District 25E

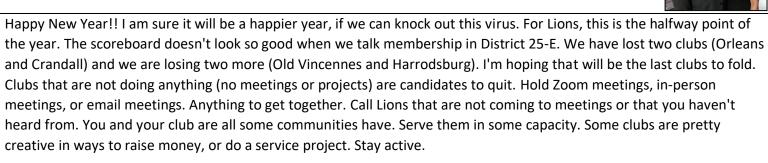


January 2021

THE DG'S ROLL CALL

District Governor *Kenny Williams*





The District Convention is coming up in March. A flyer is attached here on page 10. It is in Nashville, Indiana, at the Brown County Inn on 12-13 March 2021. Friday night will be the Meet the ID Dinner. ID Michael Banks will be our featured guest for the weekend. We will practice social distancing, use the hand sanitizer and give everyone ample time to wash hands. We will do both in-person and virtual versions of the convention. Nashville has shopping and restaurants, and I intend to have a band there on Friday night. We will all have a very good time. If you have some mobility issues, it is important to register for the hotel early so you can get the first floor, as there is no elevator to the second floor. I hope to see a good turnout for the District convention.

Don't forget the Membership Contest that just started on 1 January 2021 and ends on 30 June 2021. I want to cook a BBQ dinner for the two winning clubs in July or August. There is a small club winner (30 members and under) and a large club winner (>30 members). Again, it is for the largest net percentage gain in new members. Dinner will be worth up to \$500. Get cracking!

The 2021 Mid-Winter Conference is scheduled for 23 January. Don't miss this great event! You will learn a lot and it doesn't cost anything this year. You will need to register for this event. It is a one-day conference and has been the best meetings of the year in the past. Sign up today.

The District is having a Zoom meeting for NAMI and any other issues that need to be discussed prior to the Convention in March. The meeting is at 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on 16 January. Contact PCC/CS Keith Thomas or Lion Erica Thomas for details. Your input is vital to all that we are doing in the District. We won't be able to talk about you if you are there!

There is a lot going on in the last half of the year. We are not going to let COVID-19 beat us.

Tanks for Serving,

DG Kenny



District Team

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- ~ 25E Newsletter: Lion Holly Nethery, hnethery25@yahoo.com; by 25th of month prior to newsletter month
- ~ Public relations: PCC Keith Thomas, <u>kthomas@threeidesign.com</u>; no deadline
- ~ Hoosier Lion: Lion Jaline Spurgeon, jaspurg@hotmail.com; by 1st of each month



The Mid-Winter Conference is going <u>virtual</u> in 2021! More info on <u>page 9!</u>

Governor Kenny is issuing every club in District 25E a challenge!



From **1** January through **30** June **2021**, the large club (more than 30 members) and the small club (30 or less members) with the greatest percentage of membership gain in those months will WIN a BBQ meal grilled by our very own Governor! Let's get started planning now!

~ DISTRICT DISH ~

Upcoming Events (all times are local time at that location)									
Date Event				Time / Location			Contact		
13 Jan 2021	Mt Vernon Lie	ons Club, DG Official	Visit			DG Kenny Williams, 812-320-4258			
16 Jan 2021	District Information Meeting			RSVP to PCC Keith/Lion Erica			PCC/CS Keith Thomas, 812-354-4637		
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23 Jan 2021 Virtual Mid-Winter Conference		9:30 a.m. / Online / See pg. 9			PCC/CS Keith Thomas, 812-354-4637				
				for more info					
26 Jan 2021	Fredericksburg	g Lions Club, DG Offic	cial Visit				DG Kenny Williams, 812-320-4258		
30 Jan 2021	3 rd Council Me	-		Crowne Plaz	a, Indian	apolis	· · ·		
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23 Feb 2021	Sullivan Count	y Lions Club, DG Offi	cial Visit				DG Kenny W	/illiams, 812-320-4258	
12-13 Mar 2021	District 25-E S	pring Convention / 3 ^r	rd Cabinet	Brown County Inn, Nashville, IN		DG Kenny Williams, 812-320-4258			
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15 Mar 2021	Paoli Lions Clu	b, DG Official Visit					DG Kenny Williams, 812-320-4258		
23 Mar 2021	Canton Lions (Club, DG Official Visit				DG Kenny W	DG Kenny Williams, 812-320-4258		
4-5 Apr 2021	Indiana Lions I	eadership Workshop	о О	Baymont In	n, Plainfie	eld, IN	DG Kenny W	/illiams, 812-320-4258	
30 Apr – 2 May	Indiana Lions S	State Convention / Di	istrict	Wyndham H	lotel We	st,			
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5 Jun 2021	Pre-Council M	eeting		Indiana Lions State Office, 8780					
				Purdue Rd.,	Indianap	olis, IN			
12 Jun 2021	2021 4 th Cabinet Meeting		eting / Picnic				DG Kenny Williams, 812-320-4258		
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26-30 Jun 2021 102 nd International Convention			Montreal, C	anada					
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FROM THE ON-DECK CIRCLE... 1st Vice District Governor *Lee Cuba*



