



Newsletter



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THE DG'S ROLL CALL

District Governor

Kenny Williams



October has always been a busy month for the Williams family. Seems most of my family members were born in October. Must have been cold on those winter nights. I hope our clubs can get back to being busy this month. Make sure you are sending pictures and articles to Lion Holly Nethery for the District Newsletter. Include a caption and names of people in the pictures. We will also get pictures and articles to Lion Jaline Spurgeon to get in the October issue of the Hoosier Lion. I am seeing more service activities and clubs starting to meet in person. Please stay in social distancing mode, but let's get moving. Ask someone to join your club and keep them busy. We are the best kept secret out there and need to get the word out.

IT'S GOING TO BE A BANNER NIGHT! That usually means something good, and in this case I have to agree. Our District 25E Spooktacular Banner Night (see flyer on next page) will be at the Canyon Inn at McCormick's Creek State Park in Spencer on Saturday, 17 October 2020, starting at 5:30PM (Eastern time zone). I hope to see as many clubs as possible represented. Bring your banner and your Halloween costume; it is a costume party. Please also bring a silent auction item from each club. Cost is \$25. RSVP to PCC/CS Keith Thomas as soon as possible, so we have a headcount for meals. There is a prize for the best costume. It will be fun, and I look forward to seeing you there.

Our 2nd District Meeting will be on Saturday, 10 October 2020 at 9:00am (Central time) in the Oakland City Lions Clubhouse (*see agenda on pg. 13*). It is open to everyone and please RSVP to PCC/CS Keith Thomas so we get a headcount for meals (\$10, meal provided by the Oakland City Lions.) I hope to see you there too.

It is not too early to make your reservations for the District 25E Convention on 12-13 March 2021 at the Brown County Inn in Nashville, Indiana. Our Okie ID Michael Banks, from Stillwater, Oklahoma will be joining us. I am looking forward to meeting him and want to have a great convention. There will be a Meet the ID Dinner on Friday night as well as a dinner on Saturday night for anyone spending the night after the convention. Let's have some fun!

Tanks for Serving

DG Kenny

Media points of contact (photos, events, articles, etc.)

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

~ **Public relations:** PCC Keith Thomas, kthomas@threeidesign.com; no deadline

~ **Hoosier Lion:** Lion Jaline Spurgeon, jaspurg@hotmail.com; by 1st of each month



DISTRICT 25E **BANNER NIGHT** **SPOOKTACULAR**

FOR DISTRICT GOVERNOR KENNY WILLIAMS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2020

AFTER COUNCIL MEETING
SOCIAL 5:30PM / DINNER 6:00PM

\$25 PER PERSON

ENTERTAINMENT & SILENT AUCTION

ALL CLUBS ARE ASKED TO BRING BANNER AND
AUCTION ITEM

COSTUME RECOMMENDED!

THE OAK ROOM, CANYON INN
MCCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK

451 McCormick's Creek Park Road, Spencer, IN 47460

ROOM BLOCK

10 rooms blocked until 8/24,
Code 1017LC (\$100-110 +tax)



RSVP

to PCC/CS Keith Thomas
at (812)354-4637
(Leave message if no answer.)

~ DISTRICT DISH ~

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

Date	Event	Time / Location	Contact
10 Oct 2020	2 nd District-wide meeting	9:00a / Oakland City	PCC/CS Keith Thomas, 812-354-4637
17 Oct 2020	2 nd Council meeting	TBD / Spencer, IN	PCC Sue Topf, 317-332-5450
17 Oct 2020	25E Banner Night Spooktacular	See flyer on page 12	DG Kenny Williams, 812-320-4258
7 Nov 2020	District Day of Service		
14 Nov 2020	Oakland City Lions Club, DG Official Visit	9:00a	DG Kenny Williams, 812-320-4258
24 Nov 2020	Brownstown Lions Club, DG Official Visit	6:00p / 594 S Dogwood Drive, Brownstown, IN	DG Kenny Williams, 812-320-4258
10 Dec 2020	Bloomfield Lions Club, DG Official Visit	6:00p / Casa Sevilla, Bloomfield, IN	DG Kenny Williams, 812-320-4258
22 Dec 2020	Salem Lions Club, DG Official Visit		DG Kenny Williams, 812-320-4258
16 Jan 2021	District Information Meeting	TBD	PCC/CS Keith Thomas, 812-354-4637
30 Jan 2021	3 rd Council Meeting	Crowne Plaza, Indianapolis Airport	
12-13 Mar 2021	25-E Spring Convention / 3 rd Cabinet Mtg w/ID Michael Banks	Brown County Inn, Nashville, IN	DG Kenny Williams, 812-320-4258
4-5 Apr 2021	Indiana Lions Leadership Workshop	Baymont Inn, Plainfield, IN	DG Kenny Williams, 812-320-4258
30 Apr – 2 May 2021	Indiana Lions State Convention / District	Wyndham Hotel West, Indianapolis	

