



District 25E Newsletter

Southwest Indiana Lions Serving 22 Counties!



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May Flowers!

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
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From the desk of District Governor Glen Georges

Hello Lions, are you excited? I am we are still doing good with retaining members and adding new ones. Keep up the good work! We have this month and next to finish up the year strong. I know the new portal has its challenges, but we are here to help.

The District Picnic will be at Bogg's Lake at the Redbud shelter house. It is the smaller one down the hill. Please bring a covered dish and enjoy some good fellowship. We will have our last very short business session. DGE Erica will have some words about the upcoming year as we get ready to support her and continue this fantastic growth we need. You all are doing a great job.

Congratulations to our 2nd VDG John Spurgeon from Brownstown Lions Club for stepping up to serve our district. He will need all of us to help him be successful. And I know you will. He has 40+ years of experience in Lions Club. Welcome aboard 2VDG John!

Our district will be in great hands as our new Governor comes into office. I know she has put in a lot of hard work to be your Governor. She needs your help and participation in the district learning events and cabinet meetings.

Just a recap of your incoming team, DG Erica Thomas of Petersburg Lions Club, 1VDG John Spurgeon of the Brownstown Lions Club, and 2VDG Brad Nolan of Seymour Noon Lions Club. Thank you for your service and willingness to serve our District. We are 100% committed to your success and your leadership.

I want to thank those who attended the State Convention in Noblesville. Also congratulations to our Membership Award and Global Membership Team recipient, Lion Eddie McKim. We also want to thank our Leadership Award recipient 2VDGE Brad Nolan. You both made District E proud of you. These Lions are true assets to our global cause of "We Serve".

Be looking forward to my last article next month. My role as your humble servant is coming to an end. I have very much enjoyed meeting with our Lions in the district and the state.

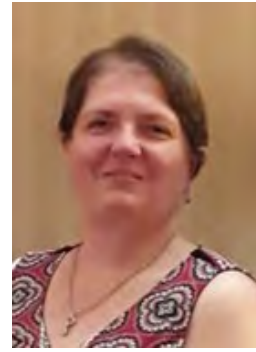
Your humbled DG,

Glen M. Georges

Yours in service,

Glen M Georges

From the desk of District Governor Elect Erica Thomas



YAY! For District E

I am SO Proud of everyone! So many folks have stepped up to fill positions in the District. There are only a few left: Leo Clubs Liaison, Reading Action Program, Special Olympics and a Couple of Zone Chair positions.

All club SECRETARIES, if you are struggling to get next year's officers entered into the portal, please let Cabinet Secretary Christy Nolan and Past International Director Linda Tincher know.

Upcoming District Events:

May 11th All Lions Learning 10:00am-2:00pm Eastern Time

Jackson County Visitors Center

100 N. Broadway Street Seymour, IN 47274

May 18th Virtual All Lions Learning 10:00am-12:00pm Eastern Time

June 15th Picnic 11:00am Eastern Time and All Lions Learning after

West Boggs Park Redbud Shelter (Meat and Water provided)

16117 US 231 Loogootee, IN 47553

June 29th All Lions Learning 9:30am-1:30pm Central Time 10:30-2:30 Eastern Time

Chandler Community Center

401 E. Washington Avenue Chandler, IN 47610

Meal pulled pork sandwich, potato salad, baked beans, drink \$10.00

July 6th All Lions Learning 10:00am-2:00pm Eastern Time

Sandborn Lions Club Hall 130 S. Anderson Street

Hwy 59 Sandborn, IN 47578

Subway Lunch

July 27th Banner Celebration! All Lions and Families Welcome!

Dubois County Museum

2704 Newton Street Jasper, IN 47546

Museum tours begin 1:00pm \$5.00 or less per person

Social begins 3:00pm Eastern Time. Celebration begins 3:45pm.

Meal and cost coming soon in flyer!

