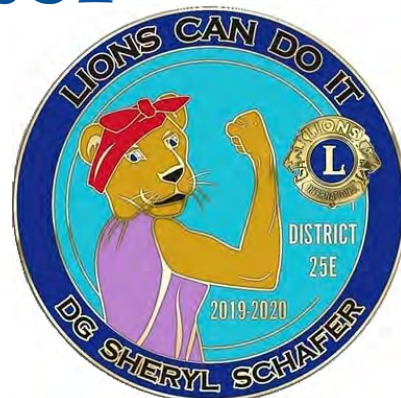


District 25E Newsletter

Southwest Indiana Lions



DISTRICT GOVERNOR

DG Sheryl Schafer

Lions of 25-E,

Happy New Year. Have you all made your New Year's resolution? How about your Lion's Club, have you made your resolution for your Club? Is there something your Club might want to try or do new this year?

Are you doing something new to get new members in your club? Trying some new projects or fundraiser? What are your neighboring clubs doing to get more members? How are they keeping the members they have and the new ones they bring in? Are you or your Lion neighbors doing orientation for your new members? How about orientation for the members you have? We all need reminding of the changes in Lion Clubs and how the organization works.

Has your club tried working with other clubs to do bigger fundraisers or projects? Working together with other clubs, the District, or the State can share ideas and get to know other Lions. There are a lot of opportunities for you to do this. Not just with other clubs, but the District Cabinet meetings, Banner Night, and the District Convention (March 13-14, 2020). The State has the Multiple District Council Meetings where all Lions within Indiana are welcome to attend. There is the Mid-Winter Convention (January 11), and the State Convention (April 24-26 in Bloomington) where a lot of information is shared at these two conventions. Lions Club International has the USA/Canada Forum (which will be in Louisville in September 2020) and the International Convention. I have received so many ideas from attending these events and I'm all pumped up to go back to my club with new ideas and ready to help my community. In addition, you meet a lot of people that are Lions from around the United States and Countries around the Globe. How about making a resolution to go to other Club functions, District functions, State functions or International functions?

"Lions Can Do It"

District Governor - Sheryl Schafer

January Events

11 - Mid-Winter Conference
12 - MD-25 Council of Governors Mtg
25 - 25-E Informational Mtg (Jasper)

Upcoming Visits

Jan 6 - Medora
Jan 7 - Worthington
Jan 9 - Fayetteville
Jan 14 - Ireland
Jan 27 - Fredericksburg
Jan 28 - Canton
Feb 3 - Dugger
Feb 8 - Oakland City
Feb 10 - Bedford
Feb 11 - Chandler
Feb 24 - New Middletown

February Events

16 - 2020 State Convention Mtg
22 - Leader Dog Program (Worthington)

On the Horizon

-March 13-14 - 25-E Spring Convention, Spring Mill State Park, Mitchell, IN

-April 24-26 - Indiana Lions State Convention, Bloomington, IN

Send newsletter articles, upcoming events, and photos by January 25 to:

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1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

1VDG Kenny Williams

I thought I would start off saying Happy New Year, but the Lion year is only half over. We still have six months to serve more people and make the world a better place. We can make resolutions, but we have already made a resolution to help our fellow men and women. When you think about it, that old Army saying "We do more before 9:00 am, than most people do all day" applies to us. We have done more in six months than most people do all year.

But we are not done. Please keep up the good work. One way to increase our production is to add new members. Just ask someone. Once you tell them what we do, they will join you. Sounds simple doesn't it? It is not much harder than that. Bottomline, is you will still need to ask them to join. We need more hands to stir the stew.

I will end by saying I hope you had a very joyous Christmas season and look forward to a very prosperous New Year.

Tanks for Serving,
Kenny Williams
1VDG, 25-E



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2ND VDG VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

2VDG Lee Cuba

The Comfort Zone Anonymous

I use to have a **Comfort Zone** where I knew I couldn't fail.
The same four walls of busy work were really more like a jail.

I longed so much to do the things I had never done before.
But I stayed inside my **Comfort Zone** and paced the same floor.

I said it didn't matter that I wasn't doing much.
I said I didn't care for things like diamonds, furs and such.

I claimed to be so busy with the things inside my zone.
But deep inside I longed for something special of my own.

I couldn't let my life go by just watching others win.
I held my breath and stepped outside to let the change begin.

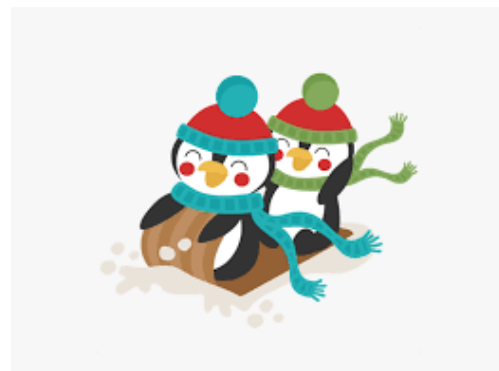
I took a step and with new strength I'd never felt before,
I kissed my **Comfort Zone** "goodbye" and closed and locked the door.

