



# District 25-G



## Our Pride is Lions

### District Governor Brian Thomas

At some point in our Governor training sessions the statement was made that we were being prepared to hit the ground running as of July 1.

As it turned out, it wasn't exactly running, but it was certainly a hard trot. In late June, Ms. Carol and I were pleased to be invited to the Syracuse "picnic" to install officers, getting them off to a strong start in the new year.

Next, it was off to the Elkhart induction dinner to install new officers - admittedly a short trip! Then a longer jaunt to the Merrillville/Lowell area to attend DG Will's Banner Night in District A. The entertainment was a bagpiper - good thing I'm Scottish, so I really enjoyed.

The following day was the first Council meeting with loads of information and reports for the 2020-2021 year.

1st Vice Governor Marlyn and Lion Amanda were in attendance as he jumps into his year. Next was the President's night dinner at Baugo with awards and

office induction. Baugo is a District 25-G club that has all facets of Lionism - especially member recruitment up and running.

Then a "surprise" visit to Dunlap Lions who had a combination in-person & Zoom meeting. President Foy's theme this year is "kindness matters" - a fitting continuation of the late Haynes Townsend's commitment to kindness in the world.

In addition to attending meetings, there was the continuing effort to complete the District leadership team.

A great Lion's roar to Lion Marty Juel for stepping in to fill the Secretary position.

The District Directory has been prepared and will be ready for distribution by the first cabinet meeting - another Lion's roar to Lion Peg VanNevel for her efforts in preparing and editing this year's edition.

August looks to be as busy with two Banner Nights in District D and F. More importantly, is our planned



Cabinet meeting in Claypool on August 15 from 9am to noon and our traditional Banner Night on August 22 at Camp Mack in Milford.

Rest assured all precautions are being implemented, so please plan on attending and send in your reservations today.

It's good to see clubs start to emerge and have meetings, whether in person or online under the proper guidelines of masking and distancing - we can all stay safe if we be safe. I enjoy the process of travelling to meet the diverse clubs within the State and District, so mark off a date to invite me to yours!

"Our Pride is Lions"

DG Brian Thomas, 2020-2021

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-District Governor Marlyn Fast

I mentioned in my last writing that I was hoping to learn the leadership ropes in District 25-G.

Just recently, I attended the first Council Meeting with all the Governors of the state.

What a tremendous way to learn how the Lions of Indiana operate! What

great Lion leaders we have this year, that will set the stage for us upcoming leaders!

It was a great learning experience and I look forward to the training sessions that are being scheduled throughout the year.

Let me encourage you to be on the lookout for

ways to serve your community.

Lions, be an active club member this year and be involved as much as you can. Above all, be safe within the State's Covid-19 Guidelines.

**WE SERVE**



#### Important Dates

August Monthly Club Report	8/31
District Meeting Registration	8/7
Banner Night Registration	8/14
1 <sup>st</sup> District Mtg	8/15
Banner Night!	8/22

CS Marty Juel — *Please share this information with Club Officers and Board of Directors*

**SECRETARY**

## 990-N: Music for your ears!

It is that time of the year for ALL Lions clubs to close out their financial books for the fiscal year that just ended on July 31.

There should be some euphoria for those treasurers (and secretary/treasurers) who annually file the short form, Form 990-N.

All Lions Clubs who have annual gross receipts of \$50,000 or less do not have to file IRS Form 990 or Form 990-EZ but **must file Form 990-N** (e-Postcard) by November 15 of each year.

You will need your club's EIN (employer identification number.)

Do not wait for a reminder from the IRS!

There is no penalty assessment for late filing, but an organization that fails to file required e-Postcards (or Form 990 or 990 -EZ) for three consecutive years will

automatically lose its tax-exempt status.

The revocation of the organization's tax-exempt status will not take place until the filing due date of the third year.

**DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN** as it is extremely complicated and may be costly to regain your club's tax-exempt status.

For complete information about Form 990-N go to [www.irs.gov/eo](http://www.irs.gov/eo).

**CLUB SECRETARIES and TREASURERS, NOW IS THE TIME!**

Some of our club secretaries have work to do. Several Officer Report Forms (formerly known as PU 101s) filed online were incomplete:

- missing phone numbers and/or
- e-mail addresses.

