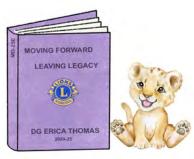
DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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DISTRICT 25E NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2024



As I was sitting here struggling to think of an article idea, I was distracted by some posts on Linked In. Sometimes when I come across the ones I really like, I take pictures so I can read it again later when I need a positive pick me up. I was grateful to find three glimmers. The first one is from Ellen Winter as she wrote "as I reflect on gratitude this Thanksgiving, I want to express my deep appreciation for the journey that's brought me here. I'm especially grateful for the support I've had over the past few months." She is correct. I could not have gone this far on my journey as district governor without all of you, sharing your successes, challenges, opportunities, joys, frustrations, and sorrows.

The second quote I saw was by David Steindl-Rast: "the root of joy is gratefulness...it is not joy that makes us grateful; it is gratitude that makes us joyful." How do we find gratitude and joyfulness? For folks who struggle during the holidays with depression, grief and sorrow, that may be nearly impossible without the many small steps of looking for and finding "Glimmers" that Sarah Jackson teaches folks. "Glimmers are the opposite of triggers. They are small moments of goodness or beauty that regulate the nervous system and cue safety to the survival brain. Glimmers instill peace and evoke joy and can be internal or external stimuli. Glimmers improve mood and mental health and help build nervous system resilience. Glimmers are a trauma recovery resource. Each day offers hundreds of glimmers and noticing glimmers is a powerful healing practice that adds up over time. Becoming a glimmer-seeker will change your brain and life".

Lions are great Glimmer creators! We are one of the best ones to help with a need in our communities. But how about helping our own club members who are struggling to look for and find glimmers? Is there a member who hasn't been attending club gatherings? A member who sits at the edge of the group and doesn't say anything or isn't joining in the socializing? Maybe you can bring glimmer to them! All it may take is a card that says I'm thinking of you, or I miss you, or I hope things are ok. I am challenging each of you the task of checking on each before the end of this year. It is really hard to fill the needs of others when our own basic needs are not being met.

Thank you all for being my Glimmers! May you all have many Glimmer moments and blessings for Christmas and into the new year!

District Governor Erica Thomas

Submit articles for the newsletter to: PCC Keith Thomas at kthomas@threeidesign.com. Flyers and pictures to be shared with the District and Hoosier Lion to be sent to Lion Carol Donner at donnerspass1@gmail.com

<u>1st VICE</u> DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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What Would Melvin Jones or W.P. Woods Say?

What would Melvin Jones or W. P. Woods say if they came to our clubs today? That question was posed by a club president during a conversation about issues that arise in local Lions Clubs, and the challenges they present to Lions leaders.

Imagine the founders of Lions Clubs International sitting quietly in the back of the room at one of our club meetings, listening as we review recent activities and discuss proposals for future projects. Would they see our club as an embodiment of their dreams – an organization focused on the betterment of our community and the world, or would they feel the need to remind us that "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else"?

So be part of the "WE" of "WE SERVE" especially at this time of the CHRISTMAS SEASON, and be sure to invite others to SERVE with you.

As we come here to the end of the 2024 year, many will reflect upon the things that have been accomplished and set goals or resolutions for the coming year. But what we would really want to do is to remember the Reason for the Season. As we have plans for parties, we want to remember that we need to Invite prospective members to join in our fellowship. This is a time of camaraderie and sharing as WE SERVE. Help us to investigate and learn what our communities need and be able to apply our talents to fill those needs.

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

1st VDG 25E Lion John Spurgeon

2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Brad Nolan (CS Christy Nolan) 6875 S. County Road 700 E Crothersville, IN 47229 Cell: (812) 569-1886



Fellow Lions,

Merry Christmas!! I love this time of year; the holidays have always been my favorite time of the year. I would like to talk a little bit about giving and LCIF. First, let's look at the difference between LCI and LCIF, it's really as simple as the difference between your club's administrative fund and activities fund. LCI takes care of the business side of the organization and keeps Lions running. LCIF is our charitable giving side. LCI is funded mostly by the dues we pay as lions, LCIF runs off donations and 100% of the funds donated go back into the communities we serve and the world. How does LCIF operate if 100% of the funds collected get redistributed into the community? They use investments, they invest the donated money and operate off the interest while using the donated portion to support all the grants available to any Lions group in the world; that means your club too. How many organizations can say that 100% of donations received go back out to the community and show it really does?

