

Call to Convention!

March 21st and 22nd
Gasthof Amish Village
6659 East Gasthof Village Road
Montgomery, IN 47558

Guest Speaker is
International Director
Edwin “Guy” Hollander

This is a Family Friendly Event
so bring the kids and grandkids!

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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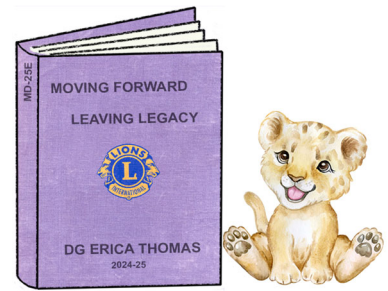
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DISTRICT 25E NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2025



Hello my Friends!

Wow what a fast six months this has been! All kinds of great things have been done by the clubs in the district. The district has also experienced a number of impactful losses. After a few moments of reflection, the new year is upon us... the next six months can have many results. Planning the rest of this lions' year club projects, reaching the goals the clubs and district have set, celebrating the successes, and continuing to tell others the great things we can do with their help are just a few.

In addition to the things going on at the club level, several events are coming up at the district and state level. All Lions are invited!

- January 17-18 Midwinter Conference, Crowne Plaza Indianapolis
- February 22 District Leadership Workshop Beechwood Christian Church French Lick
- March 21-22 District Spring Convention Gasthof Amish Village Montgomery
- April 25-27 State Convention Farmstead Inn Shipshewana

All of these events are family friendly! They offer opportunities for sharing ideas, learning new skills, maybe challenging us to look at things with a different perspective, meeting new friends and visiting with friends that we don't see often. I encourage each of you to make sure that these dates are in your calendars and make a commitment to join these events. I can almost guarantee that if you come hoping to meet new people you will, if you come hoping to learn something you will, and if you come hoping to find something new to bring back to your club you will!

Thank you for sharing this journey with me! I am truly blessed to be counted among all of you, my family. Thank you for what you do as a lion, serving from the heart.

District Governor Erica Thomas

It is not too early to sign up to work the Indiana State Fair to join the fun and support your Indiana Lions Foundation. Go to www.indianalionsfoundationmd25.org and "what we do" tab and "Indiana State Fair Volunteer" to sign up today!



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

1st VICE
DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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Echoing the words of PDG Jeff Locke of 25 F (which is our neighbor to the east), I could not say it better EXCEPT with a few comments. As we START 2025, we must continue to work hard to bring members into the Lions Club throughout Indiana.

Normally we lose many members on December 31st for a variety of reasons. Membership in our clubs not only increases the service we can provide as Lions , but new members can bring new ideas to your clubs to help jump start what we do. Encourage new members to participate in the operation of your club. Encourage new members to help with service projects.

Make it a **KEPT NEW YEAR RESOLUTION** to invite a prospective member to get an introduction to Lions and what we do. Then invite them to a meeting or service project. Ask a prospective member where their interests are. What they would like to see improved to help your community. As of today, MD 25 is on the plus side for members for the first half of the 2024- 2025 Lions year.

It takes all of us to keep Indiana on the positive side

Hope to see all of you at the Indiana Mid-Winter Conference in Indy. There are many seminars that will give you or your club information that will benefit your club.

1st VDG 25E

Lion John Spurgeon

Right: New Medora Community Lion Kyle Hinderlider being pinned by Sponsor Lion Chris Snodgrass with 1VDG John Spurgeon doing the induction ceremony.



Environmental Chair

Sharon Kamman



Environmental News – January 2025

Hi folks - - it's the "tree lady" again. Hope everything is going well for you all. Today I'm on my little soapbox to tell you about what's happening in the tree world.

Do you think of trees when you use paper products in your home every day? Probably not. We just take for granted that they're a necessary item we can't do without. These disposable items come at tremendous cost to the boreal forest in Canada where industrial logging operations clearcut approximately 1 million acres of forest every year. When these trees are leveled, so too is the home for scores of wildlife as well as vital nesting places for billions of migratory birds. A significant amount of what is logged is turned into wood pulp, much of which is then used by the big tissue makers, fueling what's come to be known as the "tree to toilet" pipeline.

