all the souls you can, in every place you can, at all the times you can, with all the zeal you can, if ever you can.

---**John Wesley** (founder of Methodism)

PDG Newell Clifton

(District 25E1, 1993-1994)

Right: During his official visit to Worthington Lions, District Governor Glen Georges (left) inducted a new member, Todd Klass (center). Lion Todd was sponsored by Lion Jerry Murdock (right).

Welcome to the Lions Todd!



Peace poster primer – time to engage

“Peace without limits”

If your club is not participating in the Lion’s international peace poster and essay contest, you are missing out. This opportunity is probably the easiest activity for your club, the least amount of time and a wonderful return on investment for community outreach.

I wanted to get involved in the contest to see what it was all about 5 years ago and we, as a club, love it and have never considered not making it an annual affair.

We have back-pack, scholarship and food pantry programs with our local Jr/Sr High School, so this folded in nicely and easily. No matter the size of your club, one person can take this on and the benefits to the club are huge.

I started with the superintendent of the school system to make a small presentation regarding the ease and benefit of the contest and then get a local contact person. We elected to go with the Art teacher of the age group eligible for the contest. With the exception of the club buying the kit from Lion’s, there is realistically nothing else further you need to do other than to show up for the presentation.

We are lucky because we have really supportive District Governors so each year, after the Art teacher determines who the winner and runner-ups are, we coordinate with the district governor to come to the schools presentation and present the awards. We coordinate with the local newspaper, put pictures on our Facebook page, the school puts up the posters and we send in an article to the Lion’s newsletter and mission accomplished. We wear our Lion shirts everywhere. We often are stopped by either parents of participating kids or the kids that submitted their poster, exclaiming how excited they were about this fun contest. Getting kids to focus on what peace looks like to them and the annual theme is so positive.

I am the District point of contact for this contest and am happy to share our experience and speed secrets for a successful, easy and rewarding project for your club. Attached are our 2023 winners and runner up’s and their posters. Please contact me, Linda Goodrich, Fredericksburg Lion’s Club, President, at bblackie25@gmail.com or 310-346-7277. Shown is District Governor Glen Georges presenting along with me. The success is really due to the amazing Washington Jr/Sr High School art teacher, Mrs. Chastain. Picture one is our winner Amity Batt and the runner-up pictures in order are Audrey Williams, Elynn Zeigenbein, Jacob Jones, Stella Richards and Daisy Hart with the theme, Dare to Dream.

The kids were really excited about the opportunity and obviously put a lot of work into their submissions. We look forward to doing it again this year. I hope this article inspires your club to reach out to your local youth clubs or Junior/Senior high schools and get involved. The deadline for ordering your poster is October 1st 2024 but to be fair to the students, getting them involved at the beginning of the school year in August/September gives them plenty of time to think on the project poster and do their best. I look forward to hearing from you.



PEACE POSTER CONTEST KIT

PPK1EN \$11.95

Peace Poster 2024-2025 Contest Kit, “Peace Without Limits”. Each kit contains all the materials needed to sponsor the contest in a school or youth group, including complete rules, promotional material and recognition certificates for participants. One kit is needed for each entry sponsored. Kits are available in all eleven languages.

Want to know what's included in the kit? Click [here](#) to view an unboxing video!

Kits are sold from January 15th through October 1st. Orders received after October 1st will be filled based on availability.



5 smaller pictures, runner up peace posters, large picture is the winner of the peace poster— See article on previous page.

Right: Evansville Eastside Lions present a check to the P47 foundation to Cathy Renner, Director of Development at the Evansville Wartime Museum. Pictured are Lion Bill Schulz, Dr. Mark Browning, Cathy Renner, Director of Development, Lion Ceal Schulz, and Mike Tieman, Chairman of the Board. The money was left over from the funds collected for the P47 Historic Marker replacement.





Above: DG Glen Georges, PID Linda Tincher, and ID Jay Moughon at the Evansville War Museum on March 22nd .
Below: the same area of the Evansville War Museum on April 2nd after the storms.



**From the desk of Lion
Sharon Kamman
25E Environmental Chair**



ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS - - SPRING 2024

With the warmer days of spring, most of us want to be outdoors looking at our lawns, gardens, and trees. According to an article in the Indianapolis Star, the insect “spotted lanternflies” are invading Indiana. The lanternfly eggs will be hatching very soon and we should be looking for them and destroying them. They can be found on tree trunks and even on buildings. The eggs look like a smear of mud. Each egg mass can hold 30 to 50 eggs. The Indiana DNR suggests scraping them off with a stick or some other tool and stepping on them to make sure the eggs don’t hatch.