From the on-deck circle the journey as a Lion leader continues. Training has begun, and to follow the seven habits, we start to mold the end results of the time in leadership. Goals are a big part of completing the role of leadership. Goals help trigger new behaviors, help guide our focus and helps us sustain that momentum in leadership. In the end, you can't manage what you don't measure and you can't improve upon something that you don't properly manage.

Goals called smart goals have five areas of criteria. Smart goals are specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and time-bound.

My leadership journey needs goals. Looking at smart goal criteria, the end results of my leadership will occur or be time-bound at the end of my year as District Governor. A specific goal would be to grow Lionism. Growing Lionism is measurable through membership growth. This goal is attainable and relevant.

So, with goals we begin with the end in mind. Continue learning and continue your journey with me.

Serving outside the box.

VDG Lee Cuba

2021 Indiana Distinguished Lion Award

The Indiana Lions Foundation, Inc.

Nominations must be in by JANUARY 31, 2021.

Apply online through the website:

http://IndianaLionsFoundationMD25.org/

Or mail completed applications to:

PDG Don Cooper

1922 Kelley's Landing

Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Phone: 260-615-5350

Please complete all information on the application form before submitting.



FROM THE SCRIBE... District 25E Cabinet Secretary Past Council Chair *Keith Thomas*



Hello Lions!

I am writing this between Christmas and the end of 2020. This is one year I will be glad that it is over. I am tired of wearing masks, tired of not visiting friends, and tired of not being able to go to the movies or the races. I am also tired of not being able to see my fellow Lions.

I was fortunate, my club only missed one meeting and that was in November when half of the active members were sick with COVID-19. We had telephone meetings in April and May, but the rest were meetings in person, or hybrid with in-person and telephone.

Speaking of Christmas, I know several Lions missed being able to see some of their family members due to COVID-19. Most of my immediate family lives close to me and we were able to safely spend the holidays together. And it still did not really feel like Christmas. At least the heavy dusting of snow helped it look like Christmas!

I do have a few Lions events and deadlines I want to bring up. I will discuss the deadlines first.

If you have a recommendation or proposal for a Constitutional and By-Laws amendment, the deadline for submittal to the district is January 21st. Since the district committee must review prior to submitting it to the members of the district first, I need any amendments as soon as possible.

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 11. Please submit your letters to Nominations and Election Chair PDG Dale Leffler at sue2dale@yahoo.com, so that your name will be on the ballot.

The last deadline is regarding dues and being able to vote at District Convention. Roughly five years ago, LCI changed the rules regarding the right to vote at convention. 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. That deadline date is February 27th this year.

Okay, now for events! We have a district-wide ZOOM meeting scheduled for January 16th from 2pm to roughly 4pm. Who should attend? Any and all Lions in the district! All Lions are always invited to attend any district meeting, but it seems most Lions seem to think that these meetings are only for the district leaders and Past District Governors. These meetings are to get information to the district membership. If you wish to attend, please send an RSVP to kthomas@threeidesign.com so I can send you the link. If you want to have several of members attend together in a single location, great! Just send me a list of everyone attending for the 'virtual' attendance sheet.