Environmentalists have taken note of this and are speaking out. The Natural Resources Defense Council is now involved in this and is calling out paper companies like Kimberly-Clark. (Kimberly-Clark makes products like Kleenex, Cottonelle and Scott). This company is now taking steps to reduce forest degradation in its supply chain.

However, Proctor and Gamble, which makes Charmin, Puffs, and Bounty, has been given nothing but failing grades for their efforts in reducing forest degradation.

We are consumers - - we can make choices. Even if new trees are being planted now, how many years will it take before they will be big enough to be used? I know the next time I buy paper products, I will think twice before I pick up Charmin, Puffs, or Bounty. Think about these things. We all want a better world for our children and grandchildren.

I appreciate your taking notice of my articles. The future of our world begins today!

Lion Sharon Kamman

Environmental Chair, District E

To: District Governors and Clubs

Re: New Guidelines in Indiana for Vision Screening

It is very important that the following information is forwarded to all Lions Clubs of Indiana. There are new guidelines in Vision Screening. For information – go to the website (#1) then follow with numbers 2 thru 4...

1. In.gov/doe
2. School Operations
3. School Health/School Nurse Resources
4. Hearing and Vision Screening

If you have any questions, please contact Lion Henry Rodriguez at 765-210-6787 or henryrodriguez970@yahoo.com

Thank you!

Lion Henry Rodriguez
State Vision Services Chair

In Memoriam—Lion James Earl Carter

In Memoriam

Lion James Earl Carter

Former U.S. President

1924 - 2024

On behalf of Lions International and Lions around the world, it is with great sadness that we mark the passing of a great leader, a great Lion, and a great man. Lions International extends its condolences to the family of former U.S. President Jimmy Carter. President Carter believed in building alliances, in the virtue and just pursuit of human dignity, and in the power that we have to transform not only our world, but ourselves.

Lions Clubs International Foundation has been proud to partner with The Carter Center for nearly 30 years. Our partnership is among the most important and long-lasting relationships enjoyed by the SightFirst program and LCIF. Together, we've worked to combat avoidable blindness around the world through our joint efforts in onchocerciasis and trachoma control programs. The Lions family is grateful to President Carter for his lifelong humanitarian spirit and dedicated service to the people of the world.

Source: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/the-carter-center>

Santa is Blind too

By Peggy Chong, The Blind History Lady Happy Holidays to you all!

Here is a story of a man I have found most interesting. Below is just a sample of what I have learned about him.

Santa's helper called his name. The little blind boy jumped up and ran to the front of the ballroom where he heard the voice of Santa just moments before. He touched Santa's knee and Santa picked him up and placed him on his lap.

"Hello little one," Santa said. "Have you been a good boy this year?"

"Yes Santa, can I touch your beard?" he asked. "Do you have a cane?"

"Yes, I have a white cane. Santa chuckled.

"Are you really blind, blind like me?" asked the boy.

"Yes, I am blind. Santa is just like everyone. Santa is Colored to the little Negro children. He is blind, just like all of you here."

After a few more questions, Santa handed him a gift and reminded him that his friends were waiting for their presents.

Later, when the presents were opened and everyone had some light refreshments, the children played with their new toys. The little boy loved his new fire truck. He got down on his knees on the hotel ballroom floor and crawled quickly, varooming his fire truck to an imaginary fire. It crashed into a chair. Gasps and "Oh's" came from the sighted Lions members and local dignitaries.

But the fears of the sighted were unheard by the little boy as he backed up his truck and headed in a new direction. "Man, this place is small!" the little boy said. Then making a loud siren call, he scooted past the tables and chairs on the floor.

The Honorable Judge Ned H. Smith played Santa at the annual Detroit Lions Club Christmas parties for more than a generation. Over the years, he realized how important it was for the impressionable children to know Santa was blind and that a blind child could grow up to be whatever they dreamed of.

Ned met many blind children through his leadership positions and activities with the Lions and other civic organizations. He hoped that the little boy would continue to be unaffected by the fears and limitations of the other guests and society in general. He knew too many like him have their attitudes, curiosity, adventurism, and dreams dashed. If playing Santa could hold the limitations of others at bay for just one child each year, he would be happy.

