

District 25E Southwest Indiana Lions

April 2020 Newsletter

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Serving 22 Counties!



Governor's Corner

Lions have Volunteered for over 100 years.

Upcoming Events:

- 24-26 Apr: Indiana Lions State Convention – Bloomington, IN – Canceled
- 6 Jun: Bedford Lions Pancake Breakfast
- 20 Jun: 25E Picnic/4th Cabinet Mtg – West Boggs Lake, Loogootee

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Non-essential people are staying home like we were asked. People who can, are working from home. Kids are home from school. We are trying to stop the spread of COVID-19 as well as the rest of the world. People are so amazed at how restaurant owners are stepping up to help their employees, medical people, first responders and the public. Schools are still trying to feed and take care of their students. Volunteers are packing and handing out food to family's that were hit with job loss. People are making home-made masks. Factory's stepping up and making much needed Medical supplies. Every day something else is added to helping with what is needed. So why are people so surprised?

I don't know why people are so surprised that Americans are stepping up to help our Country, States and Communities. Lions have done this for over 100 years, all over the world. When there a problem Lions step up, see what can be done and do it. While the COVIN-19 virus social districting is going on, see who is volunteering in your community. What about writing down their names and what they are volunteering for. After we survive this COVID-19, look up these people. Ask them to join your Lions Club. Use those notes you took to tell them, "Lions do that". Maybe this will show your clubs some new project to do. Now you will know who volunteered for those programs. Ask them to join and help you start the new programs.

Be Safe.
"Lions Can Do It"
DG Sheryl Schafer



Newsletter, Public Relations & Hoosier Lion

Some of you have asked the question of whom to send information (photos including captions, event flyers & articles) to when it comes to the newsletter, public relations and the Hoosier Lion. Below are the points of contact and deadline (if there is one) for each:

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1st Vice DG Corner

It was great seeing everyone that came to the District convention. With what is going on in the world, it was a nice diversion. The Covid-19 virus has caused havoc almost everywhere. We as Lions have learned to serve through all kinds of disruptions. I am asking you to help your local authorities through this crisis, but to stay safe. One area we need your help on is reporting. This is your officers for year 2020-2021. Do so as soon as you can. Reporting doesn't stop just because of the virus.



The State Lions Convention, in April, was canceled to protect all Lions, especially our older Lions. Let's face it. We are an older service organization and need to react to this virus that disproportionately affects older people. Stock up on essentials and don't hoard. There's enough for everyone, if we go about this rationally. If you get sick, call your healthcare professionals and they will tell you what to do. Lastly, do what your Mom always told you to do. Wash your hands with soap. This isn't rocket science. Check on your elderly neighbors. Stay safe. I am blessed to be a Lion and to count you as friends.

Tanks for caring and serving.

DGE Kenny

Tanks for Serving

Kenny Williams, FVDG

District 25-E Election Results for Lion Year 2020-2021

PDG Dale Leffler announced the results of the elections during the District 25-E Spring Convention at the Spring Mill Inn on Saturday, March 14.

District Governor

1st Vice District Governor

2nd Vice District Governor

Special Projects Trustee

Cancer Control Trustee

VisionFirst Indiana Lions Eye Bank Trustee

Indiana Lions Foundation Trustee

ISBVI Trustee

Indiana Leader Dog Trustee

Speech & Hearing Trustee

Kenny Williams (Ellettsville)

Lee Cuba (Bedford Eve)

Donald Russ (Evansville Eastside)

Sue Leffler

Debbie Ellis

PCC Keith Thomas

PDG Herb Stevens

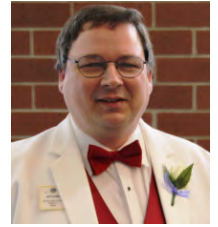
Sam Hopper

Jan Allen

PDG Eric Ahlbrand



From the desk of the Global Leadership Chair - PCC Keith Thomas



Hello Lions,

By now, everyone is aware of that almost all Lions events and meetings are on hold.

