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#### **District 25E**



Newsletter

#### September 2020

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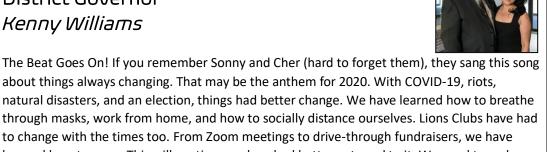
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## THE DG'S ROLL CALL

### District Governor Kenny Williams





natural disasters, and an election, things had better change. We have learned how to breathe through masks, work from home, and how to socially distance ourselves. Lions Clubs have had to change with the times too. From Zoom meetings to drive-through fundraisers, we have learned how to cope. This will continue and we had better get used to it. We need to make sure we are up to the challenge of email and digital meetings and basically changing the way we do business. Things that don't change: Community service and growing your Lions Clubs. We need to start meeting again and start doing those service projects so important to our survival and our communities. No one wants to join a club that isn't doing anything. Stay safe but start getting together. Your community still needs you. Don't stop asking people to join you and make sure you put them to work. The Beat Goes On.

Midwinter Conference has been cancelled for 2021. It has always been interesting to me and was important in developing Lions Leaders. I want to emphasize the following dates:

~ 25E District-wide meeting at the Oakland City Lions building on 10 October 2020, 9 a.m. Central Time Zone. Come get involved in your district.

District 25E Banner Night at the Canyon Inn in McCormick's Creek State Park, 5:30PM, 17 October 2020. Bring your Banner and an item for the Silent auction. It is a Halloween costume event (see flyer on pg. 12)

~ District Day of Service, 7 November 2020.

Welcome to the newest club in the state, Sullivan County Lions Club. They chartered with at least 30 members. The Charter Night is TBD right now, but we will get it on the schedule when they tell us. Plan on being there to support a new club.

Things are changing. Be on that train and not waiting at the station watching it pull away. Ask people to join us. Train them and keep them engaged. It sounds simple and it basically is. We will eventually beat this virus and move past elections. The Beat Goes On!

Tanks for Serving

DG Kenny

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# ~ DISTRICT DISH ~

	Upcoming Eve	ents (a						
Date	Event		Time / Location		Contact			
11 Sep 2020	New Albany "Hungry like a Lion"	12:30 reg., 1:30 shotgun start /			Brian Brewer, 502-403-7956,			
	Golf Scramble	Charic	ot Run Golf Course, L	.aconia, IN	brianbrewer80@gmail.com			
15 Sep 2020	French Lick/West Baden Lions Club, DG Official Visit				DG Kenny Williams, 812-320-4258			
10 Oct 2020	2 <sup>nd</sup> District-wide meeting	9:00a / Oakland City			PCC/CS Keith Thomas, 812-354-4637			
17 Oct 2020	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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		nfield, 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	TBD		PCC/CS Keith Thomas, 812-354-4637			
24 Jan 2021	3 <sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting	Crowr	Crowne Plaza, Indianapolis Airport					
12-13 Mar	25-E Spring Convention / 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Brown County Inn, Nashville, IN		lle, IN	DG Kenny Williams, 812-320-4258			
2021	Cabinet Mtg w/ID Michael Banks							
	Club Anniversaries		New M	embers i	n August 2020 – Welcome!			
<u>Club</u>	<u>Charter</u> <u>Age (yr</u>	·s.)			ve had WAY too many new			
Bloomingto								
Paoli Meridian 27 Sep 1954 66			members in		n August to fit here, so they're			
			all listed on the next page!					
		Car	e and Concerr	าร				
Our	thoughts and prayers are with those in the hospital, or at home							
Lion Doris Bliss	Lion Joan Bode	Lion Mary Chisham			Lion John Davis			
Lion Cindy DeHa			-		Lion Alma Graf			
Lion Larry Hanson Lion Mike Jones		Lion Dave Milby			Lion Sandy Ruane			
Lion Betty Schoonmaker PDG Paul Schoonma		-		-	Lion Jaline Spurgeon			
Lion Bill Stoops	Lion Betty Taylor	PDG Chloe Weyrauch						
Til Fiddler's Green – Fallen Members     Please send updates to:								
	Recently Reported							
<u>Club</u> <u>M</u>		<u>ember</u>			Lion Holly Nethery			
Bloomfield Jame		es Lueking			hnethery25@yahoo.com			
Bloomington Gre			eg Hepfer					
		ert Crocker						
Seymour Noon Patrick Co			Corcoran					
(See next page	for obituary of <b>James Brown</b> , Past Di	strict Go	overnor for Lions	Mako	plans to attend the 255 Banner			
<i>Clubs International District 25 E1 and 23-year member of the</i>					Make plans to attend the 25E Banner			
Seymour Evening Lions Club)					Night Spooktacular on October 17 <sup>th</sup> !			
				See f	flyer on page 12 for more info.			

