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Newsletter

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From the desk of District Governor Glen Georges

Hello Lions,

I have often wondered "are we there yet" in membership. As kids we asked our mom and dads that question. We are leading the state in membership. I am so excited for the job you are doing. We are flirting with 1,200 members in our District. I know, I know, December is usually a rough month for membership. Lions please think about those you may be dropping. Why are you dropping those Lions? Are they behind in dues? Have they not been seen at a club meeting? Has the Membership Chair or the club President reached out to these people?

This helps us all meet IP Dr. Patty Hill's Mission 1.5 goal. Lions we have a long way to go to get to that 1250 number in membership. You are making the difference!! Keep up the good work.

Club visits are going well. So far 32 Clubs have either been visited or have set a date to be visited. Has your Club reached out? That leaves 21 Clubs that I need to hear from. I hope to get a email with a date you want me to come. I am only 64% scheduled. Please email me at lionlengorges@gmail.com to get your date set.

Now we are getting ready for Turkey and all the trimmings and maybe Christmas also. We all know that service never ends. Recruiting more members is just as important. More members mean more service. We must let everyone know. Share it on your Facebook, newspapers if possible and if you are a member of your town or city's Chamber of Commerce, let them know too. This time of year could be a good way to inspire a prospective member. Invite them to go with you to pass out the food baskets or gifts to a family in need.

We need your support in the Special Projects raffle. Sell those tickets. Giving a donation is nice but if you sell those tickets that will give Special Projects more funds to grant requests. PCC Keith Thomas, Lions Ben Davis and Brad Nolan would greatly appreciate your support. Tickets are due by Saturday morning at the District Convention. Winners will be drawn at the District Spring Convention, after the elections.

Get those reservations in for Mid-Winter Conference! They have a great curriculum for you to choose from. Great guest speakers and don't forget the silent auction. If you're into pins, there may be some pins from events gone by.

February 3rd will be the District's next Continuing Education event. It will be held in French Lick at Beechwood United Methodist Church. Start time will be announced on a later date. We will have a special guest at the event. Look for more information to come out in December.

Are you ready to jump to spring? Oh wait, I meant District Spring Convention? I am excited to host it in Montgomery Indiana. It is at The Gasthof Village. The room rates will blow your mind. Get the word out and be looking in Decembers Newsletter for all the 411 (the news my young niece and nephew tell me). Meet ID Jay Moughon on Friday night and then on Saturday he will address us all. Bring your new members to the Convention.

Yours in service,

DG Glen M Georges

From the desk of 1st Vice District Governor Erica Thomas



Did you know that all of us fit into the following categories throughout our lives: givers, takers, refusers, and receivers?

Did you pause for a moment to ponder what am I talking about or that's me! or she is so wrong...

Hopefully, we all can relate to the giving part. As Lions, we give of ourselves and our time. We give to folks in our community, to someone in need. We give to each other. We give to our families. We give to our districts and our state. We give to our country, our military, and our world. We give our opinions, our criticisms, or thoughts to those who will listen, even to those who don't.

We take what others say or what we see to heart. We take people at their word. We take folks out to eat. We take our frustrations out on others. We take someone else's parking place. We take back things to the store that we don't want. We take home leftovers. We take away someone else's opportunity to volunteer and give of themselves and their time by offering to do every job or fill as many positions as we can in our clubs.

Here is the tough one... we refuse to step away from things because we enjoy that position or job in lionism. We refuse to ask others for help. We refuse to let others help for whatever reason. We refuse to try things differently or try new things at all. We refuse to share information that may help others around us complete a project more successfully. We refuse to listen to others. We refuse to collaborate because only one way is right.

We like to receive gifts. We like to receive bonuses and raises. We like to receive a good meal. We like to receive hugs and kisses. We like to receive heartfelt thank you or two. We like to receive a job well done. Someone told me years ago that there needs to be as many receivers as there are those who are givers. Sometimes it's okay for us not to be the givers all the time. By giving all the time, we have denied someone else the chance to enjoy the benefits of giving.

