



District 25E Southwest Indiana Lions

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Governor's Corner

Fellow Lions:

Communication, communication! Communication about membership, service, reports, leadership training, meetings and all other aspects of making our District function properly is critical. Two-way communication is vital. So, communicate.

Upcoming Events:

- 18 Aug: Pig in the Park-Seymour
- 25 Aug: Mt. Olympus 50th Anniversary
- 20-22 Sep: USA-Canada Forum – Columbus, OH

See more details at our Website under **Calendar**

www.lions25e.org

Membership is a central issue with every club. Our clubs are losing some members because of aging and some just because. One member talking with another who seems to not participate or come to meetings could resolve an issue and prevent the loss of a member. Retention may be improved just by making members feel a part of the club. In order to grow membership some clubs may need to communicate their need to a District Officer to obtain help. We need to change our approach to membership. Clubs need guides to grow their membership. At the same time, we need to form new clubs to fill voids left when other clubs have closed. Communication is the critical ingredient to bring about the necessary changes. Last year we started the changes necessary to communicate better in the Cabinet Meetings. This year, assuming our plan goes well, Cabinet meetings will continue with important reports, but will also have programs our lions need and even workshops. To be successful, more lions need to engage in dialog with their club officers, zone and region leaders and district leaders as well. To improve, the activity must occur at the community level. For that to happen we all need to participate.

Reports are very important to LCI activities. In addition, electronic communication is also becoming essential. First I want to address Reports. Monthly Membership Reports are just that; monthly. These reports must be submitted every month because LCI cannot assume membership is the same every month. Membership is important not because of numbers, but because they represent the lions available to do service as Diabetes Awareness projects. The same is true of Service Activity Reports. Even our club meetings are service activities. If an activity is repeated every month we need to report it every month as LCI cannot assume it is ongoing. These reports are utilized by LCI to obtain partnerships with other organizations to assist us in our goals for service. Again, Diabetes Awareness is an example. LCI has partnered with an organization to gain information and data about Diabetes and what LCI can participate in is use the reports to say these Members are actively working to spread the information about the dangers of Diabetes. Then they can report how we are doing spreading the educational information. Without these reports LCI cannot know how many of us there are or what we are doing.

Digital communication is the method LCI is using for several reasons. Younger people use this method almost exclusively, so to reach them we must communicate the same way they do. Cost is another reason. Printing the Indiana Lion is becoming prohibitively expensive which is one reason they have gone to quarterly publications. Already LCI has gone digital for the International Magazine. My Lion has been rolled out for smart phones and the plan is to have an "app" for computers this year. Next year Service Activities must be reported on My Lion instead of My LCI. My LCI is also undergoing revisions with information concerning the changes to be released soon. Therefore it is necessary to have a lion in our clubs knowledgeable with digital communication. This is not only needed for our internal reporting, but to communicate our activities to our communities. Most print outlets utilize digital files and communication methods to publish community activities and news.

Eight new members have been added at this writing to our District. You can see the clubs contributing to our growth later in this newsletter. However, we have a net negative 5 members so far.

You will be hearing much more about Campaign 100 in the future. LCIF would like to have a 100% participation of clubs in our Multiple District. I think it is possible for our District, but club contact is important to accomplish this goal.

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1st Vice DG Corner

Club Projects for the New Lion Year



It is a start of a new Lion's Year. School is starting soon for children in our District 25-E. Some clubs do vision screening in the schools. Has your club scheduled with your local School Nurse? Does your club members need training on the Optecs 5000 machines? Clubs that hand out dictionaries to the 3rd or 4th grades, are you ready to hand them out? Are you interested in the Dictionary Project, but don't know how to start? Clubs that do the Backpack Programs for schools, are you ready to go with school starting soon? Does your club want to start the Backpack Program? How about buying school supplies for schools? What about the Lions Club International (LCI) Peace Poster program, do you think you might want to start it but just don't know what to do? How about Liberty Day with the students? Do you do this for the 8th and 11th graders in your school? These are some of the great programs that are done in our District. These questions can be answered by someone in our District. That is what your District Team is for. To help answer your questions or get you to the people that can help. Call or email one of the people on the District Team: District Governor Ron Edwards, 2nd Vice District Governor Kenny Williams, Cabinet Secretary CC Keith Thomas, PDG Mark Clark, me or a Region or Zone Chair.

Remember Lions, We Can Do It!