August 24th All Lions Learning 10:00am-2:00pm Eastern Time

Medora Christian Church

76 George & Riley Street Medora, IN 47260 Meal provided \$10.00

Until next time,

DGE Erica Thomas

From the desk of Cabinet Treasurer Debbie Ellis

Greetings from the District 25-E Treasurer!

I had the pleasure of seeing many of you at the Indiana State Convention this weekend. For those that weren't able to make it, we missed you, and you missed a lot of good information and fun!

As you may know, each July 1 and January we take a count of members by each club from the LCI tool. That membership count is the basis for calculating both the International dues (which you are billed for separately by LCI) and the State and District dues (that you are billed for by the district treasurer). As an example, the dues structure for this coming 2025 Lions year might look like the following:

			2025 Dues
	July 2024	Jan 2025	Total
International	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 48.00
State Dues	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 14.00
District Dues	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.25	\$ 4.75
Total	\$ 33.50	\$ 33.25	\$ 66.75

The adjustment to international dues is independent of your club, district or multiple-district membership dues. It is up to each club, district and multiple district to establish dues that allow them to operate and serve as needed in their communities.

Also, as a reminder, the above rate includes the Lions Club International (LCI) dues rate increase \$2.00 this year, which is the second installment of the \$7 increase that was approved by LCI.

The approved dues adjustment included a \$7 increase to the previous \$43 international dues, spread out over three years. As such, international dues have been adjusted according to the following schedule:

- \$3 increase on July 1, 2023 - \$46.00
- \$2 increase on July 1, 2024 - \$48.00
- \$2 increase on July 1, 2025 - \$50.00

International dues have not been adjusted since 2011 even though annual inflation has been increasing the cost of operations required to do business around the world. Lions Clubs International is a global organization that supports more than 1.4 million members in 50,000 clubs around the world. Through the support of Lions International staff and programs, they are able to serve globally at a high, keeping members fully supported with service resources and programs, training events and software, club operational support, international convention and meetings, language services in 14 languages, technology and digital products, global marketing, PR and advertising, leadership support, and legal support and liability insurance. I hope you find this helpful in developing your individual club rates.

From the desk of Cabinet Secretary Christy Nolan

Hello fellow Lion secretaries,

I'm sure by now you are all as much in love with the new portal as I am. Fear not at state convention the seven cabinet secretaries played with the system some. We were able to figure out some things and then we are attending training on Saturday May 4th. Hopefully I will have so much to pass along to you in the upcoming secretaries training throughout the next couple of months. First and foremost, there is NO MMR anymore. You only report membership when you add or drop members or when you need to update a member's information.

Speaking of members' information, PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE, do a roster update with your club. We need up to date information for every member in the portal. If you do not know how to enter it, call, email, or text me. I would be glad to help or come see me at training in Seymour on May 11th at 10 am. I know this was thrown at us with no training and that's frustrating. But together we can work through this and figure it out. You may figure out things that I haven't yet and be able to teach me. This is a learning process that we are all in together. So let's not consider it training lets consider it collaboratively learning sessions!

Cabinet Secretary

Christy Nolan

Below: DG Glen's view from the head table at State Convention



Thank You

Gracias

Merci

Danke

Grazie



Lion Janet and I would like to express our gratitude to the Lions of Indiana for your faith in allowing us to be YOUR voice with Lions International. To be able to be given this chance comes with a great deal of responsibility, which we look forward to embracing. We will show to the members throughout the World that Indiana continues to produce dedicated, thoughtful, forward thinking and professional candidates for every level of leadership in our association.

While there will be a waiting period before we can be on the slate for the Board of Directors, you will see us working service and fund-raising projects in all corners of Indiana. This is our way of learning first-hand what thoughts and concerns our clubs have and possible ideals to make our organization better. Plus as retirement gets closer there will have to be something to keep me busy!

As was said many times during this campaign – Indiana is fortunate to have many quality leaders and that when our multiple district was asked to put forth an International Director candidate – PDG Charlie Short (District C) and myself were able to be considered by the membership to be that endorsed nominee. I personally would like to thank PDG's Charlie and Pat for their dedication to the Lions and their commitment to continue to provide service to the community.

