



District 25E Newsletter

Southwest Indiana Lions Serving 22 Counties!



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and Event Flyers and Pictures to be shared with the District and Hoosier Lion to be sent
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From the desk of District Governor Glen Georges

Here we are going into September already. Time is flying and our Lions are busy working with fundraisers and service projects. Keep up the good work but please remember to report your good work and fundraising. If you need help you are well covered in that area. Cabinet Secretary (CS) Christy Nolan, christy@bcelectric.info, Past Council Chair (PCC) Keith Thomas, kthomas@threeidesign.com and Past International Director (PID) Linda Tincher, linda.tincher@ma.rr.com are the best. These three lions want to help you get your information reported. Report Banner Night and the Cabinet Meeting. I appreciate you attending and sharing your day with me. Remember this is also part of my goal to better report our service.

I hope you enjoyed the program with Patoka National Wildlife Refuge. We wanted to share something from the area that was away from Lions. We all took part in an Environmental program that we can document in our monthly report to LCI (Lions Club International). Our next program will be in Bedford for our next Cabinet meeting. Plan to attend and bring a fellow Lion. It will be October 28th at the First Baptist Church at 10am.

I hope you enjoyed the roundtable discussion and brought something back with you to your club you could use. I know as your District Governor, I sure did. I felt our clubs talking to us about things that are issues for all of us. This is such a help to us as a district to see what direction we need to focus in. I do not mind criticism from the clubs or the lions in our district. It helps me and the leadership strengthen our district.

Your 1VDG Erica Thomas and I have started working in the Ft. Branch area looking to start a new club there. As Past District Governor, PDG Vern Tincher pointed out, we need people local to the area to talk to people. I am from this area of the district. I am talking to a couple of Lions to help be Guiding Lions for this new club. 1VDG Erica and I have identified several key players in town to possibly point us in the right direction. Wish us success in forming this new club. This is also a goal of mine. I expect you will keep my feet to the fire, as it should be.

I will be in Tennyson on September 23rd to participate in their Vender Fair. This will be at the American Legion, 3222 N State Rd 161, Tennyson, In. I will be there to help them promote Lions and help work on membership. If you are looking for something that weekend to do, please come show your support. It is much appreciated.

We are saying goodbye to one of our clubs. Mt Vernon Lions Club has been doing great things in their community for over 71 years. This is a sad loss but after working with and talking with and looking at solutions it was decided to close the club. We are not losing all these Lions. Some are transferring to other clubs. We want to wish them all the best and know this was a hard decision to close.

Club visits are going well, and it is great to see the clubs. I need more clubs to schedule. I am sending out emails to clubs also to set up visits. If you want a special Date, get your request in. My info is lionlenggeorges@gmail.com, 812-746-2140. I hope to hear from you soon.

Yours in Service,

DG Glen Georges

From the desk of 1st Vice District Governor Erica Thomas



Lions! I am so excited to tell you all what happened this last weekend! Keith and I will be the first ones to tell you if something is boring and not worth participating in, that was so NOT the case with this district meeting! The reports were minimized, the ones presented were relevant and information packed, the presentation about the Patoka Wildlife Refuge was very interesting and made me want to get outside more, and the discussion facilitated by PDG Mark Clark was the most informative and engaging session I've participated in in a long time.

Eleven different clubs engaged in discussion about the status of the district, the goals of the District Governor, possible ways to achieve those goals, how the clubs might view district involvement and how to begin making more positive changes. Also discussed at length was: "Why do club members loose commitment to Lions?"; "What is the importance of a district cabinet meeting?"; "Why do members not see that importance?"; and "What needs to change to show that importance to members of the cabinet?". I am hoping that each Lion there came away from this discussion energized, motivated, with new information and ideas and a little more understanding. I know that I certainly did!

The next opportunity for continuing education is Saturday October 28th.

Please ask Governor Glen when you see him how his district goals are coming, but don't be surprised when he asks you what your club's goals are for the year and how they are coming!