If you are in a **Comfort Zone** and afraid to venture out. Remember
that all winners were at one time filled with doubt.

A step or two and words of praise can make your dreams come true.

Greet your future with a smile. Success is there for you.

Lee Cuba
2VDC, 25-E



District 25-E Informational Meeting - Save the Date

- Date: January 25, 2020
- Where: Jasper Memorial Hospital Medical Arts Building (just off of 13th St.)
- Time: 9:30am - 3pm
- Agenda Items: Proposed Constitutional Amendments; Membership Initiatives; MyLion App Discussion - Training; New Membership Discussion and potential New Clubs.
- Detail agenda to be sent via separate flyer.



Cares and Concerns

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

Lion Doris Bliss
Lion Sandy Ruane
Lion Henry Spindler
Lion Mary Chisham
Lion Betty Taylor

Lion Cindy Dehart
Lion Jaline Spurgeon
Lion Harry Martin
Lion Alma Graf
Lion Richard Dean

Lion Dave Milby
Lion Bob Evans
Lion Kermit Flinn
Lion Bill Stoops
Llion John Davis

Lion Joan Bode
Lion Betty Schoonmaker
PDG Paul Schoonmaker

In Memoriam

(As reported in December 2019)

Lion Kermit Flinn
Lion Dan Mundy
Lion Frank Armstrong
Lion Everett Pierson

Brown County
Jasper
Odon
Odon

New Members

(As reported in December 2019)

Dugger
Dugger
Dugger
Indian Creek
Medora
Mt Vernon

Jana Crecelius
Debbie Landis
Karen Rode
Chris & Wendy Reynolds
Jaime & Miko MCroy
Craig Edling

Sponsor: Tammy Delph
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Sponsor: Tammy Delph
Sponsor: Vicky Sorensen
Sponsor: James Zabel
Sponsor: Walt Angermeier



Club Anniversaries

Lynnville	January 24, 1952	68 years
Salem	February 2, 1926	94 years
New Albany	February 5, 1941	79 years
Shoals	February 11, 1946	74 years
Martinsburg	February 22, 2008	12 years
Princeton	February 26, 1946	74 years

Newsletter, Public Relations, and Hoosier Lion

25E Newsletter (Acting): PCC Jeff Schafer
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Hoosier Lion: Lion Jaline Spurgeon
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Deadline: 5th each month



NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

PDG Dale Leffler

The following one-year district officer positions will be up for elections at our District Convention at the Spring Mill State Park on March 14, 2020:

- District Governor
- First Vice District Governor
- Second Vice District Governor

The following three (3) year trustee positions will also be up for election:

- Indiana Lions Cancer Control
- Vision First - Indiana Lions Eye Bank
- Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing
- Indiana School for the Blind & Visually Impaired (ISBVI)
- Indiana Lions for Leader Dog
- Indiana Lions Foundation

If you wish to run for election to one of these positions, you will need to provide the following and submit it on or before our District Meeting in Jasper on January 25.

Your letter of intent to run for election

Your club's letter of endorsement for your candidacy

Please mail the information to: PDG Dale Leffler, 1737 S 950E, Oakland City, IN 47660 or email the documents to sue2dale@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your timely submission of these documents. If you have any questions regarding responsibilities or requirements for any of these position, please don't hesitate to call PDG Dale at 812-749-4495 (home), 812-677-0729 (cell) or DG Sheryl Schafer at 812-325-7762 (cell).

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM CHAIR

PCC Keith Thomas

Hello Lions,

This is not going to be my typical style of an article. The Thomas' just finished our Christmas Day Celebration and meal. My brother and his family are leaving to celebrate with the in-laws.

This gives me time to stop and reflect on the past year. I got to thinking about how my extended Lions family celebrates Christmas. My local club (Petersburg) celebrates with the local nursing homes and has a club Christmas Party. I know several other clubs also have a club Christmas Party. I have attended a few of these parties the last few years and I have always had fun. I know several clubs have a breakfast with Santa or a similar type event for the kids. It is a good thing that Lions know how to get in contact with Santa.

There are also clubs in the district that host a Christmas party in Hardinsburg. We have games, great food and of course, Santa is there as well.

I would like to know if your club has another way of celebrating the holidays. I ask that you send me what your club does for Christmas your community.

Now that the holidays are over, we can get back to service. As of December 26th, our district membership is only down 5 for the year. This is fantastic! But if we want to help DG Sheryl reach her goal of being up at the end of the year, we still have work to do. If every club can add at least one new member, the district will be positive for the first time in many years! The clubs will have more hands for service and fresh ideas for serving the community. Speaking of service, have you tried a new service project in the last couple of years? If you answered no, consider contacting the D-GST PDG Ron Edwards for suggestions.

Also to help me prepare for the January meeting in Jasper, I had a conference call with the Area and Constitutional Area coordinators regarding the North American Membership Initiative (NAMI) on December 26th. From this conference call, Erica and I learned more about NAMI and are feeling encouraged about it. From the information released so far, it seems that LCI is actually taking the time to do this program correctly. I would like to encourage everyone concerned about membership to attend the meeting in January at Jasper to learn more.