# ~ DISTRICT DISH (CONT.) ~

New Members in August 2020 – Welcome! And a VERY special welcome to our NEW CLUB–Sullivan County!!								
Club	Member	Sponsor	Club	Member	Sponsor			
Bedford Noon	R. Shawn Smith	Jack Voigtschild	Sullivan County	Cassidy Ellis	N/A (new club)			
Bloomington	Art Rigsby	Dee Juric	Sullivan County	Greg Ellis	N/A (new club)			
Canton	Jon David Wade-Swift	Nona Wade	Sullivan County	Kathryn Ellis	N/A (new club)			
Canton	Lindsey Marie Wade-Swift	Nona Wade	Sullivan County	McKayla Ellis	N/A (new club)			
Fayetteville Comm	Jacqueline Lyons	Duane Terry	Sullivan County	Brandy Gentry	N/A (new club)			
Fayetteville Comm	Jason Lyons	Duane Terry	Sullivan County	Christopher Gentry	N/A (new club)			
Fayetteville Comm	Donna Jo Pritchett	Duane Terry	Sullivan County	Cali Hale	N/A (new club)			
Francisco	Aaron Claridge	Andrew Lloyd	Sullivan County	Billie Kaufman	N/A (new club)			
Stinesville	Phillip Walden	Rossanne Walden	Sullivan County	Ray McCammon	N/A (new club)			
Sullivan County	Bryan Burkhart	N/A (new club)	Sullivan County	Trudi McCammon	N/A (new club)			
Sullivan County	Gretchen Burkhart	N/A (new club)	Sullivan County	Gabby Thomas	N/A (new club)			
Sullivan County	Kathy Crock	N/A (new club)	Sullivan County	Jesse Turner-Squire	N/A (new club)			
Sullivan County	Kevin Crock	N/A (new club)	Sullivan County	Jessie Vargas	N/A (new club)			
Sullivan County	John Delph, Jr.	N/A (new club)	Sullivan County	Dalton Will	N/A (new club)			
Sullivan County	Shanine Delph	N/A (new club)	Sullivan County	Brandy Wolfe	N/A (new club)			
Sullivan County	Anita Dupre	N/A (new club)	Winslow	Maddelynne Arnold	Lucebra Gamble			
Sullivan County	Ernes Dupre	N/A (new club)	Winslow	Scott Arnold	James Gamble			

#### James Edward Brown

#### December 11, 1936 – August 29, 2020

James Edward Brown, 83, of Atlantic Beach, NC passed away on Saturday August 29, 2020. James was the son of the late James L. and Fannie Bruce (Forrest) Brown. He is survived by his Loving wife, Mollie (McCotter) Brown and a son, Mark Leslie Brown.

James served his Country with Pride for over 20 years, retiring as Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy. During his military career he served two tours in Vietnam in Air Sea Rescue. He also received the Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Vietnam Service medal and the National Defense Service Medal. After his retirement from the US Navy, James went on to be an instructor at Nash Community College in Rocky Mount, NC, IVY Technical College in Columbus, IN and Marshall Institute, teaching Industrial Maintenance Management. James was a Master Mason with memberships in Ocean Masonic Lodge No.401 in Morehead City and Jackson Masonic Lodge No. 46 in Seymour, Indiana.

He is a Past District Governor for Lions Clubs International District 25 E1 and was a member of the Seymour Evening Lions Club for 23 years.

In addition to his parents James was preceded in death by a son, Douglas Leslie Brown. A graveside service with full military Honors and Masonic Rites took place on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, 2:00 pm at Cedar Grove Cemetery Extension in New Bern.