Judge Ned Smith was born in Indiana in 1901 and went blind in his teens. Luckily, he had family and friends who kept his dreams of becoming a doctor alive, even if they felt privately that Ned could never reach his goals.

Ned entered the University of Michigan in 1921. With no adult services for blind students, Ned worked his way through college washing dishes. Although he was still learning to read and write in Braille, few books, especially those pertaining to his course work were in Braille. He hired readers, often students in his classes to read for him.

One reader who read for him was Floyd Howard Skinner, a member of his class of '26, and Black. Classmates and others warned Ned about socializing and being too friendly with the "Colored." But Ned, now in a minority not of his choosing, found he had more in common with Floyd than not.

Santa is Blind too (Continued)

Although Michigan was a northern state, it had segregated places of business and employment options closed to people of color. Ned found that he too was not wanted everywhere. The University was not supportive of his career choice nor was the local medical community. Injustice was taking on a whole new meaning for Ned. He went into law like Floyd.

Floyd got a research position in 1925 with a local Black lawyer, Oliver Green. Green filed suit in 1925, against the Keith Theatre in a case now known as Bolden. V. Grand Rapids. The case was filed on behalf of Dr. Emmett Bolden, a Black dentist who was refused seating in the theater based on his race. Floyd became well-known in the Black legal community for that work before his graduation and had job offers before leaving the University.

Ned took an assistant prosecuting attorney position in Detroit for Wayne County in December of 1926. His new bride acted as his reader. Ned became active in local politics and joined civic organizations. He spoke on many topics to churches and community groups. In 1936 he ran for Common Plea Judge and won, being re-elected for the next 10, two-year terms.

Judge Smith got a reputation of being fair and willing to go beyond the courtroom to help those in need. Newspapers such as the Detroit Times, a Black-owned newspaper endorsed Ned as a judge for all of Detroit, not just the white citizens.

When WWII began, he did his part by donating blood on a regular basis and encouraging others to do the same. "With our boys spilling their blood all over hell, here's our chance to spill a little bit. It doesn't even hurt," reporters quoted Ned in their blood drive articles.

When the blind children from the public schools told his Lions Club they did not want gifts from Santa, rather the money for their gifts to be used to purchase war bonds, Ned took pride and inspiration in the patriotic spirit of the blind kids and his Lions Club did purchase war bonds in their names. The kiddies also got gifts from Santa at each Christmas party during the war.

Ned loved sports. Rarely did he miss a Detroit Lions football game. He enjoyed swimming in the summer. He loved to play bridge or cribbage with friends and poker after work in the courthouse. He kept a Braille deck of cards in his desk at work.

He became a champion bowler in the state's blind bowling organization. His league was made up of blind men and women from all backgrounds. They became friends. He even married a blind teammate to a young blind woman in his chambers. Ned loved to unite the many couples who came to the courthouse, especially soldiers about to head overseas, during the war.

But it was his commitment to his fellow blind people that inspired Ned. Often parents reached out to Ned to talk with their blind child. He shared with the families how he accomplished his job, the importance of being able to read and write in Braille, as well as using human readers. He told the families how important it was to explore and use all the senses, especially hearing. Ned proudly told of his 42-acre farm where he liked to spend his weekends. He described how he harvested his walnut trees, cut wood for the fireplace, and weeded the gardens. He shared his stories of being a blind parent and the importance of community involvement.

One single mother asked Ned to talk with her blind son, Herman Hudson. The two wrote letters in Braille back and forth to each other. Ned encouraged Herman to go to college. When Ned learned that Herman might have to drop out due to financial reasons, Ned helped pay for Herman's tuition. Herman went on to be one of the first Black professors at Indiana University. He founded the IU's Department of Afro-American Studies. Although Ned chose not to travel with a guide dog, several of his blind friends did. Ned promoted the dog guide schools when speaking about blindness. He supported his fellow blind when they were hit by cars on the streets of Detroit. A "White Cane" ordinance passed in Detroit in 1936, and a similar law for the entire state of Michigan in 1937. The law protected the right of way for the blind traveler on city streets and the right to use public services such as movie theaters and restaurants. Yet too often Ned was called to remind the courts of the law's existence.