One last thing, if you are planning to run for a trustee position please let me or PDG Dale Leffler know so we can get you on the ballot by February 12th. The same deadline applies if you plan to run for 2VDG but you also need a letter of nomination and endorsement from your club. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Dale at sue2dale@yahoo.com or me at kthomas@threeidesign.com.

That's all I've got until next month, so remember, Lions Can Do It!

PCC CS Keith



District 25-E Newsletter Editor Needed

District 25-E is seeking an editor for our newsletter. Our newsletter has rapidly become a must-read and one of the top newsletters in the State for Lions. As the editor, you'll be responsible for incorporating articles from the District Governor (DG), Vice District Governors (VDGs), and various DG Team members (Region, Zone Chairs, Global Service Team, Membership Team and Leadership Team) along with potential articles from Project (State and District) Chairs. In addition, you'll update a list of events throughout the District (official visits, projects, fundraisers, etc.), along with incorporating flyers for various events from the state and district (Spring Convention, State Convention, Mid-Winter Conference, etc.). You'll also incorporate pictures and captions from pictures around the District.

Candidates should be familiar with a word processor (such as Microsoft Word or Publisher) and Canva is currently being used.

If interested contact DG Sheryl Schafer

District 25E Diabetes Chair - Choices

Alternative Sweeteners

So, what about those sugar substitutes? What are they, and are they good for us? Not being a scientists, we can look to readily available reports. Everyone's body is different, meaning our metabolisms are different for each of us, so we must be mindful of how we individually respond to different foods. Substitute foods are no different. Below is a list of Sugar substitutes and some information about them. Remember, everything in moderation is a good rule to follow.

Erythritol: Mostly used in baking and many low-carb food products is a sugar alcohol considered non-caloric. There is no reason to expect erythritol has any long term negative effects on your health, but should be consumed in reasonable amounts. Eating or drinking erythritol all day everyday will likely make you sick. Too much at one time or too much in one day can upset your stomach.

Stevia: Mostly used in baking, low-carb food products, and diet beverages. It contains zero calories, but is designed to taste different from sugar. It does taste sweet, but can be a little bitter too which is why some recommend using it with other sweeteners or substitute half of your recipe's sugar with it. It is safe but pure stevia should be used with caution. Consider using a product like Truvia which is stevia mixed with erythritol.

Sucralose: Mostly used under the brand name Splenda and many low-carb food products. It is made from sugar that has been chemically altered, particularly by chlorinating which severely minimizes the actual sucrose in it. It is 400 to 700 times sweeter than sugar, so a little goes a long way, and some might argue it actually increases your sugar cravings. Sucralose is a man made product that doesn't post any immediate or obvious threats to your wellbeing, but some research suggests it can reduce the number of good bacteria in your intestines. As with all things, don't overdo it.

Aspartame: Used in most diet sodas and beverages and is found under the name of Equal and Nutrasweet. It is about 200 times sweeter than sugar and may taste strange if you are not used to it. It has been around the longest and is the most tested. It is a man-made chemical product usually combined with other chemical man-made products. The one most acknowledged side effect is headaches. But just because research hasn't pinpointed any clear negative effects, doesn't mean it is good for you.

Xylitol: Mostly used in sugar-free gum, toothpaste, sugar-free candies, jams and baked goods, but is very poisonous to dogs. It is a sugar alcohol that's found most frequently in fruits so can be digested without insulin and is metabolized through the liver with little or no effect on blood sugar. As long as you use it in moderation, there is no reason to fear xylitol.

Allulose: One of the newer sweeteners, it used in many of the modern low-carb food products, like ZenoBars. Found in very specific fruits including jackfruit and figs it is naturally derived containing about 70 percent of the sweetness of sugar, but only 3 percent of the calories. It doesn't ferment in your stomach so is much gentler, but don't overdo it.

Saccharin: Mostly used in "Sweet n' Low packets is related to coal tar derivatives. While it has proven to cause a variety of health concerns to animals, the FDA has deemed it to be safe in the USA. Is it safe? There are so many safer options on the market why not use them.

Everything in moderation, and remember to read the labels before you buy or consume.

Lion Jo Hannah Edwards
District 25E Diabetes Chair
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District 25E Global Service Chair - Service

These past several months developing, improving, troubleshooting, correcting and trying to utilize My Lion has been a frustrating experience for all of us. Thankfully, Monthly Membership Reports are still straight forward and easy to use. Service reporting is very necessary and eventually, it will become easier to use this tool to submit reports.

Let us resolve to continue to work with submitting our service reports in My Lion. The Help Desk personnel need our input of problems we experience to help them make changes to the software to help us. I personally thank you for continuing your efforts working with My Lion and please continue to contact the help desk and remember to get a name with their direct line for future contact.

To assist getting your service activities, fund raising activities and meetings submitted, send them to IPCC, CS, Admin., Asst., Keith Thomas. He has the authority to submit them for you.

Thank you to all our clubs submitting activity and membership reports and for doing all you do for your communities.

Lion PDG Ron Edwards
DGST 25-E



International Board of Directors Approves Dues Adjustment Resolution

Lions Clubs International supports clubs and members around the world so we can advance our global mission of service together. Our international support and the work of Lions Clubs International is fueled by the international dues of our incredible members.

