



Newsletter



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Southwest Indiana Lions

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THE DG'S ROLL CALL

District Governor

Kenny Williams



With me retiring, all the LCI emails, a State council meeting, and a District meeting happening in July, it has been hard to truly focus on things further down the totem pole. I will try my best in my "spare" time.

I attended my first official visit to my home club and realized what new blood can do for a club. Our President outlined his goals and conducted a jam-packed meeting, where I also inducted my daughter, Aubrey, into Lions. People were excited at the possibilities. With COVID-19, some of our clubs have basically shut down. Get on the horn and call your members to do a project where you can maintain your safety. We picked up trash. Call to check up on your members. We care so much about our communities that we often fail to reach out to our own Lions members, who are also part of the community. Get active, it will save your clubs.

Reporting our membership and service activities has not stopped. Report them early in the month, then make changes and additions later. This is a monthly requirement. It only takes a few minutes each month and is very important, even if you are just reporting a Zoom meeting or other activities. If you don't have access to a computer, send your information to PCC Keith Thomas or PCC Jeff Schafer. Like Nike "Just Do It!"

Recently, the District received a \$10,000 grant from Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) for COVID-19 equipment for two hospitals in Bedford. Other districts in our state received grants also. The fact is, our state gets more money from LCIF than we contribute. That's why it is so important for all clubs to contribute to LCIF. It is also important for individuals to make contributions. We have pledge cards where you can have an amount taken monthly out of your checking or savings account. Check your club's cumulative contributions. You may be able to designate one of your members a Melvin Jones Fellow. Your club may not be very far off. LCIF is a very good way to help people in need.

I hope I can visit with your club very soon. Call me to schedule.

Tanks For Serving,

DG Kenny

Media points of contact (photos, events, articles, etc.)

~ **25E Newsletter:** Lion Holly Nethery, hnethery25@yahoo.com; by 25th of month prior to newsletter month

~ **Public relations:** PCC Keith Thomas, kthomas@threeidesign.com; no deadline

~ **Hoosier Lion:** Lion Jaline Spurgeon, jaspurg@hotmail.com; by 1st of each month

~ DISTRICT DISH ~

Upcoming Events *(all times are local time at that location)*

Date	Event	Time / Location	Contact
13 Aug 2020	Petersburg Lions Club official visit		DG Kenny Williams, 812-320-4258
15 Aug 2020	Francisco Lions Club official visit	8:00a	DG Kenny Williams, 812-320-4258
21 Aug 2020	Ellettsville Lions Club 9 th Annual Lion Hunt Golf Scramble	12:00n / Rolling Meadows Golf Club, 4120 N Mt. Carmel Rd., Gosport, IN	DG Kenny Williams, 812-320-4258
29 Aug 2020	18 th Annual Seymour Evening Lions Club Golf Scramble	8:00a / Shadowood Golf Course, 333 N. Sandy Creek Dr., Seymour, IN	Bill Jarvis, PO Box 594, Seymour, IN 47274; 812-525-9281
11 Sep 2020	New Albany "Hungry like a Lion" Golf Scramble	12:30p reg., 1:30p shotgun start / Chariot Run Golf Course, Laconia, IN	Brian Brewer, 502-403-7956, brianbrewer80@gmail.com
15 Sep 2020	French Lick/West Baden Lions Club, DG Official Visit		DG Kenny Williams, 812-320-4258
10 Oct 2020	2 nd District-wide meeting	9:00a / Oakland City	CS Keith Thomas, 812-354-4637
17 Oct 2020	2 nd Council meeting	TBD / Spencer, IN	PCC Sue Topf, 317-332-5450
17 Oct 2020	25E Banner Night	5:30p / Canyon Inn, McCormick's Creek State Park, Spencer, IN	DG Kenny Williams, 812-320-4258
7 Nov 2020	District Day of Service		
14 Nov 2020	Oakland City Lions Club, DG Official Visit	9:00a	DG Kenny Williams, 812-320-4258
24 Nov 2020	Brownstown Lions Club, DG Official Visit	6:00p / 594 S Dogwood Drive, Brownstown, IN	DG Kenny Williams, 812-320-4258
22 Dec 2020	Salem Lions Club, DG Official Visit		DG Kenny Williams, 812-320-4258
16 Jan 2021	District Information Meeting	TBD	PCC/CS Keith Thomas, 812-354-4637
22-23 Jan 2021	Mid-Winter Conference	Crowne Plaza, Indianapolis Airport	
24 Jan 2021	3 rd Council Meeting	Crowne Plaza, Indianapolis Airport	

