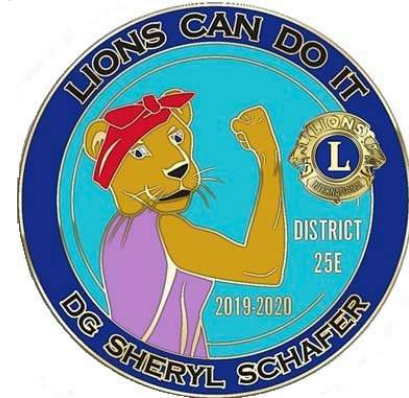


# District 25E Newsletter

## Southwest Indiana Lions



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR

### DG Sheryl Schafer

Lions of District 25-E,

I am so excited about being your District Governor! I feel like we had a great Banner Night. I was under the weather, but I was very impressed how everyone helped and came together; it went very well.

I was dressed as Rosie the Riveter, whom I have based my pin on this year. During World War II, with a large percentage of the men gone overseas to fight in the war, the communities were left to be run by the women and the men who were too young or old to fight. American sent out the call for women to work in the factories. Women responded to the call and filled the factories, while the rest of the people took care of their communities and collected what was need for the war effort.

Lions are a lot like that. We step in when our communities need us. "Lions can do it," is my slogan. I believe this: Lions can do anything we put our minds to. We also need to invite more people into our Clubs. Ask more women into your Clubs, as in World War II, when they stepped up to do what was needed. We want to help our communities! We need more hands! Lions can do it!

Lions Clubs: make sure you utilize your Zone Chairs; call them if you need anything. They are there to help you! Please e-mail me - sheryl.schafer1@comcast.net - if you don't know your Zone Chair.

Lions Can Do It!

### August Events

- 1-3 - Sweet Corn Festival - Oakland City
- 2-18 - Indiana State Fair - Indianapolis
- 10 - 25-E 1st Cabinet Meeting - Bedford
- 17 - Flea Market - Winslow
- 17 - Tractor Show / Vendor Market - Bedford
- 18 - Pig in the Park - Seymour
- 24 - MD-25 Indiana Lions for LD Meeting - Indianapolis
- 31 - Golf Scramble - Seymour

### Upcoming Visits

- 6 - French Lick/West Baden
- 8 - Seymour Noon
- 20 - Georgetown

### September Events

- 2 - Labor Day
- 2 - Picnic and Rod Run - Georgetown
- 15 - Brian's Trike Race - Indianapolis
- 29 - 25-E Long Range Planning Mtg - TBD

### On the Horizon

- January 10-11, 2020 - Mid-Winter Conference Indianapolis
- March 13-14, 2020 - 25-E Spring Convention Mitchell
- April 24-26, 2020 - State Convention Bloomington

Send newsletter articles, upcoming events, and photos by August 25 to:

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## 1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

### 1VDG Kenny Williams

A old song, from a little known artist named Bill Withers, called Lean On Me, has been in my head for a few days. It's about helping your fellow man when they have problems. It dawned on me that this is exactly what we do as Lions. We go where the need is and we help our communities in many wonderful ways. Keep doing what you are doing. Don't be discouraged if a project doesn't go the way you intended. Lean on your fellow Lions for what went right and what you can improve upon. Conduct an After Action Review (AAR, this is my military background coming out) - and either make it better the next time or drop it, if the need isn't there.

We just might have a problem (still the song). MyLion has been difficult to work with and is often temperamental. Keep plugging to get those activities reported. Maybe one of the other Club officers can help get on MyLion. Designate a Club Administrator to add an additional way in. As a last resort, get with the Cabinet Secretary to get help with submitting reports. Reporting is a necessary evil in an organization like ours where a lot of our donations have to be justified to continue receiving them.