Don't forget to send me photos of your club doing something FUN! That contest is still going on, ericadthomas@yahoo.com or text it to me at 812-766-0159.

Remember that as individuals we can change things a little, but together we can change the World!

Until next time,

WDG Erica Thomas

Special Announcement from the State P/R Chair

Updates to the Hoosier Lion

For many years, the Lions of Indiana have studied the Hoosier Lion. Multiple surveys have been conducted and various models from other states have been considered. The 2023-24 Council of Governors has voted to approve a proposal to print three issues and publish six electronic issues during 2023-24. The electronic issues will be sent to all Lions with email addresses and the print issues will be sent to all addresses (one per address). This method reduces mailing costs and allows the publication of more information in the electronic issues. A new publisher has been selected that uses full color images. We are excited to announce these updates and look forward to your feedback. Please send articles for publication to the district newsletter editor and district PR chair, who will forward them for Hoosier Lion publication.

From the desk of Past
International Director
Linda Tincher
25E Marketing Chair



Although our emblem is recognized around the world, if you are working at a Lions event, visitors will often ask: "What do Lions do?" They often add,

"I think my grandpa might have been one years ago."

Not so many years ago, Lions were a household word and fathers and sons often followed each other into the organization, but somehow that perception has faded. Perhaps there were too many other groups doing what we do, or the perception that Lions was not for young people.

In fact, some people are even surprised to learn women are members and have been since 1987. Times have changed and so have the Lions. WE SERVE in many areas: from providing disaster relief to vision screening, to planting trees to aid the environment to providing diabetes education and so much more, there is a place in Lions for everyone. Some Lions like raising money at fundraisers while others build wheelchair ramps, or organize fishing derbys, car shows or Easter egg hunts. Lions is an ever expanding service organization.

Lions International believes every club should name a club marketing chair. Someone who will tell the stories about Lions service. This Lions doesn't have to be a lifelong member, it can be member with just a short tenure that is enthusiastic about helping people. It should be someone willing to share with the community about the numerous good things Lions provide such as vision screening in schools, food for the hungry, hearing aids, reading action projects, disaster relief, diabetes education to name just a few!

The marketing committee has been charged with making Lions **VISIBLE** in their communities, ***by displaying a Lions banner or poster at every Lions event, wearing Lion shirts, passing out small business cards with meeting times, or easiest of all just wearing your Lions pin!***

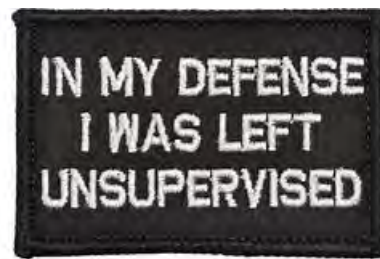
Joining together with other not-for-profits such as the Salvation Army at Christmas is wonderful, and does so much good. It also brings likeminded people together, but ***wear something that identifies you as a Lion*** while helping your neighbors!

Marketing Lions clubs is easy. It doesn't require fancy equipment. It only requires someone who would be willing to invite others to work along with us on service projects or fundraisers, while enjoying fellowship of others.

Only our current members can ensure Lions will help us achieve 1.5 million members in the near future by promoting Lionism. No one should ever ask, "What are the Lions?" We must utilize the marketing tools Lions International has made available to us on the LCI website. Perception is everything. Put a Club Marketing person to work in your club and let's work together to make Lions International a household word everyone knows! If you have questions regarding the web site or other public relations/marketing issues give me a call 812-240-0545.

PFD Linda, 25E Marketing Chair

From the random thoughts of Editor PCC Keith Thoms



Hello Lions,

Thank you to the Lions who attended the cabinet meeting and/or banner night. I think everyone had a great time. We had a guest speaker, Nancy Gelhausen from the Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge during the cabinet meeting. When your club secretary reports your attendance at the meeting, it can be Environmental in the myLion report.