At the International Board of Directors meeting in October, the Board voted to approve an international dues adjustment resolution that will be voted on at the International Convention in Singapore in 2020.

In recent years, it has become increasingly clear that the services Lions Clubs International has been able to provide to members with the available budget is no longer in line with what Lions need and expect.

The Board of Directors undertook an extensive review of Lions Clubs International's financials, including the implementation of substantial budget reductions. After much consideration, the board proposed to adjust dues by US\$3 effective July 2021, raising dues to US\$46, then adjusted annually for U.S. inflation thereafter. We will use a three-year inflation average not to exceed 3.0% or be lower than 1.5%.

Why an international dues adjustment is needed

We realize the association has been reluctant to adjust dues over the years, and we have not adjusted international dues since 2011. The proposed adjustment will help cover our costs and allow us to suitably serve our members' needs. With that said, the Board of Directors did not take this issue lightly, nor are we minimizing the value of each dollar that our members contribute.

As we consider this dues adjustment, it is essential that we keep in mind that our global efforts and initiatives support more than 1.4 million members in 48,000 clubs around the world. Through the support of staff, we are able to serve globally on the level that we do, keeping members and clubs fully supported with service resources, training events and software, club operational support, international meetings, language services, technology, Foundation support, leadership support, and everything else we have come to expect as Lions.

A dues adjustment will allow Lions Clubs International to provide improved support to Lions and to continue to invest in improving programs and digital products such as our website and MyLion. It will also allow us to invest in new programs such as a new online learning platform, development of new curriculum such as digital literacy, training videos, global advertising, marketing automation, digital and video storytelling and others tools and initiatives that will enhance our impact, our brand, and our membership.

Why your help is needed

Essentially, we have to decide whether or not we want Lions Clubs International to continue to grow and thrive. Lions is more than a way of life. It's also an investment of money, time, energy and passion. As with any good investment, the more we put in, the more returns we see.

We need you to help our members and leaders understand why this adjustment is needed. We have developed an **[international dues adjustment FAQ and PPT](#)** to help you present it to your Lions.

I hope that you will see this adjustment as we do: as an investment in the future of Lions. Through your support, we can ensure that Lions are positioned for success in the future.

International Dues Adjustment FAQ

2021 International Dues Adjustment Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Why was an international dues adjustment proposed?

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The Board of Directors undertook an extensive review of Lions Clubs International's financials, including the implementation of substantial budget reductions. After much consideration, the board proposed to adjust international dues.

What is the proposed international dues adjustment?

The proposed dues adjustment includes a US\$3 increase effective July 2021, raising dues to US\$46, then beginning in July 2022 dues would be adjusted annually for U.S. inflation. The annual adjustment will be calculated using a three-year inflation average that will not exceed 3.0% or be lower than 1.5% each year. The International Board of Directors built this into the model as a buffer against extreme economic conditions and the resulting inflation variations that might occur.

What would the dues adjustment look like over time?

The model below shows a projected scenario of a 1.93% annual adjustment, which is based on the three-year average rate of U.S. inflation during 2016-2018. Please note this is only a projection. The actual rate of inflation will determine the annual adjustment beginning in July 2022, with a maximum adjustment of 3% and a minimum of 1.5%.

Dues	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30
Projected amount									
(1.93% adjustment)	\$46	\$46.89	\$47.79	\$48.72	\$49.66	\$50.61	\$51.59	\$52.59	\$53.60

When were international dues last adjusted?

International dues have not been adjusted since 2011 even though annual inflation has been increasing the cost of operations required to do business around the world.

How do Lions Clubs International dues compare to other service organizations?

Currently, Rotary International dues are US\$68 per year. Kiwanis International charges US\$60 per year for most countries, which includes an US\$8 premium to receive their magazine.

International Dues Adjustment FAQ

What are international dues currently used for?

Lions Clubs International is a global organization that supports more than 1.4 million members in 48,000 clubs around the world. Through the support of Lions International staff and programs, we are able to serve globally on the level that we do, keeping members and clubs fully supported with service resources and programs, training events and software, club operational support, international convention and meetings, language services in 13 languages, technology and digital products, global marketing, PR and advertising, leadership support, and legal support and liability insurance.

How will the funds be used if the international dues adjustment is passed?

A dues adjustment will allow Lions Clubs International to provide improved support to Lions and to continue to invest in improving programs and digital products like our website and MyLion. It will also allow us to invest in new programs such as a new online learning platform, development of new curriculum such as digital literacy, training videos, membership growth initiatives, increased global advertising, marketing automation, digital and video storytelling and others tools and initiatives that will enhance our impact, our brand and our membership.

Who will decide whether or not international dues will be adjusted?

The International Board of Directors approved a resolution to adjust international dues. The proposal will be voted on at the 2020 International Convention in Singapore by the official convention delegates. If the resolution is passed, the change will take place in July 2021.

Has Lions International taken steps to reduce expenses?