As Lions, we are a little unbalanced being more giving than the other three. We do need to be more aware of others' desires to also be givers. Maybe instead of being the sole project chair for the umpteenth time, we can ask someone else for their help to lead. Maybe we can step back from things and not micromanage or run someone off from giving too much advice. Maybe we can become more cheerleaders and motivators for those unsure of themselves or their skills. Maybe our giving can be information and communication to those who don't even know they are missing it!

I believe that the opportunities for Lions giving are evolving. I believe that all of our giving is changing the world one need at a time.

Until next time,

NDG Erica Thomas

**From the desk of Lion
Sharon Kamman
25E Environmental Chair**



ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS - - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS 2023

Do you use the little “pods” of detergent for your washer or dishwasher? Did you know that these little pods release microplastics into the environment? Microplastics are pieces of plastic that measure less than 0.5 centimeters across. Out of the 2.4 million tons of plastic waste that goes into the oceans each year, 94% of it is made up of microplastics. It has been recently discovered that much of this comes from washing laundry. (You may say that we live in the Midwest and how do we affect the oceans? Almost all rivers in the Midwest eventually feed into the Mississippi River, which feeds into the ocean.)

The problem is that companies are advertising pods, strips, and PVA sheets as an eco=friendly and biodegradable alternative to traditional laundry. This is misleading. It’s best to avoid pod detergents for the sake of the planet. A better alternative is just going for the powdered detergent. It’s the same thing, just without water or the plastic coating, and you can get most of it in cardboard boxes which can be recycled.

According to an article in Environmental International, researchers have found plastic in the blood of 17 out of 22 study participants (about 77%). PET, commonly used in disposable water bottles, was the most widely encountered plastic polymer. The second most common was polystyrene (PS) which is used for food packaging and polystyrene foam used for plates, cups etc. The authors write that more research is needed to determine the human health risks involved with plastic in the bloodstream.

Moving on to another question: Can you recycle Christmas wrapping paper? First, check with your local recycling center to be sure it’s O.K. to put it in with your other recyclables. But for the most part, you can recycle plain Christmas wrapping paper, folded flat, not mashed up into a big ball. Anything that has glitter or velvety flocking or is metallic, just throw it in with your regular trash. Don’t try to recycle bows because of the “sticky” backing on them. With Christmas cards, use the same criteria – no glitter or flocking – and recycle the envelopes.

Another recycling idea I used a couple of years ago - - I had a lot of pretty scarves I’d used over the years, so I wrapped my daughter-in-laws’ and grand daughters’ gifts in them. They enjoyed the scarves, plus they looked pretty under the Christmas tree.

If you learn anything from these articles, I’ll be happy. I care very much about our environment and am trying my best to make the world a better place for our children and grandchildren.

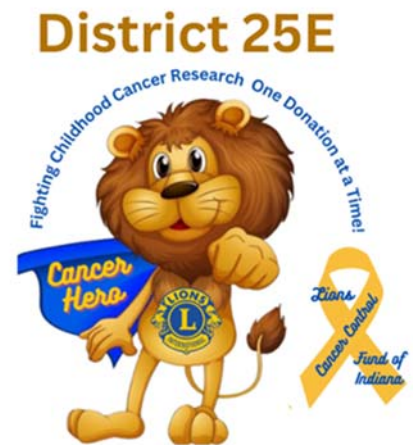
HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO YOU ALL!

Lion Sharon Kamman

Seymour Evening Lions Club

Cancer Control Project partners with Riley Children's Hospital and Walther Cancer Foundation.

