



District 25E Newsletter

Southwest Indiana Lions Serving 22 Counties!



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“Busy changing Baby New Year’s Diapers!”

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Happy New Year!

Submit articles for the newsletter to: PCC Keith Thomas at kthomas@threeidesign.com and Event Flyers and Pictures to be shared with the District and Hoosier Lion to be sent to PID Linda Tincher at linda.tincher@ma.rr.com



From the desk of District Governor Glen Georges

Hello Lions,

I hope you are recovering well from Christmas and New Years. I want to talk about a few things that should be on your club's radar. Elections need to be talked about and see if you have new lions stepping up to serve our clubs. You should run elections through three club meetings to see if you have any new nominations for each office. We know some of our clubs do good to get a President, Secretary and a Treasurer. But ask for a tail twister to keep our meeting light and fun. Also, a membership chair. This person will work with the club and the club's officers to plan to add new members to your clubs. Once our clubs see DG Erica's goals, we need to ask if our plan is in line with the Governor's.

I know 1VDG Erica would appreciate an email or phone call asking where you can serve both her team and in the district. We are always looking for fresh new talent to help take the district into the future. If you have questions, please reach out to me or 1VDG Erica for more information and we are more than happy to help. Remember that this is your district. You must let us know where the need for help is at. I am so very happy with our district and where we have gone so far. We are still in the positive count on members. You lions have rocked this year. Our district stands to end on a very good note with membership.

I hope you take advantage of the Mid-Winter Conference and our February 3rd Continuing Education opportunities. Our year is at the halfway point, and you are making the difference. I am working on a new club and the clubs are working on bringing in new members. Without even realizing we are getting closer to the goal of 1.5 million members. Please use S.M.A.R.T goals to help you get to where you want to be.

The last thing I want to ask is if you plan to attend the District Convention. There will be awards and good news to share. Are you one of the Lions that will be getting a award? Come find out and enjoy our Guest. This year is ID Jay Maughon from Clifford, VA. He is a retired Colonel from the US Army. I am sure he will have some very good information and stories to share.

See you at Mid-Winter Conference!

DG Glen M Georges

From the desk of 1st Vice District Governor Erica Thomas



Specific, Measurable, Actionable, Realistic, Timebound

Have you guessed what I'm going to write about? That's right, SMART Goals!

Have you ever set goals for yourself, your business, your club or for something you want to accomplish?

What were the results? Did you achieve the goal?

What goals have your club set for this year? Are they just short term goals for just this year or do you set long term goals that span several years?

How urgent are the goals? How long will it take to achieve that goal? What resources are needed? What actions are needed to achieve the goal? How important is this goal compared to other goals? Is the club able to focus on this goal right now?

First thing to decide is if the goal is short term or long term. How many short term goals are needed to reach the long term goal? Without action, goals will never be achieved. It's also very easy to get distracted from the focus of achieving the goals. Here are some steps that can help the club stay on track.

- Write a goal statement

- Write out the action steps

- Make sure the goal is timebound, that there is an end date

- Write down who has what responsibilities

- Make sure that there is a way to measure what the club wants to achieve

The club member or officer leading the group toward achieving the goal needs to be able to delegate to others, reprioritize as needed, review the progress, be flexible, keep the vision/focus going and be generous with rewards.

What rewards are given for completing steps or reaching short term goals? What is the club doing to keep the goal visible? How often and in what ways is the club reviewing the goal? Does the goal or the time bound to achieve the goal need adapted? How does the club stay focused? How are those with responsibilities held accountable?

When your club begins to set more goals and achieve them, several things happen. Members begin to do things outside of their comfort zones, new skills are developed, self-confidence is gained, and they become more motivated, enthusiastic, and actively involved.

Clubs gain increased efficiency in completing projects, have greater results in serving the community, and have more equal distribution of work tasks. Increased member involvement means increased member retention and potential new members.

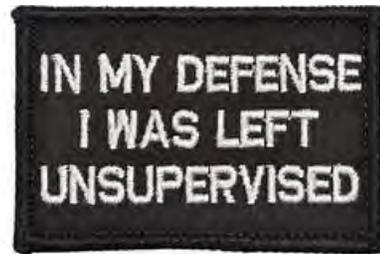
District Governor Glen has encouraged every club to set goals. I want to continue to challenge and encourage each club to set membership, service, and leadership goals. It's never too late to get started!

I want to thank Lions International for the above information and guidelines. I promised to take you on my journey. If you or your club need help with getting this process started, please let DG Glen or I know. We are here to help you succeed!

Hope your New Year is full of Blessings and Many Achieved Goals!

NDG Erica Thomas

From the random thoughts of Editor PCC Keith Thoms



Hello Lions,

Last month, PDG Dale and I discussed the upcoming elections in March and the positions to be filled. I want to continue this discussion.

