



District 25E Newsletter

Southwest Indiana Lions Serving 22 Counties!



MARCH 2024

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"Running from Leprechauns!"

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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,

Are you getting ready for March Madness? As lions we should be getting ready for outdoors activities. It could be cleaning the side of the highway in your town or city. But I really hope to see many of you at the Spring Convention. The team has been working hard to make this a fun and different convention. We will start out with a Diabetes Walk to get our blood flowing and here about the latest updates from our projects and LCI and LCIF and the State. We will have a nice lunch and awards to hand out. We are also doing a service project this year, so remember to bring those items that were outlined in last months newsletter. Please let Lion Ceal Schulz (cealshulz@sbcglobal.net) know of lions who need our prayers and those who have fallen so we can remember them. It is not too late to get registered. We have several amendments to vote on in the district. We need a quorum of clubs for voting.

Membership is down for the first time this year. We are down 10 lions below the start of July. This is do able. Our District can do that plus on membership. Our clubs are meeting the challenges of membership. Nothing good is easily done. We are Lions and watch us ROAR!

New club officers, please turn those in. If you are having trouble, email me or PID Linda Tinchler for help. Something I ask each club to consider also is a Club Membership Chair and a LCIF Coordinator. The membership chair can help retain members that may be thinking about leaving and help the clubs grow. The LCIF Coordinator will work with Lion Debbie Ellis and there are grants available that they may qualify for.

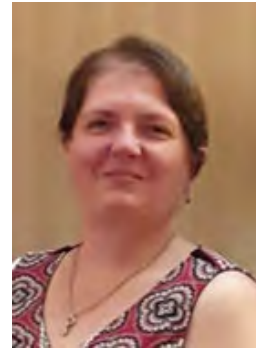
Vision Screening, we should all be doing this. We have equipment all over the district. There are 10 vision screeners and something like 7 optic 5000 over on the southeast side of our district that need used. Reach out to Georgetown Lions Club (www.georgetownindianalionsclub.org).

I have 10 clubs that have not let me know when I can make an official visit. March is open and April is also. I would like to have these done by the end of April. March 12th is the only confirmed date so far. Email me or call, lionlenggeorges@gmail.com or 812-746-2140 is my cell phone. I will be calling your club to arrange those meetings. Lets finish this year off with a plus in membership and show the state and International that **DISTRICT E** is very much alive and well. You can do it! We have great Lions in our District.

Yours in service,

Glen M Georges

From the desk of 1st Vice District Governor Erica Thomas



Are you ready for Change? I don't mean the change you get from spending a dollar! We are getting closer to the time for district goal planning. Don't be surprised if your name is on my list of Lions to call for input and help. Our district is full of folks with lots of energy and a variety of skills. I am building on the goals Governor Glen set before his year of leadership began. At the Spring Convention we will be fleshing out those goals and creating action plans to help us know where we are going and how to get there. The goals will include how

1. District E and the clubs in this great district will help Lions International reach the Mission 1.5 million membership goal
2. To increase the impact District E, its clubs and individual Lions have on the world with contributions to Lions Club International Foundation
3. Increase the opportunities for different service projects, choosing from the eight global causes of childhood cancer, diabetes, disaster relief, environment, humanitarian, hunger, vision, and youth
4. District E will continue to develop leadership involvement with continuing education and learning events.

If you are passionate about any of these items, have an innovative idea you would like the district to try in relation to anything above, or think of a way to reach any of these goals, I want to see you Saturday, March 23rd at the Gastoff at the end of Governor Glen's Convention. I need your help because I cannot do this without you.

As our district continues to grow and change, I want to make sure that as many Lions as possible receive the newsletters and other communications that are sent out throughout the year, so I am asking the club Secretaries, Treasurers, and Presidents to go through their membership list updating contact information. Governor Glen and I would like this to be completed by the end of this Lions fiscal year, June 30th. I would like to have this information updated in My LCI or sent to Governor Glen's or my email by July 5th so that it is available to the district membership chairs at the July 6th district meeting.

Our world is changing more quickly than it ever has. If we aren't changing, we will be left behind causing confusion, resistance, fear and anxiety, frustration, and regression. Maybe we are already there. Our district team is right here ready to help. Together We Can Change the World one club and need at a time.

Be the Change You Want to See,

NDG Erica Thomas

From the random thoughts of Editor PCC Keith Thoms



Hello Lions!