YOUR Indiana Cancer Control Project has partnered with Riley Children's Hospital and the Walther Cancer Foundation for the Indiana Lions to raise \$100,000.00 this Lions Year. The Walther Cancer Foundation, has offered to Riley Hospital a matching grant program of up to 10 Million Dollars. The trustees of the Cancer Control Project have decided that the Indiana Lions can raise \$100,000 in this Lions year, to be matched by the Walther Foundation for a total gift to Riley of \$200,000.00.



Why raise this money NOW? First, we know that on average, from 2013 to 2017, 375 cases of childhood cancer and 57 childhood cancer deaths occurred each year among Indiana children aged zero to 19 years. For most cases of childhood cancer, the cause is unknown. (Indiana State Cancer Registry, 2021.) We may not see the impact that the lives of these of 1, 5, 10, 50 or 100 children will have here in Indiana. But if they do not have the resources to beat their disease, the lack of that impact will be forever and our state and world will be less because of it.

Secondly, 80% of these Indiana children will be treated at IU Health and particularly at Riley Children Hospital for treatment of their cancer. That is 300 of the 375 yearly cases. Riley Children Hospital is listed in the top 25 hospitals in the United States for research in childhood cancer by US News & World Report. Riley Hospital is the only nationally ranked children's health system and pediatric cancer program in Indiana. This money, raised by the Lions of District E, will go to an Indiana hospital, will be matched by an Indiana foundation, will be controlled by Indiana people, will pay the needs of Indiana doctors, nurses, researchers and will DIRECTLY AFFECT THE LIVES OF INDIANA CHILDREN. It will directly affect children some of our Lions in District E and in other districts personally know.

Third, it will show the people of Indiana and of the nation that Lions of Indiana are people who not only accomplish great things, not only are people who care, but are people with VISION as to what can be accomplished. By participating in this matching grant program, Lions of District E can help be a part of a VISION that results in 20 MILLION DOLLARS being raised for more effective treatments against existing cancers, research that leads to discovery of new treatments against cancer, control of pain, new drug therapies, the causes of cancer cell formation, and for the cure of cancer.

IF EVERY CLUB IN DISTRICT E DONATES JUST \$100.00 TO THIS CAUSE, DISTRICT E WILL HAVE RAISED \$5,000.00 FOR THIS CAMPAIGN, AND CONTRIBUTED TO THE STATE WIDE GOAL OF \$100,000.00. IF THIS ARTICLE HAS MADE YOU EXCITED ABOUT THIS CAMPAIGN AND WHAT WE CAN ACCOMPLISH, CONTACT PDG BILL WILLIS, LION SUE LAFFLER, OR PDG MARK CLARK (812 620 1082) TO SCHEDULE A PRESENTATION AT YOUR CLUB AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

If your club wants to make a donation to this campaign, send the donation to Cabinet Treasurer Debbie Ellis at and MAKE SURE TO PUT THE WORDS "RILEY CHILDREN MATCHING GRANT" ON THE DONATION CHECK.

MAKE YOUR CLUB A LIONS CANCER HERO TODAY BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS SPECIAL CAMPAIGN.

PDG Mark Clark

From the random thoughts of Editor PCC Keith Thoms



Hello Lions,

I am suffering writers block this month. It is a challenge to have useful information every month. So this month I am doing something a little different.

PID Linda and PDG Vern Tinchler were going on a trip to Arkansas and I asked Linda to take a picture of something interesting along the trip, like a Sinclair Dinosaur or a Bigfoot statue. They did not find either one of those but they found Bigfoot's rocking chair!



Does anyone know where they found the chair?!?

If you have any pictures of unusual sights from any of your travels that you would like to share with the Lions, please send them to me.

If you want to take a guess, please email your answer to kthomas@threeidesign.com.

Now to something more serious. It is time for the Special Projects Committee to send out the Special Project tickets.

Clubs that either sell tickets or make a donation to Special Projects during this Lion's year, will be eligible for a \$500 Special Projects grant.

Like year's past, the tickets are \$5 for a packet of 6 tickets. The first place prize is \$300, the second place prize is \$100 and \$50 to the seller of the winner ticket.

