



Newsletter



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Southwest Indiana Lions

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THE DG'S ROLL CALL

District Governor
Kenny Williams



The American Revolution was the "Shot heard 'round the world," signaling the beginning of the end to the colonization of many countries. I think the COVID-19 shot is the modern-day equivalency. I hope it is signaling the end of this pandemic. We have had to alter our lives so much in the last year or so. It was inconceivable in December 2019 what was in store for the world. Our Lions clubs were not immune (pun intended). I have visited clubs sporadically, but many clubs cancelled their official visit due to COVID-19. I will be so glad to get my shot, but I fall way down on the list by age (a curse and a blessing). I encourage everyone to stay safe, take the shot, not just for you, but for those that may catch the virus from you. Keep meeting and staying active. Meet by Zoom, email, or in-person, but stay safe.

We need to get together safely. The District convention is coming on 12-13 March 2021 in Nashville Indiana. We will spread out, mask up, and have hand sanitizer readily available. We will have an in-person convention, plus a Zoom option for those still not comfortable with joining the group. We will have a great time starting Friday night with a dinner to "Meet the ID," Michael Banks and his wife, Lion Anne Matoy. The dinner will be at the Hard Truth Hills Welcome Center, and there will be a really good band. We will also have some entertainment on Saturday afternoon. Saturday will end with dinner at the Hobnob Corner Café. We will conduct business too. All Lions that normally report need to get their reports to PCC/CS Keith Thomas well in advance so he can include them in the convention packet. Make sure you come to vote (I know, here we go again), but rest assured there will not be any politics involved. The Registration and Agenda are included with this newsletter. **Make your reservations early at the Brown County Inn. Mention Lions to get in our block with our price. The rest of the rooms are released to the general public on 19 February 2021.**

The Mid-Winter Conference was held virtually on 23 January and was a success in turnout and in the wealth of information that everyone got out of the seminars. Put it on your calendars for next year. I hope it will be back in-person next year.

I hope to see you in Nashville on 12-13 March 2021 for our convention. Be kind, and keep supporting your communities.

Tanks for Serving,

DG Kenny

~ DISTRICT DISH ~

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

Date	Event	Time / Location	Contact
23 Feb 2021	Sullivan County Lions Club, DG Official Visit		DG Kenny Williams, 812-320-4258
12-13 Mar 2021	District 25-E Spring Convention / 3 rd Cabinet Mtg w/ID Michael Banks	Brown County Inn, Nashville, IN (see pgs. 7-10)	DG Kenny Williams, 812-320-4258
15 Mar 2021	Paoli Lions Club, DG Official Visit		DG Kenny Williams, 812-320-4258
23 Mar 2021	Canton Lions Club, DG Official Visit		DG Kenny Williams, 812-320-4258
4-5 Apr 2021	Indiana Lions Leadership Workshop	Baymont Inn, Plainfield, IN	DG Kenny Williams, 812-320-4258
30 Apr – 2 May 2021	Indiana Lions State Convention / District	Wyndham Hotel West, Indianapolis (see pgs. 11-12)	
5 Jun 2021	Pre-Council Meeting	Indiana Lions State Office, 8780 Purdue Rd., Indianapolis, IN	
12 Jun 2021	4 th Cabinet Meeting / Picnic	10 a.m. / Marci Jane Lewis Park, Ellettsville	DG Kenny Williams, 812-320-4258
26-30 Jun 2021	102 nd International Convention	Virtual (changed from Montreal)	https://lcicon.lionsclubs.org/

Club Anniversaries!

Club	Charter	Age (yrs.)
Brown County	05 Feb 1943	78
Hardinsburg	24 Feb 1976	45
Martinsburg	22 Feb 2008	13
New Albany	05 Feb 1941	80
Salem	22 Feb 1926	95
Shoals	11 Feb 1946	75
Tennyson	13 Feb 2012	9

New Members in December 2020 – Welcome!