I would like to encourage you and the rest of your club to register for the virtual Mid-Winter Conference on January 23, 2021. It is FREE! <u>https://bit.ly/in-lions-mwc-2021-reg</u>. Additional information was in the December Hoosier Lion and in the December and this issue of the district newsletter.

Now is the time to start making plans to attend the District Convention in Nashville on March 12th and 13th. Our visiting International Director this year is Michael Banks from Stillwater, Oklahoma. District Governor Kenny should have more information regarding the upcoming convention in this newsletter.

Racing to Serve, PCC CS Keith Thomas

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS... NAMI Champion

Erica Thomas

The following is information provided by PID Jerome Thompson.

How will we, the Lions of today, be remembered by the many generation to come?

Let me suggest to you that we will be remembered as a group of dedicated Lions that have banded together to expand our footprint of service, engage more volunteer members and provide leadership opportunities to every Lion. Our kindness to others will be remembered long after the impact of our service has faded.

Through the haze created by COVID-19, there is hope. Just look at some of our successes....



The Lions of Constitutional Area 1 have overcome challenges to post some impressive results in the first six months of FY 2020-21.

We have formed 73 new clubs, that is an increase of 53 over the same time period last year. Who can remember a 265% increase in new clubs?

We have decreased members leaving our association by 4% as compared to last year. The 656 members that we saved, will impact over 6,500 lives. Retention of quality Lions is as important as adding new Lions.

Even with the challenge of adapting to new ways to meet and serve, almost 9,000 new members joined existing clubs. As we learn to meet and engage in a virtual world, it is possible that we could increase that number to 36,000 by June 30.

What is the next step toward Success?

Please join us on **Saturday, January 16th, beginning at 2pm Eastern Time** in a Zoom gathering to share your ideas, your knowledge, and possible solutions to challenges facing the District as we move forward in the second half of this fiscal year. To RSVP, please contact PCC Keith Thomas at <u>kthomas@threeidesign.com</u>.

A Willis Review of 2020 Bill & Catherine Willis December 2020

Here's an annual summary of the year just passed. We thought growing older wouldn't happen this fast. A year we'll remember for many cancelled meetings, and tables that were set with double spaced seatings. COVID-19 made a change in our lives, with a lot more cooking for most of our wives. Not everything was cancelled, some churches still met; But cancelled conventions meant no travel by jet. Virtual meetings with electrons flowing, Celebrating birthdays with hearts a glowing. Watching sunsets at Patoka while eating a sub, Seeing old friends at the Golden Knots Club. Passing out scriptures at the Orange County Jail, Hiking on part of the Appalachian Trail. Gideon reports made to a number of churches; taking down old trees, oaks and birches. Gideon Spiritual Objectives, they total seven; And prayers on earth activate power in Heaven. Went to Ashville, NC to Billy Graham's "Cove," Upon Blue Ridge Parkway this couple drove. A September trip for a fabulous stay, at Cove Point Light House on Chesapeake Bay. And memorable visits with old military friends; Saw aircraft at Patuxent on which the Navy depends. We visited the Greenbrier, had a delightful lunch; did fish fry selling with our Lions Club bunch. Planned Faith Fund Rallies for Gideon givers Who belong to camps on Ohio & White Rivers. Attended Gideon State Convention at the Marriott East; But Thanksgiving this year was a two-person feast. Viewed the "Christmas Star" from Pete Dye Course, Heralding our Lord who's our salvation source. For avoiding Coronavirus we share elation, And we are still running our radio station. In this year of COVID we've struggled through, And we're happy to be alive at the same time as you! May you live in '21 without any fear, As we join in wishing you a HAPPY NEW YEAR!







At a recent meeting the Seymour Evening Lions Club presented Melvin Jones Fellowships to two members. Left pic: Lion Secretary Steve Freeman with President Bob McElhaney; Right pic: Lion Bob Kamman presenting MJF to Lion Gene Kruse with President Bob McElhaney.