TANKS FOR SERVING



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## Cares and Concerns

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

Lion Doris Bliss  
Lion Sandy Ruane  
Lion Henry Spindler  
Lion Mary Chisham  
Lion Betty Taylor  
PDG Phillip Lange

Lion Cindy Dehart  
Lion Jaline Spurgeon  
Lion Harry Martin  
Lion Alma Graf  
Lion Brenda Hayes  
Lion Gib Hayes

Lion Dave Milby  
Lion Bob Evans  
Lion Kermit Flinn  
Lion Bill Stoops  
Lion Richard Dean

Lion John Davis  
Lion Joan Bode  
Lion Ed Gilliatt  
Lion Betty Schoonmaker  
PDG Paul Schoonmaker

## In Memoriam

(As reported in July 2019)

Bedford  
Jasper

Edward Gilliatt  
Leonard Jay Newman

## New Members

(As reported in July 2019)

Lanesville  
Mount Vernon  
Mount Vernon  
Salem  
Salem  
Tell City

Mary Richardson  
Curtis Carlson  
Jared Davis  
Jeremy S. Lee  
Laura E. Lee  
Steven E. Pierce

Sponsor: Richard Kochert  
Sponsor: Clarence Carroll  
Sponsor: Kenneth Rudibaugh  
Sponsor: Raymond Lee  
Sponsor: Raymond Lee  
Sponsor: Phillip Carson

## Club Anniversaries

Brownstown	August 24, 1927
Corydon	August 18, 1988
Elizabeth	August 25, 2003
Evansville Eastside	August 2, 1956
French Lick/West Baden	August 23, 1950
Orleans	August 26, 1970

## Newsletter, Public Relations, and Hoosier Lion

25E Newsletter: Lion Steve Maitlen  
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Public Relations: PCC Keith Thomas  
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Hoosier Lion: Lion Jaline Spurgeon  
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Deadline: 5th each month



# Lions Club International Foundation

## President's Message

Dear Lion,

The world is as diverse as the needs of its people. And so are Lions. We represent countless countries and cultures united behind a common language - service. Wherever someone in need calls out, we answer with kindness and compassion. This is our strength and the foundation of my presidential theme, "We serve through Diversity."

I believe that each Lion possesses the unique knowledge, experience, and ability to serve the needs of their community. I believe that our differences make us stronger. I believe that when we join together as one, we can reach our full potential and achieve the greatest good our world has ever seen.

It will be my privilege to stand with you this year as we serve through diversity.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi  
International President



## LCIF Chairperson's Message

Dear Lions,

Welcome to the new Lion year! As I begin my role as chairperson of Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF), I feel happy, determined, proud, and I am filled with hope. LCIF is empowering Lions to do great things. I am thrilled that I am leading support for the foundation that supports Lions.

As a Lion leader, I frequently speak about reviving the lost art of storytelling. Storytelling is ever-important for our foundation. It is how Lions - and non-Lions - understand the importance of both doing and giving. It shows that our foundation is here to support Lions in their endeavors, whether that's supporting our youth, giving vision back to someone who has lost it, or helping to rebuild a community center after disaster has struck. LCIF is here to help Lions accomplish even more that they could on their own.

Storytelling moves us to take action. Hearing the heartwarming story of a child seeing clearly for the first time in their life is what makes us want to be a part of it all. The world is in need. Lions want to answer the call. LCIF is here to support them. Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service is raising US\$300 million so Lions can increase their service impact, fight diabetes, and expand our global causes. Please consider joining our mission and donate to this historic endeavor.

Lions, I am excited to see where this year takes our foundation and I am working hard for you.

Yours,

Gudrun Yngvadottir  
Chairperson, Lions Club International Foundation

## Member Spotlight: PDG Fred Wattula

**When did you join Lions Club? What motivated you to join? Now that you've been a Lion for 14 years, what motivates you to serve now?**

I joined Lions in June 2005; we formed the Crandall Lion Club and had our Charter Night in August of that year.

**Do you currently hold positions in our district? What positions have you held within your local Club? If relevant, what Lions positions have you held at the District level or higher? Which was most memorable and why?**

I am currently our Club Treasurer. I served as the Club's President, as Charter President, for two years, Zone Chair in 2006, Region Chair in 2007, District Governor in 2010-2011, Speech and Hearing Trustee (3 years), and Cancer Control Trustee (3 years).