'Til Fiddler's Green – Fallen Members Recently Reported

Club	Member
Brownstown	John McCoy

New Members in September 2020 – Welcome!

Club	Member	Sponsor
Ramsey	Nancy McIntosh	Glenn Wuest

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.

Lion Doris Bliss	Lion Joan Bode	Lion Mary Chisham	Lion John Davis
Lion Cindy DeHart	Lion Bob Evans	Lion Alma Graf	Lion Larry Hanson
Lion Dave Milby	Lion Sandy Ruane	Lion Betty Schoonmaker	PDG Paul Schoonmaker
Lion Henry Spindler	Lion Jaline Spurgeon	Lion Bill Stoops	Lion Betty Taylor
PDG (25G) Peg VanNevel family			

Club Anniversaries

Club	Charter	Age (yrs.)
Jasper	25 Oct 1950	70
New Salisbury	14 Oct 1997	23
Odon	4 Oct 1929	91
Seymour Evening	28 Oct 1925	95
Stinesville	1 Oct 1968	52

Please send updates to:

Lion Holly Nethery
hnethery25@yahoo.com

If you are attending the October 10th District-wide Meeting in Oakland City, lunch is \$10/person.
Please RSVP to PCC/CS Keith Thomas at 812-354-4637 or kthomas@threeidesign.com.

FROM THE ON-DECK CIRCLE...

1st Vice District Governor

Lee Cuba



On the journey to become a better leader, I have taken time to sharpen the saw. I found myself looking for ways to improve my and others' leadership skills, only to be repeating the same skills. Therefore, to learn new skills, one must sharpen the saw. In this case, the saw takes the form of skills. So how do we sharpen the saw of skills you ask? This is achieved by studying or reading or taking classes or attending seminars. I just finished attending the USA/Canada Lions Virtual Leadership Experience. I will share what I learned in future newsletters.

For now, in keeping with my theme of Serving Outside The Box, I am reminded that one must get outside the comfort zone occasionally to serve outside the box. So remember this:

The Comfort Zone by Anonymous

*I used to have a Comfort Zone where I knew I couldn't fail.
The same four walls of busy work were really more like a jail.*

*I longed so much to do the things I had never done before.
But I stayed inside my Comfort Zone and paced the same floor.*

*I said it didn't matter that I wasn't doing much.
I said I didn't care for things like diamonds, furs and such.*

*I claimed to be so busy with the things inside my zone.
But deep inside I longed for something special of my own.*

*I couldn't let my life go by just watching others win.
I held my breath and stepped outside to let the change begin.*

*I took a step and with new strength I'd never felt before,
I kissed my Comfort Zone "goodbye" and closed and locked the door.*

*If you are in a Comfort Zone afraid to venture out.
Remember that all winners were at one time filled with doubt.*

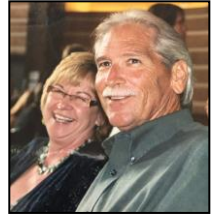
*A step or two and words of praise can make your dreams come true.
Greet your future with a smile. Success is there for you.*

VDG Lee Cuba

IN THE HOLE...

2nd Vice District Governor

Don Russ



You need to evolve, adjust, accept change and most of all you need to embrace the “new normal.” Of all these things you are asked to do as you grow older, the “new normal” has become the hardest for me to accept ... so far. I’m quite sure I am not alone.