First, I want to discuss the District Special Projects. Special Projects trustees meet in person at the district cabinet meetings and by email throughout the year to discuss special projects grants requests.

I have been on Special Projects for a couple of terms, and I have decided I will not run for re-election. We do have someone planning to run for election, but anyone interested should submit their name to be added to the ballot.

As for the multiple district projects and the Indiana Lions Foundation, they all meet five or six times a year in the Indianapolis area. Trustees should be prepared to do club visits to promote their project as well as give reports at cabinet meetings.

For the Indiana Lions Foundation, Immediate Past District Governor Don Russ is up for re-election. Don Russ is not planning to run for re-election and we currently do not have a candidate.

For the Cancer Control Project, Past District Governor Mark Clark is up for re-election. Mark Clark is planning to run for re-election.

For the Eye Bank project, Past District Governor Bob Kamman is up for re-election. Bob Kamman is not planning to run for re-election and we currently do not have a candidate. (Unverified)

For the Speech and Hearing project, Lion Donna Robinson is up for re-election. Donna Robinson is planning to run for re-election. (Unverified)

For the Leader Dog project, Lion Rita Kersch is up for re-election. Lion Rita Kersch is planning to run for re-election. (Unverified)

For the Indiana Lions for the School for the Blind and Visually Impaired project, Lion Jeff Cooper is up for Re-election. Jeff Cooper is planning to run for re-election. (Unverified)

Please remember, just because we may have a candidate already, don't let that stop you from running if you are interested in the position. Also, I have heard in the past you have to be a past district governor to hold one of these positions. That is not true although several of the positions are held by past district governors.

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 20. Please submit your letters to Nominations and Election Chair PDG Dale Leffler at lefsue.2000@gmail.com, so that your name will be on the ballot.

Until next month, Racing to Serve. PCC Keith Thomas and PDG Dale Leffler,

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Past Governor Corner

This month featuring

Past International Director

Linda Tincher



Can you guess what I have done on a weekend in March for the last 30 plus years? I'll give you a clue!

March is District convention month for MD25, and I became a Lion in 1989.

You Got It – ATTENDING DISTRICT CONVENTION! In fact, I don't believe I have ever missed a district convention, and since becoming an International Director, I sometimes have attended more than one district convention in MD25. You may now be asking, why would she do that? Because I have discovered how I can learn about my district, meet new Lions, hear about new ideas and service projects my club might want to do, and still have fun with a lot of wonderful Lion friends.

So now I hope you will do as I have done, and mark March 22-23, 2024, on your calendar. I also hope you will not wait but fill out and mail the 25E District Convention Registration form today (located in this newsletter) to Cabinet Treasurer Debbie Ellis. This year the convention will be held at Gasthof Amish Village in Montgomery, Indiana. Hotel rooms are still available. District Governor Glen Georges has a great agenda in place with something for everyone. If you can't attend Friday night, that is ok, but plan to come for the day on Saturday! That's the day we will be voting to elevate Vice District Governor Erica Thomas to District Governor-Elect and hopefully electing a 2nd Vice District Governor. Saturday will also bring a host of information on our state projects and what our state projects and the Lions Club International Foundation is doing around our state.



Our special international guest this year will be International Director Jay Moughton from Clifford, VA. He serves on the International Board as chairman of the Leadership Development Committee. He is retired from the US ARMY after 42 years as a Colonel, and thus has many life experiences in leadership as well as in Lions he can share with us.

This will truly be a fun convention. I am truly looking forward to it, but don't take my word for it, come, and see for yourself. Enjoy the community, the great food and share the pride you feel by being a Lion in 25E.

Call to Convention!

March 22nd – 23rd

Gasthof Amish Village

6659 E Gasthof Village Rd

Montgomery, In. 47558

International Director

Jay Moughon

Is Our Guest Speaker!

See attached registration Form for more information.

This is a family event.

Bring the kids and grandkids!

50/50 Silent Auction

Rooms under \$100 after taxes



DISTRICT 25E SPRING CONVENTION Meal Registration Form



Deadlines: Room Reservations must be received by March 1, 2024
Meal Reservations must be received by March 8, 2024

When: March 22-23, 2024
Where: Gasthof Amish Village
6659 E Gasthof Village Rd
Montgomery, IN 47558

Lodging: All rooms, both King and Queen are **\$99.75** 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 7pm.

Saturday's delegate registration will start at 9:00am in the restaurant loft. The Honorary Committee meeting will start at 9:15am. The Opening Session will start at 10:00am. The convention meeting will include reports from District Governor, state projects, committee chairs, Zone Chairs, voting, Tail Twisting, Half Pot, and a Silent Auction. We will be having lunch between 11:30 and 12:30. In addition, we'll have tables set up with information from our State Projects, Indiana Lions Foundation, and LCIF.