**Throughout your time as a Lion, which service project have you been a part of that made the most impact on you? Why?**

As Speech and Hearing Trustee, I encouraged our Club to purchase hearing aids for an old volunteer at the VA Office; he was not a veteran. After he received them, I talked to him and he told me that he could hear his grandkids for the first time. He cried telling me about it. That was the day I actually became a Lion.

**What Lions-related fundraising effort that you've participated in has been most successful in your community? What makes that effort stand out to you?**

Our Club has a pancake breakfast twice a year for our operating funds, of which we donate \$100 to Harrison County Community Services to purchase paper products (diapers/toilet paper), which are not donated by the stores. We also donate \$50 annually to the 5 state projects. Over the years, our Club has donated to the local community by purchasing propane, paying utilities, and providing Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for those in need.

**What's on your Lions Club bucket list? What obstacles stand between you and achieving items on your list?**

We would like to get some new members, but we have found the younger people are working and have no interest and the rest of our residents are older than we are - I'm 78 - and have no interest, or cannot afford to join.

**What advice do you have for Lions Club members in our district?**

My advice is to keep doing for your communities what you can and try to get new members all the time.

**Thinking to the future of Lions Club, what gets you most excited? Why?**

As far as the future of Lions, I see another 102 years; what goes around comes around!



## Club Spotlight: Wheatland

Submitted by PDG Jean Bodensteiner

The Wheatland Lions Club chartered in May 2006 and since that time has built a park for Wheatland on partially purchased/partially donated land. Additions to the park and its maintenance have been a continuing process over the years. The annual Wheatfest community-wide celebration in July helps bring many together and raise funds for the park's maintenance. Wheatfest's success depends not only on the Wheatland Lions Club but other community contributors as well.

Other activities of the Wheatland Lions Club include the donation of approximately 100 dictionaries annually to South Knox 3rd Graders, the purchase of eyeglasses for needy individuals in the community, and a Halloween party & a Breakfast with Santa for community children and their families. The Club offers free children's books at many of their events. The Lions annual Christmas displays in the park are a community highlight.

Homemade ice cream making and sales continue to be a major fundraising activity for the Club. Two used 5-gallon ice cream freezers were purchased for this project several years ago. We serve ice cream to youth at the Lions Law Camp in June; and sell ice cream and ice cream floats at the Wednesday Farmers Market and over the Labor Day weekend at the Military Museum. Favorite flavors include vanilla, chocolate, and butter pecan. Other fundraisers have included fish fry and ham & bean suppers and biscuit & gravy breakfasts.

The Club's newest project involves partnering with Wheatland's United Methodist Church youth to sort out metal & refuge and weigh plastic bottle caps and lids to be recycled for three picnic tables for the our Lions park. This project has to be registered by a youth group as a learning experience and a tool for teaching about the value of recycling and caring for the earth. It is hoped this project will also nurture more "ownership" for the park and pride in the community by, not only the youth, but their families and friends as well.

The Club has supported LCIF, Leader Dogs for the Blind, and District 25-E Special Projects and Vision Sight Conservation Funds. We also collect used eyeglasses, sunglasses, and hearing aids for recycling.

Our biggest challenge is like that of most Lions clubs—increasing or at least maintaining membership. Being a bedroom community makes membership even more a challenge.

The Club would like to take this opportunity to particularly thank the District 25-E Special Projects Fund, the Indiana Lions Foundation, and the Fort Sackville Project for grant monies that have helped us purchase additional park equipment and furnishings in the recent past.

## Save the Date

2019

August 2-18	Indiana State Fair	Indianapolis, Indiana
August 10	1st Cabinet Meeting	Bedford, Indiana
September 19-21	43rd Annual USA/Canada Forum	Spokane, Washington
October 12	2nd Cabinet Meeting	Salem, Indiana
October 19	2nd Council Meeting	Bloomington, Indiana

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January 10-11	Mid-Winter Conference (MWC 2020)	Indianapolis, Indiana
January 12	3rd Council Meeting	Indianapolis, Indiana
March 13-14	25-E Spring Convention / 3rd Cabinet Meeting	Mitchell, Indiana
April 4-5	Indiana Lions Leadership Workshop	Plainfield, Indiana
April 24-26	Indiana Lions State Convention / District Caucus	Bloomington, Indiana
June 6	Pre-Council Meeting	Indianapolis, Indiana
June 20	4th Cabinet Meeting / Picnic	Loogootee, Indiana
June 26-30	103rd International Convention	Singapore