Club	Member	Sponsor
Dugger	Susan Bachellet	
Francisco	James Blacklock Sr	Raymond Dunn
Ireland	Jared Schwenk	Sam Weidenbenner
Tell City	James Hall	Carl Carson
Tell City	Penny Ohneck	Stanley Ohneck

Care and Concerns

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

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

**'Til Fiddler's Green – Fallen Members
Recently Reported**

Club	Member
Mount Vernon	James Davis
Mt Olympus	Donald Nelson

Please send updates to:

Lion Holly Nethery
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FROM THE ON-DECK CIRCLE...

1st Vice District Governor

Lee Cuba



Steven Covey recommends to begin with the end in mind. Let's take that to another step. At the end of, say, an email, review the path that was taken and see if the email conveyed the intended message. But more importantly, determine if the email had another end. The process of paying attention to detail.

I am in training for my time as District Governor. You know I am serving outside the box, outside my comfort zone and training is helping me to a new comfort level. I received an email from one of my trainers that was to inform us on how we were doing so far. But what happened was the author of the email did not pay attention to detail. As part of the email the author included results of everyone's progress in the course. Because I had extenuating circumstances I had not completed much of the course. But there it was for all to see – my embarrassing lack of progress. The author had not paid attention to detail to see if the email conveyed anything other than the intended message.

Therefore, always pay attention to detail in all aspects of life, of Lion leadership, communication, etc. Know that every action has a reaction. Pay attention to detail so that the reaction is what is to be expected, no surprises.

Speaking of paying attention, the 30th of January was my birthday. The State Council meeting was also that day. I saw a billboard driving on the way to the meeting while thinking of my birthday. The billboard had some festive splashes of color. If any sees a billboard like that, please let me know what was on it. I was going at a high rate of speed and changing lanes so fast, I could not read what it said.

So, let me conclude with this thought. Begin with the end in mind and pay attention to detail as we get back into a comfort zone.

Serving outside the box.

VDG Lee Cuba

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

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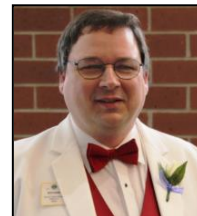
~ **Public relations:** PCC Keith Thomas, kthomas@threeidesign.com; no deadline

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

FROM THE SCRIBE...

District 25E Cabinet Secretary Past Council Chair

Keith Thomas



Hello Lions,

I didn't intend this to be an article on elections and conventions but after I wrote it, that is what I ended up with.

I have a few items I would like to address this month. The first is that it is time for the annual Club Officer elections. Elections should be completed and reported in MyLCI by the middle of April. If you have questions about this, please contact me at kthomas@threeidesign.com.

But speaking of elections, have you thought about running for an office? If not, why not? A lot of the clubs in the district repeat the same officers year after year. This is not good for the club as it can inhibit or decrease new ideas and new projects. It is also not good for the repeating club officers as this can wear them out and cause burnout. After a few terms, most officers would be happy if someone else would step up and try a different role in the club.

Also speaking of elections, the District Nominations and Elections Chair needs written letters of intent to be on the ballot by February 11th at the district convention. Also, per the International Constitution, club dues must be paid 14 days prior to the convention to be eligible to vote. This means the deadline for dues payment is February 27th.

Who should attend the district convention? Any and all Lions in the district can attend. District meetings are not just for the district leadership and Past District Governors. These meetings are an avenue to exchange ideas, learn about new projects, learn about the state projects, and more. This year because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are planning to do a live/Zoom hybrid meeting. On the registration form (in this newsletter) is a line for "Attending In-Person or virtually." An email will be sent to everyone that selects the virtually option. This does not mean you will not be able to vote. I will be keeping track of each club's number of eligible voting delegates and PCC Jeff Schafer will create an electronic ballot and it will be located at www.lions25e.org and will be active on February 13th and removed late on March 11th.

The state convention, as of the date of this writing, is still scheduled to be held in Indianapolis from April 30th to May 2nd. It is on the agenda to be discussed at the Council meeting January 30th. The convention may become a virtual event. This will be announced in a future newsletter and in the Hoosier Lion.