While having this printed in the district newsletters enables us to get our message out to more members with more speed, it will be when we meet again in person that we can share with you what each word of encouragement and show of support during the campaign meant to us. We truly feel blessed to be part of such a great group of people!

Yours  Lionism

PCC Reed & Lion Janet Fish

Lions of Indiana

Open Your Phone Calendar Right Now!

Get the Banner Patches On!

Bring Your Family!

Join Us for the

Banner Celebration!

Saturday, July 27th 2024

Dubois County Museum

2704 N. Newton Street

Jasper, IN 47546

1:00pm Eastern Museum Tour Begins

Adults \$5.00 each

Children \$3.00 or less depending on age

3:00pm Eastern Social Time

3:45pm Eastern Celebration Begins!

Here's Another Open Your Phone Calendar Moment!

Please Mark the Following Dates

As Lions Learning Events

ALL LIONS WELCOME!

2024

May 11th and 18th

June 15th and 29th

July 6th

August 24th

September 21st

October 26th

2025

February 22

March 21-22

May 10th , 17th and 31st

June 21st and 28th

The May and June meetings will include current and updated information for all club offices. July 6th Learning Topic will be Setting Goals and Developing Action Plans

Locations are being confirmed. Flyers coming soon.

If your club would like to host one of these dates, please contact

DGE Erica at 812-766-0159 or ericadthomas@yahoo.com

Subject: District E Learning Location

PDG Corner

This month featuring Past District Governor Bill Willis



“This booklet contains the three words that changed the world.”

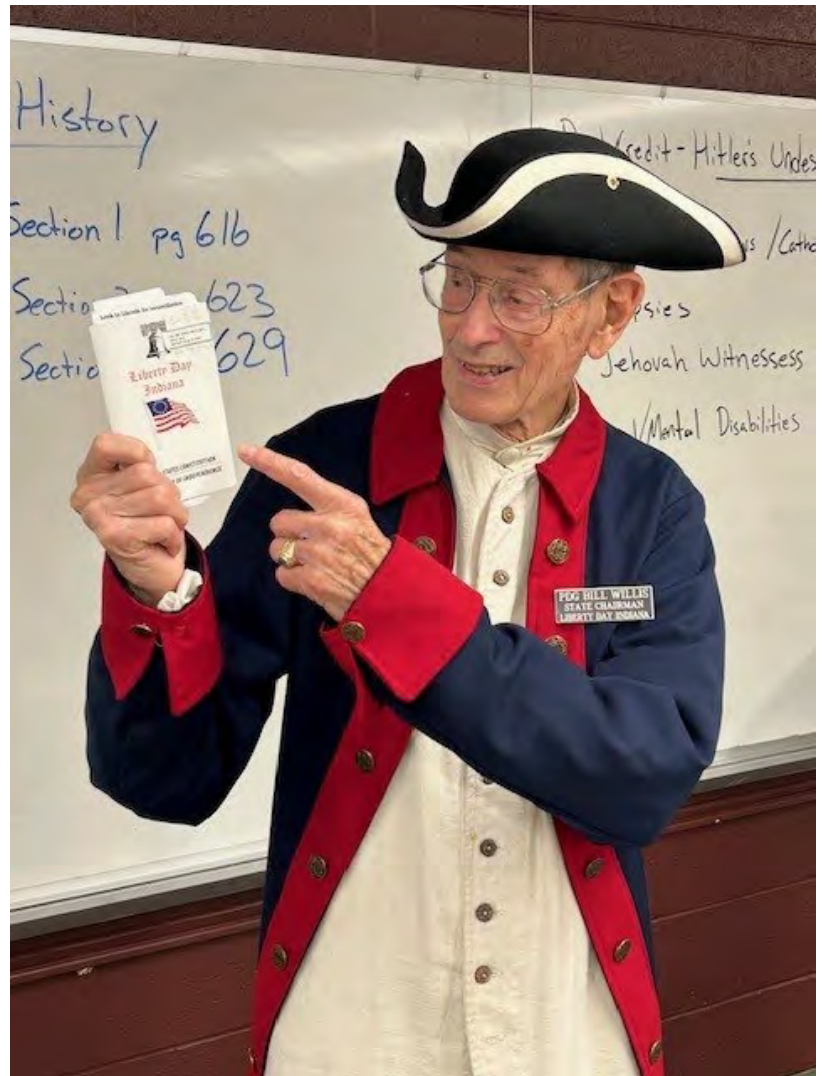
Springs Valley juniors learn about the U.S. Constitution during a May 2nd Liberty Day presentation by Liberty Day State Chairman PDG Bill Willis, 25-E, who wears a Revolutionary uniform and Tricorn hat. Students learned that the first three words of the preamble, “We the people”, turned the world upside down when the Constitution was approved in 1787. The U.S. Constitution introduced the idea of the people controlling the government when the world was ruled by kings, queens and other rulers who had complete control of government and the people.