A few had inaccurate information, while several did not list a Membership Chairperson.

However, as club secretaries we have a responsibility. We must go into the MyLCI

website and check information recorded there for each of our members, not just for the officers we report.

Information probably cannot be added or changed if a member's birth year is not recorded.

Not only is accurate information needed by our district officers and LCI, it determines whether or not your members receive the HOOSIER LION and LION magazine.

Our Lions deserve a little of our time to ensure that their information is properly and completely recorded.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me for assistance.

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## GLT Dave Eisen

### Here's your BIG opportunity!

Saturday night, August 22, is District Governor Brian Thomas' Banner Night at Camp Mack in Milford.

This celebratory event happens only once a year, so don't miss it. Even if you only come for that great Camp Mack food (\$20.00 per person), don't forget to send your reservations in to Cabinet Treasurer Ron Guth.

And bring your Club banner! Let's make this evening an evening of great support for our incoming District Governor.

The week before, Saturday, August 15, is District Governor Brian's first 25-G District Meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the Claypool Lions Building in Claypool.

We'll have a pool going to see if the electricity stays on this year. Be sure to be there to find out what DG Brian intends to accomplish this year, and what you can do to help him.

Still wondering when officers training will be? So am I. We have discovered that we can use the Mishawaka Lions Club's ZOOM account to host the evening, including sessions for all the Club offices.

And no, this won't be some marathon session lasting until the wee hours of the night. Sessions for all the officers can be run simultaneously, so you will have to pick one, although I imagine you can switch from one topic to another.

The only thing you'll miss will be the great snacks from the Atwood Lions Club.

Date, instructors' names, and technical information will follow. But again, this will all happen in one evening, so we'll give you plenty of advance notice, even if we are later into the year than normal.

If you are unable, or unwilling, to participate on ZOOM, I'm sure the session instructors will be happy to assist you via email or phone. We want to make sure you get all your questions offered.

If you can't attend, please check the Lions Clubs International website for information about your particular office.

There are manuals and training information about the different Club offices. But if you can, we'd love to see you on ZOOM.

PCC Dave Eisen

## GMT Peg VanNevel

### Club Challenges

With the social distancing issues, we have a new set of challenges.

Is your club hosting meetings – online or in person? Are members skipping meetings?

One of the best ways to instill some new life into your club is to recruit community influencers.

They can help promote your causes and events.

1. Identify influential people in your community, particularly those who may have connections within your networks.

2. Set up a brief meeting with them to discuss your club, what Lions do and how they can help.
3. Invite them to one of your service activities – then a meeting.
4. Encourage them to join your club or spread the word about all the good things your club does in the community.



Are your club finances taking a huge hit by not being able to run your fundraisers as normal?

Try doing an online fundraiser! They can range from crowdfunding campaigns to online charity auctions. These fundraisers are low cost, fast to organize and require less volunteer input than events.

Let me know how I can help! You can always contact me at [pitchinpeg@yahoo.com](mailto:pitchinpeg@yahoo.com) or 574-220-2362.

Remember...we are here support each other. Help is available.

## GST Al Beehler

Here we are a month into the new Lions Year with many clubs getting back to doing their best to serve their communities.

Some clubs are struggling to stay solvent as many fundraising efforts have been on hold or lost over the past few months. Those clubs which have been able to maintain their service, consider reaching out to your neighboring clubs to help or offer ideas they may use to become active again.

Let's all get behind District Governor Lion Brian for next year

to keep District G as one of the **GREATEST** districts in Lionism.

Please don't forget to report all of your club's activities on MyLion. I know many clubs have continued service projects during the last few months. Continue doing the great work in Service and a BIG THANK YOU to the clubs who are reporting.

Stay safe and Lions will be stronger when these trying times end by continued SERVICE.

The State GST's will be meeting in mid-August to explore ways to help our struggling clubs with new ways to serve.

If your club has created new ideas or have existing ways to serve your communities or raise funds, please pass them on to the District leadership, so we can offer these ideas to help our fellow clubs.

Sharing service projects helps strengthen all Lion Clubs.

GST Al Beehler

## Message from CT Ron Guth

Most of you understand how the dues are accessed for each club, but I thought a refresher might be helpful for any secretaries or treasurers that are new to the position.

The club member count is determined by LCI based on their records from club MMR report that you enter each month on "MyLCI".

