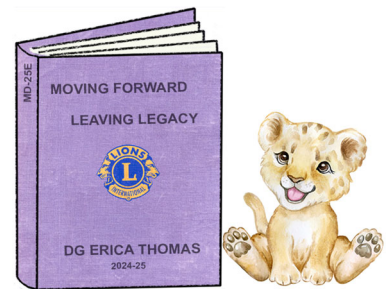


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## DISTRICT 25E NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2025



Zone Chairs: John Delph, Eddie McKim, Jim Smith, Larry Bottom, Tony Rhoades, Brad Swain, Judy Clifton, Sharon Kamman, Karen Brock, Ruby Keith, Donna Robinson, and Laura Davis

State Projects Trustees Chairs: Bill Willis, Dr. Dave Hyndman, Monica Clemons, Don Allen, Glen Georges, and Erica Thomas

Committee Chairs: Debbie Ellis, Vern Tincher, Kenny Williams, Lee Cuba, Dale Leffler, Sharon Kamman, Bill Schulz, Glen Georges, Mark Clark, Ron Edwards, Eddie McKim, Linda Goodrich, Ceal Schulz, Carol Donner, Dennis, Carlson, Sue Russ, and Sara Glass

The year is more than half finished. What is your progress toward achieving the goals the district set forth? Do you remember what those goals are? One of your responsibilities is to provide a progress report at the district convention of the clubs' and committees' efforts for reaching these goals. These reports are due to Cabinet Secretary Christy at [lionchristynolan@gmail.com](mailto:lionchristynolan@gmail.com) by Saturday March 15th to be included in the reports packet.

Zone Chairs, I want your report to include for each club the following:

1. How many new members does the club plan to bring in this year and many have actually joined to date.
2. The number of service projects and fundraisers being held this year, listing the new ones each club has done.
3. Have they made their yearly donations to the State Projects and Lions Club International Foundation?
4. Is the club working toward the Club Excellence Award?
5. Does the club need help with anything?

State Project Trustee Chairs, please report on the goals the project has set for the year and the progress made toward these goals. Are they asking the clubs help for anything? How many fellowships have been given, How much money has been donated? How many grants/awards have been given? Are there any upcoming events for lions to put on their calendars?

Committee Chairs, please report on what the District goals were at the beginning of July last year for your committee and the progress made toward achieving those goals. If you don't know what your goals are, please text me @ 812-766-0159. There's still time to do great things!

*District Governor Erica Thomas*

Submit articles for the newsletter to: PCC Keith Thomas at [kthomas@threeidesign.com](mailto: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](mailto:donnerspass1@gmail.com)

## Hello my Friends!

To the Lions of 25E, Lion Carol and myself are Lions like you. We share "We Serve" as a life experience and wish to share that with you at DG Erica's Convention. We wish to meet every Lion that attends to hear what successes you have had, the dreams in your future, and the Service you perform with the Humanity Lions care for. The best way to do that is to be at Convention, associate with like minded Lions, and take the time to celebrate the Lionism in our hearts. Lion Carol and I sincerely invite you to meet us at the Convention of 25E so we have the chance to share, celebrate, and have fun in the service. I want to thank DG Erica in advance for the invitation to share with you.

Hoping to see you soon,

International Director Edwin "Guy" Hollander and Partner in Service Lion Carol Hollander



### **INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR EDWIN GUY HOLLANDER**

Edwin Guy Hollander from Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 105th International Convention in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, July 7 through July 11, 2023.

Director Hollander is fully retired after more than 20 years of professional service in the field of environmental chemistry. Prior to his retirement he served as the organic preparation supervisor for the Natural Resources Cabinet of the State of Kentucky.

As a member of the Lawrenceburg Lions Club since first joining in 1995, Director Hollander has always worked to help his community with the knowledge, resources and enthusiasm that Lions are well known for.

He has held a number of offices within the association including district information technology chairperson and multiple district public relations & Lions information chairperson. He is an executive board member for the Kentucky Eye Foundation for which he has also held every office through president.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including an International President's Leadership Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Hollander is active in numerous professional and community organizations including his past work as county coordinator for the American Radio Relay League. Additionally, his work with 4-H has earned him a Volunteer of the Year Award. He is also a member of the American Chemical Society and certified single engine private pilot.

Director Hollander and his wife of 38 years, Carol B. Hollander, who is also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two children who are both members of the Lawrenceburg Lions Club. Director Hollander prefers to be called "Guy" by his friends and fellow Lions.

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Hello Lions,

DISTRICT AND STATE DUES ARE NOW PAST DUE AS YOU ARE READING THIS NEWSLETTER, THEY WERE DUE 30 DAYS FROM INVOICE DATE.

Club elections are coming due April 14, and there are supposed to be 3 reading of the slate of officers.