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Emerging Lions Leadership Institute

The next [Emerging Lions Leadership Institute](#) for the Lions of United States of America, Its Affiliates, Bermuda & The Bahamas & Canada will be offered in Chicago, Illinois USA from November 3-5, 2018. We are hoping you can assist us in recruiting qualified Lion participants for the institute.

This institute teaches valuable leadership skills at the club level and is targeted to Lions who have not yet been club president.

The institute will be conducted in English we will be accepting 100 Lions, total.

Please download the application below and actively encourage qualified candidates to apply. Completed forms must be received by: **August 20, 2018** at

www.lionsclubs.org/resources/all/pdfs/elli-chicago.pdf

If you have questions or need further information, contact us at institutes@lionsclubs.org.

Thank you for your assistance!

Sincerely,
Kathy Ryan, Manager
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Preferred format for
articles is .pdf and for pics
is .jpg.

We're on the Web at:

www.lions25e.org

Indiana Lions
www.Facebook.com/IndianaLions

2nd Vice DG Corner

Service is the biggest reason I joined Lions. I am hoping it is your biggest reason too. When I went to West Point, the motto was Duty, Honor, Country. Ingrained in the motto was service to my sense of responsibility (Duty), to my integrity on all levels, and self-sacrificing service to my country. I have tried to live up to those ideals almost my whole life.



When Gary Lawson, Richard Halladay, and Vern Tinchler all talked to me about the Ellettsville Lions Club, it gave me an opportunity to perform service to my community and beyond. The "We Serve" motto of Lions is more than just a motto. It is a responsibility for all Lions to take part in their community to serve in whatever capacity they can. Not just in disasters and hard times, but year around in good times too. We serve those that can't afford glasses, medical care, and those things we take for granted in the sighted world. Being a "pre" diabetic, I am glad we are also serving where we can make a difference in diabetic treatment and awareness. You are awesome in the many service projects in District 25E.

All Lions have a great opportunity to leave this world better off than we found it. You can do this through service to community, country, and yourself. Lionism is a great place to start. We need to share this opportunity with like-minded people of all walks of life. Ask someone to join today. Get you one in August!

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Prayer List:

Our thoughts and prayers are with those Lions and their family members or friends around the world that are sick or in the hospital or at home, and all others whose losses were unknown to us at this time.

Please email PDG Phil at plange@twc.com or call or text at 812-677-0500 with names, club and condition of those needing prayers.

Lion Doris Bliss
Lion Nora Nixon
PDG Phil Lange
PDG Myrna Thompson
Lion Mary Chisham
Lion Betty Taylor
Lion Shelly Harden's Family

Lion Cindy DeHart
Lion Jaline Spurgeon
Lion Henry Spindler
Lion Ami Yeager
Lion Alma Graf
Lions Brenda & Gib Hayes

PDG Frank Ruane
Lion Bob Evans
Lion Harry Martin
Lion Jody Call & Daughter
Lion Bill Stoops
Lion Helen Carson

Lion Dave Milby
Lion Joan Bode
Lion Don Derrington
Lion Donnie Derrington
Lion Jeff Byrne
PDG Alvetta Wallace

Newsletter, Public Relations & Hoosier Lion

Some of you have asked the question of whom to send information (photos including captions, event flyers & articles) to when it comes to the newsletter, public relations and the Hoosier Lion. Below are the points of contact and deadline (if there is one) for each:

25E Newsletter: PCC Jeff Schafer, jeff.schafer1@comcast.net. Deadline by the 25th of each month.
Public Relations: CC Keith Thomas, kthomas@threeidesign.com. No deadline.
Hoosier Lion: Lion Jaline Spurgeon, jaspurg@hotmail.com. 5th of each month.

Club Anniversaries

Club	Charter	Age (Yrs)
Brownstown	8/24/1927	91
French Lick-West Baden	8/26/1950	68
Evansville Eastside	8/2/1956	62
Orleans	8/26/1970	48
Corydon	8/18/1988	30
Elizabeth	8/25/2003	15



New Members Reported in July – Welcome!