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 3pm.

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 25-E CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY!

WHEN: FEBRUARY 3RD, 2024

WHERE: BEECHWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

8535 IN -56

FRENCH LICK, IN. 47432

TIME: 9AM TO 3PM

COST: \$10.00 LUNCH

LION ORIENTATION

THE HIERARCHY OF LIONS CLUB

WHAT IS A LEADER

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE

PRESENTED BY PDG MARK CLARK AND THE DISTRICT TEAM

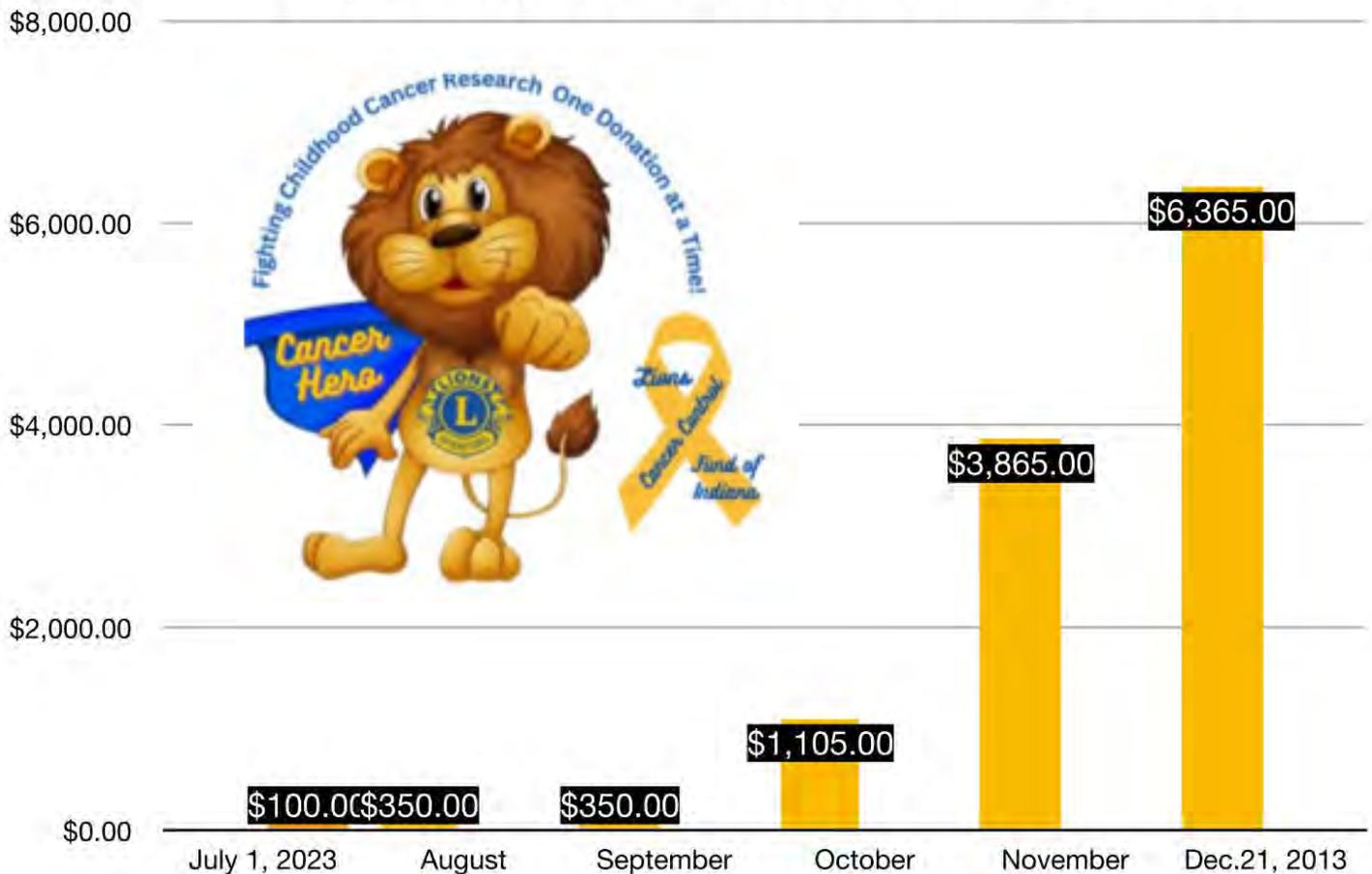
RSVP CABINET SECRETARY CHRISTY NOLAN

AT christy@bcelectric.info BY JANUARY
27TH, 2024. LUNCH WILL BE OFFERED FOR
\$10 A PERSON.