And lastly, the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors has decided **to transition the Montreal Convention into a virtual event**. All Lions and Leos are invited to attend. The registration fee for Lions is \$50 until April 1st when it jumps up to \$75. The fee for Leos is \$30. The convention is scheduled for June 25th to 29th. If you have wanted to attend an international convention but don't like crowds or traveling, this is the convention for you! Visit LCIcon 2021 in Montréal (lionsclubs.org) for more information and to register.

Racing to Serve, PCC CS Keith Thomas

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS...

NAMI Champion

Erica Thomas

If Not You Then Who

By Sleeping Lion

Light a candle where you are, you can be a shooting star, in the darkness in the night, who will bring the world to light?

If not you then who?

So consumed with self are we, just remember- let it be. We are all one family, light a lamp that we may see.

If not you then who?

There's a purpose to our quest, and the journey is a test. Now is not the time to rest, simply try to do your best.

If not you then who?

God will comfort those who weep. Angels kiss you as you sleep. What you wish for will appear.

Spirit whispers in your ear, if not you then who?

I came across this poem the other day and it has stuck in my head. The more I thought about it, the more it reminds me of many Lions that I know. We are great at helping others, but don't always like the spotlight shined on us when we do. Many of our clubs have young, elder, female, male, those of different ethnicities and beliefs. We work together to help others in need before we think of ourselves. Then COVID-19 happened and everything came to a screeching halt.

I know that the virus has forced us to focus on taking care of ourselves first, before we can help someone else. It reminds me of the airline attendants talk about the dropdown oxygen masks in case of emergency. We have spent months in this mode. Several clubs began testing the waters, beginning to find alternative ways to communicate with each other and finding ways to continue to meet the needs of those around them. Some individually, some in groups of twos and threes with masks on and social distancing, serving because where there is a need, there is a Lion.

Several clubs have pulled up the carpet and locked the doors, not even checking with each other to see how the members are doing. To these folks (and all Lions) I am asking questions... What does it mean to you to be a Lion? Do you remember why you became a Lion? Why have you continued as a Lion? What is your passion? What are your favorite things to do as part of the Lions club? Have you offered any of your ideas to your club lately on something to do or someone to help? If your club wasn't there, who would miss you? When is the last time you asked someone to serve with you?

Our world is dependent upon the connections that we make. We cannot go through this world alone. One person can do many things, but many people doing those same things together can accomplish so much more than we can ever imagine. The time is now, for the opportunity to get out there and do something. The world needs us to light the way in our own little communities, to continue our journey, to continue our quest. Because without Lions, many acts of kindness would never be! And so, I will continue to ask, if not YOU, then who?



25E Club Happenings

Lawrence County Lions Clubs Reach New Milestone Recycling Over 81,000 Eyeglasses and 1,600 Hearing Aids

Across our country eyeglass and hearing aid wearers have millions of old unwanted eyeglasses and hearing aids stashed throughout their homes in drawers. Simply donating these old specs and aids to a local Lions Club can become a very special way of recycling and at the same time greatly change the quality of life for a needy person. These used eyeglasses are repaired and distributed at no cost by the Lions Club Collection Centers (eyeglasses) to help underprivileged people in need in many developing countries, and Lions Club Loaner Program (hearing aids) for repair and distribution to needy people living in Indiana.

The Bedford Lions Club started this collection project in 1980 and has collected a total of 62,015 pairs of eyeglasses and 874 hearing aids with all the other Lions Clubs in Lawrence County joining to help in the recycle effort. The Bedford Noon Lions Club has collected a total of 12,496 pairs of eyeglasses and 637 hearing aids since 2002. The Mitchell Lions Club has collected a total of 5,111 pairs of eyeglasses and 67 hearing aids since 2006 and the Fayetteville Community Lions Club has collected a total of 1,500 pairs of eyeglasses and 30 hearing aids since 2010.