Now would be a good time to experiment in your Lions Club with email meetings, conference call meetings, text meetings, and what other methods you can think of. Just because we can't meet in person is a reason to stop planning for when things start to turn to normal.

Presidents, if your club has not already held your annual election, you still have to hold your election prior to the end of April, just like normal. Since you will not be able to hold your regular meeting to hold your election, you will need to use one or more of the methods above to hold your elections. Yes, it will be challenging and somewhat of a pain, but it is doable.

Secretaries, don't forget to file your Monthly Membership Report during this time. And your election still needs to be reported as well. If you are able to do some sort of activity in this crisis, including an email meeting or some other kind of meeting, please report it. If you have problem or questions about reporting, please contact me at kthomas@threeidesign.com or PCC Jeff Schafer at jeff.schafer1@comcast.net.

Also, Lions Clubs International have added a new page to their website about their responds to the coronavirus crisis at <https://lionsclubs.org/en/coronavirus>. Please review periodically for updates from LCI.

That's all I've got until next month, so remember, **Lions Can Do It!**

-PCC CS Keith Thomas
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Hello, April!

Care & Concerns:

Our thoughts and prayers are with those Lions and their family members or friends around the world that are sick or in the hospital or at home, and all others whose losses were unknown to us at this time.

Lion Doris Bliss
Lion Sandy Ruane
Lion Henry Spindler
Lion Mary Chisham
Lion Richard Dean

Lion Cindy DeHart
Lion Jaline Spurgeon
Lion Harry Martin
Lion Alma Graf
Lion John Davis

Lion Dave Milby
Lion Bob Evans
Lion Kermit Flinn
Lion Bill Stoops
Lion Mike Jones

Lion Joan Bode
Lion Betty Schoonmaker
PDG Paul Schoonmaker
Lion Betty Taylor



Indiana Lions
www.Facebook.com/IndianaLions

Club Anniversaries

Club	Charter	Age (Yrs)
Francisco	4/2/1947	73
Bedford	4/22/1948	72
Mt. Olympus	4/11/1968	52
Indian Creek	4/30/1977	43
Seymour Noon	4/7/1980	40
Winslow	4/6/2005	15



New Members Reported in March 2020 – Welcome!

Club	Member	Sponsor
Odon	Daniel Main	Dave Smith



Fallen Lions Reported in March 2020



Club	Member
None	

W.P. Woods Fellowship Presentations



District 25-E Spring Convention at Spring Mill Inn

Far Left: International Director Billy (BJ) Blankenship of Lafayette, TN receiving a W.P. Woods Fellowship from Lion Erica Thomas (Indiana Lions Foundation Trustee). Left: Lion Bill Schulz (Evansville Eastside) receiving a W.P. Woods Fellowship from ID Billy Blankenship with VDG Kenny Williams.

Photos by PCC Jeff Schafer

Presidential Certificates

District 25-E Spring Convention at Spring Mill Inn

Right: International Director Billy (BJ) Blankenship of Lafayette, TN presenting International President's Certificate of Appreciations to CT Richard Kaiser (Elberfeld) and Lion Debbie Ellis (Dugger), with VDG Kenny Williams. Lions Jim Fisher (Bedford Eve) received a IP Certificate but was not present to accept.

Photos by PCC Jeff Schafer



**From the desk of the District's Global Service Team Chair
IPDG Ron Edwards...**

SERVICE

Just when we think life is getting simpler, we experience a pandemic strike. It affects everything in our lives and the way we do them. Again, we must adjust how we accomplish the duties and events in our lives. Group meetings are not possible with the threat of spreading covid-19, but our District Leadership is working to establish Conference Calls to help in this regard.

Club Meetings may be conducted by social media, conference calling or other means available through local resources. Club activities are still possible by helping provide meals to families in need, to school children who have been receiving breakfast and lunch through schools.

Please note Officers Reports are due April 30, 2020. Only 14 clubs have submitted Officer Reports so far. Lions Clubs International has allowed DGE's to assume their duties as District Governor in July without the International Convention induction ceremony is conducted so we must be ready with our new club officers.

