

## District 25E Southwest Indiana Lions

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### Governor's Corner

#### Upcoming Events:

- 20 Jun: 25E Picnic/4<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Mtg – West Boggs Lake, Loogootee

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#### Official Visits:

- 22 Jun: New Albany
- 25 Jun: Seymour Eve

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This is my last article for the District Governor year. I can't believe I have been writing articles for three years (2 years as Vice DG). The time has gone by really fast. In fact, the last three years have zoomed by. I have learned so much about how important leadership is. As District Governor I don't say "this is what we are going to do." I talk to the District Team. They have lots of knowledge. I ask questions like. What training should we do for the district? How many classes should we do and where? How do we get club officers/ Zone Chairs to these trainings? These are a few questions the District Governor has every year. Lions, how do we get you to the training? Club officers/ Zone Chairs if you had the jobs last year or are new please come to the training, things are always changing. The training is so important to go to. Not just Club officers/ Zone Chairs should go to the training but club members. It will help you understand the different positions in the club/ district. I was very leery of becoming any officer in the club, let alone the district. I went to a couple of the trainings and found it wasn't that hard. I could do that. Lions Club International has a lot of good training available. I also learned, that you don't have to do the job by yourself. Your club is a Team, and everybody can help you with the job. Our club officers for year 2020-2021 are chosen and in the LCI data base. DGE Kenny Williams has scheduled training. Lions go to the training. Look for your next year officers and take other club members with you. They will see that this will be a good fit for them. Meet other club officers from the district.

Don't forget we have a District Picnic June 20<sup>th</sup> at West Boggs Lake Park. I will provide the hotdogs and hamburgers. Bring a dish to pass. Hope to see everyone at the picnic and don't forget your mask and chairs.

Thank you for all your support this year. It has been a challenging year, remember where there is a need, there is a Lion.

Be Safe.

"Lions Can Do It"  
DG Sheryl Schafer  
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Some of you have asked the question of whom to send information (photos including captions, event flyers & articles) to when it comes to the newsletter, public relations and the Hoosier Lion. Below are the points of contact and deadline (if there is one) for each:

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## 1st Vice DG Corner

They say there is a calm before the storm. I haven't seen the calm before my year as your District Governor. Putting together the Team that will lead 25-E in 2020-2021 is, I hope, the hardest thing I will do in my year. If you are interested in getting more involved, there are still some positions available. Next, I want to lay out my goals.



2020-2021 District 25-E Goals:

1. Start 2 new Clubs in District 25-E.
2. Have each club achieve net growth of at least 1 new member during the year. (As many as you can get)
3. Increase our District participation and donations to Lions Club International Foundation. (LCIF)
4. Have each Club start or participate in a Diabetes Awareness Service Project.
5. Increase our reporting percentage of our Club Membership (MMR) and our Service Activities (SAR).
6. Increase our diversity

Will we achieve all of these goals? That will depend more on you (the clubs) than me. I ask for your help. We can achieve every one of these goals, if we all set our priorities.

We have a new Newsletter Editor starting with the July edition. Lion Holly Nethery, Ellettsville Lions, will step up and take PCC Jeff Schafer's place on 1 July. Jeff has poured his heart and soul into his Club and our District/Multiple District for a lot of years. He and DG Sheryl will be moving to MI eventually and there will be a void in our District. Thank Jeff, whenever you see him, for what he has done for us and Lions. You will need to start sending all information for the Newsletter to Lion Holly with a deadline of the 25th of each month starting with June 25th. Her information will be in this newsletter. I hope for a smooth transition.

The 25-E Banner night, originally scheduled for Saturday, 25 July, following the July District meeting at the Stinesville Lions Club, has been rescheduled for Saturday, 17 October at Stinesville.

Last, start scheduling the DG official visits as soon as possible. I want to front load as many as I can.

Tanks for Serving  
DGE Kenny Williams

Hello Lions,

The District Picnic will be on June 20, 2020 and it will be at Boggs Lake in Odon (just north of Loogootee on US-231). Details were sent out in a separate flyer. Please mark your calendar and **“PLAN TO ATTEND.”**

Thanks, DG Sheryl



## 2nd Vice DG Corner

### Going Crazy During Lock Down



Dear Friends Just be careful because people are going crazy from being in lock down!

Actually I've just been talking about this with the microwave and toaster while drinking coffee and all of us agreed that things are getting bad.

I didn't mention anything to the washing machine as she puts a different spin on everything and certainly not to the fridge as he is acting cold and distant.

In the end the iron calmed me down as she said everything will be fine no situation is too pressing.

Well, my vacuum cleaner said that we just have to suck it up and get on with things.....

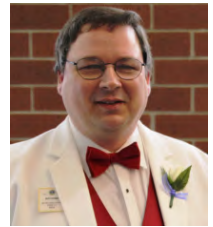
My cooker said there's no pressure and my bed said I should sleep on it ??????

I've just chatted to my liquidizer who suggests we should try to blend in with everyone.....but the kettle was boiling mad with all the restrictions! ... ????????"

Lee Cuba, 1VDGE

## From the desk of the Cabinet Secretary - PCC Keith Thomas

### The New Normal



Hello Lions,

We have all heard it discussed in the news about "The New Normal" that will occur after the current virus pandemic has passed. As I sit here during a rain delay during the Coca-Cola 600, I am thinking about how the new normal will affect us as Lions. I think I saw part of the emerging new normal at the race. No audience in the stands. Smaller pit crews. Everyone wearing masks. Interviews being held 6' apart.

Based on what I have seen the last couple of weeks as Indiana has started to reopen, I am seeing two primary groups develop. One group is taking the virus threat seriously and the other group is not.