Club Anniversaries

Club	Charter	Age (yrs.)
Brownstown	24 Aug 1927	93
Corydon	18 Aug 1988	32
Elizabeth	25 Aug 2003	17
Evansville Eastside	2 Aug 1956	64
French Lick/West Baden	23 Aug 1950	70
Orleans	26 Aug 1970	50

New Members in July 2020 – Welcome!

Club	Member	Sponsor
Ellettsville	Aubrey Williams	Kenny Williams

Welcome To Our
TEAM

Care and Concerns

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.

Lion Doris Bliss	Lion Joan Bode	Lion Mary Chisham	Lion John Davis
Lion Cindy DeHart	Lion Tamela English	Lion Bob Evans	Lion Alma Graf
Lion Larry Hanson	Lion Mike Jones	Lion Dave Milby	Lion Sandy Ruane
Lion Betty Schoonmaker	PDG Paul Schoonmaker	Lion Henry Spindler	Lion Jaline Spurgeon
Lion Bill Stoops	Lion Betty Taylor		

'Til Fiddler's Green – Fallen Members Recently Reported

Club	Member
Tennyson	Gerry Howard
Tell City	Helen Carson
Odon	Robert Hayes

Please send updates to:

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FROM THE ON-DECK CIRCLE...

1st Vice District Governor
Lee Cuba



Let's continue this journey and see what is new. Notice that my article has been named with a baseball reference...From The On-Deck Circle. The player in this circle is to get ready for his time at the plate batting. As First Vice District Governor, I am to get ready to be the DG. The batter gets ready by watching the moves of the pitcher and watching the responses of the batter. The player learns this way.

As Lion leaders, we also learn by watching the leaders before us. We also learn by taking courses online and at meetings. We also learn from our jobs, our church, and life in general.

When in the on-deck circle, the player practices things like swing timing and restraint. They also stretch and warm up by doing things as if already at the plate batting. If the pitcher walks the batter, the on-deck batter will use some of his past experiences. If the batter strikes out, the on-deck batter should again pull from his past experiences and not strike out.

At a recent meeting the latter is what happened. I entered the room to notice that the room was set up with assigned seating, which is fine, but social distancing was not considered. I did not feel comfortable, so I pulled from my experiences and moved.

I may have upset the apple cart, but I felt it necessary. As leaders we should not be shy about doing what we think is right. With the COVID-19 virus among us, be passionate about masks, social distance, and cleaning. I believe this is important when we encourage clubs to begin and/or continue meeting face to face.

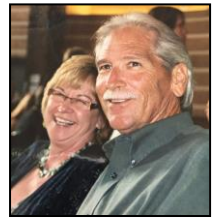
In conclusion, watch and learn from our leaders. Improve experiences by taking training courses. Just keep doing.

Let's keep this journey going, as we serve outside the box.

VDG Lee Cuba

IN THE HOLE...

2nd Vice District Governor
Don Russ



I had the opportunity, on July 18th, to attend a Council meeting as the 2nd VDG representing 25E. I have to admit, I learned things I didn't know and realized how much I have to learn.