District is needing to fill committee positions and if you are interested the you need to present your request to Lion PCC Keith Thomas by Feb. 20th.

Coming Major Events:

March 21 & 22	District E Convention at Montgomery, IN at the Gasthoff's Resturant and the Inn
April 20th	Easter
April 24 - 27	Lions State Convention at Shpshewana, IN
July 12- 16	Lion International Convention at Orlando, FL

As Lion's WE SERVE

1<sup>st</sup> VDG 25E

*John Wm. Spurgeon*

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Fellow Lions,

Fellow Lions I hope that 2025 is treating you well. As with many of us my start to this year has been a little rough, but hey its convention time. Have you ever attended a Lions convention or conference? Do you know the advantages of attending? We just held the Midwinter conference in Indianapolis. I set in on several workshops to help develop and understand Lions, but better than that I had the opportunity to talk with Lions from other areas to see what they are doing to serve their community. We brainstormed a little on ideas to serve more effectively and we bonded and formed new friendships. Worried you won't know anyone send me an email, text or call you can set with me and I can help introduce you to other Lions wanting to serve just like you.

*2025 Brad Nolan*

**2nd VICE**  
**DISTRICT GOVERNOR**  
**CANDIDATE**

**Eddie McKim**



I was born and raised in Sandborn and currently reside there with my wife, Michelle.

After retiring from the USAF as a Lt Colonel and aerospace engineering, I returned to Indiana in 2019.

I hold a BS from Indiana State University in marketing and finance, an MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY and a systems engineering certification from Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, CA.

I joined the Sandborn Lions Club in 2021 and am the current Club President, Zone Chair and GMT.

I'm running for the office of SVDG to continue my dedication to Lions Club International. My background and experience are suited to the role of SVDG to support the District Governor's administration of the District and act as their a representative.

With a background in technology I will work closely with the District Information Technology Committee and assist the committee to promote the use of the association's web site and the Internet among the clubs and members while introducing artificial intelligence to increase our efficiency.

*Lion Eddie McKim*



From: Debbie Ellis  
LCIF Coordinator

Hello everyone, I hope everyone survived all the snow and you are keeping warm during these sub-zero temperatures. I think all of us would agree that Spring can't come quick enough here in Indiana.

I can't begin to tell you how much LCIF has come up close and personal to helping with the catastrophic disasters that have occurred in the United States this past year, from the hurricanes on the East Coast to the wildfires in California, LCIF always responds when a disaster strikes. It's up to all of us, as Lions, to spread the word about the good things LCIF does to help those in need.

Rest assured, everyone at LCIF, along with our dedicated Lions on the ground in California, is working diligently to provide relief and support to affected communities. Here is what we know so far:

- LCIF has awarded US\$130,000 in grant funding to support Lions in their relief efforts.
- Lions in impacted areas are working hard to assess needs, identify opportunities to assist their communities, and mobilize grant funds.
- The Lions of California have quickly established a disaster relief committee and are actively coordinating efforts.
- Multiple district and district leadership teams are collaborating to evaluate the situation, determine needs, and support fundraising efforts

If you make a \$10 donation to help those who are in need, as a thank-you gift, we will gladly provide an "I Love LCIF" pin in response to those donations. As PID Linda Tincher, Lion Christy Nolan and I are all on the LCIF team for District 25-E, please let one of us know if you would like a pin, and donations are always welcome. We will ensure your donation is forwarded to Lions Club International Foundation, and any donations received may be used in recognition of a Melvin Jones award later on.

Think Spring!

Debbie Ellis  
LCIF Coordinator  
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Debbie Ellis  
District 25-E Treasurer

Hello everyone, I hope everyone is enjoying a break from the sub-zero temperatures. By now, many of you have already sent in your January 2025 installment of this year's membership dues. Thank you so much for your prompt attention. This is just a friendly reminder for those clubs who still owe club dues, all district and International membership dues must be paid, at a minimum, 14 days before the Spring Convention, which this year, is March 22.

Failure to pay your club dues by March 08 will result in the club's inability to vote in the district elections at Spring Convention. Let's finish out strong and get all dues paid in the month of February and we can all relax a little easier. Thanks so much, and Think Spring!!!

### **Indiana Lions Foundation Indiana State Fair Project**



We may be shoveling snow from the sidewalk and scraping ice from the car windows now, but it's not too early to start thinking about fun and fellowship with other Indiana Lions at the 2025 Indiana State Fair. This is the Foundation's single largest fundraiser. Proceeds support the operation of the Indiana Lions State Office Building and provide funds for the Foundation's new Community Service Grants.

We have spoken to our contact at the Indiana State Fair and do not anticipate any major changes for the 2025 State Fair. The Fair will be held in Indianapolis, August 1-17, 2025, and we will need volunteers to work at six gates during the Fair.

