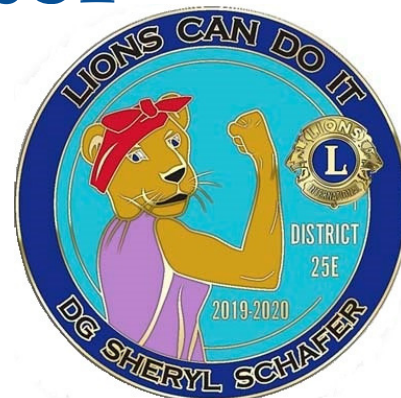


# District 25E Newsletter

## Southwest Indiana Lions



### DISTRICT GOVERNOR

DG Sheryl Schafer

Hello, District 25-E Lions! I am starting my 2019-2020 year as District Governor. It has been great working with you for the last 2 years; it has gone by so fast for me. Meeting so many new Lions and getting to know the Lions I knew even better. I am excited to visit all the clubs. I would like to know what you would like help with within your club. What are you doing in your community? What fundraisers you are participating in? Let's get off to a great start and fill out our monthly service reports. These reports of your club's activity help us receive grants such as the Bill Gates grants toward measles; very important!

Sometimes we get tired and think we are the only one, or a few, doing the work. Call on family, your neighbors, your church, and other clubs. Work on getting new people into the club. They have different ideas and talents. New people also means having extra sets of hands. More hands means that projects and fundraisers get done faster and with more fun. That is what Lions want to do, right? Help our communities and have fun doing it.

I would like to thank Lion Steve Maitlen for stepping up and taking Newsletter Editor. Thank you to PCC Jeff Schafer for being the Newsletter Editor since 2012.

Also, a big thank you to the Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Treasurers, Club Membership Chairs, Club LCIF Chairs, Zone Chairs, and all the District Team for saying we will help. We also need to look for new leaders in our clubs or other clubs. Lions International has great training programs for all our positions in Lions Club.

Lion Clubs, if you have questions, would like more training, or would like to throw out an idea please contact me or one of the District Team members. Remember we are here for you.

Lions Can Do It!

### July Events

4 - Independence Day  
12 - Wheatfest - Wheatland  
20 - Winslow Flea Market - Winslow  
20 - 25-E Banner Night - Bloomfield  
27 - 1st Council Meeting in District A

### Upcoming Visits

11 - Bloomfield  
16 - Brown County

### August Events

1-3 - Sweet Corn Festival - Oakland City  
2-18 - Indiana State Fair - Indianapolis  
10 - 1st Cabinet Meeting - Bedford

### On the Horizon

January 10-11, 2020 - Mid-Winter Conference  
Indianapolis  
March 13-14, 2020 - 25-E Spring Convention  
Mitchell  
April 24-26, 2020 - State Convention  
Bloomington

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## 1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

### 1VDG Kenny Williams

Hello to a new Lions Year! Will this year be any different than last year? There will be a lot of change and a lot of the same things. We have a new DG Sheryl Schafer. I am going to do my part in making this year the best and smoothest for DG Sheryl. The MyLion application for reporting Service Activities is now the sole place to report activities as of July 1st. I am sure Lions Club International is trying to make things work smoother there too. The check is in the mail. You have a new 1VDG; me. I am still learning and hope to be up to snuff by the end of this Lions year, to be your DG for 2020-21. I look forward to meeting more of you and trying to give your clubs enough value that you will want to work with the District and attend District functions.

What's the same? Service! That never goes out of style. Community service is the main reason I joined Lions Club. That and someone asked me to join. People serving people serving people. Get out there and learn what your community really needs and provide that service, if you can, or help someone else do it. No one does Service like Lions. Don't be stagnant. Try new things, especially those projects that will draw in new members, such as helping the environment and supporting youth. When you get new people involved, ask them to join us; keep them active and engaged.

I was an Armor officer in the Army a few moons ago. The motto for my District Governor year will be "Tanks for Serving." I look forward to meeting you and seeing you again.

TANKS FOR SERVING!

## 2018 - 2019 District Points Contest Results

### Large Club

Bedford Evening - 48375  
Fayetteville Community - 13925  
Evansville Eastside - 10275  
Brown County - 7950  
Georgetown - 7820

### Small Club

Petersburg - 25625  
Bloomfield - 24400  
Ellettsville - 16425  
Bedford Noon - 11800  
Seymour Evening - 11600

# Meet the District 25-E Leadership/Membership/Service Team

## District Global Leadership Chair (GLT)

PCC CS Keith Thomas

Phone/text: 812.354.4637

E-mail: kthomas@threeidesign.com

- Will help clubs with officer training
- Will help in finding LCI and LCIF resources
- Will serve on the Mid-Winter Conference Committee (If you have suggestions for the Mid-Winter Conference, please contact him.)