Glen mentioned March Madness in his article. The last few months of the Lions year is kind of like the lead up to March Madness. In basketball, all the teams are working hard to prepare for the tournament and the start preparations for the next season. In Lions, the clubs should be busy doing their spring projects so they can finish the year strong. The clubs are also preparing for the next year, electing officers, attending Lions continuing education sessions, and recruiting new members.

The stronger the club, the easier it is to prepare for the next year, just like an excellent sports team. Good players want to play for great coaches, good drivers want to drive for the top teams, and community minded residents want to work with strong clubs where they help make a difference in their community.

So the question is, How do make our club strong so people want to join us? Rotate officers either every year or every other year to keep the leadership fresh. Club members attend Lions continuing educations sessions when they can. Attend district and multi-district conventions to support their Lions leaders and bring new ideas and projects back to their clubs.

This works at the district level as well. First Vice District Governor Erica is currently at the Q-Center in St. Charles preparing to be our District Governor next year. She is starting to assemble her team to support the clubs in the quest to serve their communities. If you want to be a part of her team, please reach out to Erica at ericadthomas@yahoo.com Let her know how you think you can help continue to strengthen the district and Lions thru out the world.

Until next month, Racing to Serve,

PCC Keith Thomas



Past District Governor Corner

This month featuring

Past District Governor

Trea McCandless



Dear Lions,

I owe all of you a big thank you. You are probably saying why. As most of you know I lost my husband Lawrence "Buster" McCandless back in December of 2015. Then in July of 2016 I went in as District Governor. It was a very rough time for me. What most of you probably don't know is what happened in the next 14 months. In November of 2016 I lost a great granddaughter then in July of 2017 I lost my father and 23 days later my mother died. In September my son in law died.

I did not think I could get through it. The Bible says God won't put on you any more than you can bear. He has more confidence in me than I do.

My Lion family came to my rescue. I could not have made it if not for all of you. The prayers, cards, kind words, love and support came just as I needed it.

It is surprising when you join a club you are thinking of what you can do for your community. I found out what your club and fellow Lions can do for you.

Sometimes we may never know what we do for other people. I just wanted to take the time to tell you all what you have done for me.

So here is my big THANK YOU!

May God Bless all of you.

PDG Trea McCandless



Pershing Township Lions Club president, Lion Sharon Yost, presents a check to cover installation of a lighting system around a recently constructed landing pad for medical helicopters.

Receiving the check are Joe McDermid, Vice President of Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department and Doyle Lyon, representative from Pershing Township Advisory Board. Pershing Township Lions Club was also a major contributor to the construction of the landing pad.



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 25E SPRING CONVENTION

Meal Registration Form



March 22, 2024

Friday Night International Director Jay Moughon Welcome Dinner

Dinner Friday night will be Baked Fish, Meat Loaf, California Blend Vegetables, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, & Tossed Salad. The cost for Friday night's meal will be \$25.00 per person.

March 23, 2024

Saturday Lunch will be Roast Turkey, Smoked Pork Loin, Baked Beans, Garlic Parmesan Red Potato, Homemade Dressing, & Tossed Salad. The cost will be \$30.00 per person.

*Both meals include homemade, Bread, Apple Butter, Peanut Butter, & Butter.
Desserts of Assorted cookies & cupcakes.*

Person 1 Name

First Last Title

Person 2 Name

First Last Title

Address

Street City State Zip

Club:

Attending: In-Person or Virtually (Circle One)

Phone:

Email:

Friday Evening "Meet the ID" Dinner # Attending: x\$25

Saturday Lunch # Attending: x\$30

Total Enclosed

Special Dietary Needs:

Make checks payable to: District 25E Lions and mail to Cabinet Treasurer Debbie Ellis, 8262 Center Road, Sullivan, IN 47882. For questions call DG Glen Georges at (812) 746-2140 or CS Christy Nolan at (812) 569-1868.

For those attending virtually, a link will be provided to the email listed above.



District Events & Calendar



March 12	Official Visit to Sandborn Lions
March 16	Mt. Olympus Lions Fish Fry at the Mt. Olympus Gym
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.



**It is not too early to
Save the Date!!**

**September 5-7, 2024
Louisville, Kentucky**

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

New Lions In February

Welcome to Lions!