Lions Clubs International completed a rigorous financial review and took the following steps to reduce expenses:

- Operating budgets were reduced.
- Vendor contracts were renegotiated to yield savings.
- Programs were cut after thorough review and consideration of value to members and return on investment (ROI).

Will this change my local club dues?

The adjustment to international dues is independent of your club, district or multiple district membership dues. It is up to each club, district and multiple district to establish dues that allow them to operate and serve as needed in their communities.

Dear Club President, Secretary and Treasurer

Thank you for serving the members of your club as a leader. New online courses for club officers are available in the Lions Learning Center (LLC) to complement local training available to you. These courses are a quick and easy way to review key aspects of your role and responsibilities to ensure that your club leadership team is prepared for continued success.

Access the upgraded LLC using the following steps:

1. Log in to your Lion Account. For assistance with your Lion Account, contact My Lion Support at mylionsupport@lionsclubs.org or 630-468-7000.
2. Select "Go" for the Learn app.
3. Select "Go" to access the Lions Learning Center.
4. View assigned learning on your homepage or choose a course from the course library.

For questions or assistance with the LLC, please contact us at elarning@lionsclubs.org. Thank you for your service!

District 25-E District Convention - Save the Date

- Date: March 13-14, 2020
- Where: Spring Mill State Park, Mitchell, Indiana
- Time: Friday: 5pm-8pm; Saturday: 8:30am-3:30pm
- Agenda Items: Friday's event will be "Meet the ID" dinner and Saturday's agenda will be sent via separate flyer.
- Limited rooms available so make your reservation now and ask for District 25-E discount code.



Save the Date

January 10-11, 2020	Mid-Winter Conference (MWC 2020)	Indianapolis, Indiana
January 12	3rd MD-25 Council Meeting	Indianapolis, Indiana
January 25	25-E Informational Meeting (See info on pg 3)	Jasper, Indiana
March 13-14	25-E Spring Convention / 3rd Cabinet Meeting	Mitchell, Indiana
April 4-5	Indiana Lions Leadership Workshop	Plainfield, Indiana
April 24-26	Indiana Lions State Convention / District Caucus	Bloomington, Indiana
June 6	MD-25 Pre-Council Meeting	Indianapolis, Indiana
June 20	4th 25-E Cabinet Meeting / Picnic	Loogootee, Indiana
June 26-30	103rd International Lions Convention	Singapore



Leader Dogs for the Blind Recruiting for New Puppy Raisers



Right in the middle of winter, the hardest season to attract new volunteer puppy raisers, Mother Nature gave us many large litters of Leader Dog puppies!

We are very thankful that they are healthy and adorable (of course), but that doesn't diminish our need for many new volunteers to step forward soon.

And why don't people want to puppy raise this time of year? Because they haven't heard the following Winter Time Puppy Raising Truths:

1. When you take a puppy outside in the cold to relieve herself, she does her duty quickly to get back inside.
Result: Faster housebreaking!
2. After the holidays, our lives slow down and we can fall into a "funk." What better way to pep yourself up than welcoming a happy, healthy puppy into your life?
3. You can fulfill your New Year's resolution to get out of the house and meet new people with many fun puppy raiser outings to attend.
4. You also get to check off your New Year's resolution to give back to your community, help others and pay it forward (to someone who is blind or visually impaired).

BONUS: Our generous friends at Premier Pet Supply have stepped forward to help provide \$100 Premier Pet gift cards to all puppy raisers, new and return, who pick up a puppy in January or February 2020!

Start experiencing joy in 2020 by bringing a Leader Dog puppy into your home. Fill out an application today at: www.leaderdog.org/volunteer/raise-a-puppy/.

You can also attend our next Puppy Raising Orientation on Monday, January 13 from 6 p.m.–8 p.m. (1039 W. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, MI - In the building with the green roof). Please contact Laura Fisher at 248-218-6422 or lfisher@leaderdog.org to add your name to the attendee list.

If you aren't ready to raise a puppy at this time but think you know someone who might be, pass this message along to them!

If you have any questions and want to talk with some current puppy raisers in our District, please call or email;

-PCC Jeff & DG Sheryl Schafer, 812-325-3130, 812-325-7762 or jeff.schafer1@comcast.net. PCC Jeff & DG Sheryl is on their 9th puppy (FLD Star) and plans to pick up their 10th puppy in February.

-Lions Don & Jan Allen, 812-277-8914 or violinini1@gmail.com. Lions Don & Jan are on their first puppy (FLD Presto) and would be able to give you first hand experience on raising your first puppy.

Bedford Lions Club



Members of the Bedford Lions Club have been ringing bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettles for the past 71 years. Twenty three Lions volunteered during a two day weekend at the Rural King store in Bedford this year. Pictured are (l-r) Lions Don and Jan Allen with their Future Leader Dog (FLD) puppy Presto supporting the Salvation Army's annual Christmas Red Kettle Campaign. Pictured in the right photo is PDG Ron Edwards doing a little extra screening with the KidSight camera while waiting for the Hatfield Elementary School preschool kids at Mitchell to arrive to be screened. The Hatfield Bigfoot passed the screening!