## District Global Membership Chair (GMT)

PDG Jean Bodensteiner

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- Will help Clubs with membership and recruitment ideas
- Will help with membership retention ideas and resources
- Will help with membership orientations

## District Global Service Chair (GST)

IPDG Ron Edwards

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- Will remind clubs about reporting monthly membership and activities
- Will help Clubs with the new activity reporting system
- Will help Clubs with service/activity ideas and resources

Along with District Governor Sheryl and our Vice District Governors, we look forward to working with the the Lions of District 25-E!

## Save the Date

### 2019

July 20	25-E Banner Night – Social time starts at 5P.	Bloomfield, Indiana
July 27	1st Council Meeting in District A	Details to be announced from State Office Building
August 2-18	Indiana State Fair	Indianapolis, Indiana
August 10	1st Cabinet Meeting	Bedford, Indiana
September 19-21	43rd Annual USA/Canada Forum	Spokane, Washington
October 12	2nd Cabinet Meeting	Salem, Indiana
October 19	2nd Council Meeting	Bloomington, Indiana

### 2020

January 10-11	Mid-Winter Conference (MWC 2020)	Indianapolis, Indiana
January 12	3rd Council Meeting	Indianapolis, 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	Pre-Council Meeting	Indianapolis, Indiana
June 20	4th Cabinet Meeting / Picnic	Loogootee, Indiana
June 26-30	103rd International Convention	Singapore

## 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 Cindy Dehart	Lion Dave Milby	Lion John Davis
Lion Sandy Ruane	Lion Jaline Spurgeon	Lion Bob Evans	Lion Joan Bode
Lion Henry Spindler	Lion Harry Martin	Lion Kermit Flinn	Lion Ed Gilliatt
Lion Mary Chisham	Lion Alma Graf	Lion Bill Stoops	Lion Betty Schoonmaker
Lion Betty Taylor	Lions Brenda and Gib Hayes	Lion Richard Dean	PDG Paul Schoonmaker

## In Memoriam

(Reported in June 2019.)

Brown County	Phillip E. Slusser
Georgetown	Tony Goebel

## New Members

(Reported in June 2019.)

Bedford Noon	W. Andrew Himebaugh	Sponsor: Rita Kersh
Bedford Noon	Mary J. Kinser	Sponsor: Jack Voigtschild
Chandler	Michelle Falk	Sponsor: Donna Williams
Francisco	Harold L. Everett	Sponsor: Raymond Dunn

## Newsletter, Public Relations, and Hoosier Lion

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Hoosier Lion: Lion Jaline Spurgeon  
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 Deadline: 5th each month



# Lions Club International Foundation

## Dr. Naresh Aggarwal

I recently heard a fellow Lion tell this story, and I would like to share it with you. "A three-year-old boy, Ben, was brought in for an eye exam by his parents. They were confused by his behavior. He was usually angry and had trouble with things other kids his age were excelling at. As a special case, he was brought to a Sight for Kids exam, where doctors found Ben was completely blind in one eye. After an operation, little Ben was almost a different kid, smiling and laughing."

People all around the globe, including Ben, have a story of how Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) made a difference. These incredible stories are powered by hard work, dedication, and made by Lions and friends. Thank you to Lions who are serving by giving and doing, and thank you to Lions who are there with feet on the ground, dedication your time and energy to those who need it most.

As my year as LCIF Chairman ends, I am reflecting on the goals our foundation and Lions, together, have accomplished. I have heard real-life stories of what donation make possible. Donations support clean water projects, so women like Chausiku can bring clean water back to her family. Donations support Shania, a sixth grade student learning how to say no to drugs and yes to a healthy future thanks to Lions Quest. Donations support Thomas, who is learning to manage diabetes on his own, and Ben, who is enjoying clear vision for the first time in his life.

Last year, we set an ambitious goal of raising US \$50M for LCIF – and achieved it. LCIF's Golden Jubilee (its 50th anniversary) is now over, but the Golden Era has begun. LCIF has a goal of raising US \$110M by June 30, 2019. We are close, but have not yet reached that goal. Please keep in mind the Power of Each. If every Lion donates just US \$2 each week to Campaign 100, LCIF can meet this year's goal and will be well on its way to reaching its goal of raising US \$300M by June 30, 2021. Take pride in your gift, no matter what the size. It may be a small gift, but if every Lion contributes, it will lead to massive benefits for our Foundation. Also, keep in mind the Lions Share recognition program begins with a gift of just US \$50.