Happy Holidays and remember giving to LCIF can be a great gift too.

20DG Brad Nolan





Left: 1VDG John Spurgeon inducts new Medora Community member Lion Kyle Hinderlider with sponsor Lion Chris Snodgrass

Environmental Chair Sharon Kamman

Environmental News – DECEMBER 2024



I learned something new today as I read through a periodical "Ocean Conservancy." I know we're all busy in our own communities, but sometimes it's good to look at things happening in other areas in the U.S. and the world.

In June a bill was signed into law in Florida prohibiting the release of balloons. Why does this matter? This law is a huge win for Florida's manatees, sea turtles, dolphins, birds, and other marine life that has fallen victim to balloon litter. In nearly 40 years, volunteers have picked up more than 1.8 million balloons littering coastlines. Balloons are among the most common forms of beach debris in Florida's coastal counties. (Balloons affect more than 260 species worldwide.) Animals choke when they eat balloon fragments and plastic valves and attachments.

Why would any of this matter to us? We aren't close to the ocean, but most of us are close to rivers, creeks, ponds, or lakes. Any kind of debris in the water near us is dangerous to all wildlife. I know a lot of schools release balloons on certain occasions - - also balloons are released at weddings, birthday parties, etc. According to the wind and weather, these can travel many miles. Maybe this article will cause you to pause and think before you use balloons for your celebrations.

If your club sponsors a Scout troop or works with a school in any way, you can use this idea as a great partnering or joint project to clean up a local riverbank or lake.

Here is the Top Ten trash list that volunteers pick up around the world:

Cigarette butts, plastic beverage bottles, plastic bottle caps, food wrappers, plastic grocery bags, other plastic bags, plastic food containers, plastic cups and plates, plastic straws and stirrers, paper cups and plates.

Stay aware of the world around you, Every bird, animal, and plant were put here for a reason. Let's do our best to preserve them for future generations.

Lion Sharon Kamman

Environmental Chair, District E

Past International Director / LCIF Area Leader Linda Tincher



Thanksgiving is over and Christmas is just around the corner. What better time than this to make sure your club has made its yearly donation to Lions Clubs International Foundation and don't forget your local state projects. LCIF uses 100% of all its donations to help those in need! LCIF provides funds so that clubs can do many things in their local communities. If your community has a need, there is probably a grant you qualify for to fulfill those needs.

Many Lions think that if their club donates that is all that is needed but LCIF depends on individual donations as well. It is easy to scan the QR code on the Lions website and make a single donation, or you can use the LCIF web page or a pledge card to set up a monthly donation on your credit card.

Some Lions clubs like Sullivan County, even make it easier for you to donate. If you have someone that is hard to buy a present for, then go to the Terri Lynn web site. The candy and nuts are delicious, and a portion of your payment will be given to LCIF. Just type Sullivan. lions.terrilynn.com into your browser and do some shopping.

IF you would like to learn more about LCIF contact me, or 25E's LCIF District coordinators Debbie Ellis, or Christy Nolan for a program.

In addition: Please make sure your club has a "CLUB LCIF Coordinator" entered into the Membership Portal. If your club does not name someone, it is the immediate past president by default, but the Club secretary must enter them into the Manage Officers section. LCI does not make the entry. IF you have issues feel free to contact me the 25E District Administrator for assistance.