The first group is social distancing, wearing masks, staying home when they can, and trying to avoid large groups wherever possible. The other group isn't. As Erica works in a nursing home, I feel obligated to be part of the first group, but I think I would have been part of that group anyway. I really do Not like wearing a mask.

I understand the thinking of the first group, but not the second group. Are they actively resisting the change? Do they think it is not real or it can't affect themselves and their families? Do they think it is only a political ploy?

Personally, I don't really care what group you are in. But as Lions, I think we should take this seriously, as we are leaders in our communities and as such, we should set a good example.

That said, I would like our clubs to consider offering their members to ability to attend club meetings via phone or other electronic means, as we resume in-person meetings where practical. All the clubs have members that are in high risk categories and they may not feel comfortable attending in person at this time. Remember good members are hard to find, cherish them.

I can't ask clubs to make these provisions without the district doing the same thing. First, I want to remind everyone that all Lions are invited to district meetings. And since all Lions are invited to attend, we feel we must make it possible for all Lions to be able to attend. The district leadership is working on figuring out the best method to use during DGE Kenny Williams' district meetings. We are considering either a call-in option or a web option such as go-to-meeting, teams or zoom. DGE Kenny has also decided to push his Banner Night back from our tradition July time frame to October so hopefully more Lions will feel comfortable attending.

As for the district picnic on June 20<sup>th</sup>, we think it is not feasible to do a call in or web meeting. But we will be highly encouraging everyone attending to social distance and to wear their masks (except when eating) and to enjoy the fresh air and fellowship. The district was blessed to get thru our convention without anyone getting the virus, we do not want to get anyone sick at the picnic.

That said, I hope everyone joins me in thanking Governor Sheryl for a great year and wish Governor Elect Kenny good luck for his year.

Racing to Serve  
PCC CS Keith Thomas

### Club Anniversaries

Club	Charter	Age (Yrs)
Harrodsburg	6/30/1989	31
Palmyra	6/30/1989	31
Bedford Noon	6/11/2000	20
Chandler	6/28/2004	16
Crandall	6/28/2005	15
Fayetteville Comm	6/23/2009	11
Pershing Township	6/16/2010	10
Canton	6/9/2011	9
Dugger	6/17/2013	7
Old Vincennes	6/19/2018	2



### New Members Reported in May 2020 - Welcome!

Club	Member	Sponsor
Elizabeth	Earl Arnhart	Tammy Puckett
Elizabeth	Deborah Schweitzer	Mark Gregory
Oakland City	Curt Beadle	Sue Leffler
Oakland City	Sheila Beadle	Curt Beadle



### Fallen Lions Reported in May 2020

Club	Member
Elberfeld	PDG Alvetta Wallace
Auburn	PIP Wayne Madden

## Care & Concerns:

Our thoughts and prayers are with those Lions and their family members or friends around the world that 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 Richard Dean  
 Lion Linda Madden

Lion Cindy DeHart  
 Lion Jaline Spurgeon  
 Lion Harry Martin  
 Lion Alma Graf  
 Lion John Davis  
 Lion Jim Lueking

Lion Dave Milby  
 Lion Bob Evans  
 Lion Kermit Flinn  
 Lion Bill Stoops  
 Lion Monica Clemens

Lion Joan Bode  
 Lion Betty Schoonmaker  
 PDG Paul Schoonmaker  
 Lion Betty Taylor  
 Lion Larry Hanson

## From the desk of the District's Global Service Team Chair IPDG Ron Edwards...

### YEAR'S END

I want to thank all our Club Leaders who have been faithful submitting their reports on Service and Membership. As I have stated numerous times, their reports are very important for the running and administration of our own District, Multi-district, and International Organizations. There are very GOOD reasons some clubs are not submitting reports. It is my commitment to assist and enhance ways for all our clubs to consistently submit these reports.

Knowing Lions Clubs International is dealing with the same restrictions for social distancing, gathering limitations, and stay at home guidelines for businesses. It is understandable their reporting of our submittals may be slower and perhaps less accurate. However, based on the LCI website, and my understanding, our District has a 62.3 % submittal for Membership Reporting for April. Service Activities we stand at 60.67 % submitting at least once this year. Also, ALL clubs have reported Officers for the coming year. Congratulations!

I also want to thank our Zone Chairs for their work involving visiting and communicating district information to their clubs. Without their support, our communication and support from the district to the clubs is extremely difficult.

Thank you for your service to your communities.

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## From the desk of the District's Diabetes Chair Lion Jo Hannah Edwards...

### Good News – Bad News

Hello Lions!

First, I want to thank every Lion for allowing me to share my experience and knowledge with you and representing our District in Diabetes for the past two years. If I have done properly, we have all learned.

The GOOD NEWS is according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) there has been an overall decrease in New Diabetes cases over the last decade. However, THE BAD NEWS is the percentage of the population living with diabetes has not materially changed. The older population group (over 65) has had fewer new cases, but the younger population group (18 to 64) still is rising. Overweight (insulin resistance), insufficient exercise and tobacco use are the three most common lifestyle forms associated with diabetes.

The most common form of diabetes is Type 2. According to findings of a major clinical trial announced by Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Tommy G. Thompson, at least 10 million Americans at high risk for type 2 diabetes can sharply lower their chances of getting the disease with proper diet and exercise.