My time here as LCIF Chairman has been an enormous reminder that together, we can. Thank you, Lions. It has been an honor to be your foundation's chairman.

## Indiana Lions Foundation needs your help!

The Indiana Lions Foundation provides ticket sellers and ticket scanners at four gates at the Indiana State Fair. The fair runs from Friday, August 2nd through Sunday, August 18th. More than 700 shifts need to be filled over this 17 day period. This is the single largest fundraiser for the Foundation and the money earned is used to provide funds for grants and to maintain the State Office Building.

A new program called "SaffireTix" will be used for selling and scanning tickets this year. It is based on cell phone technology. Cell phones will be provided by the Fair. For an overview of this program, watch the following videos.

Selling with SaffireTix

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yoktjIEf97I>

Scanning with SaffireTix

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2wdnBOVPudY>

New for this year: Gate 12 will be remodeled to have indoor ticket sellers. Gate 18 will also be getting a face lift this year to make more room for more security scanners. Ticket sellers will still be in a building. Two shifts are available to work. The morning shift is 7:30A – 3P; the afternoon shift is 1:30P – 9/9:30P.

In return for working, the Indiana Lions Foundation is offering W.P. Woods Fellowship credits for workers – one credit for the morning shift and two credits for the afternoon shift. It takes 10 credits to earn a W.P. Woods Fellowship.

If your club or district wants to bring a van full of people (minimum 8) to work, the Foundation will reimburse you up to \$125 for the van rental. To be reimbursed after the fair, just submit your van rental receipt and a list of those who worked.

You may use the Foundation website to volunteer at: <https://www.indianalionsfoundationmd25.org>.

## Member Spotlight: Erica Thomas

### **When did you join Lions Club?**

2005 (Petersburg)

### **What motivated you to join?**

It was something that [my husband] Keith and I could do together.

### **Now that you've been a Lion for 14 years, what motivates you to serve now?**

It is knowing that I have many opportunities to help others on a much grander scale than I could ever help on my own.

### **Do you currently hold positions in our District?**

District Tail Twister, Long Range Planning Chair, Indiana Lions Foundation Trustee, Reading Action Coordinator, and any other hat that someone needs my help with.

### **What positions have you held within your local Club?**

Our Club is fairly small; I think I have held most every position except Treasurer.

### **What Lions positions have you held at the District level or higher?**

I am currently Vice President on the Indiana Lions Foundation. I hold that position for one more year before holding the President's position for two years.

### **Which position is most memorable and why?**

I am not sure that any of the positions are less memorable than the others. They are all a part of who I am and who I am becoming. I cannot get bored this way!

### **Throughout your time as a Lion, which service project have you been a part of that made the most impact on you?**

Although the Foundation is not a project, most folks treat it as one. I think that having the ability to grant Clubs money to complete great projects in their communities that help a lot more people is huge. The different ideas that Clubs come up with is amazing! It is like tossing a rock in the water; you never know how many lives have been touched by one of the ripples.

### **What Lions-related fundraising effort that you've participated in has been the most successful in your local community? What makes that effort stand out to you?**

I think our best fundraiser was starting to sell smoked ribs. They went so well that all the other clubs and groups started selling them and now we need to find another project.

### **What's on your Lions Club bucket list? What obstacles stand between you and achieving items on your list?**

There's a Lions bucket list? Several Lions have asked me when I am going to be District Governor. I have commitments that I need to move through first, but it's coming; watch out District!

### **If you had \$100 for a Lions-related activity, where would you direct the funds?**

I would use that money to increase what our Club donates to the state projects and the LCIF.

### **What if you were working with \$1000?**

I would find a new need or two in our community to start working on.

### **What advice do you have for Lions Club members in our District?**

There are new friendships, connections, and ideas just waiting for you to find them when you step out of your own Club. There are amazing opportunities to partner with others in a project just waiting for you to ask. There are monies out there for the asking to help fulfill a need in your community if you are willing to look for it and ask. The real question is, are you courageous enough to roar that you are a Lion and step out of what is comfortable, for just an instant?

### **Thinking to the future of Lions Club, what gets you most excited? Why?**

I think Lions are slowly realizing that we cannot serve our communities as we once did. The Clubs that are figuring this out, changing and moving forward, are the Clubs that continue to grow and help fulfill more needs in their communities. With more hands, there can be more service. With more service there continues the legacy of what it means to be a Lion.