PID Linda Tincher

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LCIF Area Leader for IL, IN ,Ky & MI

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

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Hello Lions,

As we bring 2024 to close, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Racing to Serve, PCC Keith Thomas



December 1	Virtual District Meeting and Continued Learning
December 4	Official Visit to Worthington Lions
December 5	Official Visit to Winslow Lions
December 7	Christmas Parade in Winslow
December 9	Official Visit to Shoals Lions
December 11	Official Visit to Jasper Lions
December 12	Petersburg Lions Christmas Party
December 14	Council Christmas Party
December 15	Speech and Hearing Luncheon
December 17	Official Visit to Salem Lions
January 4	Official Visit to Francisco Lions
January 14	Official Visit to Ireland Lions
January 17,18	Mid-Winter Conference in Indianapolis
January 19	Council Meeting in Indianapolis
January 28	Official Visit to Evansville Eastside Lions
February 3	Official Visit to Elberfeld Lions
February 11	Official Visit to Oakland City Lions
February 22	District Leadership Learning at French Lick West Baden
March 21—22	District 25E Convention with ID Edwin "Guy" Hollander
April 25-27	State Convention in Shipshewana
June 21	Final Cabinet Meeting/Picnic at to be determined

Please contact District Governor to schedule your club's Official Visit Now as there are only so many Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursday available.

Hello Lions,

Please remember to contact Lion Ceal Schulz to add and remove names from the Prayer List and the Fallen Lion list. Also please let Ceal know about the memorial service or visitation. Ceal's email address is cealschulz@sbcglobal.net



New Member	Club	<u>Sponsor</u>
Jason Edwards	Bloomfield	Grant Riggins
Dan Lange	Bloomfield	Grant Riggins
Timothy P McEndoo	Georgetown	Mary Martin
Madeline Mason	Petersburg	Dale Leffler
Karen Miley	Petersburg	Trea McCandless
Larry Jourdan	Seymour Noon	Steve Gault
Aaron Wilkins	Seymour Noon	Christy Nolan

Fallen Lions in November

None Reported

Prayer List

Lions in need of Prayers **Lion Jack Voightschild Lion Charlie Placke**

Lion Marvin Mast **Lion Mike Crouch** Lion Rex Drabling **Lion Loretta Spindler** **Lion Jaline Spurgeon PDG John Ferry** PDG Cindy Wright (25D) **PDG Charlie Crawford PDG Sheryl Schafer Lion Henry Spindler**

Lion Jeff Cooper Lion Carol Murdock PDG Newell Clifton Lion Jim Springer Lion Bill Hinkle

PID

CC

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List of common used Lions abbreviations PIP ZC

ID

PDG

CS

IP International President RC **Region Chair District Governor** DG PCC Past Council Chair LCIF Lions Club International Foundation GMA **Global Membership Approach**

Past International President International Director Past District Governor Cabinet Secretary LCI Lions Club International

Zone Chair Past International Director Council Chair **Cabinet Treasurer**

A total of 375 3rd grade students in the five Bedford North Lawrence Elementary Schools: St Vincent de Paul School, Lawrence County Independent Schools, Springville Community Academy, Stone City Christian Academy, and JC's Christian Academy have now received new dictionaries from the Bedford Lions Club with partial assistance from a District 25E special projects grant. This is the 19th consecutive year the Lions have participated in this Dictionary Project while presenting a total of 7,662 dictionaries to the students according to Lion Heather Wessel, chairman of the local program.

The Lions Club hopes that through this project the dictionaries provided can be used as each pupil's personal reference book. Inside the cover of each book is a Lion label and each pupil can write in his or her name. The dictionaries are used to assist students in improving their reading ability and comprehension. Lion Wessel stated "It is a chance for them to expand their vocabulary and to have their very own dictionary."









The students at West Washington Jr. High participating in the Lions Peace Poster contest.



Honorable Mention went to William Morehous, 7th Grade.

3rd Place went to Ireland Pagel, 7th Grade.



2nd Place went to Alexia Chastain, 8th Grade.



1st Place went to Alyssa Davis, 8th Grade.

