



Newsletter



May 2022

Southwest Indiana Lions

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We Serve

NOW ON STAGE

District Governor

Lee Cuba



Act 3 scene 5. The DG's visits this month were to Palmyra, Lynnville, Stinesville, Sandborn, Francisco, Brown County, New Middletown and Ireland. The DG still has two clubs to schedule for an official visit. Central and Mt Vernon, please get in touch. From what I can tell, all clubs are meeting in person. Lynnville met for the first time this year just in time for the visit. Some clubs have done drive-through instead of sit-down fundraisers and service projects but now are going back to sit-down versions. Wow, this is great news for the communities in the district. This keeps Lions visible in our communities.

Scene 6. Some clubs visited have experienced minor conflict and turmoil. It was noted that if they followed Robert's Rules of Order, all of the conflict and turmoil in these situations would have been avoided. In these circumstances, one, two, or a small group tried to dictate how the club was to function. With Robert's Rules, the majority of the members control the function of a club. Yes, small groups can recommend the direction of a club but it still takes the approval of the majority of the members for that direction. Keep your club running smoothly, follow Robert's Rules of Order. There are many sources online. Here is a link to a simplified one:

https://assembly.cornell.edu/sites/default/files/roberts_rules_simplified.pdf

Scene 7, The next big district function is the district picnic, June 18, at Boggs Lake. Camping is optional. Please be prepared to bring a covered dish. The DG will be smoking the meats. See the calendar of this newsletter for more info.

Scene 8. Your clubs can start scheduling a visit from DGE Don Russ so don't wait. Get an early date.

Lee Cuba

DG 25E, 2021-2022

"Serve outside the box"

Upcoming Events *(all times are local time at that location)*

Date	Event	Time / Location	Contact
5 May 2022	Pershing Township Lions Club, DG Official Visit	6p	DG Lee Cuba, 812-583-2875
9 May 2022	Tennyson Lions Club, DG Official Visit		DG Lee Cuba, 812-583-2875
12 May 2022	Boonville Lions Club, DG Official Visit	7p	DG Lee Cuba, 812-583-2875
16 May 2022	Elberfield Lions Club, DG Official Visit	7p	DG Lee Cuba, 812-583-2875
17 May 2022	Corydon Lions Club, DG Official Visit	6p	DG Lee Cuba, 812-583-2875
23 May 2022	Martinsburg Lions Club, DG Official Visit	6:30p	DG Lee Cuba, 812-583-2875
24 May 2022	Fredricksburg Lions Club, DG Official Visit	7p	DG Lee Cuba, 812-583-2875
2 Jun 2022	Hardinsburg Lions Club, DG Official Visit		DG Lee Cuba, 812-583-2875
7 Jun 2022	Worthington Lions Club, DG Official Visit	7:30p	DG Lee Cuba, 812-583-2875
9 Jun 2022	New Salisbury Lions Club, DG Official Visit	6:30p	DG Lee Cuba, 812-583-2875
18 Jun 2022	4 th Cabinet Meeting & District Picnic	11a / Dogwood Shelter, West Boggs Park	

Club Anniversaries!

Club	Charter	Age (yrs.)
Bedford Noon	1 May 2000	22
Ellettsville	8 May 1947	75
Lanesville	6 May 1991	31
Mount Vernon	7 May 1952	70
Richland	18 May 1955	67
Sandborn	17 May 1955	67
Wheatland	23 May 2006	16

Til Fiddler's Green –

Fallen Members Recently Reported

Club	Name
Bedford Noon	Ray Lindsey
Bedford Noon	Terry Sanders
Palmyra	Mary Welch

New Members – Welcome!

Club	Member	Sponsor
Chandler	Joseph Stephenson	Stephen Rhoades
Dugger	Jerry King	Terry Heacock
Ireland	Aaron Schmitt	Jeremy Lee
Salem	Joseph Keith	Brice Robinson
Sullivan County	Laura Beller	John Delph
Sullivan County	John Beller	John Delph

Care and Concerns

Our thoughts and prayers are with those Lions and their family members or friends around the world that are sick, in the hospital, or at home, and all others whose losses are unknown to us at this time.