We will be mailing the special tickets to all the clubs sometime in November. If your club would make a donation instead of selling tickets, please email me at kthomas@threeidesign.com and let me know that your club will be making a donation and do not waste resources mailing your club's tickets.

If you have questions regarding Special Projects, please contact one of the Special Project Trustees.

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Racing to Serve, *PCC Keith Thomas*

Past Governor Corner

This month featuring

Past District Ron Edwards

Three weeks ago, I started working on this article when my computer quit. Technology is great, and necessary in today's environment, when it works. I found trying to conduct everyday activities is more difficult without a computer. For some that would be a phone, tablet, iPad or other similar device. Not being completely competent on the computer, I rely on it for many aspects of my life and not having a backup was difficult.

Many of our members do not have any of these devices, so communication is quite difficult in our society. We must find a way of assisting them stepping into the world of technology to enhance their Lions experience. Sometimes service is so close to us we do not realize it. We could volunteer to assist out officers in submitting their reports, taking notes for them, or just sharing supportive time with them.

Reporting is very important to Lions at all levels of our organization, so if you see an opportunity, please step up and offer help. This could extend to projects in your club or even projects for the district or partnering with adjacent clubs.

No doubt it is because of my age, but I see parallels through life. Everyone has a built-in sense of right and wrong, good and evil, and truths in other aspects of our lives. I see Churches, service organizations, social programs as all being the same; just different in methods and focus. Even as children we see others in need or things that could be different for the benefit of others. This is why we serve. It is an extension of God's hands showing His love to those in a time of need.

Thank you for serving your communities

Lion PDG Ron Edwards

District Global Service Team Coordinator



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				



District Events & Calendar



November 13	Official Visit to Fredericksburg
November 28	Official Visit to Canton Lions
December 11	Official Visit to Shoals Lions
December 19	Official Visit to Salem Lions
January 9	Official Visit to Oakland City Lions
January 11	Official Visit to Petersburg Lions
January 16	Official Visit to Ellettsville Lions
January 19-20	Mid-Winter Conference Crowne Plaza, Indianapolis Airport
January 21	3rd Council Meeting at Indianapolis
January 23	Official Visit to Evansville Eastside Lions
February 3	Continuing Education at location to be determined.
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.

Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference

Catch the Magic of Lionism

Opportunities for Learning

It's not too early to start planning for 2024. Mark your calendar now for the 2024 Mid-Winter Conference.

Opportunities for Service

Opportunities for Fellowship

Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport

January 19-20, 2024

New Lions In October

Welcome to Lions!

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Kevin Nord	Chandler Lions	Tony Rhoades
Terra Nord	Chandler Lions	Tony Rhoades
Becky Murphy	Ellettsville Lions	Janet Burks
Robert Brown	French Lick/West Baden	Ronald Woolsey
John Doty	French Lick/West Baden	James Springer
Teresa Robinson	French Lick/West Baden	James Springer
Thomas Erny	Ireland Lions	Matt Bueltel
Vinodha Krishnapandian	New Albany Lions	John Ritz
Ruby Keith	Palmyra Lions	Evelyn Hunter
Donald Campbell	Sandborn Lions	Eddie McKim
Steve Gault	Seymour Noon Lions	Brad Nolan
Laura Roberts	Sullivan County Lions	Chris Gentry

Welcome new Lions!!