LIONS COMPLETE 2024 VISION SCREENING OF 1,714 LOCAL STUDENTS

Members of the four local Lions Clubs (Bedford, Bedford Noon, Fayetteville Community, and Mitchell) joined together, in vision screening teams of 5 to 12 trained Lions, for 3 weeks in October and 1 week in November to conduct vision screenings on students at 13 Lawrence County Schools, screening one school in the morning and one school in the afternoon each day. Working with the Principals and Nurses the Lions helped complete the 2024 school year's State of Indiana required mandated school vision screenings for each school. This was the 15th year the local Lions have volunteered to do vision screenings in all schools. There were a total of 31 different Lions from the four clubs who volunteered to help this year. The Lions complete a certification-training program and donate all their time performing screenings at the schools. Each student's eyes are screened for distance and near visual acuity using Optec optical testing machines for 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 8th graders. The total number of students screened at North Lawrence Elementary and Middle Schools, Mitchell Elementary and Junior High Schools, St Vincent de Paul School, Lawrence County Independent Schools, Springville Community Academy, Stone City Christian Academy, JC Christian Academy and Lawrence County Home Schools was 1,714 with 350 students being referred for vision problems to seek additional professional eye exams.



Above: Lions vision screening at Sr. Vincent de Paul School. Below Left: Lions vision screening at Bedford Middle School Below Center: Lions vision screening at JC Christian Academy Below Right: Student with vision screening sticker at JC Christian Academy





MAKE YOUR MARK IN INDIANA!

THE LIONS OF INDIANA

36th Mid-Winter Conference Saturday, January 18, 2025 CROWNE PLAZA INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT INDIANAPOLIS, IN

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Registration & Continental Breakfast	8:00 am – 9:00 am	Lunch - Buffet	11:30 am – 12:15 pm
Displays And Silent Auction	n Open until 3:00 pm	Program and Keynote Speaker	12:15 pm – 1:15 pm
Opening Session	9:00 am – 9:30 am	Third Session Semina	r 1:30 pm – 2:15 pm
First Session Seminar	9:45 am – 10:30 am	Fourth Session Semin	ar 2:30 pm – 3:15 pm
Second Session Seminar	10:45 am – 11:30 am	Closing Session	3:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Conference Hotel – Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport

The location of the hotel is 2501 S. High School Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46241

TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 317-244-6861

LIONS ROOM RATE IS \$124 PLUS APPLICABLE TAXES.

Specify your choice of a king room or a room with two double beds.

Hotel Reservations must be made by 6:00 pm EST Thursday, December 26, 2024

Directions to Crowne Plaza: From the north via I-465 – Take I-465 to Exit 11 (Sam Jones Expressway). Turn right (to the west) on Sam Jones and be in left lane. Turn left at High School Road and the hotel is on your left.

From the south or Northbound I-465 – Take I-465 to Exit 11 (Sam Jones Expressway). Turn left (to the west) on Sam Jones but keep to the left to High School Road. Turn left at High School Road and hotel is on y our left.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations requested ten (10) days before the conference will receive full refunds, but cancellations requested after that date will not receive any refund. **Refunds will not be granted because of the weather**.

***Note:** The Mid-Winter Conference Committee would like those attending for the First Time to indicate who is sponsoring them to attend or who has influenced them to attend their first Mid-Winter Conference. <u>There is a line on the registration form for this information.</u>



36th MID-WINTER CONFERENCE MAKE YOUR MARK IN INDIANA! FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER - JANUARY 17, 2025

Registration table will be open for packet and meal ticket pick-up on Friday evening until 6:30 PM

Make your plans now to join us at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport Hotel for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship. Menu: A plated dinner that will include Grilled Pork Chop or Chicken Marsala with Scalloped Potatoes, Garlic Green Beans, Fresh Garden Salad, Dessert, House Bread and Butter, Coffee and Tea

Price: \$ 30.00 Social Time: 6:00 PM Dinner: 6:30 PM

SATURDAY KEYNOTE SPEAKER Phil Rison, Executive Director National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association



Phil Rison became the NIAAA Executive Director in January 2023, previously serving over six

years as Associate Executive Director. In Rison's prior role, he worked with Mike Blackburn to enhance the NIAAA membership. The six-plus years Blackburn and Rison worked together brought a membership increase of over 4,000 members, reaccreditation under Cognia, and an expansion of Leadership Training Courses from 44 to 56.