At lunch Kenny, Lee, and I had a meeting to go over some things Kenny wanted to discuss. In an ironic twist he informed me I would be doing an article every other month for the newsletter. The irony was that the article would be called "In The Hole" (he told me it was a baseball term, which I already was aware of). He had no idea how appropriate the title was, and how far in that hole I already was.

On the 4 ½-hour drive back to Evansville I had a lot of time to think, maybe too much. I came to the conclusion that everything was going to be OKAY. After all, I am a Lion surrounded by a whole district of Lions who are always willing to help any way they can.

If I am at a meeting and you see "In The Hole" walking toward you, please don't take off in the opposite direction. I just might have a question that only you can answer.

Looking forward to the journey.

2VDG Don

"As Lions, we hold ourselves to the absolute highest standards in everything we do. Our members and clubs are dedicated to serving others, and it shows. We champion kindness in our communities and actively work to improve the lives of all people."

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/discover-our-clubs/purpose-and-ethics>

FROM THE SCRIBE...

District 25E Cabinet Secretary Past Council Chair

Keith Thomas



Hello Lions,

At the district meeting in Stinesville, a question was raised about membership options, types, and costs. Read the following information based on "Exhibit A" from the International Constitution and By-Laws.

ACTIVE: A member eligible to seek, if qualified, any office in this club, district or association and the right to vote on all matters requiring a vote of the membership; and such obligation shall include prompt payment of dues, participation in club activities and conduct reflecting a favorable image of this Lions club in the community.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE: A member of this club who has moved from the community, or because of health or other legitimate reason, is unable regularly to attend club meetings and desires to retain membership in this club, and upon whom the board of directors of this club desires to confer this status. The status shall be reviewed each six months by the board of directors of this club. A Member-at-Large shall not be eligible to hold office or to vote in district or international meetings or conventions, but shall pay such dues as the local club may charge, which dues shall include district and international dues.

HONORARY: An individual, not a member of this Lions club, having performed outstanding service for the community of this Lions club, upon whom this club desires to confer special distinction. This club shall pay entrance fees and international and district dues on such a member, who may attend meetings, but shall not be entitled to any privileges of active membership.

PRIVILEGED: A member of this club who has been a Lion fifteen or more years, who, because of illness, infirmities, advanced age or other legitimate reason, as determined by the board of directors of this club, must relinquish his/her active status. A Privileged Member shall pay such dues as the local club may charge, which dues shall include district and international dues. He/she shall have the right to vote and be entitled to all other privileges of membership except the right to hold club, district or international office.

LIFE MEMBER: Any member of this club who has maintained Active membership as a Lion for 20 or more years and has rendered outstanding service to this club, his/her community, or this association; or any member who is critically ill; or any member of this club who has maintained such active membership for 15 or more years and is at least 70 years of age may be granted Life Membership in this club upon:

- (1) recommendation of this club to the association,
- (2) payment to the association of US\$650.00, or its equivalent in the respective national currency, by this club in lieu of all future dues to the association.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: A member who holds his/her primary membership in another Lions club but maintains a residence or is employed in the community served by this club. This status may be conferred by the invitation of the board of directors and shall be reviewed annually. The club shall not report an Associate Member on its Membership Report. An Associate Member may be eligible to vote on club matters, at meetings where he/she is present in person, but may not represent the club as a delegate.

AFFILIATE MEMBER: A quality individual of the community who currently is not able to fully participate as an Active member of the club but desires to support the club and its community service initiatives and be affiliated with the club. This status may be conferred by the invitation of the club's board of directors. An Affiliate Member may be eligible to vote on club matters at meetings where he/she is present in person, but may not represent the club as a delegate at district (single, sub, provisional, and/or multiple) or international conventions. He/she shall not be eligible to hold club, district or international office, nor district, multiple district or international committee assignment. An Affiliate Member shall be required to pay district, international and such dues as the local club may charge.

The club secretary can select any of the above types except the associate member when entering in a new or editing a current members information.

ENVIRONMENTAL EXPRESSIONS...