PDG Melissa Baker (25F)	Karen Cooper	Jim Fischer	Clara Hopper
Sam Hopper	Kay Lambert	PDG Dale Leffler	

Please send updates to: *Lion Holly Nethery*, hnethery25@yahoo.com

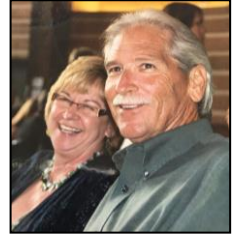
NOTE: “*Care and Concerns*” names will be listed for three consecutive months, unless updated otherwise.

Effective beginning with the July 2022 newsletter, please send updates to:
Lion Delene Worsena, dworsena@gmail.com.

IN THE WINGS...

1st Vice District Governor

Don Russ



I stated in the previous month's article that I would let everyone know the positions we still have open in the new Cabinet, which will begin July 1st. With the help of the Cabinet Secretary Keith Thomas, 1stVDGE Glen Georges, and 2ndVDGE Erica Thomas, we are farther along than I would have predicted. This team has been working very diligently to assure we start off in July with as much of a full cabinet as possible. So please see below the positions we still need to fill.

- Cancer Control Trustee 1 Year left
- Eyeglass Recycling Committee
- Global Membership Team
- Resolution Committee
- Global Membership Approach (Formerly NAMI)
- Zone Chair (11 Openings) REALLY NEED YOUR HELP

If any of you Lions out there see something that may pique your interest, or that of another Lion you know, please contact me. My email address is donruss82@gmail.com or call me at 812-455-4099. Any help you can give to fill these positions will be greatly appreciated by me and the rest of our District Team.

God bless,

Don Russ

DGE 25E

Current media points of contact

(photos, events, articles, etc.)

~ 25E Newsletter: Lion Holly Nethery, hnethery25@yahoo.com; by 25th of month prior to newsletter month

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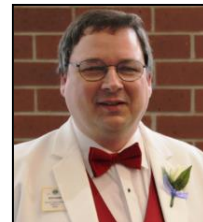
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FROM THE SCRIBE...

District 25E Cabinet Secretary / Past Council Chair

Keith Thomas



Hello Lions,

Club officer elections should be completed by mid-May, per Lions Clubs International recommendation. This is to allow time to train the incoming officers and for creating the new district directory. As of the writing of this article, only 19 of 54 clubs have reported their officers for next year. If you have held your elections, please report your officers so I can add them to the new directory. If you need help reporting, please contact me at kthomas@threeidesign.com or 812-354-4637.

Speaking of officer training, we have three in-person training sessions scheduled. The first session is Saturday, May 14th, at 1pm (Eastern) at the Salem Lions Clubhouse at 1791 North Shelby Street. The second session is the following Saturday, May 21st, at 1pm (Central) at the Oakland City Lions Clubhouse at 431 West Dale Street. The final training session is at the district picnic at the Dogwood Shelter at Boggs Lake following the meal.

As we quickly approach the end of the Lions' year, we are encouraging all the clubs to make a membership push. Overall, the district membership is down, but the clubs are doing a better job at retaining members. If we could figure out how to keep everyone healthy, we would have had a positive growth! But seriously, retention is improving and we are slowly adding members. To help keep the trend going, plan a membership drive, invite people to a service project, or Just Ask. After all, Membership is everyone's job, not just the membership chair.

A few of us (Lion members of the district) were at the State Convention this past weekend (April 29, 30, and May 1). Those members had a good weekend learning about Lionism and membership recruitment information, among other items. Next year's convention is the second weekend in May in Bloomington! We are starting to encourage clubs now to both volunteer to help at the convention, and join in the fun! Being in Bloomington, most Lions from 25E can go attend and get to sleep in their own beds! This would be an excellent time to visit with Lions from around the state, get new ideas, and as DG Cuba has encouraged us all year, to Serve Outside the Box!