THIS IS NOT A CABINET MEETING. NO REPORTS WILL BE GIVEN.

UPDATE FOR DISTRICT E
~~Goal of \$5,000.00 for District E~~
NEW GOAL OF \$8,000.00

Riley Children's Hospital Matching Donation Campaign District E



Lions, CONGRATULATIONS; WE HAVE REACHED OUR \$5,000.00 DISTRICT GOAL AND WE STILL HAVE 4 MONTHS LEFT FOR CLUBS TO BE A CANCER HERO. In December, through the generosity of both club and individual gifts, we SHATTERED our district \$5,000.00 goal by over \$1,000. As of December 21, 2023 we know we topped over \$6,000.00. BUT WE CAN AND SHOULD STILL CONTINUE THIS LIFE CHANGING CAMPAIGN. To that end, the district trustees, have extended our goal to \$8,000.00. Donate TODAY with the words RILEY CAMPAIGN on the check memo sent to CT Debbie Ellis. Call Trustees Sue Leffler, Bill Willis, or Mark Clark TODAY for a program for your club. HELP US change the lives of children in our state by being A CANCER HERO.



District Events & Calendar



- January 9 Official Visit to Oakland City Lions
- January 11 Official Visit to Petersburg Lions
- January 15 Official Visit to Ellettsville Lions
- January 16 Official Visit to Odon Lions
- January 19-20 **Mid-Winter Conference Crowne Plaza, Indianapolis Airport**
- January 21 3rd Council Meeting at Indianapolis
- January 23 Official Visit to Evansville Eastside Lions
- February 3 Continuing Education at Beechwood Christian Church in French Lick.
- March 22-23 25-E Spring Convention / 3rd Cabinet at Gasthof Village at Montgomery with ID Jay Moughon
- April 26-28 Indiana Lions State Convention at the Noblesville Embassy Suites Hotel
- June 1 Pre-Council Meeting at Indiana Lions State Office, 8780 Purdue Rd., Indy
- June 15 4th Cabinet Meeting / Picnic, location to be determined.

MARCH 22-23, 2024

**25E SPRING
CONVENTION**

GASTHOF AMISH VILLAGE, MONTGOMERY, INDIANA

APRIL 26 - APRIL 28, 2024

**103rd Indiana Lions
State Convention**

EMBASSY SUITES CONFERENCE CENTER
NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA

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



Fallen Lions of District 25E



Lion Larry Houston

Fayetteville Comm Lions

14.35 years of service



Prayer List for District 25E



Lions in need of Prayers

Lion Jim Fisher

Lion Jack Voightschild

Lion Jaline Spurgeon

Lion Charlie Placke

PDG John Ferry

PCC Scott Smith (25D)

PDG Myrna Thompson

PDG Nancy Lambert

Lion Ed Hitchcock

List of common used Lions abbreviations

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

New Lions In December

Welcome to Lions!

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Gary Berquist	Brown County Lions	Larry Hanson
Jason Kirchhofer	Brown County Lions	Larry Hanson
Lori McGee	Brown County Lions	Robert Olinger
Jesse Sermersheim	Ireland Lions	Greg Brescher
Debra Hess	New Albany Lions	Lynn Ritz
Matthew Hess	New Albany Lions	John Ritz

Welcome new Lions!!



Left and below: several members of the Evansville Eastside Lions celebrated Christmas with DG Glen Georges, 1VDG Erica Thomas and PCC Keith Thomas



Left: items collected for the homeless by the attendees of the Evansville Eastside Lions celebrated Christmas party.

LIONS COMPLETE KIDSIGHT VISION SCREENING OF PRESCHOOL CHILDREN FOR 2023

Members of the 4 Lawrence County Lions Clubs (Bedford, Bedford Noon, Mitchell, Fayetteville Community) have recently completed their 10th year of Operation KidSight vision screenings at 19 area preschool 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, Sherwood Oaks 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 438 children with 37 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. 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.

Below Left: Shown in the photo are Lions Heather Wessel and Newell Clifton screening a student during the KidSight vision screening at the JC's Christian Preschool

Below Right: Shown in photo are Lions Judy Clifton and Newell Clifton screening a student during KidSight vision screening at the Restoration Child Care and Preschool





Thanks to PDG Mark Clark from Salem and PDG Gary Ochs from Bedford for serving as co-chairpersons for the 2023 Indiana Lions State Convention in Bloomington this Lions year. Also, we thank the entire convention committee representing the District E Lions.

Bedford Lions Club has been helping with Salvation Army Red Kettle program for 75 years (Bedford Club is 75 years old).

Below Left: Newell Clifton

Below Right: - Judy Clifton