The Lions Clubs would like to thank all the businesses, churches, eye doctors, libraries, and organizations for their support of our ongoing collection project. The Lions could not have had such a successful project without their cooperation in placing the collection boxes at their locations for the community to drop off their used eyeglasses and used hearing aids. We would also like to thank all of the people who donated these eyeglasses or hearing aids to support this recycle program and help many people with vision or hearing problems improve the quality of their lives. There are now over 40 locations in the Lawrence County area where used eyeglasses and hearing aids can be dropped off, so please find one or just give them to any Lion you know and help the Lions help people in need.

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

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Preferred formats for articles:
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Shown in the photo are (l-r) Mike Sowder, the Bedford Noon Lions Club Sight Chairman, and Jim Fisher, the Bedford Lions Club Sight Chairman, with a load of boxes full of eyeglasses and a few hearing aids going to the Indiana Lions State Office Building in Indianapolis for distribution.



2021 DISTRICT 25E LIONS CONVENTION

MARCH 12-13, 2021
NASHVILLE, INDIANA



(ALL TIMES ARE IN EASTERN TIME ZONE)

Brown County Inn

51 State Rd. 46 East, Nashville, IN 47448 // (812) 988-2291 or (800) 772-5249

Call hotel directly for reservations. The rooms are **\$109+tax per night**. *Our block of rooms are under "Lions" and will be released after February 19, 2021.* Please call early to book a room on the first floor if you have mobility issues.

Person 1 Name:

First Last Title

Person 2 Name:

First Last Title

Address:

Street City State Zip

Club:

Attending In-Person or virtually _____

Phone:

E-mail:

Emergency

Contact Name:

Emergency

Phone:

	Qty.	Price	Total
Friday Night "Meet the ID" Dinner • 6pm at Hard Truth Hills Welcome Center • Music by the band "High Sierra" 7-8pm (Bluegrass/Country)		\$20	
Saturday Lunch Buffet • Chicken		\$17	
Saturday Dinner • 6pm at Hobnob Corner Restaurant		at your own expense	
		TOTAL:	
Please list any dietary restrictions:			

Make checks payable to: **District 25E Lions** and mail to Cabinet Treasurer Debbie Ellis, 8262 Center Road, Sullivan, IN 47882. There will be a hospitality suite for both Friday and Saturday night after dinner until 10:00pm. For questions, call DG Kenny Williams at (812) 320-4258 or PCC Keith Thomas at (812) 354-4637.

For those attending virtually, a link will be provided to the email above.



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Brown County Inn, Town Hall Room
51 State Road 46 East
Nashville, Indiana 47448
(812) 988-2291

March 12-13, 2021
(all times listed are Eastern)

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Location</u>
Friday, March 12 6:00pm	"Meet the ID" Dinner	Hard Truth Hills Welcome Center 418 Old St. Rd. 46 Nashville, IN 47448
<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Location/Speaker</u>
Saturday, March 13 8:00am-12:00pm	Delegate Registration/Sign-In	Town Hall
8:00am-2:00pm	Project Displays/Silent Auction	Town Hall
8:15-8:45am	Honorary Meeting	Town Hall IPDG Sheryl Schafer
9:15am	Opening Session	Town Hall
Call to Order Invocation Pledge God Bless America Roll Call Secretary Report Treasurer's Report Global Leadership (GLT) Global Service (GST) Global Membership (GMT) Tail Twister		DG Kenny Williams 1VDG Lee Cuba 2VDG Don Russ IPDG Sheryl Schafer PCC/CS Keith Thomas PCC/CS Keith Thomas CT Debbie Ellis PCC Keith Thomas PDG Ron Edwards PDG Jean Bodensteiner Lion Erica Thomas
10:00am	Committee Reports	(limit reports to 3 minutes)
Cancer Control ISBVI Leader Dog Speech & Hearing VisionFirst LCIF Indiana Lions Foundation Special Project MD25 State Convention 2021 MD25 State Convention 2023 NAMI		PDG Mark Clark ZC Jeff Cooper PCC Jeff Schafer Lion Donna Robinson PCC Keith Thomas Lion Sam Hopper & Lion Laura Davis Lion Sandy Ruane PCC Keith Thomas PCC Reed Fish/Rep PDG Gary Ochs Lion Erica Thomas