Club	Member	Sponsor
French Lick-West Baden	David Clarke	
French Lick-West Baden	Ashley Sherard	
Jasper	Andrea Oeding	Michael Jones
Mitchell	Mike Evans	Larry Hardman
Mitchell	Daniel Wade	Larry Hardman
Mitchell	Teri Deanne Wade	Larry Hardman
Orleans	Brett Grazkewitz	Thomas Bostic
Orleans	Kristan Johnson	Stefany Bostic
Orleans	Jarrett Jones	Thomas Bostic
Palmyra	Elizabeth Stephens	Jean Geswein
Palmyra	Timothy Stephens	Jean Geswein
Princeton	Andy Dillon	Floyd Dillon



Fallen Lions Reported in July 2018

Club	Member
Wheatland	Larry Deckard
Worthington	Glen Cundiff

“Secretary’s Challenge”

In July, **we had 75% Monthly Membership Reports (MMRs)** and a **43% on the Service Activity Reports (SARs)** submitted. This is not a bad starting point for the new Lion Year. Basically, we had 47 out of 63 clubs submit their MMRs and 28 clubs submitted a service activity report (SAR). Let’s try to reach the goal that DG Ron set for his service goals and have a more consistent reporting of each report.

Need Help: Call or email CC Keith Thomas, 812.354-4637, kthomas@threeidesign.com **anytime!**

Let’s keep up the GREAT effort and work!



President's Message

Growing up in my home country of Iceland has helped shape who I am today. It is a small but beautiful country with tight-knit communities of people who rely on each other and work together to meet new challenges. Just like Lions. This spirit of unity is a cornerstone of our motto and my presidential theme, "We Serve."

We serve the world, our local communities, our neighbors and each other with unmatched kindness and pride. We are a global force for good with a century of experience and compassion. When we channel the power of more than 1.4 million Lions, we can reach new horizons of service together.

We can do it by finding creative solutions to the challenges facing our communities. We can achieve more when we embrace new technologies. We can go further than we've ever gone before when we invite caring men and women to join us in service. It's true, we have achieved so much in our first 100 years, but together we can unlock our true potential in our communities and around the world.

When we embrace our ambitious future together, we will serve in a way the world has never seen before. It will be my honor to stand side by side with you as we serve beyond the horizon.

In friendship,

Gudrun Yngvadottir
Your International President



Save The Date – District 25-E Cabinet Meeting

DG Ron Edwards' First Cabinet meeting will be **August 11, 2018** at the **Brownstown Christian Church**, 703 W Spring Street in Brownstown, Indiana.

Further information and agenda is located on page 9.

RSVP to CC Keith Thomas (kthomas@threeidesign.com, 812-354-4637), **CT Richard Kaiser** (rjkaiser1510@yahoo.com, 812-204-2518 or **DG Ron Edwards** (jzwn7h@sbcglobal.net, 812-275-3139).

District 25-E Points Contest (as of July 31, 2018)

Large Clubs (>30 Members)

Bedford Eve	8,300 pts
Georgetown	1,750 pts
Fayetteville	1,650 pts

Small Clubs (<= 30 Members)

Petersburg	5,650 pts
Bloomfield	2,200 pts
Seymour Eve	1,900 pts

Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI)

The next [Advanced Lions Leadership Institute](#) for the Lions of United States of America, Its Affiliates, Bermuda & The Bahamas & Canada will be offered in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada from November 10-12, 2018. We're hoping you can assist us in recruiting qualified Lion participants for the institute.

This institute teaches valuable leadership skills at the zone, region and district levels and is targeted to Lions who have completed a term as club president but have not yet attained the position of first vice district governor. Lions who are region and zone chairpersons, as well as second vice district governors are encouraged to apply.

The institute will be conducted in English and we will be accepting 125 Lions, total.

Please download the application below and actively encourage qualified candidates to apply. Completed forms must be received by: **August 27, 2018** at

www.lionsclubs.org/resources/all/pdfs/alli-winnipeg.pdf

If you have questions or need further information, contact us at institutes@lionsclubs.org. Thank you for your assistance!

Sincerely,
Kathy Ryan, Manager
Institutes and Seminars Department
Leadership Development Division



Save the Date

January 12, 2019

30th Annual Mid Winter Conference

That's Right! Going back to the original name and month!

Once known as Mid Winter Conference
Formerly known as Indiana Lions Conference
Now known AGAIN as Mid Winter Conference!

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Indiana Lions Mid Winter Conference



2019 Indiana State Convention – 26-28 April 2019

Indiana Lions will host International President Gudrun Yngvadottir and PID Dr. Jon Bjarni Thorsteinsson in Fort Wayne April 26 – 28. You will want to take this rare opportunity to meet President Gudrun as she makes limited appearances in the USA. She is a biomedical scientist from Iceland, and the first woman to lead our organization in its 101-year history.