Racing to Serve,

PCC Keith Thomas

District 25E Cabinet Secretary

LIONS OFFICER ORIENTATION

- **Saturday May 14 1pm-3:30pm** (Eastern) Salem at the Salem Lions Clubhouse at 1791 North Shelby Street
- **Saturday May 21 1pm-3:30pm** (Central) Oakland City at the Oakland City Lions Clubhouse at 431 West Dale Street
- **Saturday June 18** after the district picnic at Dogwood Shelter At Boggs Lake

This year's Officer Orientation will be held at the above locations. All officers (new and repeating) are being asked to attend one of these sessions to learn about Lions Club International (LCI) procedures and offerings, some of which are new and/or revised. Please bring your tablet and/or laptop and your hot spot for the on-line training portions. Also remember your member number, username and password. Snacks will be available for at the sessions.

Please RSVP to CS Keith Thomas at kthomas@threeidesign.com or 812-354-4637 with name, office, and club information to insure there is enough handout materials and snacks/meals.

ENVIRONMENTAL EXPRESSIONS...

District E Environmental Chair

Sharon Kamman

Spring has sprung – with a lot of rain for most of us. Do you have your garden planted and flowers in the ground yet? I want to share a few things I've learned in the last couple of weeks.

The first item is mulch. We all use mulch to keep out weeds and to hold moisture in the soil. This info comes from an article in the Indianapolis Star. It talks about how to use mulch around trees in our yard. I'm sure you've seen mulch piled several inches high on tree trunks (they call it volcano mulch). While it may look nice, it can do a lot of damage to our trees. Tree roots need water and oxygen for the tree to survive, so with a lot of mulch piled up on the tree, the roots come to the top of the ground and don't grow deep into the soil. Also, mulch holds moisture close to the bark of the tree and can cause rot and fungal growth to the bark. It may take a while, but eventually the tree may die. So, if you decide to put mulch around a tree, keep it several inches away from the bark and use only 2 to 4 inches of mulch.

Another article I read in National Wildlife magazine caused me to go to my computer and look up this website: gardenforwildlife.com. The National Wildlife Federation has been working to provide information state-by-state that tells us which native plants are best suited for Indiana. You can order a kit that includes plants and info about how to grow them. These flowers provide food for pollinators. You can also find out how you can become a certified wildlife grower. This is a good resource for all of us who want to keep our state beautiful and give the butterflies and bees a chance to do what they're meant to do – pollinate all our gardens and fields.

One more thing I learned this month is how to make a "butterfly bath." Butterflies need a drink of water, too, but the bird bath is too deep for them. Take an old plate and put in small rocks for them to land on. Pour in just a little water. Keep the water fresh. Set the plate down under your flowers so they can find it.

Hope you all are well and hope the summer sun will draw you outdoors to see the beauty of nature.

Lion Sharon Kamman

Environmental Chair, District 25-E

LIBERTY DAY REPORT

PDG Bill Willis, State Chair

Indiana Lions State Convention, April 30, 2022

Our Convention has met at the Wyndham West,
And with Freedom of Speech we are really blessed.

The temperature is up with plants in flower,
And Past President Kusiak is the man of the hour.

District Governors assembled to cheer Lions on,
As they wish they had time to mow the lawn.

Through many exhibits our Lions do wander,
While Constitution changes they carefully ponder.

We've met to learn about each state project,
And also a program with a Constitution object.

This program for youth is called "Liberty Day",
Teaching Hoosier students the American way.

The Constitution makes our Country great—

And September 17th we will celebrate

Constitution Day is coming this Fall.

And we seek the assistance of each of you all.

We give Liberty Day programs during Constitution Week,

So programs this September are what we seek.

Five freedoms are protected by Amendment One,

And should be known by each daughter and son.

We offer programs to lads and lasses

With a focus on 8th and 11th grade classes.

Among American citizens, just what are the chances

That students would know the government's 3 branches?