MARCH 22-23, 2024

25E SPRING CONVENTION

GASTHOF AMISH VILLAGE, MONTGOMERY, INDIANA

APRIL 26 - APRIL 28, 2024

103rd Indiana Lions State Convention

EMBASSY SUITES CONFERENCE CENTER
NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA

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



Fallen Lions of District 25E



Lion Jon Heichelbech

Bedford Lions

31.7 years of service

Lion Dennis Weikert

French Lick/West Baden

58.4 years of service

Lion Marnise Miller

Indian Creek Lions

1.8 years of service



Prayer List for District 25E



Lions in need of Prayers

PDG Vern Tincher

Lion Jim Fisher

Lion Jack Voightschild

Lion Jaline Spurgeon

Lion Charlie Placke

PDG John Ferry

PCC Scott Smith (25D)

PDG Myrna Thompson

Right: Dwayne Donner, Sue Leffler, Carol Donner at OCU giving out Lions info. Photo by Oakland City Lions Club



Bottom: Seymour Noon Lions having fun while working to prep for the Oktoberfest!
Lion Dave McNabb



Silent Auction

2024 Mid-Winter Conference – January
20, 2024

“Catch the Magic of Lionism!”

We are in need of items for the silent auction at the 2024 Mid-Winter Conference. If you would like to donate something, please contact either Co-Chair Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos at liongretchen@att.net or PDG Linda Scott at lindamscott@comcast.net with a description of item or items by January 18, 2024. Funds raised from this silent auction will go toward support of the MidWinter Conference, to better help defray the costs. Thank you for your willingness to make this event a success.



Coming Soon: Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference



The 35th annual Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport Hotel.

Some Indiana Lions say the Mid-Winter Conference is “the best place for learning” about leadership, service, and all aspects of Lionism. We offer seminars on club administration, community service, fundraising, and membership recruitment and retention, as well as opportunities for service, fellowship with Lions from around the state, and plain old everyday Lions fun.

The Early Bird registration fee – until November 30th – is only \$40 - \$5 less than last year - and includes informative seminars, on-site service projects, coffee and pastries in the morning, lunch at noon with a motivational speaker, and fellowship with other Lions.

The keynote speaker at the Saturday luncheon had not yet been announced when this article was written.

The conference will be preceded by a dinner on Friday evening. There is a separate fee of \$30 for this event. The after-dinner entertainment will be provided by magician Daniel Lusk. He has performed across the United States, overseas, for celebrities, national sports teams, and on national T.V. His magic has not only been seen by millions but Daniel also lectures at conventions for other magicians teaching his trade.

Conference attendees will be offered the opportunity to participate in two on-site service projects. After dinner on Friday evening, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in the Care-ing Cases project, using clean recycled hard eyeglass cases to assemble first aid kits and toiletry kits. Conference attendees are also encouraged to donate new socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, knit hats, and blankets to the Sock It To Me project. Collection boxes for these items will be available on Friday and Saturday. Our District Governors will share all items created/collected by these projects with those in need in their districts.

For more information about the conference and a registration form, visit the Indiana Lions website at indianalions.org and click on the link labelled “Printable Forms”. The list of available forms includes a registration form with seminar descriptions and hotel information.

We hope to see you at the 2024 Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference.

Operation Cancer Hero—Indiana Lions Fighting Pediatric Cancer

In August, the Walther Cancer Foundation and Riley Children’s Foundation announced that the Walther Cancer Foundation has pledged \$10 million to match donations of \$100,000 or more from other organizations and individuals to fund pediatric cancer research and treatment.

The Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc. (CCF) has accepted this challenge and have started our campaign: **Operation Cancer Hero!** We need your help to fight pediatric cancer.

If you would like to donate or join the team for your district, click on one of the links below.

- District 25-A <https://give.rileykids.org/25A>
- District 25-B <https://give.rileykids.org/25B>
- District 25-C <https://give.rileykids.org/25C>
- District 25-D <https://give.rileykids.org/25D>
- District 25-E <https://give.rileykids.org/25E>
- District 25-F <https://give.rileykids.org/25F>
- District 25-F <https://give.rileykids.org/25G>
- Indiana Lions <https://give.rileykids.org/LionsCCF>

Follow the CCF page on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IndianaLionsCancerControl>

Join the CCF group on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1470990497011888>

Operation Cancer Hero