Lifestyle intervention in the study involved reducing body weight by 7 percent through a low-fat diet and exercising two and a half hours per week. Exercise included any moderate activity as exercise-walking, aerobics, riding a bicycle, weight training and even yard work. Remember the old adage: you are what you eat. Avoid eating processed foods, including refined wheat products (breads, pastas, baked goods, etc.) and fatty foods. Follow these tips to reduce the likelihood of developing type 2 diabetes:

- Achieve and maintain your healthy body weight.
- Eat a high fiber diet (30 grams per day).
- Eliminate (minimize) sugar.
- Eliminate saturated fat.
- Eliminate refined foods (use fresh fruits and vegetables).
- Use peanut butter on fruit and vegetables for snacks and use mixed fruit for deserts.
- Make your plate colorful (green leafy veggies, red tomatoes, orange pumpkin, reduce white foods).
- Exercise every day.
- Don't use tobacco.

As this is my last article, I pray for your good health, and happiness and as always, thank you for your service to fellow Lions and your communities.

Lion Jo Hannah Edwards  
Diabetes Awareness Coordinator 25-E



## North American Membership Initiative (NAMI)

NAMI is a grassroots effort to increase the number of new clubs and members, and to retain those we already have. LCI wants us to pull ourselves up by our own bootstraps, by thinking outside the box. All ideas from the clubs should be considered. District 25E and the North American Constitutional Area has been losing clubs and members at a frightening rate for the last 20+ years.

NAMI is a plan to turn that around. District 25E is participating in NAMI. We figure, if we don't change, things will continue to go downhill. What do we have to lose? There will be a short NAMI organizational meeting right after the District picnic in June. There will be a District NAMI meeting right after the District wide meeting on 25 July at 1:00 PM in Stinesville. At that meeting, we need at least one representative from every club in the District. We need your input at that meeting. This will guide our District's growth efforts for the next 3-5 years. If you ever want to make a difference, this is it. I hope we have representation from all around the District. Request for RSVPs will go out soon.

DGE Kenny Williams



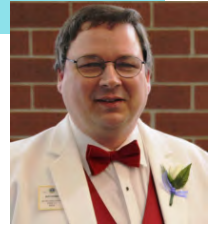
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### Notice to All Lions:

Due to the COVID-19 precautions and the cancellation of the Indiana Lions State Convention, the Special Olympics Committee – Lion Ring Raffle, will be postponed until October 17<sup>th</sup>. The drawing will take place at the conclusion of the Indiana Lions Council Meeting.

We appreciate everyone's support and patience in these unprecedented times. To purchase tickets, call or email your Special Olympics District Chairperson or direct to me.

Thank you.  
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## From the desk of the Global Leadership Chair ...PCC Keith Thomas

Hello Lions!

As you know in our current time of crisis, we have no idea when we will be able to offer in person training.

As such, we are encouraging all incoming officers (new or repeat) to review their respective club officer e-book as we have to do something.

The e-books for the President, Secretary and Treasurer positions are located on our website at [www.lions25e.org](http://www.lions25e.org).

After reviewing, please let me or DGE Kenny know you have reviewed the information, any questions regarding the information you may have, and if you found this useful or not.

Please stay safe and healthy in the meantime and remember, ***Lions Can Do It.***

CS PCC Keith Thomas

### **Bedford Noon Lions Celebrates 20 Years of Service**

*By Lion Rita Kersh*

A ground-breaking event happened on June 10, 2000 when a group of Lions chartered the Bedford Noon Lions Club. The new club began because there were women in the Bedford area who wanted to become Lions and at that time women were not allowed as members in the Bedford Lions Club. This issue prompted a few dedicated Lions to step in and help get the new club off to a good start.

Thanks to Lion Rex Waters, President of the Brown County Lions for sponsoring the club, along with the efforts of Lions Bill Himebaugh and Walt Fishel, our club exist today.

The Bedford Noon Lions voted to meet on Wednesdays at lunch time to accommodate those who had jobs and those who lived outside of Bedford.

The charter members were: Cindy Godsey, Bill Stricker, Barbara Spencer, LaShona Donica, Timothy A. Magnus, Jason Jackson \*, Renita Canfield, Vivian Fishel\*, Susan McCauley, Kathleen M. Elliott, Judy Clifton, William R. Himebaugh, Virginia (Ginny) Eggers\*, Eleanor Himebaugh, Margaret Roberts, Linda Allbright, Stephen Gault, Michael S. Lewis, Thomas Lasko, Catherine Payne, and Teddy J Eggers. (\* depicts those who are still members of the Bedford Noon Lions)

Throughout the last 20 years the Noon Lions family have lost members for various reasons, but we have a great group of Lions now who are ready to serve our community.

We meet every Wednesday at noon at the American Legion at 515 X St. in Bedford and welcome guests to any of our meetings. Since our club meets every Wednesday, we have several speakers visit to talk about a wide variety of topics. We can be found on Face book and post updates and our monthly calendar for anyone interested.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic we had to suspend our annual spaghetti dinner, but starting in October we'll be taking orders for fresh Christmas wreaths, swags and garlands, which is one of our primary fund raisers.

For more information about the Bedford Noon Lions club, contact Lion Rita at 812-278-3038 or hoosierita60@gmail.com.

## From the desk of the Long-Range Planning Chair ...Lion Erica Thomas

Hello Lions All!

Keith and I just finished joining in on another virtual Lions symposium. Lots of great ideas.