Some think the answer is obvious, of course:

It's the Army, Navy, and US Air Force.

Just a third of students know the actual fact,

So the Liberty Day program we did enact.

Our founding document we provide for free,

For Hoosier youth to learn history.

James Madison is known as Constitution Father

And for Liberty Day booklets just give me a holler.

Please note this address, and try not to forget:

It's wgw@bluebarble.net.



25E Club Happenings



Lion John Wm. Spurgeon of Brownstown Lions Club was presented the International Presidents "Leadership Award" medallion, by Lion Past International President Clement Kusiak, and Lion District Governor Lee Cuba, on behalf of Lions International President Douglas Alexander, at the Indiana State Lions Convention April 30, for service to Lions and his community



On right, District E Lions were working hard at the State Convention! Pictured left to right, Sue and PDG Dale Leffler, PDG Nancy and PDG Dennis Lambert.



Send newsletter items by the 25th of each month (prior to newsletter month) to:

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25E Club Happenings



The Sullivan County Lions Club recently held a ribeye steak sandwich fundraiser on April 23 at Baesler's Market in Sullivan, IN. As a result of the event, \$1100 was raised to fund county-wide scholarships at all the high schools. Featured in the first picture are Lions Billie Kaufman and Randy and Laura Beller, who did the cooking. John Delph, Kathy Crock and Debbie Landis were among the volunteers who served the community and helped make this fundraiser such a success (picture 2).



The Bedford Lion's Club held its annual Youth Appreciation Program. The honored youths ranging in age from middle school to high school were introduced by a representative from the organization, from which they had been nominated, and cited for each of their individual accomplishments such as having high moral character, unselfishness, being aware of the feelings and needs of others, being the first to volunteer, being a good leader, serving as role models for other youth, and being a good solid citizen of whom our community can be proud of now and in the future. Shown in photo at bottom left (l-r) are: Ryley Swango from BNL Renaissance, Lilianne Conner from Oolitic Middle School, Jacob Burrus from Lawrence County 4H, Rose Dusard from St Vincent School, Orion Hill from St Vincent School, Hillard Lewis guest speaker President of the BNL Scholarship Foundation, Noah Carter from Between The Crowd, Don Allen President of the Bedford Lions Club, Jerrett Gilbert from Bedford Middle School, Townes Ricketts from Oolitic Middle School, Nora Howat from Lawrence County 4H, and Laura Williams Youth Appreciation chair of the Bedford Lions Club. Honored but unable to attend were Izzy Shew from North Lawrence Career Center and Luke Stephenson from North Lawrence Career Center.



25E Club Happenings



The Seymour Noon Lions built a ramp for a seven-year-old girl with cancer who had her leg amputated on April 12th (left), and helped with the local Parks and Recreation annual Easter egg hunt by buying candy, filling 6,000 eggs, and helping hide them on the day of the hunt (below).



At left is the Ireland (Indiana) St. Patrick's Parade entry of the Ireland Lions Club. From left: Delbert Himself, 63-yr. charter member of the club (club started on March 17, 1959) and Dave Rudolph, 40-year member and Treasurer for 35 consecutive years.