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Daniel Humphrey Steven Chestnut	Georgetown Lions Odon Lions	Kasandra Ramsey Bryan Porter



Fallen Lions of District 25E



Lion Gene Essick

Chandler Lions

19.5 years of service



Prayer List for District 25E



Lions in need of Prayers

Lion Jack Voightschild	PDG Vern Tincher	Lion Jaline Spurgeon
Lion Charlie Placke	PDG John Ferry	PCC Scott Smith (25D)
PDG Myrna Thompson	Lion Ed Hitchcock	PDG Cindy Wright (25D)
PDG Ron Edwards	Lion Johannah Edwards	Lion Jeff Cooper

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				

Donations Needed For District 25E Service Project

**March
23**



Thermometers

**Dosage Syringe or
Dosage Pacifier**

**Baby Manicure
Set**

Diaper Bags

Pull ups Size 4-7



**Monetary donations accepted
for large items**

**More
Information**

**LION CHRISTY NOLAN
812-569-1868**



Above Left: DG Glen Georges presents chevrons to IPDG Don and Lion Sue Russ

Above Right: Lion Bill Schulz thanks DG Glen Georges for his presentation and visitation

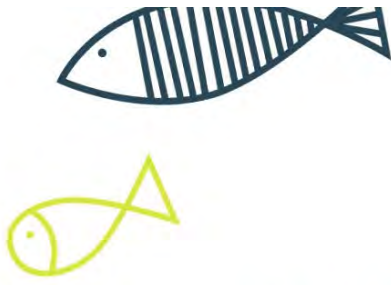
Right: DG Glen Georges presents chevrons to Lion Bob McDaniel



Left: The replacement P47 historic marker for the sign that was stolen. The new sign is located at the Evansville Wartime Museum.

Below: Location of the sign at the Evansville Wartime Museum





2024 Fish Fry

SPONSORED BY: MT. OLYMPUS LIONS CLUB
& MT. OLYMPUS COMMUNITY CENTER

SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH, 2024
4-7 PM CST
MT. OLYMPUS GYM

ADULTS	\$12
CHILDREN AGES 7-12	\$6
CHILDREN UNDER 6	FREE

*MEAL INCLUDES: FISH, BAKED BEANS,
POTATO SALAD, DESSERT & DRINK*



The Oakland City Lions are having their annual Sweet Corn Festival August 8, 9, 10, 2024 at Wirth Park in Oakland City Indiana. We are booking craft vendors and food trucks. We are also selling ads for our booklet. The ad prices are full page (5"x8") \$150.00 – ½ page (4"x5") \$125.00 and business card size \$100.00. Contact Lion Sue Leffler @ 812-677-0728 or DG Glen Georges 812-746-2140 for more information.

Tickets are 3 for \$5.00.

S.O. Polar Plunge Large Dry Bag, S.O. Sling bag, Insulated Tumbler & Water Bottle, S.O Winter Games Scarfs, S.O. Gray Fleece Blankets, S.O. Snack Basket, Wayne Convention Bureau Blanket. S.O. Picnic Blanket, S.O. Fleece Bath Robe, Polar Plunge tee's- size large, Additional Items will be added up to the day of drawing.

See any S.O. Committee Member or contact Bill McDonald 812-689-6699 or
lionmcdonald53@gmail.com

With these amendments being voting on in March, we are including these again. This year the Constitution and Bylaws Committee has 5 Amendments to be voted on this year at the Spring Convention in March. Please review before the Convention. If you have any questions, please send them to me at kthomas@threeidesign.com and I will forward them to the committee.

Amendment #1

To amend ARTICLE IV of the 25E Constitution

Reason: At the 2023 Lions Clubs International Convention, an amendment was adopted to the Bylaws. It defines that “discounted members” (those paying less than full international dues) do not count in the delegate formula for clubs at a convention.

NEW- ARTICLE IV, Section 6. Discounted members is a member who does not pay full dues. Lions Clubs International defines a discounted member to be a “member on the family plan paying discounted dues, Leo Lions, student member or young adult member.” Discounted members can be sent as a delegate to a convention to cast a vote at an election.

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Amendment #2

To Amend ARTICLE V Section 2 D of the Constitution

ARTICLE V Section 2 D. now reads: All District records shall be turned over to the new District Governor within ten (10) days following the International Convention, except the PU-101 forms which shall be forwarded as received. This shall include an audited report of any LCIF Disaster Relief Fund received by the District during the year of the outgoing Governor.