Rison's involvement with the NIAAA has included the full span of his athletic administration career. He became a Certified Athletic Administrator (CAA) in 1998 and earned his Certified Master Athletic Administrator (CMAA) designation in 2005. He served as National Faculty Chair for Leadership Training Course (LTC) 508 and with the leadership of attorney Lee Green, formulated the faculty for all three legal courses.

He was appointed to the NIAAA Board of Directors representing Section 2 in 2009 and in 2013 Rison was selected as the 34th President of the NIAAA Board of Directors. As president, he appointed a Professional Development Task Force, which led to the first unified meeting of state coordinators for certification and Leadership Training Institute (LTI).

Menu: BACKYARD COOKOUT

Grilled Black Angus Burgers, Bratwurst with Sauerkraut, Bourbon Brisket, Cole Slaw, Macaroni Salad, Baked Beans, Corn, Vegetable toppings for burgers and assorted condiments, Breads, Sheet Cake,

Coffee and Tea

Price: Included in Full Conference Registration

Two Service Projects!!

"Sock It To Me" – Please bring new socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, knit hats and blankets to be collected and divided among the district governors to distribute to needy people in their districts.

"Care-ing Cases" – Friday night after the dinner program, we will again assemble our Care-ing Cases, which consist of first aid kits using cleaned hard eyeglass cases and toiletry kits made up of personal hygiene items. These cases will be given to the district governors who will share them with the needy people in their districts.

REGISTRATION FORM 36th Annual Lions of Indiana Mid-Winter Conference SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025

(Each Attendee Is Asked to Complete a Separate Form)

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: \$40.00

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR EMAILED BY NOVEMBER 30, 2024 Registrations postmarked on or after DECEMBER 1st and ON-SITE \$50.00

Registration includes: morning coffee and pastries, buffet luncheon, use of hotel meeting rooms, audio-visual equipment, keynote speaker expenses, printing, and supplies.

Conference Registration with no meals: \$25

To guarantee meal availability, Registration must be received by Monday, January 13, 2025

CANCELLATION POLICY: CANCELLATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO JANUARY 7, 2025 TO RECEIVE A REFUND. CANCELLATIONS REQUESTED AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY REFUND. REFUNDS WILL NOT BE GRANTED BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER.

Seminars and Workshops will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Send registrations early to ensure the seminars of your choice.

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND CORRECT REMITTANCE TO: Lion Cheri Faulkner, 1021 Woodpointe Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46234 <u>clermontlionlady58@yahoo.com</u> 317-271-3314

Make Checks Payable to: Lions of Indiana, Inc. OR

Card Type: [] VISA [] MC [] Discover Card# _____

Exp. Date: ______ Security Code _____ Signature: ______ Note : If using a Visa, MC, or other credit cards you will be charged a 3% processing fee added to the sale. Debit cards will have NO fee added.

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Telephone:	_E-mail:		

() This is my first Mid-Winter Conference. I was encouraged to attend by:

Registration: () \$40.00 early-bird; () \$50.00 after Dec.1; () \$25.00 Conference Only – No Lunch ()

\$30.00 Friday Dinner – Circle Pork Chop or Chicken Marsala;

= Total Amount Due per Registration

Review the Seminars offered and note the session time each seminar will be offered. Please circle your selections for each session to help us plan sufficient seating and handouts for each seminar.

9:45 – 10:30	Seminar Session 1	1	2	3	4	
10:45 - 11:30	Seminar Session 2	5	6	7	8	
1:30 – 2:15	Seminar Session 3	9	10	11	12	
2:30 – 3:15	Seminar Session 4	13	14	Spee	ed Learning	

Morning Seminar Session 1 (9:45 - 10:30)

Seminar 1

Title: The Lions Portal

Presenter: TBD

Description: Are you struggling with the new Lions Portal? You are not alone and help is on the way. Join us for this session to learn how to navigate the new Lions Portal and find all the information that you knew in the old system.