Scan the QR code above to go to <https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/what-we-do/indiana-state-fair-volunteer/> and sign up to work for the Foundation at the 2025 Indiana State Fair.

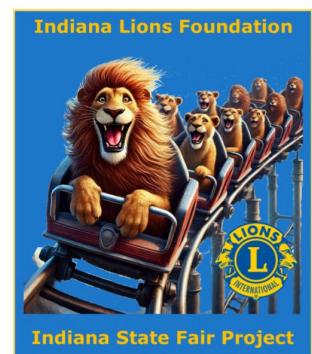
If you liked our ferris wheel and carousel pins, you'll love our new roller coaster pin. The proposed design is shown here. The only way to get one of these pins is to work for the Foundation at the Indiana State Fair.

When you work for the Indiana Lions Foundation at the Indiana State Fair, you receive W.P. Woods Fellowship credits. Work a morning shift and receive 1 credit; work an afternoon shift and receive 2 credits. You may redeem 10 credits for a W.P. Woods Fellowship for yourself or another individual.

This past July, the board of trustees of the Indiana Lions Foundation approved a proposal to allow State Fair volunteers to redeem W.P. Woods Fellowship credits for Community Service Grants to benefit Indiana Lions clubs, Indiana Lions districts, Indiana Lions state projects, or LCIF. For more information about Community Service Grants, visit the Indiana Lions Foundation website at <https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/>.

If you need assistance signing up for this project, please contact Lion Rose Russell at 574-250-0125 or [RoseWRussell@gmail.com](mailto:RoseWRussell@gmail.com).

If you have question about the Foundation, please contact one of the Foundation trustees in your district.





# *District Events and Calendar*

February 3	Official Visit to Elberfeld Lions
February 4	Official Visit to Lynnville Lions
February 11	Official Visit to Oakland City Lions
February 13	Official Visit to Bloomfield Lions
February 22	District Leadership Learning at French Lick West Baden
March 10	Official Visit to Bedford Lions
March 11	Official Visit to Sandborn Lions
March 21—22	District 25E Convention with ID Edwin “Guy” Hollander
April 15	Official Visit to Georgetown Lions
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.**



Left: Past International Director Linda Tincher presenting Sullivan County Lion Chris Gentry with a 2 member Key Award.  
Congrats Chris!

Right: Past District Governor Ray Collins (25C) demonstrating how to use Sullivan County Lions new Plus Optec Camera with Cabinet Treasurer Debbie Ellis watching.





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 Lions in January*

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Ronald B. McIntosh	Brown County Lions	Robert Oliger
Mary D. Mahern	Indian Creek Lions	Roger Taylor
Jason Sendelweck	Ireland Lions	Richard Sendelweck
Tim Stephens	Lanesville Lions	Robert Schickel

## *Fallen Lions in January*

<u>Fallen Lion</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
William R. Hoffman	Ireland Lions	33 Years
PDG Herb Stevens	Paoli Meridian Lions	55 Years
Barbara Sweet	Winslow Lions	6 Years
Norm Sweet	Winslow Lions	6 Years

## *Prayer List*

### Lions in need of Prayers

Lion Jeff Cooper	Lion Charlie Placke	Lion Carol Murdock
Lion Marvin Mast	PDG Cindy Wright (25D)	PDG Newell Clifton
Lion Mike Crouch	PDG Charlie Crawford	Lion Bill Hinkle
Lion Henry Spindler	Lion Bill Schulz	PDG Roger Cash (25B)
PDG Gary Ochs		

### List of common used Lions abbreviations

IP	International President	PIP	Past International President	ZC	Zone Chair
RC	Region Chair	ID	International Director	PID	Past International Director
DG	District Governor	PDG	Past District Governor	CC	Council Chair
PCC	Past Council Chair	CS	Cabinet Secretary	CT	Cabinet Treasurer
LCIF	Lions Club International Foundation	LCI	Lions Club International		
GMA	Global Membership Approach				

NOT JUST A MEETING  
LETS SERVE



CARD  
PACKS

SHELTER  
MATS

STUFFED  
ANIMALS

BIRTHDAY  
PACKS

## ITEMS TO BRING

- **PLASTIC BAGS, WALMART, DOLLAR GENERAL ETC**
- **SMALL STUFFED ANIMALS FOR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL FOR DISTRIBUTION TO YOUNG CHILDREN**
- **GALLON ZIP LOCK BAGGIES**
- **CAKE MIX, 12 OUNCE CANS OF 7UP, BIRTHDAY  
• NAPKINS, TABLE CLOTH, CANDLES, SMALL  
PACKAGE OF SMALL PLATES, CARD, ICING, THROW  
AWAY 9X13 WITH LID**