## Environmental Chairman - Sharon Kamman

I am Lion Sharon Kamman - Seymour Evening Lions Club - and I serve as the new District Environmental Chairman for 2019-2020. I'm writing to give you a few ideas to improve our environment in the places where we live. For the past few years, one of Lions Club International projects has been for clubs all over the world to plant more trees. This has been very successful as millions of trees have been planted. If your club has taken part in this effort, good for you! However, there is still more to do. Trees take carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere and give us cleaner air to breathe. We can never have too many trees. Plant them around your yard to provide shade for your house and cut back on your electric bills in the summer. One of the things our club has done is to plant a tree in memory of our deceased members. You can do this too; also consider doing this in memory of deceased family members.

There are other ways we can help to protect this beautiful world we inhabit. Another way our club has helped is to adopt a spot in our downtown area and plant shrubs, rose bushes, as well as other blooming perennials. We take turns keeping the area trimmed and watered. If you have a park in your community, this would be a good summer project.

Another boost to our environment is to be aware of the birds, bees, and butterflies that pollinate our plants and crops. Without these pollinators, we would not have food to eat. At the bottom of this article, I've included the names of some of the plants you can plant to feed these wonderful creatures. Also, in this hot weather, the birds need cool water to drink. If you don't have a bird bath, look at the big box stores (e.g. Lowe's, Home Depot). Pretty soon, they will have these on close-out sales.

Do you have a recycling program in your community? I hope so. This is an easy way to keep tons of products out of landfills. Many of our everyday products are recyclable (e.g. newspapers, magazines, junk mail, cereal boxes, cardboard, soft drink cans and water bottles, milk jugs, and detergent containers). If your community doesn't have a recycling program, talk to a town council member to see if your club can get one started. Also, when you go on a picnic or have a family dinner, use paper plates and cups rather than styrofoam. Styrofoam or plastics will never degrade or go back into the soil; they will stay in the landfill forever.

Talk about these ideas at your club meeting. Open a discussion about how you can improve your neighborhood. If you have questions or suggestions, let me know. My e-mail is [s20kamman@yahoo.com](mailto:s20kamman@yahoo.com). Let's join together as Lions to make our world a better place to live!

Plants to attract and feed pollinators: cone flowers, yarrow, black-eyed susans, aster, monarda (bee balm), lantana, salvia, sunflowers, zinnia

Bushes: butterfly bush, marsh or swamp milkweed (feeds Monarch butterflies), Russian sage

## Global Leadership - A Request for Feedback

Hello Lions,

Since I am new to the Global Leadership Position, I am requesting everyone's help. Since we now have to use MyLion to report our service projects, I want to know what you think of MyLion? Is it easy to use? What challenges do you have with it? Can you even get logged in? Are you using a computer, phone, or a tablet? What browser are you using?

Email this to me at [kthomas@threeidesign.com](mailto:kthomas@threeidesign.com).

I will try to write future articles based on the responses, so please email me.

I recently learned that we have been using the signature project in MyLCI differently from how it was originally intended. It was for a club's signature project, like Bedford's mosquito fogging, not for every recurring project and fundraiser. In MyLion, the signature project is designed to be only the signature project. I talked to several of the IT folks at the International Convention and I am hoping they will add a repeating or reoccurring project feature. This will help streamline the process.

If there other items you want more information on, please let me know.

Thanks! Lions Can Do It.

PCC CS GLT Keith Thomas

## Lions Cub Corner

New to Lions Club? Welcome! Each month, Lions Cub Corner will feature information regarding Lions Club that will aid you on your service journey.

Lions Club International core service focus areas: vision, youth, disaster relief, humanitarian, diabetes, hunger, environment, and childhood cancer.