Memorial contributions in James' honor are requested to be made to the Franklin Masonic Home in Indiana, the Whitestone Masonic Home in North Carolina, or to the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Arrangements handled by Cotten Funeral Home & Crematory.

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

## FROM THE ON-DECK CIRCLE... 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor *Lee Cuba*



On our journey to become comfortable serving outside the box let's stop in and visit the synergy store. Synergy is the concept that the combined value and performance of two individual entities will be greater than the sum of the separate individual parts. In this time of the pandemic, many of our clubs are having difficulties meeting as they did before, making service projects and fundraising even harder to accomplish. I have heard of one club completely canceling a fundraising event. This is where synergizing will help. There are bound to be alternative service projects and fundraising opportunities that can be shared with other clubs. Then the discussion could lead to more ideas. Clubs can talk to their zone chairs to have zone meetings to discuss ideas. In a larger setting, like the October 10 district meeting at Oakland City, many more ideas can be synergized.

Sharing and synergizing ideas can lead to comfort in serving outside the box. Let's continue the journey.

VDG Lee Cuba

## Statement of Support for the People of Beirut Lebanon From the Lions of Indiana

## August 6, 2020

In the aftermath of the explosion in the Port of Beirut on August 4th, the Lions of Indiana offer our sincere sympathies to all those affected by this industrial disaster. Coming as it does during a time of pandemic and national financial crisis, we ask that our best wishes and efforts for relief be joined by all people of goodwill and peace. We support Lions Clubs International Foundation's Disaster Relief efforts, knowing that our international partners and providers in the Beirut area will deliver aid in the weeks and months to come.

More information is available at <u>https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/give-our-focus-areas/disaster-</u> relief.

We offer our sincere condolences to those injured and the families of those lost in this catastrophe.

For the Lions of Indiana,

**Mitchell Semans** 

Chair, Council of Governors

Lions of Indiana, USA

### FROM THE SCRIBE... District 25E Cabinet Secretary Past Council Chair *Keith Thomas*



#### Hello Lions,

This article is somewhat related to last month's article. Since part of the discussion was regarding costs of membership and payment of dues, below is from the International Constitution Article XII regarding Fees and Dues.

**Section 1. MEMBER REPORTS.** In the manner and within the time prescribed by the International Board of Directors each club shall report to the international office of this association, the names of all new members elected, and shall remit there-with such entrance fee for each new member as shall be determined by the International Board of Directors.

#### Section 2. MEMBERSHIP DUES.

(a) Semi-annual membership dues of twenty-one dollars and fifty cents (US\$21.50) denominated in U.S. dollars shall be levied on each club member based upon the membership of each club as shown by its membership report of June and December and shall be paid by each club to the international office as shall be determined by the International Board of Directors, except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) herein.

(b) For family membership programs as adopted by the International Board of Directors, the following dues shall apply:

(1) The first family member shall pay semi-annual membership dues as provided in sub-section (a) above.

(2) Subsequent qualifying family members, not to exceed four additional qualifying members per household, shall pay semi-annual membership dues equal to one-half (1/2) of the total amount paid by the first family member as described in subsection (b) (1) above.
(c) For student membership programs as adopted by the International Board of Directors, eligible student members shall pay semi-annual membership dues equal to one-half (1/2) of the total amount of dues as provided in sub-section (a) above.

(d) An annual fee shall be paid by each Lions club for each Leo club sponsored by it, in an amount and at such time as shall be determined by the International Board of Directors.

It was discussed that most clubs collect member dues either annually or semi-annually, but it was pointed out that even monthly is an option, although it may be more work on the club's secretary and treasurer.

While on the discussion of dues, since the Singapore Convention was cancelled, the amendment to raise the dues was not voted on. I contacted the International Director Billy Blankenship since we discussed this amendment back in March prior to the pandemic. The board of directors has pulled the original amendment so it will not be voted on at the convention in Montreal Canada. As of the writing of this article, no dues-related amendment is slated to be on the ballot in July. He did not know if one would be proposed between now and the convention.