- Each new day provides opportunities to do better things
- The following demographics are the population breakdown by generations. This is important to pay attention to for several different things during the symposium
 

Silent Generation born before 1945	76 years and older
Baby Boomers 1945-1964	56 to 76 years
Generation X 1965-1979	41 to 55 years
Generation Y (Millennials) 1980-1994	26 to 40 years
Generation Z 1995-2015	5 to 25 years
- The median age of the world is 30.4 years old
- In the last year Leos (based on service activity reports) served almost 3 million people with 37,500 service activities.
- What opportunities are clubs offering that are appealing for each of the above generations?
- Canada offered their 1<sup>st</sup> young Lions retreat March 22-24, 2019. They picked that weekend because it was between mid-terms and final exams with the focus on attendees' college age students and young professional
  - Friday evening – meet and greet, opening ceremonies, games, karaoke and food
  - Saturday morning workshops – how young folks can affect change and importance for leadership
  - Saturday afternoon – blanket service project (made 30) for Ronald McDonald house and speaker from there as well
  - Saturday evening – Career panel and Q&A tables where 1 professional per table and attendees switched tables every 5-7 minutes then more food and games.
  - Sunday closing ceremonies and someone about opportunities available throughout Lions organization

Cost was only \$125 for the whole weekend including hotel but not travel many sponsors made it possible encourage planning committee to start as early as possible. Use district governors, past district governors, past international directors, and zone chairs and club visits to advertise.

Need speakers no more than 10 years older than target population focus on advancement in Lionism as well
- Lions do not dictate to Lions what that can do or takeover their projects, rather ask how can provide support. Wouldn't it be great to see Lions assisting in Leo events?
- Taking service forward Leo to Lions program. There is a gap where not all Leos are becoming Lions. How do we fix that leak?
  - Create a Leo panel that participates in district meetings. Needs to be reporting at Leos as they graduate and follow up tracking where they are going and assist them to find nearby Lions Clubs to continue service
  - There is a Leo/Lion Service Journey Questionnaire
  - Need more Leo to Lion Advisors
  - Leo advisors training module is available
  - There are several types of clubs to transition to after Leos
    1. Campus
    2. Leo Lion
    3. Specialty
    4. Virtual
    5. Branch (Yes, there is a cyber Leo/Lion branch club)

Need to provide more education/training/succession planning at Leo level



# From the desk of the Long-Range Planning Chair ...Lion Erica Thomas (Continued)

- Service in the New Normal  
How we recruit / get new members / keep members as struggle with dues can be challenging  
Several service opportunities currently available  
Nursing home support  
Hand sanitizer deliveries  
Toys for kids to local food banks  
Community gardens  
Kindness rocks project. Paint rocks with Kindness Matters messages and leave on/take one/share one in the community  
District Lions Day of Service (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in May)  
Plastic bags to benches recycling project  
Kindness Matters Sidewalk Chalk designs
- Since many clubs fundraisers have been cancelled reducing funds for service, several clubs have tried other fund raising opportunities. Some clubs put out appeals to their communities that they need help financially in order to provide needed services. Other have tried online store donation to services using pay-pal or square to make donation to specific services like buying eyeglasses for needy purchasing dictionaries for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, supplies for animal shelter, toys for kids, etc.
- Kope Cyber Chats, 360 strategy partnering with the DEA, drug prevention advocated focusing on youth leaders provide Red Ribbon Week Resources, Safe Spaces and opportunities to connect and create with others. [kopecyber@gmail.com](mailto:kopecyber@gmail.com) to request information on how to bring cyber chat groups to local community to create Voices of Today and Virtual Youth Town Hall meetings. Your community can use what's already been created, Lions Quest can occur in community youth group settings ages K-6 grade. They have proven good partnerships with drug prevention programs.
- Engaging the Next Generation of Volunteers  
Do not interfere with young Lions new ideas and ways to do things.  
Symposium poll of attendee ages

6%	under 45
28%	46-60
54%	61-75
12%	over 75

While the ages of the generations talked about at the beginning of symposium may be the same, what happened in the early years of each generation vary greatly depending on where in the world you were born.

When looking for volunteers, need to know **Who is your target audience?** How do you know what techniques to use if you don't know what age of volunteer you are focusing on?

Millennials are the 1<sup>st</sup> generation where their entire lives have included things globally and totally immersed in technology, generally their lives are times of expansion. 1<sup>st</sup> time (pandemic) they have lived thru hard times.

They are the 1<sup>st</sup> generation whose entire lives are scheduled. They have helicopter parents. They are very civic minded and think about things globally. They have street smarts and for them things need to happen now.

So your club is looking for others to partner, share, and serve with, What's Next?

It's time to analyze your club

What does your club have to offer?

Within the club what are "Strengths" and "Weakness"?

Outside the club what do others perceive are the clubs "Opportunities" and "Threats or Challenges"?

Is the club digitalized and current?

Then invite some young non-Lions to give their observations about your club. Listen and learn only, do not be defensive!

# From the desk of the Long-Range Planning Chair ...Lion Erica Thomas (Continued)

Then it is time to plan for and market to the next generation. Preparation and Implementation both require the message the club is trying to relay such as “Fun Servicing” or “Being a Lion builds your Resume”.

Then the club needs to figure out the method of getting message out.

Measurement – how well is the message being received / presented.

Different methods / focuses are needed when recruiting different generations

Millennials – want to work with other great innovative people, use social media for connecting, and are rewarded with the experience of the event / that what they did was something meaningful.

GenX’ers – it’s really important to do your club your way, use phones for connection and are rewarded with the knowledge that they have the freedom to do that service / event.

Baby Boomers want to know they are needed, connect / communicate in person is best, are best rewarded with titles and recognitions.

- Attendees under 40 were polled about values
  - 65% valued service opportunities
  - 30% valued learning opportunities and development
  - 0% valued networking opportunities
  - 5% valued Fellowship opportunities
- Now is the time to focus on diversity – like minded individuals who with kindness want to serve.
- Need to be sharing with the young, generational learning
- In regard to meetings you need to meet Lions where they are technically. That may mean meeting in person with 2 or 3 traditional Lions and using technology to join virtually the rest of the group.
- New retirees might be the best opportunities to share Lions Quest in the community

Final thought for the symposium:

“Having kindness and respect for others will provide opportunities to serve with diversity”.