To quote IP Gudrun, *"We serve the world and our local communities with pride, compassion and kindness. But there's a world of service yet to be reached, one that lives within our collective aspirations. Once discovered, it will open a level of humanitarian good the world has never seen. It's out there, somewhere **Beyond the Horizon**."*

Indiana Lions are known throughout the state as the group that meets needs in our communities, is there in times of trouble, and joins together to celebrate the victories great and small. Let's showcase our Indiana clubs by making this the largest State Convention ever. Let's come together and share with each other the work we are doing in our own communities and encourage even more service. Save the date now and make plans to attend the 2019 Convention at the Grand Wayne Convention Center in Fort Wayne.

Reach "Beyond the Horizon" as our Indiana Lions family gathers to share ideas, celebrate our successes, and be part of this historical year. Follow the Indiana Lions State Convention on Facebook and at www.indianalionsconvention.org for all the latest information.

Kaylene Souers
2019 Convention Chair
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Club Excellence Award Application

Will your club maintain its membership or have a net growth at the close of the 2017-2018 Lion year? Will it have participated in at least three service projects? Are you promoting your club's events or activities to your community? If you answered yes to these questions, you may be eligible for the Club Excellence Award!

View the [Club Excellence Award Application](#) at www.lionsclubs.org for complete details and apply before August 31, 2018.

You know your club is excellent so get recognized for all your achievements!



Together, We Can Stop Diabetes in its Tracks!

LCI has partnered with the International Diabetes Federation to make fighting diabetes, one of the world's most widespread diseases, a top priority for 2018.

As we count down to World Diabetes Day on November 14, 2018, we're counting on you to mobilize your fellow Lions and Leos. Please send them to our [Diabetes Service Journey website](#) for fun ways to get engaged and learn about the disease's impact.

Of course, we want you to participate too! Check out the website now to:

1. Enter a monthly contest for a chance to win a Fitbit Charger 2.
2. Share your views in our first monthly poll and see what other Lions and Leos think.
3. Learn how to better manage or prevent diabetes.
4. And much, much more!

Thank you for taking steps to fight Diabetes as an LCI Leader.

Visit our Site at: fightdiabetes.lionsclubs.org

Georgetown Lions
Georgetown National Night
Out Community Event

Far Right Photo: Georgetown Lions served food provided by the Georgetown Elementary School. Left to right: Lions Kasandra Ramsey, Marlene Adams, Pat Wolf (Dalmatian Face), Jim Galbreath (Fireman), Maxine Galbreath, & Annelle Gutzmer

Center Photo: Georgetown Lions displaying Georgetown Fire Engine #2 Main Control Panel. Left to right: Lions Jim & Maxine Galbreath, Kasandra Ramsey, Marlene Adams, Pat Wolf, & Annelle Gutzmer.

Photo provided by Lion Bob Dodds,



Cabinet Secretary CC Keith Thomas

Hello Lions,
Congratulations District Governor Ron. I hope you have a great year.

Ron asked me to write about the importance of club secretaries regularly submitting their membership and activity reports.

I will address the membership report first. It might be mentioned as the MMR. It is important to report your membership monthly as it helps both the District Governor and Lions Clubs International (LCI) know how many members are with the club. It is also important that new members are reported to MyLCI so that each person's time of service is properly recorded. Reporting also helps LCI and the District Governor monitor the health of the clubs. Without routine reports submitted, the membership status of the club is unknown; is the club active and growing or losing members and need help.

Activities reporting is just as important if not more so for multiple reasons. LCI needs the clubs to report because with these numbers, LCI reaches out to companies and other service groups to form partnerships. These partnerships help provide Lions Clubs International Foundation with much needed donations. The total numbers of service hours, projects and people served enable LCI and LCIF to access more funds and resources to help clubs be able to do even more great things in each community.

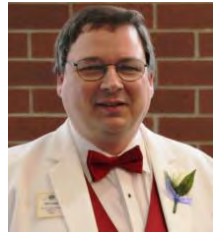
These service records help the current and future International Presidents develop and reach their service goals. The Past International President Naresh Aggarwal goal was to service 200 million annually by the year 2020. We missed the goal this last year by 1% from the clubs that did not report the activities that we know they all did.