Update on DG Sheryl & PCC Jeff Schafer's Leader Dog Puppies



Left photo is LD Mom Chelsy (DG Sheryl & PCC Jeff 5th puppy) with her 2nd litter born on December 27 and will be ready for issue on or about Valentine's Weekend. She had 3 little girls and 1 boy. The puppies are a cross between a Lab (Chelsy) and LD Dad Kapten (Golden Retriever). The middle photo is of their current puppy, FLD Star working at the Bronner's Christmas Store in Frankenmuth, Michigan during the holiday season. The right photo is of LD Rosie (their 8th puppy raised). She is being delivered to someone in Georgia during January where LD Rosie will begin her career as a Leader Dog.

Amendment Changes within District 25E to be voted on during Spring Convention

The following is a housekeeping amendment. Lions Clubs International has not required Region Chairs for the last several years. This amendment is to remove the region chair position from the Constitution.

Delete “Region Chairpersons” and “Grants Administrator” from ARTICLE V, Section 1, subsection A

Section 1 Cabinet and Officers:

- A. The District shall have a District Cabinet composed of the District Governor, the First Vice District Governor, the Second Vice District Governor, Past District Governors, ~~Region Chairpersons~~, Zone Chairpersons, Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer, Chaplain, ~~Grants Administrator~~, Parliamentarian, Sergeant-at-Arms, Tail Twister, and Song Leader. The District Governor may appoint others to his/her Cabinet as needed. The District Governor’s Advisory Committee shall include the District Governor, Zone Chairpersons, Presidents and Secretaries of the clubs of the district.

Delete “Region Chairpersons and” from ARTICLE V, Section 3, subsection B

- B. Assist ~~Region Chairpersons~~ and Zone Chairpersons with problem clubs.

Delete “Region Chairpersons and” from ARTICLE V, Section 4, subsection D

- D. Assist ~~Region Chairpersons~~ and Zone Chairpersons with problem clubs.

Delete ARTICLE V, Section 7 entirely.

~~Section 7. Region Chairperson: Region Chairperson shall~~

- ~~A. Attend the regular and special meetings of the Cabinet;~~
- ~~B. Assist the District Governor in promoting Lionism in their Region;~~
- ~~C. Promote club delegate representation at District meetings and at Conventions;~~
- ~~D. Assist the Zone Chairpersons in the Region in the performance of their official duties and~~
- ~~E. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the District Governor.~~
- ~~F. Serve at the pleasure and discretion of the District Governor.~~

~~In the event a Region Chairperson does not perform the duties of their office, they may be removed by the District Governor and a successor appointed to serve the unexpired term.~~

Renumber Section 8 to Section 7

Delete “Region Chairperson” from ARTICLE V, Section 8, subsection A, subsection 1

1. Shall hold not less than three (3) meetings of the Advisory Committee during the year with one each in the fall, winter, and spring. A report of each such meeting shall be filed within five (5) days thereafter to the ~~Region Chairperson~~, District Governor, and Lions International on the prescribed form.

Delete “Region Chairperson and” from ARTICLE V, Section 8, subsection A, subsection 2

2. Shall cooperate with the ~~other Zone Chairperson(s) of the Region Region Chairperson~~ to promote Lionism in the Zone, schedule Zone meetings and notify each club in the Zone, as well as the ~~Region Chairperson and~~ District Governor, of the time and place of a Zone Advisory meeting at least ten (10) days in advance of such meeting.

Delete “Region Chairpersons” from ARTICLE VII, Section 1, subsection B

- B. Voting members shall be the District Governor, First and Second Vice District Governors, Cabinet Secretary Cabinet Treasurer, ~~Region Chairpersons~~, Zone Chairpersons, Past District Governors, and District Committee Chairpersons.

Amendment Changes within District 25E to be voted on during Spring Convention

This amendment is to clarify the district projects.

Amendment #2

Replace BY-LAWS ARTICLE III, District Projects.

Existing Sections

Section 1. Two projects of District 25-E are Special Projects, and Vision Screening.

Section 2. The Treasurers of the District Projects shall have the books audited by the District Audit Committee prior to the first Cabinet meeting of each fiscal year.

New Sections

Section 1. The District 25-E projects shall be Special Projects and Vision Services.

Section 2. The Cabinet Treasurer shall keep the funds of the district projects. The district projects financial records shall be audited by the District Audit as part of the Cabinet Treasurer's Annual audit, which shall occur prior to the first Cabinet meeting of each fiscal year.

Section 3. Special Projects shall have 3 elected trustees to 3 year terms. The structure and responsibilities of the Special Projects trustees shall be called out in the District 25E Special Projects By-Laws.

Section 4. The District Vision Services Project shall consist of the District Screener Trainers with the Project Chairperson being appointed by the District Governor. The project chair shall be the district representative on the Multiple District Vision Services Committee. The purpose of this project is to train new screeners, maintain the district screening equipment, and educate the clubs on the vision screening regulations.

Delete BY-LAWS ARTICLE VI, section 22 and 31 entirely.

~~Section 22. **Vision Screening Committee:** is responsible for providing insight into eye care needs not covered by other committees or projects of the Lions of Indiana and foster support of all such projects worthy of consideration.~~

~~Section 31. **Operations Kids Sight Committee:** is responsible for providing insight into eye care needs not covered by other committees or projects of the Lions of Indiana and foster support of all such projects worthy of consideration.~~

Renumber all sections after section 22 as needed.