As the District’s NAMI Champion (North American Membership Initiative), I have also included a brochure template and 100 service ideas in the newsletter to help get clubs jump started into planning and serving again. If you need help figuring out how to adapt projects and events for our current times, please contact me or the district team.

Until we meet again.

With Blessings and Kindness,

Lion Erica

# One Hundred Service Ideas



## Diabetes

1. Organize a "Strides: Lions for Diabetes Awareness" event.
2. Organize a community support group for parents of children with diabetes.
3. Volunteer to serve at a children's diabetes camp.
4. Invite a healthcare professional to speak about diabetes at your club or district meeting.
5. Partner with local healthcare providers to organize diabetes & vision screenings.
6. Distribute educational resources to increase diabetes awareness at a community health fair.
7. Organize a walking club for seniors with diabetes.
8. Provide a diabetes magazine subscription to your local library.
9. Sponsor a child in need to attend diabetes camp.
10. Donate diabetes books to your library with a bookplate to identify your club's donation.
11. Work with your local school to invite a health care professional to speak about diabetes.
12. Post monthly articles about diabetes on your club or district website.
13. Promote diabetes prevention through a radio public service announcement.
14. Sponsor a healthy cooking demonstration for people with diabetes.
15. Organize a school or community vegetable garden to encourage healthy eating.
16. Work with a community podiatrist or foot care specialist to provide foot screenings.
17. Partner with your local diabetes organization to offer programs & materials.
18. Promote community resources and online materials from LCI partners NDEP, DECA & IDF.
19. Promote the importance of an annual dilated eye exam to detect diabetic eye disease.
20. Provide educational materials to schools & physician offices.



## Environment

21. Plant trees with the advice of a local environment organization on the best locations and varieties.
22. Clean up a beach, community space or roadside area monthly as a club.
23. Hold an environment-themed photo contest at a school. Plant a tree or another green form of recognition to honor the winner.
24. Challenge all Lions in your club or district to add one green habit to their daily lives.

25. Recognize a local organization or community leader for environmental conservation work.
26. Volunteer with your local park service to maintain trails. Help more people access and enjoy nature!
27. Commit to "Meatless Mondays" or not eating meat one day each week.
28. Collect used cellphones and donate them to individuals in need.
29. Lead an after-school nature walk.
30. Survey homes and community areas for leaks in sinks, communal spigots or water fountains. Contact relevant officials for repairs.
31. Work with city officials to paint "no dumping" signs near road drainage areas.
32. Identify where to recycle toxic items and share the collection schedule.
33. Organize a mural competition to promote environmental awareness. Paint the mural in a prominent community location.
34. Implement a recycling drive where people donate gently-used items to charity organizations.
35. Develop a demonstration garden or landscaping plot using native plant species to restore the habitat and conserve water.
36. Sponsor a training program for farmers on how to make and use organic fertilizers and pesticides.
37. Produce a monthly nature program on a local public radio station.
38. Partner with a local carpenter to build rain barrels. Hold a training session with community members to promote using them for watering and irrigation.
39. Organize an alternative transportation incentive program to encourage walking, biking, public transportation and carpooling.
40. Establish a school garden and composting program to improve school meals & reduce waste.



## Hunger

41. Volunteer to deliver prepared meals to those who are elderly or visually impaired.
42. Organize a program at a local school to provide healthy, nutritious meals.
43. Prepare food baskets for families in need.
44. Volunteer at a soup kitchen or homeless shelter.
45. Take families in need shopping for fruits and vegetables.
46. Organize an event to benefit a food bank in your community; use cans of food as admission.
47. Hold a hunger walk and use proceeds to buy food for a children's center or a homeless shelter.
48. Create a cookbook of inexpensive, easy recipes.



## One Hundred Service Ideas



49. Create healthy snack packages to be distributed to children in need.
50. Partner with local restaurants or food markets to deliver donations to a shelter.
51. Start a food co-operative to serve as a resource for healthy food at a more affordable price.
52. Collect infant formula and baby food for an organization serving young mothers at risk.
53. Work with healthcare professionals to provide free classes on nutrition & food preparation.
54. Provide fruits and vegetables as a healthy snack for children in childcare facilities.
55. Provide transportation for those who are elderly or visually impaired so they can shop for food.
56. Teach children to bake a loaf of bread they can take home to their family.
57. Invite a local food bank representative to speak at a club or district meeting.
58. Provide needy children with backpacks supplied with food for when school is not in session.
59. Host a picnic or BBQ at a park for the community.
60. Establish a community vegetable garden where local residents can grow their own food.

## Vision

61. Organize a braille, large print and audio book collection to benefit a library or senior center.
62. Volunteer to create audio recordings of books & periodicals.
63. Work with local eye care professionals to provide community vision screenings.
64. Sponsor a World Sight Day event.
65. Sponsor visually impaired students through camps, contests or other activities.
66. Create a community arts program for children and adults who are blind or visually impaired.
67. Collaborate with an eye bank to promote the importance of corneal donations.
68. Develop a directory of community resources and services for those who are visually impaired.
69. Volunteer at a visual rehabilitation or vocational training center.
70. Organize an inclusive sporting event for children with and without visual impairment.
71. Host a fundraiser to purchase and donate white canes for those who are blind.
72. Work with local employers to develop an employee vision screening program.
73. Develop a discount voucher program with optical shops for underserved populations.
74. Design a transportation program for those who are blind or have low vision.

75. Host a "Beep Baseball" game or tournament.
76. Support a guide dog training program through fundraising or voluntary labor.
77. Develop an assistive technology library so people can access resources as their needs change.
78. Create a sensory garden that engages the senses of touch, smell, hearing & taste. Provide braille or audio recordings of signage.
79. Partner with a school for the blind to support assistive technology & maintenance needs.
80. Partner with an orientation and mobility specialist to provide ongoing support to teachers and employers of inclusive classrooms/workplaces.