During the cabinet meeting, PDG Mark Clark presented a report on the Cancer Control Project. In case you don't know, the Cancer Control Project works with IU Health and has recently expanded to partner with Riley Children's Hospital within the IU Health system. The Riley Children's Foundation made an announcement on August 4th about a \$10M matching grant opportunity. The Cancer Control Project is planning to discuss this at their September meeting. Look forward to a future Cancer Control Project article in future newsletters about how you and your club can help with the matching portion.

During the roundtable discuss PDG Mark Clark (GLT) asked DG Glen Georges to remind everyone his goals for the year. Glen's goals are to provide training to 75% of the officers, to charter one new club, and the bring service reporting up to 60%.

Then PDG Mark asked five questions for discussion, and I want to focus on one of them, "What do club officers/members see as the role of the district leaders? Does that view support or not support the club officers? Does that view need to be changed?" I know as a PDG and PCC, that we have tried to make it where the district supported the clubs. But what do you and your club think? Is there something we can do to improve the district/club relationship? Please share your thoughts with District Governor Glen.

We are also planning a zone chair officer training in French Lick on September 16. All lions are invited to attend but we specifically need the zone chairs and anyone interested in becoming a zone chair there. More information on the zone chair training will be included in this newsletter. If you are interested in any of these topics and more, please attend the next district meeting in October.

Racing to Serve, *PCC Keith Thomas*

Past Governor Corner

This month featuring

Past District Governor Dale Leffler

Emergency Preparedness

What is it?? It is a method to protect yourself and family.

In most emergencies or disasters you could need food, water, meds, or clothing. Matches may also be needed to build a fire. Battery radios and lights along with cell phones should be used sparingly.

An emergency can be in many forms: tornadoes, earthquakes, or floods. Travel, water supply, and phones can or will be affected by these disasters. Emergency personal may have a difficult time getting around in damaged areas. In this case you could be alone or cut off for some time. Know how to turn electricity, gas, and water off to your home. Check on neighbors.

An emergency kit needs to be in your auto which includes: blankets, bottles of water, first aid kit, non-perishable food, and sterno cans or candles. Water can quench your thirst and be used to clean hands or wounds and other things.

Have plans set of your own to fulfill your needs.

One thing I would ask everyone to watch out for now days is drug needles. If found, call police, or fire department who are trained to dispose of them.

I have been a firefighter for 50 years and have seen most of these conditions and the mistakes made handling Haz-Mat and poisoning.

When preparing for emergency grants, you will need pictures, number of involved, estimated dollar value, county EMA paperwork.

One of the best defenses is to be prepared!!

PDG Dale Leffler

Pictures are from a recent Gibson County disaster. Photos by Sue Leffler



THE LIONS OF INDIANA ARE HIRING

A STATE ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

The 2023-24 Indiana Lions Council of Governor's is seeking applications for the position of State Administrative Secretary. The State Administrative Secretary serves as the state council secretary, MD 25 Convention secretary and is responsible for making reports on behalf of MD25 to Lions International. A well qualified candidate is a Lion in good standing with leadership skills and supervisory or nonprofit management experience. The position is part-time exempt and is based at the state office building in Indianapolis. A full list of duties can be found in the policy manual linked at www.e-district.org/sites/md25/ starting on page 15.

Interested applicants should contact Council Chair Bob Hrdy at (765)426-9037 or lionbob-hrdy25c@gmail.com and submit their resume and letter of interest no later than October 1st. Candidates should be available for interviews on Saturday, October 7th, 2023 following the Council of Governors meeting in Noblesville.

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				

Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference



Lions Mid-Winter Conference 2024



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



District Events & Calendar



September 14	Multiple Club Visits in New Salisbury
September 16	Zone Chair Training in French Lick
September 19	Official Visit to French Lick/West Baden
September 20	Official Visit to Bedford Noon Lions
September 23	Tennyson Vendor Fair
September 27	Official Visit to Indian Creek Lions
October 7	2nd Council Meeting at the Wyndham in Noblesville
October 9	Official Visit to New Albany Lions
October 17	Official Visit to Georgetown Lions
October 21	Official Visit to Francisco Lions
October 24	Official Visit to Brownstown Lions
October 26	Official Visit to Fayetteville Community Lions
October 28	2nd District Wide Meeting at First Baptist Church in Bedford at 10AM
December 19	Official Visit to Salem 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.