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Lions District	Country	Approval Date	Approved Amount	Lead Club(s)	Location of Project	Est. # of Beneficiaries
121	Poland	3/1/2022	\$15,000	District-wide	Medyka & Przemyśl, Poland	60,000
119	Hungary	3/1/2022	\$15,000	LC Nyíregyháza First	Hungary/Ukraine border	3,000
124	Romania	3/2/2022	\$15,000	LC Timisoara	Sighetu Marmatiei, Romania	1,000
134	Ukraine	3/3/2022	\$15,000	LC Kyiv & Lviv	Kyiv & Zhytomyr, Ukraine	400
122	Slovakia	3/3/2022	\$15,000	LC Kosice	Kosice, Slovakia	1,000
134	Ukraine	3/4/2022	\$15,000	LC Kviv	Central Ukraine	1,000
114-O	Austria	3/7/2022	\$15,000	Lions of District 114-O	Vienna, Austria	1,000
121	Poland	3/14/2022	\$25,000	LC Kalisz Calisia	Lviv, Ukraine	
Un-districted	Armenia	3/16/2022	\$15,000	LC Yerevan-Artashat Lawyers and Diplomats	Yerevan, Armenia	900
134	Ukraine	3/17/2022	\$15,000	District-wide	Kyiv & Chernihiv, Ukraine	500
121	Poland	3/18/2022	\$25,000	LC Gdansk Amber	Gdansk, Poland	520
118-Y	Turkey	3/18/2022	\$15,000	LC Istanbul Metropolitan Kandilli	Istanbul, Turkey	300
107-B	Finland	3/25/2022	\$15,000	District-wide	Espoo, Finland	500
131	Lithuania	3/25/2022	\$15,000	Šiauliai Women's Lions Club	Alytus, Marijampolė, Šiauliai Lithuania	1,000
134	Ukraine	3/25/2022	\$50,000	District-wide	Kyiv, Chernihiv, Vinnytsia, Uman, Cherkasy, and Lviv, Ukraine	2,500
114-M	Austria	3/28/2022	\$15,000	District-wide	Linz & Graz, Austria	1,500
121	Poland	3/29/2022	\$309,125	District-wide	Warsaw, Legnica, Gdynia, Gdansk, Krakow, Kalisz, & Lesno Poland	6,000
130	Bulgaria	3/29/2022	\$15,000	District-wide	Ruse, Plovdiv, Stara Zagora, Sofia, Varna, & Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria	1,000

As the refugees move further into Europe, Lions districts welcoming numerous refugees will become eligible to request grants of up to US\$15,000 through the Lions Clubs International Foundation's Designated Grants for Refugees.

Lions districts in Europe who are directly serving refugees may qualify for grant assistance. Please contact LCIF at EUROPEGlobalGrants@lionsclubs.org for more information.

Lions stand for peace and understanding, and we unite through kindness to serve those in need. Your donation to [LCIF's Refugees and Displaced Persons fund](#) will help ensure that Lions are there to help them find the safety and security they desperately need.

WE CARE. WE SERVE. WE ACCOMPLISH.



Dear Campaign 100 & LCIF Coordinators,

I am personally inviting you to join me in supporting the LCIF Campaign 100 Tell-A-Thon that is being held Sunday, June 5th from 10 am - 2 pm CDT (Chicago).

This event is being organized by Lions Virtual, in partnership with Lions Clubs International Foundation and Lion volunteers from across the globe. The Tell-A-Thon is designed to tell the Lions' story while raising funds for our Foundation. Along with sharing our story, the program includes music, entertainment and special surprise celebrity cameos from Grammy Award winning artists, Emmy Award winning actors and a Super Bowl MVP!

As we reach the end of Campaign 100, the Tell-A-Thon offers an opportunity for one final push to get every Lion to support the life-changing work that LCIF funds. To this end, I am asking you to do five things:

1. Register for the Tell-A-Thon @ telltathon.org
2. Encourage every Lion in your area to register for the Tell-A-Thon @ telltathon.org
3. Donate \$20 or more to LCIF through the Tell-A-Thon @ lionsclubs.org/givetoday
4. Share the attached Tell-A-Thon article &/or ad with:
 - every Lion in your District
 - your District and Multiple District publications
5. Visit Lions Virtual on Facebook
 - share Tell-A-Thon posts across your personal, District & Multiple District social media accounts

Our Foundation is near and dear to all of us and this is the perfect opportunity for us to showcase all the amazing service projects that LCIF funds across that globe. Feel free to reach out to our Tell-A-Thon Executive Producers Jodi Burmester & Daniel Marney Elkins @ lionsvirtual@gmail.com if you have questions or need further information.

I will be emceeing this event and know it is one that you won't want to miss! Whether you drop in for a few minutes or watch the entire show, it will be time well-spent.