But what does all of this really mean? When I was Governor, I used these reports to see what the clubs were doing. A club meeting is a reportable activity. Also, just because your club always does the same five things every month, unless it is reported, no one knows that you do those five things! So the team is asking that all club secretaries post your membership and activity reports each month to help us help you. District Governor Ron can use the information to provide you with information to enhance your existing activities and start new projects.

Please remember the district is here to help the clubs so if we can help, please let us know. If you need help to learn how to complete these reports, contact us.

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Racing off to serve, CS/CC Keith



Summer Lions Tour at Leader Dogs for the Blind. **Photos:** Below **far left** is with all MD25 VDG and their spouses along with a FLD Puppy. **Center photo** is of VDG Sheryl Schafer taking a "blind fold" walk with a LD Ambassador Dog and **far right** is photo of PCC Jeff Schafer taking a "close your eyes" walk with a LD Ambassador Dog.



Photo by various Lions & LD Staff



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FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP VISIT:

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Lion Erica Thomas 812-766-0159

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W.P. Woods Chair Reports Inactive Accounts holding Credits and Donations

You may be unaware that you have W.P. Woods credits or donations in an inactive account. An inactive account is one having no activity for five or more years. These credits and donations are waiting to be used for W.P. Woods Fellowships.

The Indiana Lions Foundation Board of Trustees discussed options for these forgotten credits and donations, and agreed to notify account owners or owners' clubs, and voted on the following options for owners:

- 1) Reactivate the account with a donation of \$5 or more;
- 2) Notify the W.P. Woods Chair to transfer the credits or donations to another club member;
- 3) Notify the W.P. Woods Chair to give the credits and donations to your District.

The Trustees will notify account owners, or their clubs, by mail. Credits and donations in accounts not acknowledged by owners or their clubs within sixty days after receiving the Trustees' letters will be transferred to the Districts in which they originated. Accounts of clubs that no longer exist will be transferred to the District in which the club once existed.

The W.P. Woods Chair may be reached at: Lion Sandy Ruane, 203 South Park Drive, Seymour, IN 47274

fsruane@frontier.com. Call: 812-498-3565

Seymour Noon Lions Indiana Lions Foundation



Lion Sandy Ruane (Seymour Noon Lions Club) has completed 6 years as an Officer with the Indiana Lions Foundation. She had two years as their Secretary, two years as the Vice President, and the last two years as their President. Pictured above (from left to right) is PCC Bob Booher (25-F), Lion Sandy Ruane, and incoming President Lion Andy Dybel (25-A). Lion Sandy received her plaque at the annual Foundation Picnic in July.

Photo provided by Lion Sandy Ruane, Seymour Noon Lions Club

French Lick – West Baden Lions



Left Photo: Lion Ruby Hinkle receives a Treasurer's Award from Club President Bill Willis for her 13 years of service tending the club's checkbook. Lion Ruby also received a 100% Attendance pin along with Lion Cindy DeHart for the 2017-2018 Lion Year. *Photo by Lion Jim Springer, who succeeds her as Club's Treasurer.*

Center Photo: Umm, umm Good! Lions Frances Drabing and Jim Springer assemble golden fried Atlantic Cod sandwiches during the monthly Fish Fry as Lion Bruce Anderson cooks hamburgers in the background, Monarch Lion Denny Weikert brought home grown fresh cooked sweet corn to the July 14th Fish Fry as a special treat. *Photo provided by PDG Bill Willis, French Lick-West Baden Lions Club*

Right Photo: Club President Bill Willis inducts new Centennial Lions sponsored by Lion Samantha Prow (second from left). New Lions are Ashley Sherard, who is the Beechwood Christian Pastor and Attorney David Clarke. The two new members were the last folks to receive Centennial Lions membership pins before the 100th Lions Club International Anniversary Year ended. *Photo provided by PDG Bill Willis, French Lick-West Baden Lions Club*

MD 25 District Governors At Lions Club International



MD-25 District Governors hard at work during their visit at the Lions Clubs International Headquarters back in July. From left to right:

DG James Reeves (25-G),
DG Doug Eversole (25-C),
DG Dennis Brown (25-A),
DG Isabel Atcheson (25-D),
DG Ron Bigham (25-F),
DG Ron Edwards (25-E), &
DG Alan Arnold (25-B).

Photo by CC Keith Thomas, Petersburg Lions Club



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USA-Canada Leadership Forum

The Power of We