Reporting is still critically important to our organization, so continue to send in your reports to My LCI for membership each month and My Lion for your club activities.

Should you have problems or need assistance submitting your reports, please contact myself, Lion IPCC, CS, DGLT Keith Thomas or Lion PCC Jeff Schafer.

Thank you for your service to your communities and for remaining socially separate during this temporary period.

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**From the desk of the District's Diabetes Chair
Lion Jo Hannah Edwards...**

High Blood Sugar and Appetite

A constant appetite is something we all face on occasion, but excessive hunger may be a challenge for someone with consistently high blood sugar. Actually there are two ways diabetes can impact your appetite; low blood sugar and high blood sugar.

Most people with diabetes are aware that when their blood sugar drops, they have a craving for food, but high blood sugars can cause those cravings too.

High blood sugar means inevitably, you don't have sufficient insulin to transport glucose throughout your body, so your body can't actually get the glucose it needs to function. Then your brain sends out hormonal messages encouraging you to eat. A vicious circle begins because the more you satisfy your craving, the higher your blood sugar goes up causing you to crave more food.

You might have an irresistible urge to have that soda or sweet tea or candy every day. That being the case after lunch, or any meal could be an indication you should check your blood sugar to determine if you should adjust your food choices.

Whatever your sweet-food habit may be, it is time to stop and think when you feel those cravings and look at your blood sugar levels at that time of the day.

Is your blood sugar level high every single morning, so you head to McDonald's for your sweet tea or coke?

Is your blood sugar level high after lunch, so you head to the vending machine?

These are signs you need to pay attention to your body. As life changes, so do your habits about eating. You might have a different job, or may have matured since you last noticed a craving, or your stress level might have changed. All these events can directly affect your body metabolism.

Work with your health care team to determine the correct path to take in determining corrective action, but keep in mind high blood sugar affects your appetite and causes cravings which you can do something about by avoiding sweets,

Be healthy!

Lion Jo Hannah Edwards
Diabetes Awareness Coordinator 25-E



2019-2020 CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

Club must be chartered prior to January 1 of the fiscal year to qualify.

Application Date _____

Club Number _____

Club Name _____

Member Number _____

2019-2020 Club President's Name _____

2019-2020 Club President's Email Address _____

<p style="text-align: center;">1. MEMBERSHIP</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Achieved a Net Growth of: _____ *</p> <p>OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chartered new Lions club, Leo Club or Club Branch: Name of club, or branch: _____</p> <p>AND</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Supported member retention by increasing member satisfaction</p> <p>Outline strategy: _____ _____</p> <p><small>*Based on June 30 cumulative membership report</small></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2. SERVICE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Started a new service project. <i>Consider one of our Global Causes!</i></p> <p>1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Contributed to LCIF</p>																		
<p style="text-align: center;">3. ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Club is in Good Standing: Not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension. District dues paid and no unpaid balance with LCI greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more.</p> <p>AND</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Key Officers participate in one or more of the following leadership training events:</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> District</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Multiple District</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> International</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Webinars</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Lions Learning Center</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>AND</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Improved club operations. Use the Club Quality Initiative to identify opportunities for improving your club.</p> <p>Improvements Include: _____ _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple District	<input type="checkbox"/> International	<input type="checkbox"/> Webinars	<input type="checkbox"/> Lions Learning Center		<p style="text-align: center;">4. MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The club has publicized its service activities through local media or social media</p> <p>Choose all that apply:</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Facebook</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Local Paper</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Instagram</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Radio</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Twitter</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Club Website</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Billboards</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Posted or Distributed Flyers</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Presentations to Groups</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Facebook	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Paper	<input type="checkbox"/> Instagram	<input type="checkbox"/> Radio	<input type="checkbox"/> Twitter	<input type="checkbox"/> Club Website	<input type="checkbox"/> Billboards	<input type="checkbox"/> Posted or Distributed Flyers	<input type="checkbox"/> Presentations to Groups		<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
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Date _____

2019-2020 District Governor's Signature* _____

District _____

Member Number _____

Due by: August 31, 2020

Send to: clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org or fax to (630) 468-6828

Awards Mailed to: 2020-2021 District Governors

*If sent from district governor's registered email, it qualifies as signature on applications submitted electronically.