District E Environmental Chair
Sharon Kamman

For my environmental news this month I thought I'd use a quiz -- so put on your thinking caps. Frankly, I didn't do very well on this quiz myself. It made me stop and think that I need to know more and more about the world that surrounds me. Here we go!

How much of our air pollution comes from cars and trucks? *50%*

How many plant, animal, and insect species are being lost every day due to rainforest deforestation? *137 species*

How much of the world's water is available for human use? *Only 1%*

What is the most common type of trash thrown away by Americans? *Paper products and cardboard*

To create one kilogram of consumer goods, manufacturers create how many kilograms of waste? *5 kilograms of waste*

Which country currently emits the most greenhouse gases? *China*

For every ton of paper recycled, we save how many trees? *17 trees (Keep on recycling those papers and magazines!)*

Rainforests once covered 14% of earth's land surface; now they only cover how much? *6%*

What is the most common type of waste that litters our oceans? *Cigarettes*

What is the leading source of energy in the U.S.? *Oil*

How long does it take for glass to decompose? *1 million years*

This shows me that we all need to continue to educate ourselves about our environment. There are many resources available on the internet. Take a little time and do some exploring. Here are a couple of words you can start with: Aeroponics and hydroponics. They involve growing plants without soil - instead they use air and a little water. Could this be an innovative way to grow crops without using so much fertilizer and water?

Stay well and keep in touch with those you love.

Lion Sharon Kamman
 District E Environmental Chairperson
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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS...

NAMI Champion
Erica Thomas

The group at the district meeting discussed the declining membership in the US and Canada for the past 40 years. DG Williams' goals are at least two new clubs, plus all clubs having a net gain of one new member.

The group was also challenged to think about recruiting new members. Some of the ideas included holding a membership rush event, asking friends in other organizations, asking co-workers and clients, promoting with volunteer.org, Facebook, and other social media, tag team recruitment (following up), and asking others to join in projects. The group also discussed what the clubs may need from the district. Some of the ideas included more resources and training, motivation, more communication from Zone Chairs, a list of projects from all clubs and contacts, PSA announcements, and more info on all membership types. When your club is analyzing whether current projects are still relevant, it might be important to review the below topics as well. Where does your club go from here? Carrying on as we have before has become more challenging. Finding different ways of doing things and new ideas for the current times may require a little effort on everyone's part.

Strengths

Vision services
 Support of our schools
 We Serve community needs
 Visible projects
 Fundraising

Weaknesses

Need to improve training
 Scared to ask
 Lack of recognition / thanks
 Making new members welcome
 Does not share ideas

Opportunities

GoFund me
 Doing follow up

Threats

COVID-19
 Losing schools
 Slow to adapt

North America Membership Initiative

Club Activity Calendar

You are invited to use this calendar to help plan and share service, fellowship and management activities with your club. All activities below are ideas to consider. Review the resources and edit the ideas to make this organizational tool work for you!