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<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Location/Speaker</u>
11:00am	Zone Chair Reports	(limit reports to 5 minutes)
11:45am	Memorial Service	ZC Lowell Thomas
12:15pm	Lunch/Tail Twisting	Lion Erica Thomas
1:15-2:30pm	Keynote Speaker	ID Michael Banks & Lion Anne Matoy
2:30pm	Awards	DG Kenny Williams
2:45pm	Nominations and Elections	PDG Dale Leffler & Lion Don Southwood
3:00pm	Silent Auction	2VDG Don Russ
3:30pm	Entertainment	DG Kenny Williams
4:00pm	Closing Session & Adjournment	DG Kenny Williams
4:10pm	Benediction	1VDG Lee Cuba
6:00pm	Dinner	Hobnob Corner Restaurant

1. Morning and afternoon breaks will be taken at appropriate times depending on reports.
2. Dress attire will be normal Lions apparel except for those District Officers (DG, VDGs) for all events.
3. **Deadline for meals registration is February 22, 2021.**
4. The 4th District Meeting will be at the State Convention at the Wyndham Hotel West, Indianapolis, on April 30- May 2, 2021.



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Additional Information

- Friday night “Meet the ID” Dinner is at the Hard Truth Hills Welcome Center at 6:00-8:00pm and includes your meal and entertainment (High Sierra Band, 7:00-8:00pm).
 - If you have a dietary restriction, make sure it is specified on your registration.
 - Any alcohol will be at your own expense.
- Nashville/Brown County is known for its scenic beauty and quaint and quirky shopping. Come early and stay late. We want you to have a good time while you are here.
 - There will be a hospitality room Friday and Saturday nights after dinner until 10:00pm. There will be snacks and drinks, cards, and some questionable storytelling.
- We will send a link for those Lions who wish to attend the convention virtually.
- Saturday’s dinner will be at 6:00pm at the Hobnob Corner Restaurant, at your own expense. It is comfort food with some local favorites. Space is limited, so sign up early.

Lions Indiana State Convention Supplemental Information

Friday Evening: Wyrk Space in the USAC building on the corner of 16th and Main Street, Speedway. Menu: Hamburger/Brats/sides

Saturday Lunch: Club style Turkey Croissant – sliced turkey breast topped with Monterey jack cheese, bacon, lettuce, tomato and pesto mayonnaise on a fresh croissant served with mustard potato salad & fresh Fruit garnish. Includes dessert, iced tea and coffee. Cost is \$15.

Saturday Dinner: Choice of grilled 12 oz New York Strip steak, with mushrooms and onion marmalade or Mediterranean style breast of chicken with fresh diced and sun-dried tomatoes, olives & yellow peppers. Both meals include prepared potato and chef's choice of vegetable, side salad and rolls. Cost is \$25

Sunday Brunch will have a mixture of typical breakfast selections and lunch items. Cost is \$20.

The Strides Walk: in memory of PIP Rob Corlew's son Robbi. cost will be \$10.

Mobility Assistance: Contact Auto Farm at (765) 354-2261 to reserve a scooter for the weekend. Cost is \$48.15 plus share of delivery fee.

Golf: Friday morning April 30th at 9:00 AM Golf outing scheduled for South Grove Golf Course located 1800 West 18th St. Indianapolis, 46202. Make your own Foursome or else pairing up with others will be given. We will have tee times beginning at 9 AM for 18 holes of play. Contact Lion Rick Haug if you plan on attending: Golfball01@att.net

Directions to Golf Course: From the hotel turn back to I 465 and go north to the Speedway or Crawfordsville Rd exit. Turn right on to Crawfordsville Rd. going toward Speedway or east until you come to 16th St. where you will pass the 500 Race Track. Continue east on 16th St. passing over White River and look for the next stop light. This is Riverside Drive--turn left or north and the golf course in one block on the left. Parking lot is located nearby. Try to be at the course by 8:30 AM to check in and pay green fee of \$25.00 per person for 18 holes.

2021 Convention Pin is \$5.