I have also recently been asked about the International, State and District dues breakdown and what the club should be charging for dues. Here is a breakdown that past Cabinet Treasurer Richard Kaiser prepared:

International	Summer	Winter	Total Member (each)				
Total International	\$21.50	\$21.50	\$43.00				
Total State	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$14.00				
District MD 25E:							
DG Administrative Fund	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$2.00				
District Conv. Fund	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$1.00				
VDG Administrative Fund	\$0.75	\$0.75	\$1.50				
MD25E Committee Fund	\$0.25	\$0.00	\$0.25				
Grand Total	\$31.00	\$30.75	\$61.75				

If your club is not charging at least \$61.75 for the annual dues, the club may want to consider increasing the dues to keep from draining the administration funds.

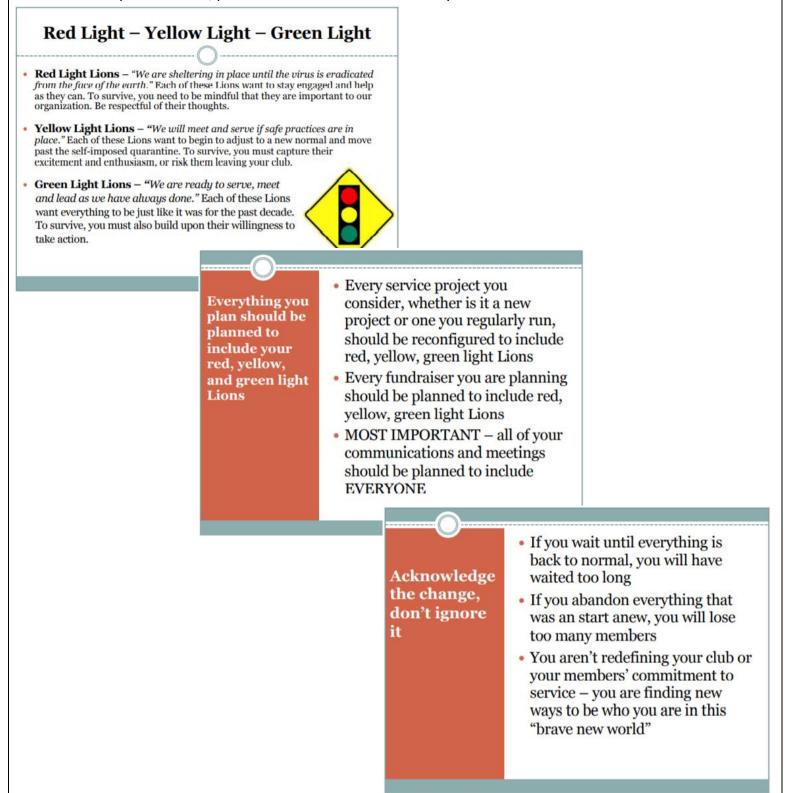
So at least for now, no dues increase for the 2020-2021 Lions years.

Tanks for Serving. PCC CS Keith Thomas

#### MEMBERSHIP MATTERS...

NAMI Champion Erica Thomas

Hello Lions! The information in these slides is given to us from Lion Jane Jarrow who created the presentation, and Past International Director Jerome Thompson who presented the original information back in June. If anyone would like their entire presentations, please email me at ericadthomas@yahoo.com.



## The Special Olympics Lion Ring Raffle is still on!

The drawing has been rescheduled, due to the COVID-19 outbreak, to October 17th, in conjunction with the Lions State Council meeting. Ticket sales have been slow due to virtual meetings and lack of in-person contact.

This raffle is still the best deal around, only \$10.00 per ticket (1 out of 1000 chance if we sell out) to win a one-of-a-kind, customized Lions Ring. With the cancellation of the Special Olympics Summer Games and various regional event, there may be a larger than normal response to the Winter Games.

This could be a record-breaking year for the Winter Games participation. Our sponsorship will be more important than ever to meet this possible increase participation.

Remember as a sponsor we are authorized to use the Special Olympics logo in any of our membership materials. This partnership makes for great PR for membership recruitment.