July	August	September
Start your club year with a celebration that includes recognition of incoming and outgoing officers.	August 12 is International Youth Day. Host a social event, like “Lion Day in the Park” with activities for young people.	Involve a local school in Lions’ mission to encourage peace. Get started with a Peace Poster kit and Peace Essay rules.
Build your club committees and ensure future Lion leaders are in them.	Identify learning needs and wants in your club. Talk to your district GLT about their training schedule and how best to provide.	Tailor your club meetings to fit your club members. Find a fun exercise to get started in Your Club, Your Way .
October	November	December
October 10 is World Sight Day. Start on our Vision webpage to find service project ideas and planning tools.	November 14 is World Diabetes Day. Visit our Diabetes webpage to learn how your club can help fight this global epidemic.	December 5 is International Leo Day. Partner with your Leo club on a holiday project. Don’t have a Leo club? Start one!
Re-engage inactive members by sharing the service activities your club has planned and ways they can contribute.	Involve your whole club in identifying opportunities for improvement through the Club Quality Initiative .	Thank your club leaders on reaching the half-year milestone! Share your club’s accomplishments and plans.
January	February	March
January 13 is Melvin Jones’ birthday. Honor his legacy with an open forum night to identify community needs for service.	February 15 is Childhood Cancer Day. Show how your club cares for children with a Valentine-themed fundraiser .	March 8 is International Women’s Day. Host a Women’s Symposium or a meeting topic on growing women Lion leaders.
All club events are great opportunities to get your club known. Our Public Relations Guide has ideas and resources to help.	Lions are people who care. Make sure your fundraiser invites all who attend (and those who don’t) to become Lions.	Form your Nomination Committee to begin preparing for club officer elections.
April	May	June
April 22 is Earth Day. Find service ideas to protect and restore the environment through our Environment webpage .	May 28 is World Hunger Day. Start on our Hunger webpage to identify ways to serve in providing access to nutritious foods.	June 7 is Lions Clubs Birthday! Hold a party to appreciate your club members and celebrate your club accomplishments.
Join Lions worldwide in welcoming new members to their clubs. Celebrate Worldwide Induction Day on April 26.	Elect club officers for next year, so they can learn their positions and develop plans for your club’s future achievements.	With your club’s excellence in service, growth, communications and operations, apply for the Club Excellence Award .



25E Club Happenings



On June 2, 2020, District 25-E was awarded an LCIF \$10,000 emergency grant, designated to help our two Lawrence County hospitals buy COVID-19 related medical supplies. Bedford Lions Jan Allen, Judy Heichelbech, Laura Williams, and PDG Gary Ochs researched and wrote the grant application, with the approval and assistance of DG Sheryl Schafer and Treasurer Richard Kaiser. Shown in the photo are, from L-R: IU Health Bedford Hospital President Brad Dykes, Bedford Lion Secretary Jan Allen, PDG and LCIF MD 25 Chairperson Gary Ochs, and Manager of Clinical Nursing Baili Campbell.

More than 250 IU Health team members and all visitors to IU Bedford Hospital will be impacted by the new personal protective equipment and respiratory hygiene stands which were purchased with its \$5,000 of the LCIF grant. "The funding from this grant will have a long-term impact on our overall disaster supplies," said IU Health Bedford Hospital President Brad Dykes, FACHE, MHA, MBA. "This grant positively impacts our overall stock thus allowing our team members to have immediate access to critical equipment needed to provide excellent and safe care to our patients."

St. Vincent Dunn Hospital has ordered \$5,000 worth of specialized respiratory monitoring equipment, the Masimo Rad 97 with Radius PPG. Up to 100 patients daily can be monitored instantly and continuously, whether stationary or moving about the room. This will be utilized for COVID-19 patients as well as children with RSV. Indirectly all clinical staff will benefit from the Masimo Rad 97 with Radius PPG. The upgraded equipment will give staff remote monitoring, require less PPE to enter rooms multiple times, and enhance overall patient care and outcomes. It will give clinical staff critical patient data at a glance.



25E Club Happenings



The Bedford Lions Club had a Lions information booth at the recent 2020 WBIW Women's Expo. Shown in the photo are (l-r) Lion Judy Clifton and Lion Heather Wessel who passed out brochures on our Indiana State Projects. These Lions also passed out Bedford Lions Club Fliers to prospective new members and had a fun day even while wearing masks.



The Bedford Lions Club has awarded its annual \$1,000 academic scholarship to 2020 BNL graduating senior Taylor Hayes. She is the daughter of Jeff and Joni Hayes and plans on attending the University of Southern Indiana to study nutrition. In her Community Service essay she stated, " I have found happiness and blessing through lending a helping hand to others both in my immediate community and outside of it as well."