Members of the Bedford Lions Club have been ringing bells for the Salvation Army red kettles for the past 72 years. Shown in photo are Lions Club volunteer Heather Wessel ringing the bell at the Rural King store in Bedford with a community-minded lady donating to support the Salvation Army's annual Christmas campaign by putting money in the kettle. Send newsletter items by the 25th of each month (prior to newsletter month) to: <u>Newsletter Editor:</u> Lion Holly Nethery <u>hnethery25@yahoo.com</u> 812-320-1910 <u>Preferred formats for articles:</u> .doc .docx .pdf <u>Preferred formats for photos:</u> .jpg .bmp

Virtual Mid-Winter Conference

This year's Mid-Winter Conference will be a trailblazer on many fronts in Indiana Lions leadership history. Most significant will be the online format, being the first such leadership opportunity offered to Lions throughout the state. Attendance at a central physical location will not be required so there also will not be any registration fees associated with the conference.

Of course, there will be several items missing from the conference due the uncertainties of what restrictions the coronavirus might have by the January 23, 2021 date. Gone are the numerous displays by state projects, the silent auction, other Lion-sponsored programs and projects, as well as the opportunities for personal, one-on-one interactions among Lions and visitors to the MWC.

This year the conference will have four seminars, allowing all attendees to attend. Earlier this year, past MWC attendees were surveyed to help the organizing committee plan and schedule seminar topics that were identified as the most interesting and useful. The list was narrowed to four in attempt to respond to the requests of over 100 previous MWC attendees.

The 2021 MWC will begin at 9:30 a.m. with an introduction by a special LCI guest. Seminars will be at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., with a one-hour break for lunch. The conference will conclude at 3:15 p.m., allowing all attendees to return home by, well of course, 3:15 p.m. There will be NO SNOW cancellations.

The four topics follow.

- 1) **Conducting online meetings and seminars-** Lion Jennifer Drapalik, a seasoned organizer and moderator of several online meeting platforms, including Zoom, the one that will be used to host this year's MWC, will de-myth the mysteries of setting up, hosting and handling other details in holding a successful online meeting.
- 2) Everything you want to know about recruiting new Lions- PDG Charles Short will moderate this panel discussion, featuring winning programs and tactics from successful club marketers, area specialists, and recruiters from around Indiana and the Great Lakes Region. Special guest Dave Wineman, LCI's North American Membership Initiative Regional Chair will be on the panel.
- 3) **The "magic" of membership retention-** PCC Ross Drapalik will talk about the two most significant reasons Lions leave our organization: They are either "pulled" away or we "push" them away from our organization. His powerful presentation has received recognition from those groups where his seminar was given.
- 4) **Putting "FUN" in FUNdraising-** Even with restrictions imposed on clubs by the COVID-19 pandemic, PDG Mary Jane Bodnar will moderate this discussion that will feature several innovative fundraising projects that have proven to be profitable as well as FUN. MWC participants are encouraged to share their experiences.

Mentioned earlier was the "no registration fee" feature of this year's MWC. Holding our conferences previously was extremely costly. Several years ago, we were forced to move our conferences from the school buildings in Plainfield, which severely restricted our ability to expand the conference and required travel from hotel facilities to the conference location. Few hotels matched our needs in terms of meeting rooms, banquet areas and affordable overnight accommodations. In addition, hotels required our use of their food service. The MWC had to highly subsidize previous conferences to bring the cost to their previous registration fees. This year's MWC virtual conference eliminates all these associated costs and will allow the first NO FEE conference of its type in Indiana Lions history.

Even with no fees required, ALL MWC ATTENDEES must pre-register for the conference. Details to host the online conference requires the committee to have enough capacity in the Zoom meeting that will accommodate those who want to attend. An online registration form will be available on the Indiana Lions website at http://e-district.org/sites/md25/ as well as on district websites. Facebook posts on the MWC page, https://www.facebook.com/IndianaLionsMidWinterConference, will also have registration forms. All Lions who register will receive additional information about how to login to the MWC, including the password required. For those who need additional information about how to participate in a Zoom meeting format, a FAQ sheet will be available. The MWC Zoom meeting is available to Lions via either a computer, a tablet or smartphone with an internet connection, or through a regular telephone.