Ned died September 21, 1956, in Detroit, while still in office. An election was held to fill his seat. A Black man, Elvin Davenport won the seat by more than 30,000 votes. Ned would have been pleased.

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Hello Lions,

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and 2025 is off to a good start. As we start the second half of the year, I want to give everyone a few reminders

A club must now pay their dues 14 days prior to the start of the convention. No longer can a club bring their check to convention and expect to be able to vote. With the District Convention being March 22nd, that deadline date is March 7th this year. Your club must be in good standing for anyone in the club to be on the ballot.

Now is the time to start making plans to attend the District Convention at the Gasthof Amish Village in Montgomery on March 21st and 22nd. Our visiting International Director this year is Edwin "Guy" Hollander from Kentucky. District Governor Erica Thomas should have more information regarding the upcoming convention in this newsletter as well as the registration form.

At the elections, we elect new trustees for the five state projects and the Indiana Lions Foundation for a three year term. The trustees typically meet in Indianapolis for 4 to 6 meetings per year. Trustees are to visit the various clubs and inform the clubs what their respective project does and how the Lions can support the project. The 3rd year trustee gives a report at the district meetings.

Some of these positions will be opening up as the current trustee is not running for re-election, but if you are interested in one of these positions you should go ahead and submit your name for the ballot.

We will also be electing a District Special Projects trustee for a three year term. The District Special Projects trustees meet at least twice a year in person and via email as grant requests are submitted. As with the state projects, the 3rd year trustee gives a report at the district meetings.

Lastly, this is the time we elect the District Governor and the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors. The candidates for District Governor and 1st Vice District Governor are the current 1st and 2nd Vices respectively.

But the office of 2nd Vice District Governor needs to be elected. A candidate for 2nd VDG has to meet certain qualifications.

The qualifications are as follows:

- Must be an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing.

- Must be endorsed by their club or a majority of the clubs in the district. This endorsement should be submitted to Nomination and Elections no later than 30 days prior to the convention.

- Have served as club president, a member of the board of directors of a Lions club for no less than 2 years, and served as a zone, region chair, district global extension team coordinator, district global leadership team coordinator, district global membership team coordinator, district global service team coordinator, district LCIF coordinator, cabinet secretary or cabinet treasurer with none of these being accomplished concurrently.

The District Constitution requires a letter of intent stating intent to run and including the above qualifications including years served in these positions.

If you are planning to run for a trustee or a district office position, the deadline for submitting your written nomination and/or endorsement is February 20th. Please submit your letters to Nominations and Election Chair PCC Keith Thomas at kthomas@threeidesign.com so that your name will be on the ballot.

It is time to start the process of electing your club officers for next year. Elections are due by end of April so start early and get it done. In addition to the regular club officer position, LCIF added a Club LCIF Coordinator a few years ago. LCI is requesting that someone be appointed to this position. If no one steps up, then the club should enter whoever was or is the immediate past president. If the secretary has problems with any officer entry into the portal, please contact the district administrator PID Linda Tincher at 812-240-0545.

Vice District Governor John Spurgeon is looking for Lions for step up to be District Committee Chairs. Come to the district convention and discuss these positions in person with John to learn more.

Until next month, Racing to Serve.

Racing to Serve, PCC Keith Thomas

District Governor Erica Thomas with USI student Lexus Knepp who received a \$500 sponsorship from Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing Project for SLP Research.



District Events and Calendar

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| 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 Lions in December

| New Member | Club | Sponsor |
|-------------------|-------------|----------------|
| None Reported | | |

Fallen Lions in December

| Fallen Lion | Club | Years of Service |
|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Jack Voigtschild | Bedford Noon | 20.3 years |
| Loretta Spindler | Chandler Lions | 20.5 years |
| Rex Drabing | French Lick/West Baden | 22.77 years |
| Joyce Swango | Indian Creek Lions | 21.74 years |

We also loss former Lion/Past District Governor Les Worth in December. PDG Les Worth was a two time District Governor in the first District 25-E.