Please contact your District Special Olympic Chairperson for tickets, or:

Bill McDonald

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# 25E Club Happenings

## Bedford Lions Club 5K Fitness Challenge Goes Virtual

The 2020 annual Bedford Lions Club 5K Fitness Challenge Run/Walk was held virtually on the Bedford Lions Club Facebook page. We had 53 participants send in donations after they individually turned in their times running our normal 5K racecourse. There were no race shirts or plaques awarded this year, but every participant received a virtual "All You Can Eat " stack of Lions pancakes from Lion Dr Jim Sowders chairman of the Fitness Challenge. The donations received from this virtual Fitness Challenge will be used to help fund the many Bedford Lions Club community programs including the main recipient from the Fitness Challenge the LIFE (Lawrence County Inter Faith Endeavors) Backpack Blessings Program which helps feed hungry children in our community.



Bedford Lions Club Virtual 5K Fitness Challenge Logo



Photo of virtual pancakes from Lion Dr Jim Sowders



Photo showing Bedford Lions Club Treasurer Bob Ruble on right presenting a \$925 check for LIFE Backpack Blessings to Donnie Hall LIFE Director



# **25E Club Happenings**

# Bedford Lions Complete Building of 250th Ramp

Bedford Lions Club members started building wheelchair ramps in 1989 but they didn't realize how successful a project it would become. The ramp building project has not only been one of our most popular projects, it has been one of our most satisfying for members in the long history of the club. They also didn't imagine the number of appreciative individuals they would assist and the impact the project would have on those people's lives. In July of 1989, the Lions heard about a local woman who was confined to a wheelchair and had been able to get out of her home only once in six years. Building her a ramp would be a great World Service Day Project for the Lions to donate time and serve their community. The Lions decided to construct a wooden wheelchair ramp from her porch to the ground in order to improve her quality of life. The first ramp, which was 18 feet long, was made from plywood sheets placed on wooden framing covered with carpeting and this type construction was continued until 2004, when the Lions started using 5/4 deck boards with no carpeting to cover the wooden framing and that construction continues today. There are no professional carpenters among the Lions who work on the ramps, but you couldn't tell that by the great work that is turned out by this caring group. In most cases they are senior citizens taking pride in aiding other senior citizens. Since that first ramp, members have now donated their time and effort in building a total of 250 wheelchair ramps and 40 handrails of various lengths, donating more than 9,600 hours to people in need in the Bedford area. In the last 10 years the Lions ramp builders have averaged building 12 ramps per year. The Lions always donate all the labor in the construction of the ramps and the club will contribute a portion of expenses toward the required building materials from its ramp building fund, if the family is unable to afford them. Over the years the Lions ramp building fund has received assistance from various individuals, many local churches, and other grant sources in the community. Lengths of the ramps have ranged from 8 feet to 86 feet with many platforms, direction changes, and sturdy handrails. Most ramps are finished in a day with an average of 6 to 10 Lions working 4 to 6 hours each to complete a ramp. One 86-foot ramp built in 2015 took two days and 164 man-hours to complete. The Bedford Lions Club was honored in 2000 with a story and photo in an issue of "The Lion" official magazine of Lions Clubs International about their ramp building project. In addition the local club in 2002 received an award from their Lions Club District for the Lions District Most Outstanding Project and later that year were honored at the Indiana Lions Club's State Convention with a Lions Club's State of Indiana Activities Award for the best Lions project in the state. The Bedford Lions Club was also asked to have an informational booth at the 2011 Indiana Lions Club's State Convention to guide other Lions Clubs in the state on how to build wheelchair ramps in their communities. Various dedicated Lions have served as the ramp project chairman over the years and, along with the present chairman Ken Brumbaugh, have all done a fantastic job of living the Lions Motto, "We Serve." Lion Brumbaugh summarized this project very well in saying, "We all really enjoy the camaraderie of working together for someone in need. This is a great way to serve our community through the Lions Club. We all have a warm feeling in our hearts when a ramp is finished and the person we built it for uses it for the first time. That person's smile makes all the hard work worth it and gives us the incentive to help the next person in need by building another ramp."

(See related photos on next page.)