Seminar 2

Title: Membership Orientation

Presenter: PDG Glen Georges

Description: Who was the first Lions President? When was Lions Formed? Who asked us to be "Knights for the Blind:? You may know some of these answers, so come and share your knowledge. There is so much to know about Lions. We are sure this session will help everyone get a better handle on where Lions have been, where we are today, and where we will be in the future. The more we know, the better we can serve.

Seminar 3

Title: How to Take Care of Your Heart (Which allows us to serve better) **Presenter:** Lion Dr. Bob Robison **Description:** Learn from a leading heart surgeon ways to take care of your heart so that we can serve better.

Seminar 4

Title: LCI Insurance and Retention: Not Just for Membership Anymore **Presenter:** PDG Mark Clark Description: To put in mildly, our world can be litigious. Learn what Lions and Lions Clubs need to know to be protected.

Morning Seminar Session 2 (10:45 - 11:30)

Seminar 5

Title: Gaming Rules Presenter: Mark Mason, Charity Gaming at Indiana Gaming Commission Description: Back by Popular Demand! Does your club host any games that fall under the Indiana Gaming laws? This session will help you stay on top of these laws and how they that affect your club.

Seminar 6

Title: Cancer Control **Presenter:** TBD **Description:** Learn how our State Project for Cancer Control is working with Riley Hospital.

Seminar 7

Title: All You Need is Love: Understanding Lionism Through the Music of the Beatles **Presenter:** Lion Jeff Kozicki

Description: Have you ever needed help? Do you feel like you are working eight days a week? Can you only get by with a little help from your friends? Is it true that all you need is love? If you have wondered about any of these questions, then this is the seminar for you! We will come together to explore Lionism through the music of the Beatles.

Seminar 8

Title: Eyeglass Recycling (and Mission Trips) **Presenter:** PDG Marty and Jeanine Juel **Description:**

Afternoon Seminar Session 3 (1:30 – 2:15)

Seminar 9

Title: The Secret Sauce

Presenters: CC Julia Kozicki

Description: Learn more about what PIP Brian Sheehan calls the "secret sauce" to help achieve Mission 1.5.

Seminar 10

Title: Building Fellowship in Your Club Through Ice Breakers and Recognition **Presenter**: Lion Joy Robinson **Description**: A very important part of Lionism is the fellowship we all share. Learn how to better connect the members of your Club and energize your meetings and service through these topics.

Seminar 11

Title: Emergency Preparation/VOAD

Presenter: Lion John Wilkins and Lion Jane Cady

Description: We hope there is never a need for our Emergency Preparations, but when there are it is certainly better to be ready. Learn about what to do before, during, and most importantly after an emergency.

Seminar 12

Title: Understanding Diabetes (without the big scary!) **Presenter:** Lion Brandon Bischof **Description:** Understanding Diabetes with screening and tests.

Afternoon Seminar Session 4 (2:30 - 3:15)

Seminar 13

Title: Artificial Intelligence in Promoting Lions

Presenter: DG Jim Bush and PDG Jeff Locke

Description: Artificial Intelligence is all over the news and may seem scary, but there are many ways we can put it to work for us to promote Lionism quickly and accurately. Come find out more about the uses for A.I., including:

- Simplify event planning & member engagement
- Supercharge social media strategies including press releases for upcoming and completed events
- Help your club grow & increase your community impact.

Seminar 14

Title: LCIF From Giving to Grants to Legacy

Presenter: PDG Ken Faulkner

Description: Has your community been impacted by a natural disaster? Could it benefit from grants that make a real impact? Learn how LCIF benefits all of our communities and we can support Lions around the world.

SPEED LEARNING - New this year! Speed learning gives you the opportunity to learn about a number of topics in a very short time. When you arrive at this session, you will select a topic that interest you. After approximately 12 minutes, everyone will switch to a new topic. At the end, you will have about four topics that interest you. The topics are listed here, and more may be added:

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