Lions are one of the hardest hit clubs when it comes to the “new normal” because of the age of our members. I think most of us have been able to evolve, adjust, and accept the change and go forward. For those of you who haven’t, hang in there; better days are just around the corner. I truthfully believe that, and I hope you do also.

All of the clubs need to do as much as they can for their areas under the circumstances we have all been given. Of all the things we need to do, **adjust** may be the most important word we can keep in mind.

So keep meeting and planning fundraisers when you can. Make sure all members get involved in what the club is doing. If you haven’t seen or talked to a member in a while, give them a call. That may be all it takes to get them involved in the club again.

I don’t think I am going out on a limb by saying the district is here to help in any way we can. If I am now out on that limb it won’t be the first time ... or the last.

2VDG Don

WELCOME to Our Newest Club—Help Them With a Successful Start!

The **Sullivan County Lions Club** is the District’s newest club, chartered on August 22, 2020. The club has around 31 members and will be serving Sullivan County, an area which is located in the most northwest corner of our district. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic we will not be able to celebrate the traditional way with a Charter Night event/dinner. Instead we’re asking our clubs for a donation to the Sullivan County Lions Club to help them start their year off successfully. If you or a member of your club is coming to either the District Meeting on **October 10** or the District Banner Night on **October 17** you can bring your donation and pass it along to either PCC/CS Keith Thomas or CT Debbie Ellis. If you or a club member will not be able to attend either event, please send your donation (check made payable to the Sullivan County Lions Club) to Cabinet Treasurer Debbie Ellis, 8262 Center Rd., Sullivan, IN 47882.

FROM THE SCRIBE...

District 25E Cabinet Secretary Past Council Chair

Keith Thomas



Lions,

Over the last few weeks, the MyLion portal has had issues with access. LCI is working on the issues. But in the meantime, LCI member services recommends the following:

The blank screen can be remedied by clearing the cache in the internet browser that you are using. Instructions are provided here for Google Chrome and Mozilla Firefox. You will need to delete any bookmarks (i.e. saved favorites) that you have for the MyLion page.

SUMMARY OF WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO DO:

1. Clear your internet browser cache.
2. Close your browser then open it again.
3. Navigate to the MyLion web page.
4. Try again to sign in.

GOOGLE CHROME - Clearing the cache:

While in the Google Chrome internet browser:

- Press and hold the two keys: [CTRL] + [SHIFT]
- While holding the two keys, tap the [Delete] key
- You should get a window option to clear the cache
- Select "All Time" for the TIME RANGE (click down arrow to make selection)
- Make sure there is a check mark next to the three selections:
 - Browsing History
 - Cookies and other site data
 - Cached Images and Files
- Click Clear Data

FIREFOX - Clearing the cache:

- While in the Firefox internet browser:
- Select the Menu option (the three parallel lines at top-right corner)
- Select Options (from the drop-down menu)
- Select Privacy and Security
- Select Cookies and Site Data [scroll downward to see]
- Select Clear Data
- Make sure there is a check mark next to the two selections:
 - Cookies and site data (check mark)
 - Cached web content (check mark) [under the Clear Data Button]
- Select Clear

Like normal, if you are having issues with MyLion, please let me know at kthomas@threeidesign.com. I will attempt to help you and if need be, help file your reports.

Thanks, CS Keith

ENVIRONMENTAL EXPRESSIONS...**District E Environmental Chair***Sharon Kamman*

As one who loves trees and who is trying harder to understand our environmental situation here in the U.S., it breaks my heart as I read about the fires in the western part of our country. Thousands upon thousands of acres of trees have been burned, homes destroyed, lives lost. As Lions here in Indiana and across the U.S. we need to make a gigantic effort to plant more trees to replace those that have been lost. (If we think we have had trouble the past few months finding toilet paper, just think what it will be in the next few years with all the trees lost.) Also, I read the other day that already there is a lumber shortage due to the fact that more people are at home now because of Covid-19, and are remodeling and working on their homes. Let's talk about that. Fall is an excellent time to plant trees. It is always better to plant trees that are native to our area; they adapt to the climate and soil better. Think about oak trees, flowering dogwood, different kinds of maple trees. (Beware of the silver maple; we have one in our side yard and the roots grow up on top of the grass and make it very hard to mow.)