Disqualified clubs have 12 months from original due date to request a review.

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Saturday, June 20, 2020

Drop in anytime between 11AM and 1PM

In appreciation of Lions support, your club, family and guests are invited to an exclusive "Lions behind-the-scenes" event at Leader Dogs for the Blind. Experience an activity under a handfold, meet a Leader Dog client, visit the gift shop, take a VIP tour of our puppy development center and meet a puppy!

Please RSVP by June 15, 2020 to LionsSupport@leaderdog.org or call **248.218.6407**.

- If you will be utilizing your service dog, please let us know at the time of your RSVP.



Leader Dogs for the Blind | 1039 S. Rochester Rd. | Rochester Hills, MI 48307-3115



BEDFORD LIONS CLUB

70TH ANNUAL

PANCAKE FESTIVAL



THORNTON PARK PAVILION

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2020

6 AM TO 12 NOON

ADULTS \$7 KIDS (12 AND UNDER) \$3



2020 New Albany Lions Club
Golf Scramble to Feed the Hungry

When: Friday, June 5, 2020

Where: Chariot Run Golf Course
Laconia, In

Time: Lunch at noon. Golf at 1:30

Single Player \$75 Team of four \$280 Hole Sponsor \$100

For more information call 502-403-7956.

Charities supported by the NA Lions Club

Leader Dogs for the Blind Lions Cancer Control Fund Our Place
FOP Cops for Kids IN Lions Eye Bank IN Lions Speech and Hearing
IN School for the Blind and Visually Impaired NAFC Schools Scholarships
Visually Impaired Preschool Christmas Fruit Baskets for the Blind

Make check payable to "New Albany Lions Club"

Mail to: Kenny Adams

1090 Chapel Creek Trail

New Albany, In 47150

Please fill out and return this receipt: ☐ Single ☐ Team ☐ Hole Sponsor

Total amount paid _____

Company Name _____

Contact Name _____ Phone _____



District 25-E Spring Convention – March 14th

New Salisbury Lions Newest Member

New Lion Induction. Remy Salisbury, wearing blindfold, is escorted by sponsor PDG Charlie Crawford and Lion Carolyn Blankenship during her induction at the March 14th District 25-E Convention at Spring Mill Inn. Lion Remy experienced Helen Keller's challenge to be knights for the blind before receiving her new Lions pin during induction by ID Billy Blankenship, convention speaker. **-Photo by PDG Bill Willis**

Right: Thank You Brick presented to CT Richard Kaiser (Elberfeld Lions) for his 19 years of service as Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer. The brick will be laid outside of the Indiana State Lions Office in Indianapolis.

Photos by PCC CS Keith Thomas



Left: Outgoing 25-E Cabinet Treasurer Richard Kaiser receives a District award in appreciation for his many years of service during the March 14th District Convention at the Spring Mill Inn. From left: ID Billy Blankenship of Lafayette, TN; DGE Kenny Williams (Ellettsville), PCC CS Keith Thomas (Petersburg) making the presentation. Outgoing honoree CT Richard Kaiser and incoming

CT Debbie Ellis (Dugger), who is also a Cancer Control Trustee. **-Photos provided by PDG Bill Willis**



Left: 2VDG Lee Cuba presenting PCC Jeff Schafer with a Leader Dog Award for his many years as a Leader Dog Puppy Raiser (currently raising his 9th & 10th puppy, FLD Star and FLD Freya); member of the Puppy Raiser Advisory Council (PRAC); a Leader Dog Trustee for 25E and a recent selected Leader Dog Puppy Counselor for the Southern Independent Group.

Photos by PCC CS Keith Thomas



Meet the ID Dinner – Friday, March 13 at Spring Mill Inn

Left: VDG Kenny Williams introducing International Director Billy (BJ) Blankenship of Lafayette, TN and his wife PDG Carolyn Blankenship.