**Vision:** Lions are known throughout the world for their work to improve the lives of the visually impaired and prevent avoidable blindness. LCIF proudly serves their continued efforts by offering unique and impactful initiatives, programs, and grants.

**Youth:** Young people are vital to everything we do as foundation. We make sure they're always considered and represented in every program and initiative we support. Our Lions ensure their global efforts support youth in need, while also giving young people the opportunity to serve.

**Disaster relief:** Whenever and wherever disaster strikes, Lions are often among the first to offer aid. And LCIF is right there with them, ready to support their efforts with funding assistance through global disaster relief programs.

**Humanitarian:** The humanitarian efforts of Lions have been notable and celebrated for over 100 years. We have the unique privilege of providing clubs with large-scale support that can be directly applied toward some of the world's most worthwhile and valuable projects.

**Diabetes:** Lions from around the world voted to make diabetes our primary cause moving into the future. Once this was decided, we didn't waste any time. We got right to work, educating communities on the issue - while establishing initiatives and programs to improve the lives of those living with diabetes and helping prevent others from developing type two diabetes.

**Hunger:** Hunger is a problem without borders. We're offering grants, programs, and initiatives to help Lions make huge strides in providing meals and nutrition for those in need - in hopes that one day, no child will ever have to live without knowing when their next meal will come.

**Environment:** We care about our planet. That's why we're dedicated to helping Lions take on large-scale projects that will create a sustainable and healthy future for generations to come. From recycling programs to ensuring all areas have access to clean water, we're working hard to keep the earth in its best condition.

**Childhood cancer:** We're dedicated to protecting our youth. Especially from the devastating effects of cancer. To help children all over the world who've been diagnosed with cancer, we're supporting projects and initiatives aimed at improving their quality of life during and after treatment.

### Service ideas to consider discussing at your next meeting:

- Paint park benches
- Donate used books to your local library
- Repaint community fences
- Plant flowers in bare public areas
- Organize a campaign to raise money to buy and install new playground equipment for a park
- Participate in or help organize a community parade
- Clean up a vacant lot
- Volunteer to clean up trash at a community event
- Adopt a local highway or road and clean up trash along it
- Donate or raise money for your local Red Cross
- Organize a community blood drive
- Send cards to soldiers overseas
- Bake sale for favorite charity
- Read books or letters to a person who is visually impaired
- Participate in a charity race
- Organize an event or parade for a holiday
- Help register people to vote
- Help deliver meals and gifts to patients at a local hospital





# District 25-E Banner Night

Vision: Make District 25-E Lions Clubs better known in our community.

Mission: Serve with passion.

Goals:

**Leadership** - Conduct Club Officer and Zone Chair training & identify future leaders within our district.

**Membership** - Add one new Club, maintain positive growth, and attain 40% female membership.

**Service** - Clubs to report MMRs and SARs consistently.

Slogan: Lions Can Do It!



## Lions in Action



Kathleen Breen, Lions Events & Logistics Coordinator at Leader Dogs for the Blind, gave Bedford Lions Don & Jan Allen a tour of the facility. Clubs may contact her at [kathleen.breen@leaderdog.org](mailto:kathleen.breen@leaderdog.org) to arrange a trip to Leader Dog.



Bedford Lions Don & Jan Allen pose with their first Future Leader Dog puppy, 8-week-old Presto, in front of the Leader Dogs facility in Rochester Hills, MI.



Lions John Jennings receives the Melvin Jones award from Lion Brad Nolan.



Lion Dave McNabb receives the WP Woods award from Lion Brad Nolan.



1st annual Spud Launch winners:  
Team Seymour Boys and Girls Club



Brownstown Lions Treasurer, Mary Ann McMahan, presents a check to Children's Librarian, Michelle Owens, for the Brownstown Library's summer reading program. The Brownstown Lions have supported this program for over 15 years.

# Lions in Action



PDG Frank Ruane receives the International Presidents Award from PDG Ron Edwards.