What are some other ways we can help the environment?

SAVE ELECTRICITY

- Do you have lamps, radios, TVs, or power equipment that you rarely use but leave plugged in? Unplug them until you need to use them.
- Adjust your thermostat a degree or two warmer in the summer and a degree or two cooler in the winter.
- Turn off lights when you leave a room.
- Only wash a full load of clothes – this also applies for the dishwasher.
- Skip the drying cycle on your dishwasher, open the lid and let the dishes air dry.

RECYCLE AS MUCH AS YOU CAN

- Buy recycled paper products.
- Buy your drinks in aluminum cans when possible – reduce mountains of plastic.
- Take a minute to look at all the plastic packaging before you buy a product.

All of you are aware of these things, but we all get a little lazy sometimes and don't take the time to think about our individual impact on the environment. For example, when you need to make a trip into town to pick up an item or two, wouldn't it be better if you had kept a list of needed items and wait until you have to make only one trip to get them all? Plan ahead – save on gas and wear and tear on your car.

As I've said before, I'm thinking more and more about what kind of world our grandchildren are going to inherit. If one or two people can do one or two things each day to make things better, the necessary changes will begin to happen. I've written a poem and shared it with my granddaughter. She liked it! Hope you do, too.

One Small Drop of Water

*One small drop of water does not an ocean form
 One tiny little thundercloud does not produce a storm
 One soft and fluffy snowflake will surely not alarm
 One little spark of fire won't keep the whole world warm.*

*I'm just one little person, my talents seem so small
 How could I ever change things, what could I do at all
 First, I'll join hands with others and then the task begin
 We'll share the burdens of the world; with many hands we'll win!*

Lion Sharon Kamman
 District E Environmental Chairperson
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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS...

NAMI Champion
Erica Thomas



Lions Clubs International

Sharing Events on Social Media

Ready to make your event a success? Facebook is a great tool to utilize before, during and after the event for promotion, networking and recruitment.

BEFORE: Create a Public Event from Your Facebook Page

The Event feature on Facebook allows you to create a promotional space for your event that is connected to your club's page. Your club's page will be listed as the host.

Schedule your event – Include the event date, time, location, ticket info, and schedule.

Invite your friends – The event page has an Invite feature to allow you to invite your page's followers and your Facebook friends. They can mark if they're going, interested, or not going.

Share the event – Share the page link with members and encourage them to invite their Facebook friends. The more shares and invites of your event, the more people it will reach!

Share updates – As the event approaches, post updates to get people excited about the event.

To create an event from your computer, go to your Facebook page to create a post. Click the Event option and fill in the fields.

DURING: Tell Attendees to Follow You on Facebook

While you're at the event, make sure attendees know your club has a Facebook page where they can learn more, stay updated, ask questions, and connect with members.

Get a handle on things – Include your page's URL or handle on all your printed materials, handouts, and signage. For example, include the message "Follow @lionsclubs on Facebook!" or "Visit facebook.com/lionsclubs to learn more!" (Hint: Your Facebook handle starts with @ and is displayed under your Facebook profile picture.)

Use a hashtag – Does your club or event have a hashtag (#ChicagoWindyCityLions or #LCIcon2019)? Consider coming up with a hashtag and including it on signage. Encourage attendees to post their photos to their social profiles using the hashtag or by tagging/mentioning your page's handle.

Make friends – As you meet new people, ask if you can connect on Facebook through your personal profiles. Friend them on Facebook as you're talking. Later, you can invite them to like your page through Facebook.

AFTER: Network, network, network!

Facebook is more than just a promotional tool – it's a networking tool that allows you to connect with members of your community!

Share photos on your club page – Post photos of your event on your club's page and your personal profile. Tag or mention any of the new Facebook friends you met during the event to expand your post's reach.