The spotted lanternfly is an invasive species that attacks trees and plants and can eventually kill trees, much like the ash borer killed or damaged many ash trees in Indiana. If you find spotted lanternflies on your property, pick them off the tree and drop them in soapy water. Call 866-663-9684 and report your location. Go online and look up these invasive insects. There is information about them and how important it is to get rid of them.

Have a happy spring and remember to plant some native plants and shrubs to feed our pollinators.

Lion Sharon Kamman

Seymour Evening Lions Club

Because of you, 50,000 corneas have been transplanted.



50,000 people have the chance to see again.

Click the link here to view the video: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8kck9n>



District Events & Calendar



- April 22 Official Visit to Medora Community Lions
- 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.

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2024

APRIL 26 - APRIL 28, 2024

103rd Indiana Lions State Convention

EMBASSY SUITES CONFERENCE CENTER
NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA

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**It is not too early to
Save the Date!!**

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

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 March

Welcome to Lions!

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Jeff Schuster	Bedford Lions	Judy Carlisle
Bethany Ballard	Georgetown Lions	Kasandra Ramsey
Kelly Lippert	Georgetown Lions	Kasandra Ramsey
Ila V. Decker	New Albany Lions	Sara Glass
Rebecca Nichols	New Albany Lions	Donna Robinson



Fallen Lions of District 25E



Lion John Ulrey

Seymour Noon Lions

26 years of service



Prayer List for District 25E



Lions in need of Prayers

Lion Jack Voightschild	Lion Jaline Spurgeon	Lion Jeff Cooper
Lion Charlie Placke	PDG John Ferry	PCC Scott Smith (25D)
PDG Myrna Thompson	Lion Ed Hitchcock	PDG Cindy Wright (25D)
Lion Johannah Edwards	Lion Connie Thomas	CS Christy Nolan

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				

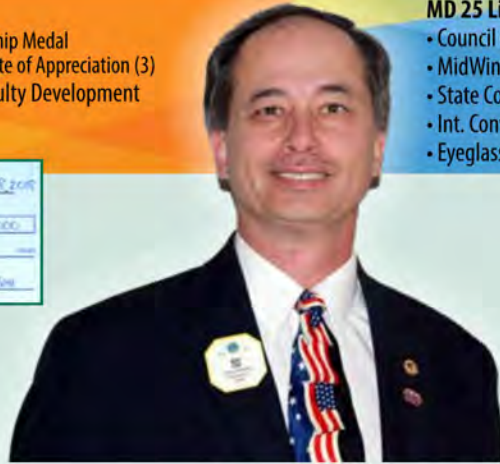
The following ad was requested by the candidate. This is not to be considered an endorsement by the District Leadership.

Lions Club International Experience:

- Club Extension Awards (2)
- Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships (14)
- Attended 8 International Conventions
- Attended 4 USA/Canada Forums
- Int. Pres. Leadership Medal
- Int. Pres. Certificate of Appreciation (3)
- Graduate of Faculty Development Institute LCI

MD 25 Lions Experience

- Council Chairperson 2014 -2015
- MidWinter Chairperson
- State Convention Chairperson
- Int. Convention Chairperson
- Eyeglass Missions to Mexico (5)
- Progressive WP Woods Fellowships
- Richard Miyamoto Fellowship
- Trustee for Leaderdogs for the Blind
- Trustee for Vision 1st IN Lions Eye Bank
- Nominated for Distinguished Lion (2)



Vote PCC Reed Fish for International Director

Working together to achieve more TLCS:

**Teamwork
Leadership
Commitment
Service**



Working at a Lions/Anthem partnership program.



Lion Reed working with others at the Indiana State Fair



Part of the 100th State Lions Convention Planning Team (2021)



Lion Janet & Reed at a Lions Celebration



Lion Janet & Reed at a state convention



PCC Bob Booher and Reed Fish co-chaired the 100th State Lions Convention

District 25 F Experience:

- District Governor
- Vice-District Governor
- Zone Chair
- Cabinet Treasurer 7 years
- Global Leadership Chair 9 years
- Carter Everage Fellowship
- Jewel Pin DG recognition
- Camp Woodsmoke Trustee

Speedway Lions Club Experience:

- Club President
- Chair of Multiple Committees
- Member since 1989



Speedway Lions Club

<http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/speedwayin/>

The following ad was requested by the candidates campaign committee.
This is not to be considered an endorsement by the District Leadership.



CHARLIE SHORT

for
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR



ACTION TODAY -
VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Vote Charlie at State Convention!

Indiana Lions Special Olympics Committee Raffle



Benefits the Indiana Special Olympics Winter Games and Corn Hole Tournaments

Tickets are 3 for \$5.00.

Drawing to be held at the Indiana Lions State Convention April 27th.