## Childhood Cancer

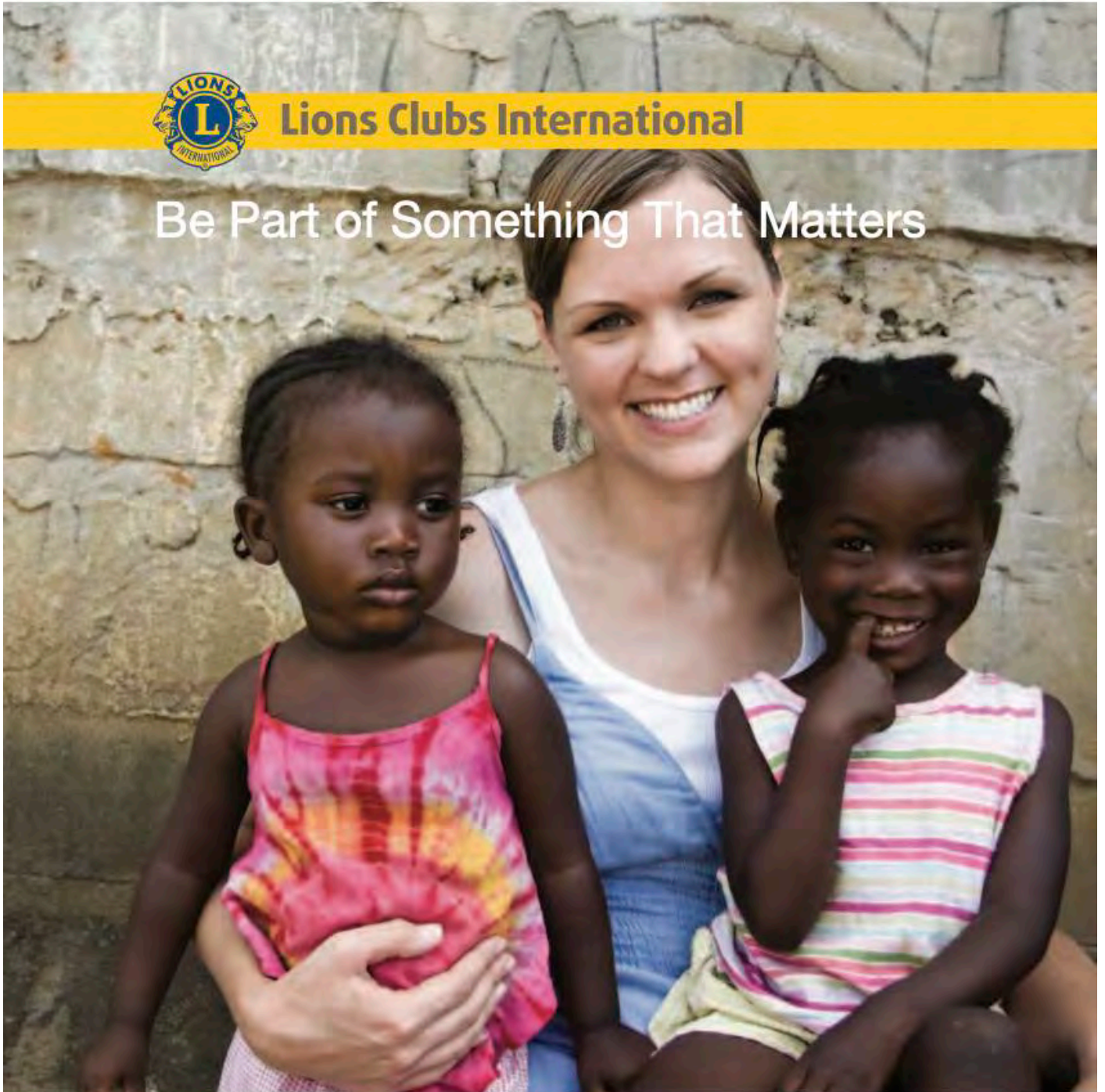
81. Provide craft materials, puzzles, books & games to children receiving treatment.
82. Prepare meals for families with children undergoing treatment.
83. Donate gas, parking & food gift cards to families in need or a childhood cancer center.
84. Provide cancer support books and magazines to your local school.
85. Write cards full of well-wishes and share them with a local cancer center.
86. Make or buy new hats, caps, head scarves and blankets to donate to children's cancer centers.
87. Coordinate travel arrangements to and from treatments for a family of a child with cancer.
88. Provide tutoring services to children with cancer and their siblings.
89. Organize a childhood cancer camp or sponsor a child to attend one.
90. Volunteer to assist a family in sharing their story through photography.
91. Sponsor an activity day for children with cancer.
92. Raise awareness through radio public service announcements or social media campaigns.
93. Provide children's entertainment at a hospital or treatment center for children with cancer.
94. Organize a weekend retreat for families with children in remission.
95. Remodel a children's cancer center.
96. Form a support group for those affected by childhood cancer.
97. Familiarize yourself with the bone marrow transplant registry.
98. Volunteer at a housing facility serving children with cancer.
99. Assist at camps for children with special needs.
100. Host a wellness and nutrition day advocating healthy living habits for young people.





**Lions Clubs International**

Be Part of Something That Matters





## **We are Lions**

Lions are hands-on individuals with more volunteers in more places than any other service organization in the world. We meet the needs of those in our own communities as well as around the world, and we have fun doing it.