Share photos on member pages – Encourage members to post photos to their personal profiles, and to include your hashtag and page handle. Share their photos on your page.

Stay in touch – Through your personal profile, message the new friends you connected with on Facebook. Follow up about the event, invite them to your next service activity, and share your club's page so they can stay updated.

NEWS FROM THE INDIANA LIONS FOUNDATION:

*As you may have heard the Indiana State Fair has been cancelled this year due to COVID-19 concerns. While you may not be able to support your Indiana Lions Foundation with your time & talents, please consider a contribution to our **NEW ONLINE campaign** via GoFundMe.*

Safe, secure one-time donations or set up recurring donations!



<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/indiana-lions-foundation-online-campaign>

or <http://tiny.cc/o2v7rz>

or scan the QR code with your smart device!



gofundme



All Lions from the State of Indiana recently were mailed the above brochure expressing the benefits provided by the Indiana Lions Foundation. One of those benefits is the \$750.00 Matching Grant Program. The Program will match up to \$750.00 of a Club's contribution to an approved service project.

Due to the cancellation of the Indiana State Fair, Lions from across Indiana were unable to volunteer their time to raise funds for the Indiana Lions Foundation and the Matching Grant Program. Please consider supporting the Indiana Lions Foundation so we can continue our programs for the Lions of Indiana. You can make a one-time donation to the Indiana Lions Foundation via our GoFundMe online campaign. Donation options include: Using the QR Code above, going directly to our GoFundMe page, or making a direct contribution to the Indiana Lions Foundation.

If you have any questions, please contact an Indiana Lions Foundation Trustee or visit our website: IndianalionsfoundationMD25.org



25E Club Happenings

St. Vincent Dunn Hospital in Bedford Receives Respiratory Equipment from LCIF Covid-19 Grant

On September 2, 2020, PDG Gary Ochs and Bedford Lions Club Secretary Jan Allen (at right in the photo) were treated to a demonstration of the advanced respiratory monitoring equipment purchased by St. Vincent Dunn Hospital with its \$5,000 of the \$10,000 LCIF Covid-19 Emergency Grant recently awarded to 25-E, earmarked for the two Lawrence County hospitals.

The operation of the “Masimo Rad 97 with Radius PPG,” which allows for continuous remote monitoring of a patient’s heart rate and oxygen saturation, was explained by (from left in the photo) Jamie Webster, Chief Nursing Officer, and Shannon Robinson, Clinical Services Manager of St. Vincent Dunn Hospital in Bedford.

See the August issue of the 25-E Newsletter for more details on the grant, as well as the photo and announcement of the new personal protective equipment and respiratory hygiene stands which were purchased by IU Health Bedford Hospital with its \$5,000 of the LCIF grant.





25E Club Happenings



Springs Valley 3rd graders hold their copy of A Student's Dictionary provided by the French Lick-West Baden Lions Club as an annual project. This year's dictionary featured a front page picture of earth covered by a mask, depicting the pandemic which the class will remember throughout their lives. Passing out copies to the 65 class members were Lions Frances Drabing, Judy Walters, Jason Lindsey, and Bill Willis. The students were told that learning is fun, and that it was fun for the Lions to give this important learning tool to them.



On September 8th, the Georgetown Lions Club installed a much-needed handicap ramp for an impaired homeowner in Jeffersonville, IN. Shown in photo left to right: Lion John Bruns, Lion Bob Dodds, homeowner's grandson Riley Adams, Lion Jim Galbreath, Lion Bentley Adams, Lion Don Tyler, and homeowner John Cosper.