With deep appreciation,

Brian E. Sheehan, Lions Clubs International 1st Vice President



100% of funds raised benefits Lions Clubs International Foundation Campaign 100



Join the World's Largest Celebration of Service

by Lion Brian Sheehan - Lions Clubs International
1st Vice President

I am so excited to invite each & every one of you to join me for the world's largest celebration of service: the 2022 **LCIF Campaign 100 Tell-A-Thon** on Sunday, June 5th from 10 am - 2 pm CDT (Chicago) / UTC-05.

This year's **Tell-A-Thon** is focused on celebrating Lions' service across the globe; service that is empowered by your donations to our Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

The 4-hour **Tell-A-Thon** will inspire you with stories of service, music, entertainment and special celebrity cameos from humanitarians, award winning musicians and actors, a legendary coach, and a Super Bowl MVP!

What are you waiting for? Register at www.tellathon.org

Don't stop there... this is the perfect opportunity to share our Lions' story with your family, friends and community! Why not create a viewing party and invite your partners and community to join in the fun?

You can use this opportunity to share information about your club's impact on your community, conduct a vision screening or other service project. You could even sell food, hold a silent



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auction or conduct raffles to raise funds for LCIF!

Every Lion, Every Club...

Speaking of raising funds, we are asking every Lion and every Club to join Lion Lori and I in supporting LCIF with a donation that will empower our service for years to come. Our **goal is to raise \$2 million through the Tell-A-Thon!** So whether you donate \$5 or \$50,000, know that every dollar you donate will be used to change lives.

There are a number of ways to donate and every donation to the **Tell-A-Thon** is eligible for LCIF recognition programs, including Melvin Jones Fellowship:

Online: <https://lionsclubs.org/givetoday>

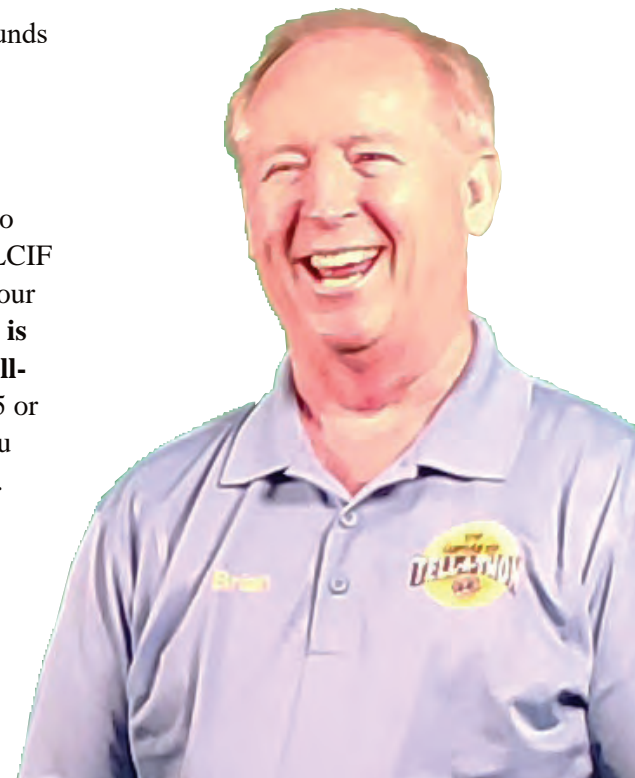
Check Made & Remitted to:

LCIF Tell-A-Thon
c/o Lions Virtual
P. O. Box 259288
Madison, WI 53725

For all the latest **Tell-A-Thon** news, visit the [Lions Virtual Facebook](#) page.

For more information about the **Tell-A-Thon**, model clubs and major donation opportunities, contact Lions Virtual @ lionsvirtual@gmail.com

Thank you for all you do and your support of the **LCIF Campaign 100 Tell-A-Thon!**



Every Lion... Every Club
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100% of funds raised benefit Lions Clubs International Foundation Campaign 100 & qualify for all LCIF recognitions



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