## **We Serve**

Though Lions are well known for successful initiatives in vision health, Lions service is as diverse as our members. Lions participate in many projects ranging from building a park to beautify a community to providing victims of natural disasters with relief supplies.



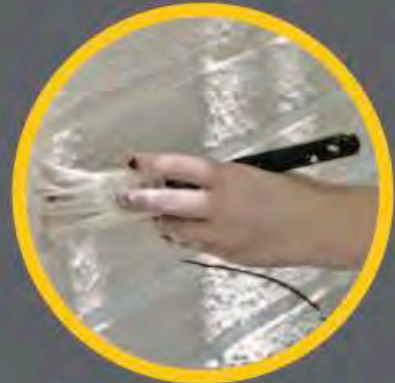
## Why Lions

Lions Clubs International offers a volunteer opportunity that fits your lifestyle. Whether you are looking to lend a helping hand, pursue a leadership role or attend club meetings online, Lions has an option for you.

Being a Lion allows you to help change lives, even if you do not have a lot of spare time. Most clubs meet twice a month, but some are flexible. You can commit as much time as you wish and as your schedule allows.

## For Just a Cup of Coffee

Lions give 100 percent of donations back to the community and cover all our costs through dues, about the cost of a cup of coffee per month.



## Why You Should Get Involved

As a Lion, you can use your time to make an impact locally and around the world. Through experience as a Lion, you will help people in need, develop new talents and network with fellow members.

## Why We Need You

We need the help of passionate members like you. By becoming a Lion, you can help us:

- Provide more hands for service
- Gain fresh ideas for service activities
- Spread enthusiasm for helping others
- Raise community awareness

**GIVE BACK**

## Palmyra Lions Club



Members of the Palmyra Lion's club placed American flags on the graves of veterans in the Palmyra Cemetery on Thursday, May 21. This is the second year the club has volunteered to do this task. Eight Lion's Club members and several guests spent a couple of hours doing this activity.

*-Photo Lion Jean Geswein*

## Wayne A Madden

### Past International President, Lions Club International

October 28, 1946 ~ May 30, 2020 (age 73)



### Obituary

Auburn – Wayne A Madden, 73, of Auburn died Saturday May 30, 2020 at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne. He was born October 28, 1946 in Auburn to Loren and Chris (Doub) Madden and they have both passed away. Wayne was a 1964 graduate of Auburn High School, earned his Bachelor's Degree from Manchester College in 1968 and received his Master's Degree in Business Education from Indiana University in 1973. He taught in the Peru Public School System and the DeKalb Eastern Public School System then changed careers and became an Insurance Agent for Prudential Insurance. In 1984 he opened the Wayne Madden Insurance Agency in Auburn and operated the agency until 2010. He was a former DeKalb County Councilman and was currently serving his 2nd term as an Auburn City Councilman. He was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church, Auburn Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Cedar Creek Shrine Club and the Shrine Corvette Club. In 1984 he joined the Auburn Lions Club and held many offices within the association including club president, district governor, state council chairperson, and International Director in 1999 - 2001. In 2010 he became an executive officer of Lions Club International (LCI) serving as President in 2012 – 2013 and as Chairperson of the LCI Foundation in 2013 - 2014. Lions Club International serves those in need in over 200 countries. As executive officer, he and his wife, Linda, traveled over 300 days a year to 94 countries tasked with furthering the mission of Lions around the world. During his Presidential year, Wayne and Linda introduced a literacy initiative called the Reading Action Program (RAP) which he was very proud of. In recognition of his service to the association, Past President Madden has received many awards, including the 100% Club President Award, four Extension Awards, an International President's Leadership Medal, nine International President's Medals and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is a Charter W.P. Woods Fellow, a Helen Keller Fellow and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. In 2008, he was recognized for his humanitarian service by the governor of Indiana as a Sagamore of the Wabash, the highest honor the governor can bestow. He enjoyed and was very proud of his work with the Lions Club and also enjoyed playing golf, IU Basketball, the Indy 500 which he attended from 1960 to the 100th running in 2016, missing only a few years while he was traveling with the Lions Club, driving his corvette and spending time with his family. Wayne married Linda Sebert on September 14, 1968 in the chapel on the campus of Manchester College and she survives. He is also survived by 2 daughters and son in laws, Jennifer and Michael O'Hear of Milwaukee, WI and Julia and Timothy Babcock of Bluffton; 5 grandchildren, Lauren O'Hear, Daniel O'Hear, Owen O'Hear, Miles Babcock and Max Babcock; 2 sisters and brother in laws, Diane and Roger Jernigan of Auburn and Debra and Greg Carnahan of Auburn. A private family service will be held with a celebration of Life service to be held at a later date. Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is assisting the family with arrangements.



## ***Past International President Wayne Madden***



### **Bedford Lions Club 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**



### **Seymour Lions Club 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**



### **Evansville Indiana Lions State Convention**

Cabinet Treasurer (CT) Richard Kaiser receiving a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship at the Indiana Lions State Convention in Evansville, Indiana (2017). Photo (left to right): IP Bob Corlew, CT Richard Kaiser, PIP Wayne Madden

*-Photo CS PCC Keith Thomas*

### **Fayetteville Lions Club 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Photo (left to right): PIP Wayne Madden, Lions Dwayne & Julie Terry (Fayetteville), Lion Lee Cuba (Bedford), ID Nick Xinopoulos

*-Photo CS PCC Keith Thomas*







2020 New Albany Lions Club  
Golf Scramble to Feed the Hungry

When: Friday, Sept. 11, 2020

Where: Chariot Run Golf Course  
Laconia, In

Time: Lunch at noon. Golf at 1:30

Single Player \$75    Team of four \$280    Hole Sponsor \$100

For more information call 502-403-7956.