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

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812-320-1910

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.pdf

Preferred formats for photos:
.jpg
.bmp



The Evansville Eastside Lions Club held a pork fundraiser on Saturday, September 13th, that raised \$1,582 for service projects. Pictured are Lion Don Reising, 2nd Vice District Governor Don Russ, Sue Russ, Chris Naas, Bill Schulz, Ceal Schulz

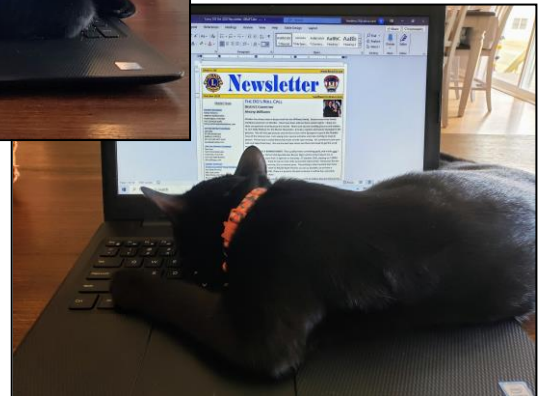
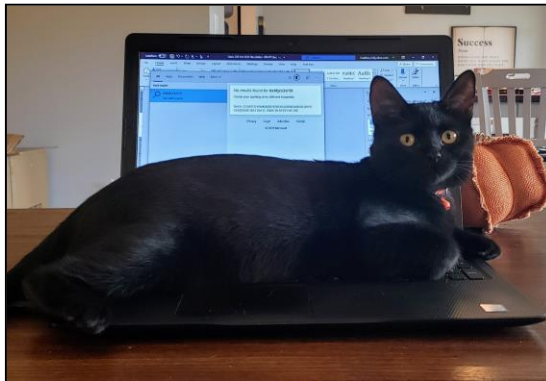


25E Club Happenings

Lions Club Tax Time is Coming Up!

All Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts that have annual gross receipts of less than US\$50,000 and do not have to file Forms 990 or 990-EZ must file the e-Postcard (also known as 990-N). If your Lions club, district, or multiple district has a foundation, which is a separate legal entity, the appropriate form will need to be filed as well. All filers must register at IRS.gov prior to filing their next Form 990-N. This is a one-time registration if the designated Lion files annually. If the designee changes from a prior year, the new designee must register with the IRS.

The e-Postcard is due by the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of your tax year. Lions clubs operate on a fiscal year, July 1-June 30, so **the e-Postcard is due by November 15 each year**. Please note that an organization cannot request an extension for filing the Form 990-N. If you do not file, you risk losing your tax-exempt status.



Newsletter Editor, Lion Holly Nethery, would like to introduce her co-editor, Mini-Lion Sophie, who apparently finds the writing process somewhat exhausting. 😊

25-E Second District Meeting Agenda

October 10, 2020

Oakland City Lions Club, 431 W. Dale St, Oakland City, IN

RSVP to PCC/CS Keith Thomas no later than Oct 5th. Lunch is \$10.

All reports need to be sent to PCC/CS Keith Thomas no later than Oct 5th.

8:00am Registration (ALL TIMES CENTRAL TIME ZONE)

8:30am Honorary Committee Meeting

9:00am Call to Order

Pledge – 2VDG Don Russ

Invocation – 1VDG Lee Cuba

9:10pm Cabinet/Project Reports (5 minutes or less)

Cabinet Secretary/GLT- CS PCC Keith Thomas

Cabinet Treasurer -Lion Debbie Ellis

GST- PDG Ron Edwards

GMT- PDG Jean Bodensteiner

Cancer Control- PDG Mark Clark

Vision First- PDG Robert Kamman

Speech & Hearing-Lion Donna Robinson

Leader Dog- PCC Jeff Schafer

Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired-

Indiana Lions Foundation-Lion Erica Thomas

Special Projects-PCC/CS Keith Thomas

Vision Screening- PDG Frank Ruane

LCIF- Lion Sam Hopper

Committee Reports

Tail Twisting (10 Minutes)

10:15am Zone Reports

10:50am Break

11:00am North American Membership Initiative (NAMI)- Lion Erica Thomas

11:15am Diabetes Awareness

11:30am Closing Comments

11:40 am Lunch

- **October 17th, 2020: at 5:30 pm, Oak Room, Canyon Inn in McCormick Creek State Park, Spencer. Halloween Costume, \$25, Bring your Banners and a silent auction item.**
- **March 12-13, 2021: 25-E Spring Convention, Brown County Inn, Nashville Indiana**
- **April 30-May 2: Indiana State Lions Convention, Wyndham Hotel West, Indianapolis**