The Hoosier State Liberty Day program was introduced by the Indiana Lions Clubs 23 years ago and the free Constitution booklets are made possible by patriotic businesses. For more information email wgw@bluemarble.net.

PDG Bill Willis

(Photo by SV Junior Jonathan Beckett).

For more information on the Liberty Day program or to schedule a Liberty Day program for your local school, please contact PDG Bill Willis at wgw@bluemarble.net



Indiana Lions Foundation at the Indiana State Fair

The dates for the Indiana State Fair this year are August 2, 2024 through August 18, 2024.

There are a couple changes for this year.

Last year the Fair was closed on Monday and Tuesday each week; this year it will be closed only on Monday.

Automobile entrance to infield parking will be handled differently this year. In prior years, cashiers collected money for auto parking fees and entrance fees on the access roads. This year, only auto parking fees will be charged at the access roads. Four new gates are being created on the infield and Lions will sell and scan tickets at these new gates. On the website sign-in sheets they are designated at NW, SW, NE and SE gates.

This year, we will have approximately 1,000 shifts and we need your help to fill these positions. Please sign up on the website at :

IndianaLionsFoundationMD25.org

If you have any questions, please contact one of the Indiana Lions Foundations State Fair Committee Members:

Lion Rose Russell	574-250-0125
PDG Don Cooper	260-615-5350
Lion Pam Arnold	260-705-6610
PDG Kathy Lozier	317-431-7655
PCC Bob Booher	317-435-0139



Left: DG Glen leading a session in at the State Convention.



Right: newly elected 2VDG John Spurgeon and Lion Mary Ann at the State Convention.

BEDFORD LIONS CLUB RECOGNIZE 31 **OUTSTANDING AREA YOUTHS FOR SERVICE**

About 220 people attended the 2024 Bedford Lion's Club annual Youth Appreciation Program at the First Baptist Church Christian Life Center. 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. The nominating organizations were schools, youth groups, churches and clubs. Their families were also introduced and applauded for their efforts in raising these outstanding kids.

For the past 29 years the Bedford Lions Club has conducted this outstanding community project honoring 676 local youths, praising the kids for their many accomplishments, thanking the families for supporting such great children, and challenging the kids to set high goals, always do their best, and continue to help others throughout their entire lives. The Youth Appreciation Project is a great way for the Lions to highlight the fine work done by the youth of our community and is greatly needed since these dedicated kids rarely get any publicity for the outstanding deeds they do in our community. Each youth was presented a very nice certificate stating they are "An Outstanding Youth Who Has Unselfishly Given Time and Talent for the Betterment of Our Community" along with complimentary Pancake Festival tickets by Lion Heather Wessel, President of the Bedford Lions Club.