# History of Lions and Leader Dogs

[www.leaderdog.org](http://www.leaderdog.org)

It all began in 1938, when Charles A. Nutting, Donald P. Schurr and S.A. Dodge led the Uptown Lions Club of Detroit in establishing a school to train guide dogs for people who are blind. Their motivation was Dr. Glenn Wheeler, a fellow Uptown Lion whose attempts to be accepted by another guide dog organization proved unsuccessful. The first clients were housed at the Park Avenue Hotel in Detroit and graduated in the fall of 1938.

On April 4, 1939, Lions Leader Dog Foundation was incorporated as a Michigan nonprofit. In May 1939, the Foundation leased a small farm in Rochester Hills, Michigan to house their new venture. Fifty dollars per month rented a farmhouse for the clients and staff, a barn for the dogs and a garage. On October 8, 1939, the first class of the official Lions Leader Dog Foundation graduated. The cost to graduate a client/dog team was \$600. Soon after incorporation, on June 15, 1940, the new name "Leader Dog League for the Blind" became official.

Leader Dog received a new Executive Director in 1951, Harold "Pock" Pocklington. Pock had been on the Board of Trustees since 1948 after he first visited Leader Dog while a District Governor-Elect. Leader Dog's global ties to the Lions began strengthening in 1953 when S.A. Dodge served as president of Lions International, bringing Leader Dog to the Lions at the highest possible level. Melvin Jones, founder of Lionism, gave Leader Dog his personal endorsement in 1958.

In 1963, Lions International President Jorge Bird of Puerto Rico became involved with Leader Dog when he brought a Spanish soldier, Francisco A. Garcia, who had been blinded by a shell explosion, to get a dog. Until this time, the Lions were unable to establish themselves in Spain because its leader General Franco opposed having international associations in the country. However, when Garcia returned to Spain he received much press and Franco became aware of him. When President Bird was finally able to get an audience with Franco, he provided approval for Lions to establish themselves in Spain. At this meeting, Franco recognized the Lions as the group that "gave the dog to someone in Barcelona." The association of Lions of Spain and Leader Dog continues to this day. On May 10, 1968, Leader Dog received permission to use the Lions emblem by Lions International, formalizing the deep connection between the two organizations.

The Lions' sustained support of Leader Dog was celebrated in 1972 with the addition of a life-size Lion to the Downtown Rochester training facility. The 2,200 pound statue was installed by the Shelby Township Lions and was designed and constructed by Gan Jacobsen (who became a long-time Trustee of Leader Dog). During this decade, Pock, who was still serving as Executive Director of Leader Dog, was twice elected to the Lions International Board (1974-75, 1978-79).

In April of 2013, LION Magazine listed Leader Dogs for the Blind as one of the "10 Brilliant Breakthroughs in Service." In November of 2013, Leader Dog, Lions Clubs International, and partners Purina Pro Plan and the Iowa Department of Corrections jointly received the Community Partnership Award from the Mutual of America Foundation for Leader Dog's Prison Puppy Raising Program. The program places Leader Dog puppies with inmates for their first year of life.

Lions Clubs throughout the world have continued to support Leader Dog and its clients financially, brought thousands of people who needed assistance through Leader Dog's doors and have continued to serve on the Board of Trustees. They are puppy raisers, volunteers, breeding hosts and so much more. Many recipients of Leader Dog services have become Lions after experiencing their support and mission firsthand.

To this day, the mission of the Lions, "We serve," perfectly complements the Leader Dog mission of empowering people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for independent travel.

Contact one of the District 25-E Leader Dog Trustees to schedule a program for your upcoming meeting.

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## Lions Cub Corner

New to Lions Club? Welcome! Each month, Lions Cub Corner will feature information regarding Lions Club that will aid you on your service journey.

### Helpful Resources

**Lions Club International - <https://lionsclubs.org>**

Learn about the history of Lions Club, our global causes, and service project ideas. Download the MyLion App to connect with other Lions. Access a digital copy of the current Lions Magazine. Shop for apparel and club supplies. Sign up for the website and gain access to the resource center, which offers a wide variety of in-depth learning and development topics for all aspects of Lions Club.

**District 25E Southwest Indiana Lions - <http://www.lions25e.org>**

Information about our district: current district team; newsletter, Indiana projects, LCIF projects, a community calendar, membership data, and links to club websites. District 25E serves 22 counties in southern Indiana.

**Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/indianalions>**

### District 25E

District 25E is comprised of 61 Clubs and covers 22 counties in southwest Indiana. Counties include: Sullivan, Greene, Monroe, Brown, Knox, Daviess, Martin, Lawrence, Jackson, Gibson, Pike, Dubois, Orange, Washington, Floyd, Harrison, Crawford, Perry, Spencer, Warrick, Vanderburgh, and Posey.