Charities supported by the NA Lions Club

- Leader Dogs for the Blind    Lions Cancer Control Fund    Our Place
- FOP Cops for Kids    IN Lions Eye Bank    IN Lions Speech and Hearing
- IN School for the Blind and Visually Impaired    NAFC Schools Scholarships
- Visually Impaired Preschool    Christmas Fruit Baskets for the Blind

Make check payable to "New Albany Lions Club"

Mail to: Kenny Adams

1090 Chapel Creek Trail

New Albany, In 47150

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Please fill out and return this receipt:     Single     Team     Hole Sponsor

Total amount paid \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_



### Ever been hungry like a Lion?

The New Albany Lions Club has been able to support many worthy causes in our community and around the world through the generous support of our community. This year we are trying to extend our reach into helping to feed the hungry in our community. To do this we are holding our first NA Lions Club Golf Scramble “Hungry like a Lion” on September 11 at Chariot Run Golf Course in Laconia, IN. The money raised from this will be distributed to the organizations in our community who already work to help feed the hungry. Because of the Covid 19 virus this is even a bigger problem than when we first proposed having the scramble. Many families are having a difficult time choosing between keeping the heat and lights on and providing nourishing meals at home. Please help us help them and in doing so make our community better for all.

### How you can help:

You have several options in how you can help out:

1. Be a hole sponsor for \$100 and we will place a sign at one hole with your logo on it. If you have your own sign or materials for distributing we will display those at the scramble.
2. Contributing door prizes is another way you can support our efforts.
3. Sponsoring a team of four players for \$280 is also something you might choose to do.
4. Be a player for \$75.

Your involvement will help make a difference for our neighbors and help us to fulfill our motto of “We Serve”.

Thank you for your help.

New Albany Lions Club Golf Committee

Lion President Brian Brewer

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Lion Secretary Kenny Adams

812-246-6400

Lion Tail Twister John Silver

502-640-0051

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Louisville  
Kentucky

September 17-19, 2020

**SO Lions... let's SERVE in a way that makes  
the sunshine brighter every day!**

April 8, 2020

Fellow Lions:

The last month, and in all reality the next month, will be trying times for our families, friends and fellow Lions around the world. We hope this letter finds all our Lions families, safe and virus free. We most definitely pray for those families and Lions Club member(s) that are currently being affected by this virus, and for those that have been lost during these trying times.

These are times that none of us have ever experienced. We pray that this virus war will be won very soon. Keeping the faith, and working together as a Lions family, we know that, **"This too shall pass."**

In the last few weeks, we have contacted many Lions Clubs. During this time, we also encouraged those clubs to actively communicate with their members and hold meetings by means of various social media outlets. In response to our contact, many clubs are doing just that. In return, the communities those clubs serve are reaping the benefits in so many ways: assisting with food banks, delivering food and meals to those in need, donating funds for various causes, and staying closely connected with their neighbors. The result of these various random acts of kindness proves that the sun IS shining on Lions clubs around the world. Now, I challenge you and your club, DON'T let that sun grow dim.

**The Sun will be shining on Louisville, Kentucky, September 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>.**

At this time, we continue to move forward to bring Lions from the US and Canada together. This time of renewal, at the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will keep that sun shining bright.

To date, over 1,000 Lions have registered for the forum. Our hopes are that another couple thousand will register as well. Please remember, Early Bird Registration ends the last of May. After that time, a price increase, for registering for the forum, will be seen.

Our hopes are that this COVID-19 pandemic will pass, and this will be a time for Lions to re- unite: to share new ideas and take those ideas back to their clubs to keep that light shining bright for many communities across the US and Canada.



Indiana Lions  
[www.Facebook.com/IndianaLions](http://www.Facebook.com/IndianaLions)



**Louisville  
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**September 17-19, 2020**

By the time of the forum, many Lions will have cabin fever and will need to get away. What a better way to get away, to see brighter skies, see old friends, and meet new friends at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville, Kentucky!

As many of you know by now, many Lions were planning to attend our International Convention in Singapore. However, due to the current pandemic, that convention will not be taking place. Therefore, now that that convention isn't taking place, we hope that you will make reservations to attend the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville, Kentucky.

In order for this forum to be of the highest quality for all attendees, the Planning Committee and the Host Committee have spent many, tireless hours together planning this event. The forum will have many informative, motivated seminars/classes that we can use to make our local clubs, zones, districts and states stronger than they have ever been in Lionism! The forum will include quality entertainment, exhibitors and displays, along with great food, fun and fellowship! There will also be a community service project (in which you can actively participate), a Strides Walk for diabetes awareness, Lions University Graduation, a Leo day, and much, much more! All we need is **YOU**, to make the sun continue to shine bright on Lions in the US and Canada.

Not only will the leadership forum be useful for you, but Louisville, Kentucky has so much to offer; great restaurants, shopping, museums, Bourbon tours and tastings, just to name a few. You can also visit Churchill Downs where our Kentucky Derby is held each year. Just down the street, from the Convention Center, you can visit the Louisville Slugger Museum, where the world's best baseball bats are manufactured. While there, you can also tour the museum and shop to personalize and purchase your own bat to take back home with you. In fact, Louisville was voted one of the top 10 destinations to visit in 2018 -2019 (by Forbes Magazine)!

We know that this pandemic is active. However, we pray that by September it will totally be behind us; and we look forward to seeing you in Louisville. To register, for the forum, go to [www.lionsforum.org](http://www.lionsforum.org) or call 605-723-4007. Don't forget the early bird special (before May 30<sup>th</sup>).

Together Lions...we CAN get through this pandemic!  
Together Lions...we CAN keep the sun shining bright in our clubs and local communities!  
Together Lions we CAN change the world!

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