Black tie or pajamas, the choice is yours! But the decision to attend the virtual MWC requires registration. Make your decision and complete your online registration NOW.



(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 is 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:					
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Club:					
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		\$17			
Chicken and Meatloaf		ψιγ			
Saturday Dinner		at your own			
 6pm at Hobnob Corner Restaurant 		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.



2021 Indiana Lions State Convention Indianapolis, Indiana (April 30 - May 2, 2021)



Wyndham Indianapolis West Hotel, 2544 Executive Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46241 Call: (317) 248-2481 or (855) 214-4563

(hosted by the Speedway Lions Club)

Call hotel directly for reservations. \$130 for single (1 breakfast), \$140 for double (2 breakfasts). Rooms are held under "Indiana Lions" block. Rooms will be released after March 1st and we cannot guarantee meals on reservations received after April 15, 2021.

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Sunday Brunch				\$20			
Convention Pin				\$5			
Strides Walk				\$10			
Total							

Mobility Assistance: See supplemental information Golf Outing: See supplemental information

Make checks payable to: *Lions of Indiana, Inc.* and mail to PDG Peg Lawson, 1738 Gerrard Ave., Speedway, IN 46224

Or register and pay online using PayPal or a Credit Card at: www.indianalionsconvention.org

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 beast 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: <u>Golfball01@att.net</u>

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.



Mission Moment: Andy Stone

Excerpts from Andy Stone on LDB Facebook "Voices of the LD Community"



Leader Dog Client Andrew "Andy" Stone earned an MBA from ITT Technical Institute in Michigan and works for The Boeing Company in Washington. Together with his wife (above left), Andy currently has one retired Leader Dog, two cats and a horse. He received his first guide dog, Leader Dog Ingrid, in 2008 and his second dog, Leader Dog Rayna, in 2016 (above right).

"Thinking back to when I got my first Leader Dog, Ingrid, I was at a really different place in my life. It wasn't the best of places; it was when my vision started to get bad and I wasn't handling it very well. I wanted to have a companion with me all the time and getting Ingrid really made a huge difference in my mental state at that time and it made me more independent to get out more. I didn't get her to be outdoors more because then I was relying on friends and family to help me out with stuff.

I've always had Retinitis Pigmentosa, but we didn't really know about it until I was in my late teens/early 20's. My whole life I've had difficulty seeing in the dark and now I have a little central vision that is still fairly good when I'm super close to something. In order to tie flies onto the line when I'm fishing, I have glasses with magnifiers in them. There were many times when I had my first Leader Dog, Ingrid, that she and I would go fishing on our own."

Andy's journey is like many of the clients Lions help us support. Regaining his independence and confidence re-opened opportunities for him.

Watch Andy's journey: <u>https://youtu.be/SwvPHbeepOQ</u>



IN EVERY LEADER DOG LIES THE HEART OF A LION.

A Leader Dog partner since 1939.

Lions & Leader Dog Webinar Series Kicks Off



What was the first breed of dog used by Leader Dogs for the Blind? (hint: it wasn't a German Shepherd!)

Welcome to Lions Trivia at Leader Dog! This is the first of a series of informational webinars for Lions on their legacy project: Leader Dogs for the Blind. Join us each quarter for topics such as virtual campus tours, our prison puppy initiative, and client spotlight chats. We promise to show off some puppies as well.

Join the Lions Team via Zoom on your computer, tablet, smartphone or simply call in on your phone. Click on a date to register (or follow the link below it):

Tuesday, January 12 at noon Eastern https://bit.ly/2GaNGMt

Saturday, January 16 at 3pm Eastern https://bit.ly/2GaNGMt

For Lions Trivia bring a pen and paper to keep score. Top scores will receive Leader Dog gift shop gift certificates, a plush stuffed puppy and more!

Know of someone interested in Lionism (or you want them to be)? Bring them along!

Questions or need help registering? Contact the Lions Team at <u>Lionssupport@leaderdog.org</u>. See you there!