Prayer List

Lions in need of Prayers

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|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Lion Jaline Spurgeon | Lion Jeff Cooper | Lion Charlie Placke |
| PDG John Ferry | Lion Carol Murdock | Lion Marvin Mast |
| PDG Cindy Wright (25D) | PDG Newell Clifton | Lion Mike Crouch |
| PDG Charlie Crawford | Lion Jim Springer | Lion Bill Hinkle |
| Lion Henry Spindler | Lion Bill Schulz | |

List of common used Lions abbreviations

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|------|-------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|
| 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 | | | | |

Local Lions Clubs Join Together To Build A Record Number Of Ramps In 2024

The Bedford Lions Club members started building ramps in 1989 and now have completed building 338 ramps helping many people in their community. This year the Lions volunteered to build a new yearly built record of 25 ramps for people in need who couldn't get out of their houses by themselves.

The ramps built in 2024 totaled 723 feet of constructed ramps varying from a 60 feet long ramp to a 11 feet long ramp and took a total of 1,032 volunteer hours to complete. They also built handrails and or steps at 5 additional houses this year.

This project has been a combined effort of the Bedford Lions Club, the Fayetteville Community Lions Club, the Mitchell Lions Club, and the Bedford Noon Lions Club working together to help these people in need. The number of Lions that work constructing these ramps varies from six to ten depending on the length of the ramp. The ramps will greatly improve the quality of life for these handicapped people and their families greatly appreciate all the work completed by the Lions building these much needed ramps.



Left: Photo shows a group photo of Lions standing on the completed 60 ft ramp at the Lawrence County Independent Schools playground.

Lions (l-r) Bruce Megnin (FCL), Ken Brumbaugh (BL), Bob Ruble (BL), Steve Warren (BL), Kevin Stailey (FCL), Charles Drake (BL), Don Allen (BL)

Right: Photo shows the Lawrence County Independent Schools students saying thanks to the Lions while standing on their new playground ramp



Local Lions Clubs Join Together To Build A Record Number Of Ramps Contained

The new project chairman Lion Charlie Drake stated "Ramp building is a great example of living the Lions Club motto "WE SERVE". "We all really enjoy the camaraderie of working together for someone in need. We all have a warm feeling in our hearts when a ramp is finished and the person we built it for uses it for the first time.

That person's smile makes all the hard work worth it and gives us the incentive to help the next person in need by building another ramp." There are no professional carpenters among the Lions who work on the ramps but you couldn't tell that by the great work turned out by this caring group.

In most cases they are senior citizens taking pride in aiding other senior citizens. The Lions always donate all the labor in the construction of the ramps and will contribute a portion of expenses toward the required building materials from its ramp building fund if the person is unable to afford them.



Left: Photo shows a new 12 ft ramp built at Ridgeview Apartments



Right: Photo shows Lions building a 44 ft ramp with switchbacks in September.



Lions across Indiana were busy this fall screening in locations from day cares with just a few kids, to schools with over a hundred preschool/kindergarten aged. Celebrate this achievement as Lions, and then get right back out and find the next place you can make a difference. Early screening is the easiest tool we

**August to
December 2024
District Count**

- A 1651**
- B 517**
- C 1777**
- D 614**
- E 1059**
- F 2736**
- G 1456**
- Total: 9810**

have to making sure no kids suffer from treatable eye conditions, like lazy eye. It's great to help out the nurses in schools with screening large amounts of kids. But it is in the day cares and ministries where we can really go after the younger ones and help shine light on problems before they get worse.

I will be at the Mid-Winter Conference on January 18th to replenish any supplies related to the cameras and KidSight. On Friday, January 17th, Tammy Johnson of PlusOptix (the smiley face cameras) will be in Indianapolis for a meeting to discuss new cameras and how PlusOptix can continue to help our KidSight program here in Indiana. For any club interested in possibly purchasing a camera for use in your area, it would be a great time to meet her and get all your questions answered. Contact KidSight if you're interested in this meeting.

The current consent forms and cover sheet are available for download at: <https://www.visionfirst.org/operationkidsight>

For additional documentation related to KidSight email or call!

Peace be with you all!

**Karlene Roe - IN Lions Operation KidSight Program Coordinator
kidsight@att.net 317-213-3902**



Left: Canton Lion Pam Hawes, one of the members who rang the bell for the Salvation army Red Bucket campaign this year. The club has participated for many years.