Amendment Changes within District 25E to be voted on during Spring Convention

This amendment is to remove the District Points Contest. The purpose of the points contest was to encourage clubs to do more service. The contest is no longer needed and changes at LCI has made tracking the points almost impossible.

Amendment #3

Delete BY-LAWS ARTICLE IV “District Points Contest” entirely.

ARTICLE IV District Points Contest

~~Section 1. The District points contest shall begin July 1 and end June 30 of each Lions year. Awards are to be given at the first Cabinet meeting of the next Lions year.~~

Renumber all ARTICLES after IV as needed.

This amendment is to encourage district committee chairs to be more than a committee of one.

Amendment #4

Revise BY-LAWS ARTICLE VI, Section 1.

Existing Section 1. District Committees may consist of one or more members with one member to serve as chairperson. The Chairperson and other committee personnel shall be appointed by the District Governor. When there is a parallel Multiple District committee the District chairperson shall serve upon the Multiple District committee as a representative of District E.

Revised Section 1. District Committees should consist of a minimum of three members with one member to serve as chairperson. The Chairperson shall be appointed by the District Governor. When there is a parallel Multiple District committee the District chairperson shall serve upon the Multiple District committee as a representative of District 25-E. District Committee Chairperson shall appoint the additional committee members. The District Governor shall approve the additional committee members.

This amendment is to eliminate LCIF Melvin Jones Fellow and add Special Projects.

Amendment #5

Remove ARTICLE VIII, Section 9, Subsection A. Reletter “B” to “A”

~~A. LCIF Melvin Jones Fellow. Undesignated club contributions to LCIF received by the Cabinet Treasurer shall be held in a special restricted account. When the account reaches \$1000.00, the District Governor and his Cabinet shall award a Melvin Jones Fellowship to a Lion in good standing who is a member of a club within the District. The Cabinet Treasurer shall send \$1000.00 to LCIF along with the name of the Melvin Jones Fellowship recipient. At the end of the fiscal year, any balance in this account shall be carried forward to the District Governor Elect.~~

This amendment is strictly housekeeping.

Amendment #6

Revise ARTICLE VIII, Section 9, Subsection B A. Add Sections B, C, D, E, F

A. VISION SERVICES SCREENING. Club contributions to Vision Services received by the Cabinet Treasurer shall be held in a special restricted account. Qualified disbursements from this account shall be made by the Cabinet Treasurer as directed by the Vision Services Committee Chairperson and the District Governor. At the end of the fiscal year, any balance in this account shall be carried forward to the District Governor Elect.

Amendment Changes within District 25E to be voted on during Spring Convention

The following is a housekeeping amendment. The Cabinet Treasurer has maintained the Special Projects funds for the last several years. This amendment is to make the by laws match.

Replace section 6

6. ~~Special Project bank checking account signers:~~

~~The Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer shall all be listed as signers on the Special Project bank checking account. Two signatures will be needed on all checks withdrawn from this account and one must be the Treasurer of the Special Projects.~~

6. Special Projects checking account:

The Cabinet Treasurer shall maintain a separate ledger account for Special Projects. The Cabinet Treasurer can only distribute Special Projects funds at the direction of the Special Projects chairperson.



2020 Indiana Lions State Convention

Hosted by District 25C
April 24, 25, 26, 2020



Bloomington/Monroe County Convention Center
302 South College Ave., Bloomington, Indiana

Special Guests: Past International President Bob Corlew and Lion Dianne
Marriott Convention Hotel (attached to Convention Center)

310 South College Ave., Bloomington, IN 47401 (Free Parking available at Convention Center)

Room Rate: \$139.00 per night, plus tax, until March 23, 2020

Call 1-800-321-2211 or 1-812-335-8000 for Reservations (Mention "Indiana Lions Convention")

NOTE: There are many other hotels in Bloomington, but this is Little 500 Weekend at IU, so be sure to book early!

Alternate Hotels in Bloomington are:

Hyatt Hotel, 1 ½ Blks. North of Convention Ctr., \$119 per night (812-339-5950), 217 S. Kirkwood Ave.

(The Hyatt Hotel charges \$10/day for parking, but serves free breakfast daily)

Fairfield Inn, 2.5 mi. from Conv. Ctr., \$103 per night, Breakfast included; (812-331-1122), 120 S. Fairfield Dr.;

Quality Inn, 2.2 mi. from Conv. Ctr., Breakfast included, 1100 W. Rappel Ave., \$70-80 per night (812-558-2289)

Registration Form (one form per person)

Deadline: All Registrations must be postmarked by April 10, 2020

Please print name/Lion Title as desired on name badge:

Name and Lion Title: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

District: _____ Club: _____ E-mail: _____

Friday Evening BBQ Dinner \$15.00 = \$ _____

Saturday Lunch: Choose 1 below: \$10.00 = \$ _____

Garden Salad _____ or Club Sandwich _____

(Both include chips, fruit salad, cookie & drink)