Amend ARTICLE V Section 2.

D. All District records shall be turned over to the new District Governor within ten (10) days following the International Convention, except the ~~PU-101 forms~~ **Officer Reporting Forms (formerly the PU-101)** which shall be forwarded as received. This shall include an audited report of any LCIF Disaster Relief Fund received by the District during the year of the outgoing Governor.

Reason for change: Lions Club International changed the name of the form to submit new officers of the District.

Amendment #3

Amend ARTICLE VI Section 1 of the Constitution

ARTICLE VI Section 1 now reads: Section 1. Multiple District Projects each having three (3) elected representatives with staggered terms of office are: Cancer Control, Eye Bank, Leader Dog, Speech and Hearing, Indiana Lions Foundation and Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Amend ARTICLE VI District Projects having three (3) elected representatives with staggered terms of office are: Cancer Control, ~~Eye Bank~~ **Vision First (formerly Eye Bank)**, Leader Dog, Speech and Hearing, Indiana Lions Foundation, and Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Reason for the change: The new name for the Eye Bank is VISON FIRST.

Amendment #4

Amend ARTICLE VIII Section 1 of the Constitution

ARTICLE VIII Section 1 now reads:

Section 1. General Administration: The District is subject to the annual Administration Fund per capita “dues” established by the Lions of Indiana Multiple District 25 collected in advance from each club in two (2) semiannual payments to the District Cabinet Secretary. The first payment shall be no later than September 10 of each year, and the second payment shall be no later than March 15 each year. Dues shall be based on the number of members on the roster of each club as indicated on the roster of each club as indicated on the June and December Monthly Membership Report (MMR) of each club.

Newly chartered clubs and reorganized clubs will be exempt from club dues for 6 months.

The distribution of dues assessed shall be in accordance with the Constitution of Multiple District 25. Disbursement in the sub district shall be by check drawn and signed by the Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer, or by the District Governor. A minimum of two (2) signatures shall be required on all disbursements.

Amend ARTICLE VIII Section 1.

Section 1. General Administration Dues: The District is subject to the annual Administration Fund per capita dues established by the Lions of Indiana Multiple District 25 collected in advance from each club in two (2) semiannual payments to the District Cabinet Secretary. ~~The first~~ **Both** payments shall be ~~no later than September 10 of each year, and the second payment shall be no later than March 15 each year.~~ **due upon receipt of billing.**

Dues shall be based on the number of members on the roster of each club ~~as indicated on the roster of each club~~ as indicated on the June and December Monthly Membership Report (MMR) of each club.

The Multiple District 25 annual Administration Fund per capita dues shall be \$16.00 collected from each club in advance in two (2) semiannual payments. Each payment to the District Secretary shall be \$8.00 per club member. The District shall keep \$1.00 per member of each semiannual payment and then submit \$7.00 per member to the State Comptroller.

Newly chartered clubs and reorganized clubs will be exempt from club and state dues for ~~6 months~~ **the one half year the club was chartered or reorganized.**

The ~~distribution~~ **amount** of dues assessed shall be in accordance with the Constitution ~~/Bylaws~~ of Multiple District 25. Disbursement in the sub-district shall be by check drawn and signed by the Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer, or ~~by the District Governor. A minimum of two (2) signatures shall be required on all~~ disbursements

Reason: Lions Clubs International and MD 25 expects the dues to be paid upon receipt of billing. This also explains the amount of administrative dues paid to Multiple District 25. The Cabinet Treasurer is audited annually to insure dues are spent properly.

Amendment #5

Amend ARTICLE VIII BY Deleting Section 4 of the Constitution

Amend ARTICLE VIII By deleting Section 4 and re-numbering the remaining sections of ARTICLE VIII.

~~Section 4. District Committee Operating Fund: The Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer shall bill each Lions Club of the District, twenty five cents (\$.25) per member on the first billing remitted to the Cabinet Secretary. This fund shall be made to the District Chairpersons for expenses incurred. The District Governor and his Cabinet will authorize any payments. Any balance in excess of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) shall be disbursed at the discretion of the Cabinet.~~

Reason for the amendment: By eliminating the twenty-five cents (\$.25) fee, dues for the clubs of the district shall be the same for each half. The fund isn't necessary since the District has a large carryover balance.