(Left) French Lick-West Baden Lion Denny Weikert receives a 55-year Monarch Award presented by Club President PDG Bill Willis during a recent family night meeting. Lion Denny is the senior Lion in the club which will celebrate its 70th Anniversary on November 17th at Larry Bird's former home. Lion Denny has been a club member since he was Superintendent of Springs Valley Schools, a position he held for 33 years (Larry Bird's number), setting a state record for superintendent tenure. He grows a big garden each year and treats the club to home-grown ears of corn during the season.



25E Club Happenings



Lion Judy Walters receives the 2020 Lion of the Year Award from French Lick-West Baden Club President PDG Bill Willis. Since joining the club at the end of 2018, she has won the 100% Attendance pin, has been a regular at the club's monthly fish fry fund raiser, helped in the Highway 145 cleanup, and brings homemade cookies to each meeting. Last September she received the club's coveted "Outstanding Cookie Baker of the Year Award." She was recently inducted as Club Membership Chairman.



The Ellettsville Lions Club was proud to award two \$500 Lions Pride Scholarships to Haley Nethery and Harrison Pittsford, both 2020 graduates of Edgewood High School. Haley is the daughter of Lion Holly Nethery and Harrison is the grandson of Lion Phil Rambo.

Send newsletter items by the 25th of each month (prior to newsletter month) to:

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(Right) Past International Director Linda Tincher pulls District Governor Kenny Williams' ribbon off at the Council of Governors Meeting in Merrillville on 18 July 2020.



Directory Revisions

*It has come to our attention that some items in the directory are incorrect, as listed below.
Please send any other necessary revisions to PCC/CS Keith Thomas at kthomas@threeidesign.com.*

- ~ Page 39: Change Brownstown Membership chair email to mccoy418@comcast.com
- ~ Page 41: Add Chandler Membership Chair:
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- ~ Page 43: Change email address of Dugger President to marlowpeggy9@gmail.com
- ~ Page 44: Change Elizabeth President/Secretary Bus # to Cell # 812-968-4765, and add PO Box 35
- ~ Page 44 (and 33): Change Ellettsville Secretary email to wallymyers64@gmail.com
- ~ Page 45: Change Evansville Eastside Meetings dates to 2nd and 4th Tuesdays; contact president for meeting location.
- ~ Page 45: Change Fayetteville Secretary to:
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- ~ Page 47: Change FL/WB President Bus# to (812) 381-2068
- ~ Page 48: Change Hardinsburg Treasurer Cell # to (812) 572-8706
- ~ Page 49: Add Indian Creek Treasurer Cell # to (812) 318-6139
- ~ Page 53: Change Mt. Olympus Secretary Phones to Home: 812-386-7238 & Bus: 812-385-6050
- ~ Page 55: Change New Salisbury Treasurer Home # 812-364-6335 and add Cell# 502-762-6166
Change Oakland City 1st meeting time to 9am
Change Oakland City President home# to Cell# 812-887-2094
Change Oakland City Membership Chair Cell # 812-664-2628
- ~ Page 56: Correct spell of Odon Treasurer's name Swartzentrueer
Delete Old Vincennes Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair
- ~ Page 57: Delete the Orleans Lions Club
- ~ Page 58: Correct Paoli Meridian President email kakkijo2015@gmail.com
- ~ Page 59: Delete the Princeton Lions Club
- ~ Page 60: Delete Ramsey Secretary home # and add Cell# 812-267-5422
Update Ramsey Treasurer email to cchurchillfarms@gmail.com
Update Richland President cell # to 812-660-0458
- ~ Page 62: Add Seymour Evening Secretary Cell # 812-528-0976
- ~ Page 63: Change Seymour Noon Secretary email to christynolan94@msn.com
- ~ Page 64: Correct Stinesville President and Secretary last name – Owens
- ~ Page 65: Correct Tell City President email – emccleery26@comcast.net
Change meeting date and location for Tennyson to:
2nd Monday 6:00 PM (Central) Karen & John Maltby, 3877 State Road 161N, Tennyson, IN