Saturday Night Banquet: Choose 1 below \$25.00 = \$ _____

Chicken Piccata _____ or Citrus Glazed Pork Chop _____

(Please mark as needed: Gluten free _____ Vegetarian/Vegan _____)

Sunday Brunch \$15.00 = \$ _____

Friday Golf Outing (Pay at golf course \$40.00)

Strides Walk T Shirt Size (S to 2XL) _____ \$10.00 = \$ _____

2020 Indiana Convention Pin \$ 4.00 = \$ _____

Total Registration Paid \$ _____



Mail This Registration Form and your Check, payable to

Indiana Lions State Convention 2020, to:

PDG Jim Query, 2408 Shepard Patrick Rd., Spencer, IN 47460

(Contact info: 1-812-829-4496 or jquery@bluemarble.net)

You may also Register Online and pay with PayPal: www.indianalionsconvention.org



2020 Indiana Lions State Convention

Bloomington, Indiana (24-26 April 2020)

Chinese Auction

At this year's State Convention, we are holding a Chinese Auction instead of the typical Silent Auction.

Tickets are sold at the convention and placed in a container in front of the basket or item.
The more tickets you place in a container, the better your chance of winning.

All monies raised will go toward Campaign 100.
Through the auction and a couple of appeals,
\$24,000 was raised at last year's convention.
Let's try to top that number this year.

We Need Baskets

We are asking:

All Indiana District Governors to submit a basket from their district.
All District C Zone chairs to provide a basket from their Zones.
And all interested Lion(s) and Lions Club(s) to get in on the action.

Remember: wrap the basket in clear plastic, include a tag with the donor's name,
and have a value of at least \$50.00. Gift cards are a great option.
There are special stipulations if you are including alcohol in your basket.

If you are providing a basket, please let **Auction Committee Chair**
Lion Cindy Russell (lioncindyr@yahoo.com) know so she can have plenty of
containers ready for your tickets.

Together we Serve
State Convention Committee
Lion Cindy Russell and Lion Gail Robbins



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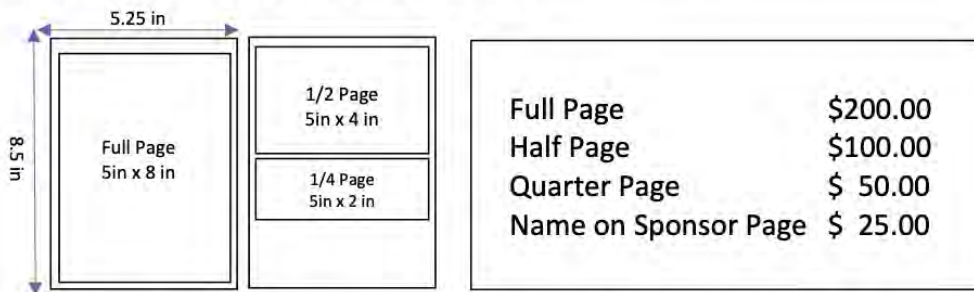


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- * Thank your District Governor for a great 2019-2020 Lion's Year
- * Welcome PIP Corlew & Lion Dianne to Indiana



Please send your print ready ad and this application by March 1st to:

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PO Box 230, Spencer, IN 47460
Email: jequery@bluemarble.net

Make check payable to Indiana Lions District 25-C, State Convention
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Check one: Club _____ District _____ Project _____ Business _____ Other _____

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Lions State Convention BBQ Dinner

Ellettsville Lions Club Sponsorship Opportunities

Lions State Convention BBQ
Dinner

Friday April 24, 2020
6:30 - 8:00 pm

Draper-Earles Auditorium
Monroe County Fairgrounds

We serve more than just BBQ! All proceeds go toward keeping the Ellettsville Lions Club running at its existing level of community support, allowing the Lions to continue to distribute dictionaries at our local elementary school, assist with student vision screening, and help local families in need. Thank you for enabling us to serve our local community!

**Want to get the name
of your company out
there?**



Lions from throughout our great state of Indiana will be gathering locally in Bloomington for our annual State Convention.

The Ellettsville Lions are hosting a BBQ for State Convention attendees at the Monroe County Fairgrounds as part of the Convention activities. We anticipate 125-150 Lions Club members will be in attendance at the Convention events.

Get your business name out there to a state-wide audience and help support Ellettsville Lions Club's vision initiatives and community service.

☐ Title Sponsorships

\$1000

Benefits: Table/canopy tent in the back of the auditorium, hang a banner, your company name highlighted in all written, spoken, and electronic announcements, Facebook mentions, club website acknowledgement and 6 tickets to the BBQ dinner!

☐ Gold Sponsorships

\$500

Benefits: Hang a banner, company name highlighted in all announcements, Facebook mentions, club website acknowledgement and 3 tickets to the BBQ dinner!

☐ Silver Sponsorships

\$250

Benefits: Highlighted in all announcements, Facebook mentions and club website acknowledgement.

Please check your sponsorship level above, complete signup section below, and make check payable to the Ellettsville Lions Club and mail along with your completed commitment form to:

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P O Box 111
Ellettsville, IN 47429



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