Each recipient also is now eligible to apply for the recently established "Lion Bill Morris Memorial Youth Appreciation Award Scholarship" awarded through the BNL Scholarship Foundation. Lion Morris was in charge of the Youth Appreciation Program for 50 years first in the Optimist Club and then in the Lions Club until his death in 2020 when the Lions started contributing to this scholarship fund in his honor.

The following youths were honored: Sierra England and Ruby Riley from JC's Christian Academy presented by Chris Perry, Irelande Michaud from Girl Scout Troop 03220 presented by Tiffany Ridge and Tiffany Todd, Jaymee Reed, Isaiah Conner, and Jorj Filler from Between the Crowd presented by Nick Mullis, Katarina Kwakye from Bedford First United Methodist Church presented by Judi Early, Dean Hillenburg and Caris Armstrong from Springville Community Academy presented by Ashlie Kimmel, Emma Voris and Asher Thompson from Bedford Middle School presented by Kathy Tyree, Grant Stephenson and Glorianna Roll from St Vincent de Paul School presented by Spencer Wardlow, Christopher Carroll and Macey Lambrecht from Lawrence County 4H presented by Lesley Lodmell, Sydney Wykoff from BNL Renaissance presented by Michelle Hurst, Eezekial Allen and Raylin Ridge from Lawrence County Independent Schools presented by Greg Baugh, Jacob Hubbard and Temperance Thompson from Boy Scout Troop 332 presented by Anita Moore and Anne West, Abby Keith and Josh Peek from Donica Church of God presented by Angie McCullough, Maddox Ray from North Lawrence Career Center presented by Kristina Baker, Innes Owens and Kandyn Rood from Tabernacle of Praise Church presented by Charlie Tidd and Angie Tidd, Kalandra Sears and Thomas Chiasson from Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence County presented by Alex Smith, Maddie Simmerman from PRD Inc presented by Barb Morris, Claire Edwards and Ben Voigtschild from Free Methodist Church presented by Anita Moore, and Allie Mosier from Fayetteville Baptist Church presented by Nathan Bailey.

BEDFORD LIONS CLUB RECOGNIZE 31 OUTSTANDING AREA YOUTHS FOR SERVICE (CONTINUED)

To finish off this great evening the guest speaker Nick Mullis from Between the Crowd praised the parents and grandparents for raising these great kids and thanked the youth for all they do to help others. He also thanked the members of the Bedford Lions Club for conducting this fine program for the community. He then challenged all the kids to continue helping others for the rest of their lives.

Photos were taken during each presentation and a group photo was taken at the end. They are accessible online at the Bedford Lions Club Face book page. The program was concluded with a big group "Thank You" lead by the Lions program chair Lion Barb Morris (Lion Bill Morris's daughter) followed by everyone in attendance enjoying some of the many tasty desserts served by the Lions. The Lions Club motto is **"We Serve."**



Left: Photo shows Youth Appreciation Program setup with kids and presenters in front and families and Lions seated in the back of room

Below: Photo shows the great kids honored by the Bedford Lions Club





District Events & Calendar



- June 1 Pre-Council Meeting at Indiana Lions State Office, 8780 Purdue Rd., Indy
- June 15 4th Cabinet Meeting / Picnic, location to be determined.

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



Prayer List for District 25E



Lions in need of Prayers

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| Lion Jack Voightschild | Lion Jaline Spurgeon | Lion Jeff Cooper |
| Lion Charlie Placke | PDG John Ferry | PCC Scott Smith (25D) |
| PDG Myrna Thompson | Lion Ed Hitchcock | PDG Cindy Wright (25D) |
| Lion Johannah Edwards | Lion Connie Thomas | PDG Vern Tincher |
| Lion Don Derrington Family | Lion Ceal Schulz | PDG Newell Clifton |

New Lions In April

Welcome to Lions!

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Darby Boofer	Seymour Noon Lions Club	Fred Moritz
Zach Spicer	Seymour Noon Lions Club	Christy Nolan
Debra Heaton	Sullivan County Lions Club	Debbie Landis

Welcome new Lions!!