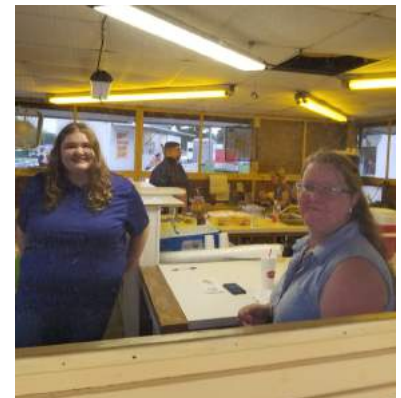
Ellettsville Lions Club members at 25-E Banner Night: KyongGe Williams, Kenny Williams (1st DVG), Heather White, Holly Nethery, and Wally Myers



Gibson County Fair, Princeton  
Nora Nixon



Gibson County Fair, Princeton  
John Bajzath



Gibson County Fair, Princeton  
Anjelica Maitlen, Steve Maitlen,  
Lilly Schuktz, and Nora Nixon



Sullivan County Back to School Bash -  
Dugger Lions Club served food to approximately 200  
students and performed vision screenings on 52  
students.



Sullivan County Back to School  
Bash - Dugger Lions Club -  
Vision Screening

## 17th Annual Seymour Evening Lions Club Golf Scramble

Saturday, August 31, 2019 at Shadowood Golf Course

333 North Sandy Creek Drive, Seymour, IN

Registration: 12:15P to 12:45P

Shotgun Start: 1:00P

Entry Fee - \$200.00 per 4 person team or \$50 for an individual

Entry Deadline: Wednesday, August 28, 2019

Send name(s), phone number(s), and entry fee to:

Bill Jarvis

P.O. Box 594, Seymour, IN 47274

Make checks payable to: Seymour Evening Lions Club

Team Prizes:

First - \$400 cash

Second - \$300 cash

Hole-in-one Prize:

\$1000 cash from Bob Poynter Auto Group

Door Prizes

Free dinner

No green fees

No cart rental fees

Putting Contest: \$5 entry fee - Winner receives 50% of total purse. The putting contest will be held on Saturday, August 31, 2019, as you play. Contestants will be allowed two putts.

Mulligans: May be purchased at registration for \$5 each. Limit 2 per player. Free mulligan with donation of used eyeglasses. Limit 8 per team.

For questions, please call:

Lion Bill Jarvis - 812.525.9281

Lion Ruel West - 812.498.3694

Shadowood Golf Course - 812.522.8164



## Tractor Show and Vendor Market - Bedford, Indiana

Saturday, August 17, 2019

Lions Club Park - 6825 State Road 158, Bedford, IN

Event time: 9A - 3P

Hosted by the Fayetteville Community Lions Club

Vendor Market

\$25 for reserved space inside barn

(Table and two chairs provided.)

- OR -

\$10 for 10 x 10 outdoor space

(No reservation required. Pay the day of the show. Supply own table and chairs.)

No charge to display tractor. No admission charge.

Concessions available.

Proceeds to benefit the Fayetteville Lions Park and Lions supported projects.

For questions, please call:

Lions Duane or Julia Terry - 812.279.3133 or e-mail: [jkterry57@gmail.com](mailto:jkterry57@gmail.com)



## Georgetown Lions' Picnic and Rod Run

Monday, September 2, 2019

Georgetown Optimist Club - 8260 Hwy 64, Georgetown, Indiana

Event time: 8A - 4P

Hosted by the Georgetown Lions Club

Fun, Food, Games, Vendor Booths, Music

Breakfast: 8A - 10A

Lunch: 11A - 4P

Open Rod Run

Raffle: 50/50

More info on our website at [georgetownindianalionsclub.org](http://georgetownindianalionsclub.org) (Calendar Page)



## Georgetown Lions Club Lawn Equipment Raffle

Drawing will be held during the Georgetown Lions' Picnic and Rod Run.

Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Presence not required to win.

RedMax Items: (all items included per ticket)

GZ381 16" chain saw with extra chain

TRZ 230S weed trimmer

Spool of trimmer line

HBZ2610 gas power blower

Head gear

Gloves

Wedge

Strap for weed trimmer

Chain blade protector

Retail value of complete package is \$872.59 and is being furnished through:

Mister Hardware

1035 N. Luther Road

Georgetown, IN.