The District Cabinet is comprised of the District Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor, Past District Governors, Regions Chairperson, Zone Chairpersons, Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer, Chaplain, Grants Administrator, Parliamentarian, Sergeant-at-Arms, Tail Twister, Song Leader, Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, and Club Treasurers.

District Committees consist of one or more members with one member serving as chairperson. The chairperson and other committee members are appointed by the District Governor.

Current committees: Activities, Auditing, Budgeting/Finance, District Chaplain, Constitution and By-Laws, Convention, Diabetes, Drug Awareness, Elections, Environmental, Honorary, International Understanding, District Global Leadership Team, Leo Club, Lions International Foundation, District Global Membership Team, Parliamentarian, Public Relations, Rules and Resolution, Sergeant-At-Arms, Vision Screen, Song Leader, Youth Exchange, Law Camp, Long Range Planning, District Pin Design, Liberty Day, Newsletter and Hoosier Lion Editor, District Website and Technology, and Operations Kids Sight.

At the local level, Lions Club leadership consists of a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Club Administrator, Treasurer, Membership Chairperson, LCIF Coordinator, Service Chairperson, Marketing Communications Chairperson, and Director.

Reach out to your Club's president if interested in leadership opportunities or our district cabinet members to learn more about a particular committee and how to get more involved.



## District 25-E Banner Night

### Celebrating Incoming District Governor Sheryl Schafer

Saturday, July 20, 2019

First Baptist Church

500 Lincoln Street

Bloomfield, IN 47424

Social Time: 5-6P Eastern

Dinner: 6P Eastern

Dinner includes: baked Swiss chicken, baked potato, green beans with almonds/mushrooms, salad, rolls, cake, and drinks (sweet/unsweetened tea, lemonade)

Meal is \$20 per person.

Reservations are due by July 14, 2019. E-mail [rjkaiser1510@yahoo.com](mailto:rjkaiser1510@yahoo.com) or mail to:

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Please bring your Club Banner and a Silent Auction item.

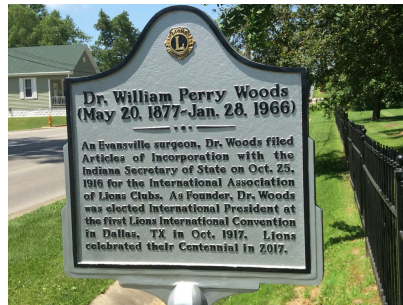
## William Perry Woods, M.D. Dedication

On Sunday, June 30, 2019, the Lions of Indiana dedicated a marker sign honoring William Perry Woods, M.D. It is located near his grave in the Lutheran Cemetary. As a young man, he wanted to service his community. Dr. Woods was founder of the Association of Lions Clubs in 1916, later to be named Lions Club International. Today, his Lions Clubs total 1.4 million members in 205 countries with over 45,000 Clubs.

Dr. Woods was the first International President of Lions Club. He came to Evansville, from Clarinda, Ohio, as a physician and surgeon working at Deaconess Hospital. He was honored with an award for 50 years of service to the people of Evansville, Indiana and surrounding areas.

He served his fellowmen until two years prior to his death at 88 years old. The motto of the Lions Club is, "We serve." Our city is very honored to have such a man call Evansville home.

Lion Cecelia Schulz, Evansville Eastside



## Lions in Action



Sandborn President Lion Joseph Boone and Secretary Lion Maye Anderson receiving an appreciation plaque for her 13 years as Club Secretary (since 2006). Lion Maye will be stepping down as their Secretary and Lion Rhonda Boone will be the new Secretary for 2019-2020.



The Dugger Lions Club recently made a donation of \$250 to the Dugger Youth League. The Dugger Youth League hosts summer baseball-softball sports to all community boys and girls ages 4 through 16. Dugger Lions Club President Justin Smith presented Youth League President James Hannum with the donation, which will be used to sponsor one softball team.



PCC Jeff and DG Sheryl Schafer visits LD Emmy (aka Ellie) during the client-puppy raiser visit at Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Michigan. LD Emmy was their 6th puppy raised and their first "finishing" puppy. Pictured in the photo are: Sophie (Jeff and Sheryl's granddaughter), DG Sheryl, Tippi Luthy (Emmy's client), LD Emmy, and PCC Jeff.



PCC Jeff Schafer and FLD Rosie in front of the downtown Leader Dogs for the Blind facility in Rochester, Michigan.