Below: DG Erica Thomas visited the Canton Lions Club recently. Shown is Canton president Lindsey Wade-Swift presenting a handmade pen (made by Lion Ken Powell) to DG Erica



Special Olympics Winter Games!

Winter Games Dates:
January 12th, 13th,
14th



It's that time of year again! The Winter Games are fast approaching, and I'm excited to let you know that the volunteer registration site is now live! I want to extend a huge thank you for your support in making this event a success. Without volunteers like you, we couldn't run this event as smoothly as we do. Your help is essential in supporting our mission to serve over 18,681 children and adults with intellectual disabilities through our programs and competitions.

Location:

Opening Ceremonies on January 12th

Higher Ground Conference Center, 3820 Logan Creek, West Harrison, Indiana 47060. Arrive early-dinner will be provided at 6:00pm. Opening Ceremonies will start at 7:15pm sharp. Opening Ceremonies will start with the "Torch March" with the Indiana Lions leading each county delegation into the Main Event Hall. Once everyone is seated our Co-Sponsors the Knights of Columbus and their 4th Degree Color Guard will present the Colors (Flags). Then the fun begins. Please contact Lion Bill McDonald at Lionmcdonald53@gmail.com if you plan to participate in the Opening Ceremonies.

Awards Ceremony – Only Please register on site below and e-mail Lion Bill McDonald :

Awards ceremonies on January 14th from 10am to 4:30pm

Perfect North Slopes, 19074 Perfect Pl Ln, Lawrenceburg, IN 47025.

Volunteer Roles: Awards Ceremony Assistants: Support the Knights of Columbus and Lions Club in presenting awards to athletes after competitions.

How to Register:

1. Visit the **Registration Link:** 2025wintergames.my-trs.com
2. Click the **Purple "Click here to Register!"** button.
3. Select **Blue "General Volunteer"** and click **Select**.
4. Choose the positions and shifts you'd like to sign up for.
5. Click the **Green "Next"** button.
6. Log in or create an account if you don't have one already.

If you have any questions, please reach out to **Bill McDonald** at Lionmcdonald53@gmail.com.

We hope you have a wonderful holiday season, and thanks again for your continued support of Special Olympics Indiana. We look forward to seeing you at the Winter Games!



Left: PID Linda Tincher is presented Sullivan County Lion Debbie Ellis with an Indiana Lions Foundation check for a \$1000 grant for training teachers for teaching Dyslexic students.

Below: DG Erica Thomas is presenting Worthington Lions Carol and Jerry Murdock with an Indiana Lions Foundation check for a \$1000 grant for placing wreaths on veterans markers in the City Cemetery.



Above Left: PDG Vern Tincher and CT Debbie Ellis purchasing food for preparing baskets for the needy.

Below Left: The Sullivan County Lions working on the preparing the baskets.

Below Right: Boxes of supplies for the baskets.



LIONS COMPLETE KIDSIGHT VISION SCREENING OF PRESCHOOL CHILDREN FOR 2024

Members of the 4 Lawrence County Lions Clubs (Bedford, Bedford Noon, Mitchell, and Fayetteville Community) have recently completed their 11th year of Operation KidSight vision screenings at 19 area preschools and childcare facilities. They have done screenings at North Lawrence Playful Pathways Preschool, St Vincent Preschool and Kindergarten, Dive Christian Preschool, Calvary Lutheran Preschool, Free Methodist Preschool, In His Hands Preschool at Old Union Church, Crossroads Daycare Ministries, J C's Christian Preschool and Kindergarten, Restoration Child Care & Preschool, Hatfield Preschool, Tiny Persimmon Preschool, Lollipop and Rainbows Preschool, Grace Childcare Ministries, Lawrence County Independent Schools Kindergarten, Stone City Christian Kindergarten, Where Futures Begin Preschool, Springville Community Academy Kindergarten, Counting Futures Preschool and Cornerstone Preschool.