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 Philip Mitchell

Bedford Lions 43.3 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

New Lions In July

Welcome to Lions!

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Jane A Locke	Ellettsville Lions	PDG Kenny Williams
Carl L Mabrey	Francisco Lions	Harold Everett
Sarah Whitely	Lanesville Lions	Elaine Haines
Jay Thompson	Mt. Olympus Lions	
Ron H Snyder	New Albany Lions	John Ritz
Carol S Donner	Oakland City Lions	Jessica Jerger
Dwayne E Donner	Oakland City Lions	Jessica Jerger
Brenda L Farber	Oakland City Lions	Jessica Jerger
Steve R Richardson	Odon Lions	Ray Wadsworth
Diana Morrison	Sandborn Lions	Roger Blackwell
Brenda K Mowery	Sandborn Lions	Randy Mowery

Welcome new Lions!!



Left—Past District Governor Ron Edwards (center) receiving the Leadership Award from Immediate Past District Governor Don Russ (Left) and Past International Director Linda Tincher (Right). Picture by Ceal Schulz.

Congrats PDG Ron!

MD-25 Lions

International Pin Design

2025



July 4-8, 2025: Mexico City, Mexico: Mexico is currently the sixth most visited country in the world, welcoming more than 39 million international visitors each year. Mexico City is a busy modern city with a rich heritage dating back 30 centuries! The historic city center has a pyramid, an ancient castle and fort and many museums to celebrate and display the culture. Mexico is also an excellent touristic destination, with more than 6,000 miles of coastline, 35 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, the world's most dazzling assortment of resorts, 28 World Cultural Heritage Sites and 187 archaeological sites, a vibrant, indigenous culture and a 300-year Spanish/European Colonial legacy. Mexico is unparalleled in diversity, hospitality and the quality of its visitor experience.

Pins **MUST** include:

- a-MD 25 Indiana (as text)
- b-the Intl Convention year - 2025
- c-Lion Club Intl Logo
- d-Intl Convention Host City representation
- e-MD 25 graphic representation of MD-25 usually includes a race car and/or the outline of Indiana.

Each club can submit one design. If there are multiple designs submitted by one district, one design will be selected by that District Governor. All District designs need to be submitted to me by January 15, 2024. You can scan and attach it to an email to me at angbelc@iue.edu. Each District's selected design will be presented to State Council in January. Remember: pin designers do not have to be (a) Lions.

Be creative and have fun!

CS Angela Locke, State Pin Chairperson



PDG Weekend

ANNOUNCING MULTIPLE DISTRICT 25 PDG GET-TOGETHER

"Doing The Best We Can"



PDG Weekend

November 4, 2023

**Hampton Inn Indianapolis NW Zionsville
6005 S Main St, Whitestown, IN 46075
317-768-2330**

block of 40 rooms held until October 13

<https://group.hamptoninn.com/0soy8o>

\$129 per night

Saturday at 10:30am

PDG Roundtable

**"How Do We Help Indiana
Lions More"**

Moderator: PCC Reed Fish

Luncheon at 12 noon

**Chicken, Coleslaw,
Potato Salad**

Cost \$10.00

PDG MEETING

Saturday at 1:30 pm

Items for agenda – email IPDG Eric Schuman at ejslansing@aol.com

Send to PDG Kathy Lozier, Treasurer, 5 Hensel Ct, Carmel, IN 46033
or email kathylozier@icloud.com

Name _____ District _____

Pay for food at door

Check Enclosed



Left—President Bill Schulz of the Evansville Club presents the District E Banner to President Jim Smith of the Oakland City.
Picture by Ceal Schulz

Below Left— IPDG Don Russ and DG Glen Georges with Don's PDG gifts.
Picture by Sue Russ

Below Right— Is IPDG Don Russ a Santa bobblehead? Yes he is!
Picture by Sue Russ