# **25E Club Happenings**



Shown in photo are local Lions from three Lawrence County Lions Clubs who helped build Ramp #250 for the Bedford Lions Club: (I-r) Phil Mitchell (Bedford), Don Turpen (Bedford), Larry Ritter (Bedford), Ken Brumbaugh (Bedford), George Gabel (Bedford), Kevin Stailey (Fayetteville), Owen Hobbs (Bedford), Charlie Drake (Bedford), Dan Chambers (Mitchell), Jon Heichelbech (Bedford), Bob Ruble (Bedford), Barry Strong (Bedford), and Bruce Megnin (Fayetteville)

Photo shows the Bedford Lions Club's completed ramp #250 at a home in Bedford with the ramp recipients looking it over

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

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Preferred formats for articles: .doc .docx .pdf Preferred formats for photos:

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The Ellettsville Lions Club Annual Lion Hunt Golf Scramble was fun for all and very successful, raising money from several local sponsors and 14 teams. Pictured here is the winning team, Bedford Limestone Suppliers. Team participants (I-r): Shane Stremming, Aaron Harrell, Tevin Norman, and Ellettsville Lion John Burks.



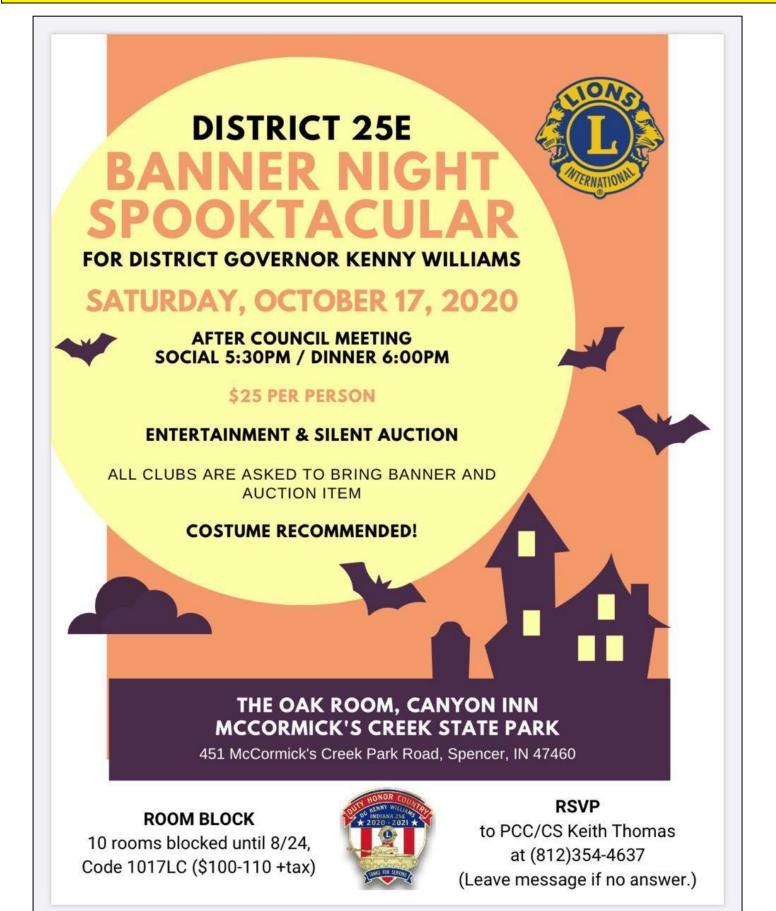
PDG Dale and Lion Sue Leffler with Fred (mascot) passing out information to college students at Oakland City University



From the DG visit to the Petersburg Lions Club: DG Kenny Williams presenting Zone Chair Lowell Thomas with his Zone Chair Pin and Senior Member Key



From the DG visit to the Petersburg Lions Club: DG Kenny Williams and Zone Chair Lowell Thomas simulating the Beatles crossing Abbey Road in London



#### **Directory Revisions**

It has come to our attention that some items in the directory are incorrect, as listed below. Please send any other necessary revisions to PCC/CS Keith Thomas at kthomas@threeidesign.com.

~ Page 45: Evansville Eastside Lions Club meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month (not 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday)

#### ~ Page 64: New Club!!!

Sullivan County #142746 Region 1 Zone B, Chartered 08/28/2020 Date and Time varies Meeting Locations vary. Contact President or Secretary for date, time, and location

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