These screenings are provided at no cost to the child, parents, or facility where the screenings are performed. This year the 16 Lions who volunteered screened a total of 391 children with 28 children being referred for further examination by an Ophthalmologist or Optometrist. The vision screening system they used is a PlusOptix S12 camera system which was new in 2021 after the Bedford Lions received a matching grant from the Lawrence County Community Foundation to help purchase this system. This system works by taking a digital picture of the child's eyes from a distance of 3 feet. An invisible infrared light projects through the pupils onto the retinas and depending on the refractive error or prescription of the eyes the reflected light forms a specific brightness pattern within the pupils which the PlusOptix software analyzes to detect nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, lazy eye, eye misalignment, and imbalance between the eyes. After the child is screened a report is generated and sent in and reviewed by the Operation KidSight staff in Indianapolis and then the results are sent out to the sponsoring vision screening site who reviews them with the parents with any referrals and explanation of any vision problems found.

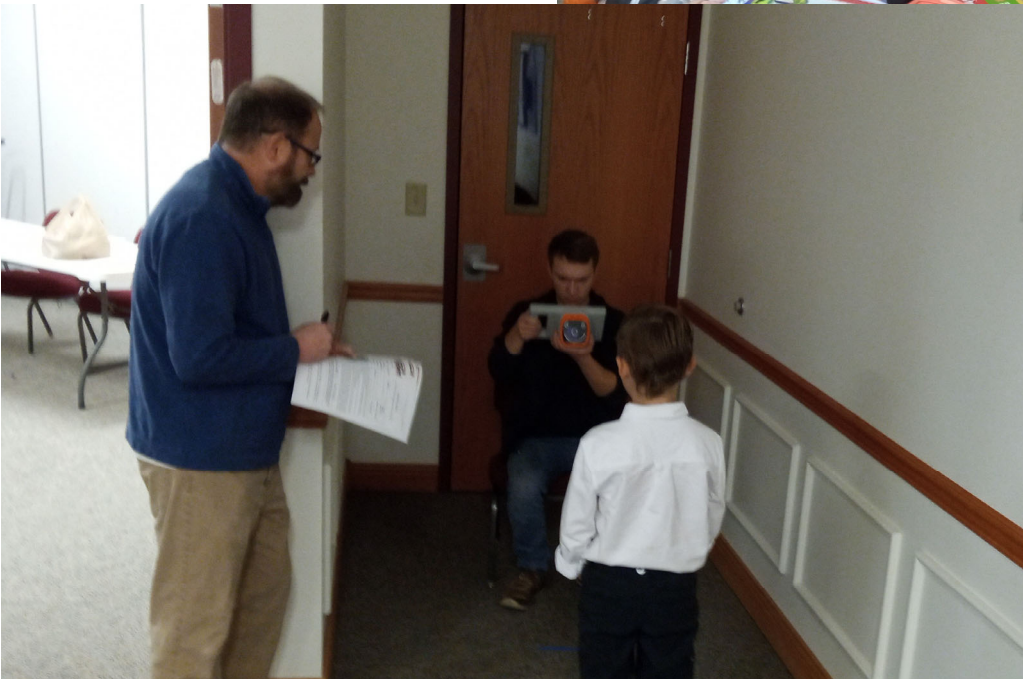


Above: Lions Judy Clifton and Heather Wessel screening a student during the KidSight vision screening at the JC's Christian Preschool

LIONS COMPLETE KIDSIGHT VISION SCREENING (CONTINUED)

The first few years of a child's life are critical in the development of normal vision. A child with vision problems often does not realize they can't see properly even when their eyes appear to look normal. Many eye problems when caught early enough can be completely corrected and the earlier they are diagnosed the better the chance for correction and the easier and less expensive the treatment will be.

Right: Lions Lynn Burch and Jane Root screening a student during the KidSight vision screening at the Lollipops and Rainbows Preschool



Left: Lions David George and Sam Fields screening a student during KidSight vision screening at the Stone City Christian Kindergarten



Below Left: Lion Bob Ruble screening a student during the KidSight vision screening at the Free Methodist Preschool



Left: the Ramsey Lions collected clothing and blankets for the Harrison County Community Services.

Below Left: Oakland City Lion John Bajzath helping with the Holiday Fruit Sales.