S.O. Polar Plunge Large Dry Bag, S.O. Sling bag, Insulated Tumbler & Water Bottle, S.O Winter Games Scarfs, S.O. Gray Fleece Blankets, S.O. Snack Basket, Wayne Convention Bureau Blanket. S.O. Picnic Blanket, S.O. Fleece Bath Robe, Polar Plunge tee's- size large, Additional Items will be added up to the day of drawing.

Donations Accepted.

See any S.O. Committee Member or contact Bill McDonald 812-689-6699 or lionmcdonald53@gmail.com

**Preliminary line-up of seminars at the
2024 Lions of Indiana State Convention.**

All seminars will be on Saturday, April 27, 2024, 2:00 pm – 2:45 pm

Harness the Power of Leadership

Lion Beth Slade, Director of Philanthropy for Lions Engagement, Michigan



Get ready to dive into the world of leadership in a fun and interactive way. You will learn how leadership is a bit like training guide dogs, and how it is all about building trust, giving recognition, and empowering others to provide service. Don't miss out on this chance to learn and have fun as we Harness the Power of Leadership together!

Global Membership Approach (GMA) for Clubs

Jeff Kozicki, Noblesville Lions, 25-D Global Membership Coordinator

The Global Membership Approach is a proven method to lead your club into greater recruiting, more new members, and membership retention. After using SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) of your club, club members select strategies to accomplish the membership goals. This session will go through this analysis of a club.



2024 NEW Charity Gaming Rules

Mark Mason, Assistant Director, Indiana State Gaming Commission



Will your Lions Club be conducting raffles, bingo, or other gaming activities as fundraisers to support your charitable contributions to humanitarian needs? If so, you need to attend this session on the updated and newly enacted laws and regulations in 2024 governing charity gaming in Indiana. This session will help you stay on top of these laws and how they affect your club, what forms and fees that you need to complete, and other requirements that may even involve modifying your club's constitution and by-laws.

Parliamentary Procedure for Lions Clubs

PDG Patrick Rodriguez, Sr., District 25-A Parliamentarian

Keeping order in club meetings helps maintain harmony in membership and in getting the business of a club accomplished. Using Roberts Rules of Order and other club governing documents will assist in maintaining order.

Educational Seminars, continued

LCIF: A Celebration of Impact in MD-25 and Legacy Gifting

Robert Kanonik, Lions Clubs International Foundation

The dedicated service and humanitarian spirit of the Lions of MD-25 (Indiana) continues to help change lives for the better. Throughout this presentation you will hear about the impact LCIF-funded Lions' service has made throughout MD-25 and worldwide. A special focus on the recently introduced Lions Legacy Society where you can make a difference by leaving a tax-free gift to Lions Clubs International Foundation upon your passing. As there are many options available, IRS regulations, and legal requirements to do this, Mr. Kanonik, an attorney and estate planner, will discuss the options and how you can leave your gift of all or a portion of your estate to LCIF. Giving to LCIF will demonstrate what we can accomplish when we unite for good and ensure that whenever there is a need, there will always be a Lion.



Lions of Indiana 2024 State Convention

April 26-28, 2024

Keynote Speakers

Saturday, April 27, 2024 Luncheon

Katie Stam-Irk, Miss America 2009

Katie Stam was born in Seymour and raised on a dairy farm there showing dairy cattle in 4-H at the Jackson County Fair. She received a bachelor's degree from the University of Indianapolis in communication studies and interned at WTHR – TV in Indianapolis. She began competing in pageants at age 15 and later won Indiana's Junior Miss in 2005, Miss Indiana in 2008, and Miss America in 2009. Her pageant social platform was "Passion for Service: Promoting Community Service and Involvement". She traveled extensively during her year promoting community service and was named the National Goodwill Ambassador for the Children's Miracle Network. Miss Stam is married to Brian Irk and has three children.



Saturday, April 27, 2024 Dinner

Past International President Frank Moore III



J. Frank Moore III, of Daleville, Alabama, was elected as international president at the 2001 convention in Indianapolis. Past President Moore is an educator by profession and a former superintendent of education for the Daleville City Schools in Daleville, Alabama. Past President Moore has held key leadership positions in Lions International including the office of Executive Administrator and Secretary of the association from 2017-2021. He served as chairperson of the Centennial Action Committee, as LCIF vice chairperson of Campaign SightFirst II, and as vice chairperson of Campaign 100—the most successful fundraising initiative in the history of the Lions Clubs International Foundation. Past President Moore has received

numerous awards in recognition of his service to the association, including the Friends of Humanity Award presented by LCIF and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. Past President Moore is an LCIF Humanitarian Partner. In addition to his Lions activities, he is a member of the Army Aviation Museum Foundation Board of Directors, the Friends of Fort Novosel, a lay speaker in the Methodist Church, and a former chief executive officer of the Association of the United States Army. Past President Moore and wife, Rita, also a Lion and progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters and a son—who also are Lions—and seven grandchildren.