Photos by PCC CS Keith Thomas





September 17-19, 2020

Louisville, Kentucky

www.lionsforum.org

April 2020 Newsletter

From our General Chairperson, PID Harvey Whitley

The world around us has truly changed since our last newsletter. As I wrote to you just a few weeks ago, the COVID19 virus had just started to make an impact on North America. Our LCI International Convention in Singapore has now been canceled as well as numerous District and Multiple District functions. Training sessions, club meetings and cabinet meetings have been canceled or held electronically. Listening to the latest reports, it seems that we may now be able to see the other side of this pandemic as conditions are now trending in a more positive direction.

I have been asked more times than I can count—is the Forum still on? **Yes!** Your Planning and Host Committees are continuing to work hard to have the September Forum in Louisville. By the time September rolls around, we are optimistic that we will all be able to get together once again to renew friendships, meet new friends and hone our leadership skills.

To the 2020-2021 District Governors, I know you are very disappointed that you were not able to be together in Singapore as a Council to celebrate your induction. The Forum is planning something special for you to recognize you as new District Governors. It won't be the same as being in Singapore, but you don't want to miss it.

Registration continues to go well and early bird registration rates are still good through May 31.

See y'all in Louisville!!

And We're Off...To Winning Leadership!

PID Harvey Whitley, General Chairperson



PID Harvey Whitley

General Chairperson, Louisville 2020

Exhibits...Exhibits...Exhibits

One opportunity that comes to Lions attending a USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum is the chance to visit the exhibits. The exhibit booths are open the same time as the Forum Store. Exhibits can be local vendors, clubs with a story to tell, Lions' services, various Foundations and support services and much more. Currently, LCIF, KidSight USA and the NC Lions Visually Impaired Persons Fishing Tournament have already committed to an exhibit booth. The latest information on the 2021 Forum in Des Moines will also be available. Those interested in details on how to arrange an exhibit booth can contact the Exhibits Chair: PID Ed Lecius at lioncommish@hotmail.com



COME ONE COME ALL

Come join all your friends at the 6th annual **"Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness"** being held Thursday morning in Louisville. There is no better way to kick off the USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum than a morning walk with friends you haven't seen in a long time.



Last year in Spokane was amazing when we had over 650 Lions walking through the park showing everyone in Spokane who the Lions are and how we care about those who suffer with Diabetes. Register now and let's make this another record-breaking year in Louisville.

This year the Kentucky Lions have something special in store for all who attend in hopes of bringing a little more fun to our event. Also, this year each walker will be able to choose how far he/she would like to walk, either 0.5-mile or 1.0-mile or 1.5-miles for those who want a real workout.



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So, come out and walk for a great cause. Join our International Officers leading our walk. Visit with Leaders and Lions as we kick off the 44th annual USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville, Kentucky on September 17th.

LEOs Roaring in Louisville

LEOs from around North America will be roaring at the USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum. We will gather to promote the principles and objectives of the Leo Club Program.

Your \$50* one-day (Saturday) Leo Day registration includes:

- Lunch with a presentation by 2020-21 International President, Jung-Yul Choi and the Saturday evening banquet. Two lucky pre-registered Leos will have lunch with the International President.
- A hands-on service project that you can take back to your own club.
- Seminars that will help you and your club become stronger.
- A panel discussion presented by several LEOs for fellow LEOs and Lions.
- Shopping at the Forum Store. Bring your \$\$\$\$\$ to purchase your souvenirs.
- For an additional \$10 each enjoy a tour of the Louisville Slugger Museum and receive a Forum Leo t-shirt

Your \$150 discounted registration rate includes everything above and:

- A three day Forum experience including four meals.
- 70 seminars that will give you the opportunity to develop your Leadership skills.

Contact registrar@lionsforum.org to take advantage of the special Leo rate.

Whether you come for the full Forum or just for Leo Day (Saturday) it will be FUN. Arrive early for the Friday night Get-to-Know-You party with games, music and food. You will love Louisville and the Forum!



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