Below Right Oakland City Lions Todd Lynch and James Smith unloading the fruit for the Holiday Fruit Sales



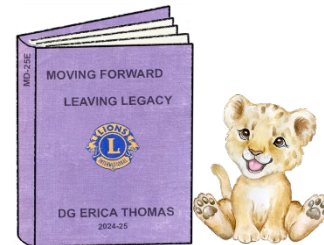


DISTRICT 25E SPRING CONVENTION Meal Registration Form



Deadlines: Room Reservations must be received by March 1, 2025
Meal Reservations must be received by March 8, 2025

When: March 21-22, 2025
Where: Gasthof Amish Village
6659 E Gasthof Village Rd
Montgomery, IN 47558



Lodging: All rooms, both King and Queen are **\$102.07** this includes tax. To reserve a room, call 812-486-4900 and give them the reservation code Indiana Lions.

On Friday night, we will have the Meet the ID Dinner. Social time will start at 6pm with dinner starting at 6:30pm.

Saturday morning starts at 9:00 with a short stride's walk. The registration desk opens at 9:30 in the events center next to the hotel. The silent auction and state project displays open at 9:30. Service Projects will be available. At 10am the Opening session starts. The convention meeting will include reports from District Governor, state projects, committee chairs, Zone Chairs, voting, Tail Twisting, Half Pot before lunch. After lunch, the honorary committee will meet with ID Hollander while the service projects continue. After the Honorary meeting, memorial service, and award presentations, International Director Hollander will give the Keynote presentation.

We are requesting each club to donate an item for the silent auction. Items for the auction will be set up on Saturday starting at 8:00am. Winners will be announced at the end of the day.

This convention is set at an Amish Style destination that is very family friendly. So bring your kids and grandchildren. Make a weekend getaway out of it.



DISTRICT 25E SPRING CONVENTION

Meal Registration Form



March 21, 2025

Friday Night International Director Edwin Guy Hollander Welcome Dinner

Dinner Friday night will be meatloaf, noodles, green beans, glazed carrots, assorted cookies, cupcakes and homemade breads. The cost for Friday night's meal will be \$25.00 per person.

March 22, 2025

Saturday Lunch will be beef and noodles, baked fish, sweet potatoes, german fries, California blend, fruit salad, assorted cookies, cupcakes and homemade breads. The cost will be \$30.00 per person.

Person 1 Name _____

First **Last** **Title**

Person 2 Name _____

First **Last** **Title**

Address _____

Street **City** **State Zip**

Club: _____

Attending: In-Person or Virtually (Circle One)

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Friday Evening "Meet the ID" Dinner

Attending: _____ **x\$25** _____

Saturday Lunch

Attending: _____ **x\$30** _____

Total Enclosed _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Make checks payable to: District 25E Lions and mail to Cabinet Treasurer Debbie Ellis, 8262 Center Road, Sullivan, IN 47882. For questions call DG Erica Thomas at (812) 766-0159 or CT Debbie Ellis at (812) 798-2096.

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



2025 Indiana Lions 104th State Convention

Hosted by District 25-G
April 25-27, 2025



**Farmstead Inn and Conference Center, Shippshewana, Indiana
With Special Guest PIP Jimmy Ross**

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR LODGING BY APRIL 1, 2025
Farmstead Inn and Conference Center, 370 S Van Buren St, Shippshewana, Indiana 46565
Call (260) 768-4595 and reference LIONS
Room Rate: \$159 + taxes per night (includes hot breakfast)

Please use one form per person

Deadline: All registration forms must be postmarked by April 7, 2025
Please clearly print name and Lion title as desired to appear on Name Badge:

Name and Lion Title: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

District: _____ Club: _____

Is this your FIRST Indiana Lions State Convention? (please circle one) YES NO

Please list any Special dietary needs here: _____

Friday Evening Dinner \$15 _____

Authentic Amish Haystack Dinner, hosted by Dunlap Lions Club

Saturday Lunch \$25 _____

Buffet: baked pineapple ham, meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad, pie

Saturday Strides Walk T-Shirt: \$20 _____

Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL (please circle one)

Saturday Dinner: \$35 _____

Plated: roast beef & poppy seed chicken, mashed potatoes, noodles, green beans, salad, pie

Total Registration Due: _____

Mail this form with payment to:
Lion Jeanine Juel, 3204 Village Ct, Goshen, IN 46528
Jeanine@martyjuel.com or (574) 370-2475
Registration must be postmarked by Apr 7, 2025
Make checks payable to: **Indiana Lions State Convention**