LCI figures the dues amount based on the member count as of June 30<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> each year. It is important to note that if you drop a member for any reason on the following July or January and show an earlier effective date LCI will not change the count and you will still owe the dues that were based off the count on record. The State \$7 and District \$2 dues are based off the same LCI member count.

When a club adds a new member LCI pro-rates the dues based on the months remaining of the billing cycle, but does not credit any member drops. The state/district does not charge dues for a new member until the next semi-annual billing cycle.

Semi-annual dues for LCI are \$21.50 per member (\$10.75 for a family member).

Semi-annual dues paid to District 25-G are \$9.00 for all members and includes state dues.

It is important that dues payments come from the clubs administrative account, as they may not be paid from any monies received from public fundraisers or donations.

The District dues notices were sent out to 41 clubs and mailed to 9 clubs on July 2 for this cycle and 31 clubs have already paid in the 3 weeks since that mail date - **thank you**.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions and I will do my best to answer or find someone who can.

CT Ron Guth  
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## Thoughts for August

*Respect all others in  
your life.*

*But in the end, make  
your own choices.*

Do something  
nice and try not to  
get caught.

*Learn all you can  
from them.*

*Your life is entirely your  
own.*

**WE SERVE!**

*Welcome their advice.*

Listen more-talk less.



## District Meetings

**August 15**, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM - District Meeting

Hosted by Claypool Lions Club  
201 W. Calhoun, Claypool, IN

**August 22**, 5:00 Social; 6:00 Dinner - Banner Night

Camp Mack  
1113 E. Camp Mack Rd., Milford

**October 31**, 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon - District Meeting

Hosted by Dunlap Lions Club  
22482 County Road 45, Goshen, IN

**January 22-23** - Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference

Indianapolis Crowne Plaza  
2501 S. High School Rd., Indy

**February 13** - 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon - District Meeting

Hosted by Milford Lions Club  
111 S. Main St., Milford, IN

**March 13** - Convention Evening Dinner; Time TBA

Christo's Banquet Center in Plymouth  
830 Lincoln Hwy E., Plymouth, IN

**March 12** - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM - District Convention

Hosted by Argos Lions Club at Argos UMC  
570 N. Michigan St., Argos, IN

**April 30 – May 2** - Indiana Lions State Convention

Location and details tba

**May 8** - 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM - District Meeting

Hosted by Akron Lions Club  
815 E. Rural St., Akron, IN

## District Officers:

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## 2020-2021 District 25-G Goals

- Start one new club, one new specialty Club and two Leos Clubs
- Have all clubs show a net growth of one member
- Have District 25-G participate in all state projects
- Have District 25-G highlight the Diabetes Awareness Program and hold screening activities throughout the District
- Revitalize the District Reading Awareness Program
- Show a percentage increase in Club Membership (MMR) and Service Activity reporting

## Need Help with MyLion?

If you are new to the online reporting process, we have several Lions who can help you learn the process. With anything new, it just takes some practice, and having someone to guide you through to the right page. If you need help, contact:

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# Lions Club International Foundation



If you want more information or want me to visit your Lions Club please contact me:

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Donations to LCI should be made either online at <https://www.lcif.org> (upper right corner click on "Donate") or the Foundation uses a lock box service to receive and process all donations.

**Make checks out to LCIF and mail to the address below, not to district treasurer.**

Be sure to include club number/Lions number and the appropriate recognition request form/Melvin Jones Fellowship application form and send to:

Lions Clubs International Foundation  
 Department 4547  
 Carol Stream, Illinois 60122-4547 USA

***Serve locally and give  
 (via LCIF) globally***



# 1<sup>ST</sup> 25-G DISTRICT MEETING

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

9:00am - Noon

COME CELEBRATE OUR PRIDE IS LIONS!

Hosted by Claypool Lions Club

201 W. Calhoun Street  
Claypool, IN

New 50/50 drawings in support of Diabetes  
and Reading Awareness for this year's  
increased support!

\$10.00 per person

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club \_\_\_\_\_

***Please send your check or credit/debit card\* payment to:***

CT Ron Guth  
2386 W. Broadway  
Bunker Hill, IN 46914

Reservations are due by August 7, 2020

Credit/Debit Card # 

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Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Please do not send this information via email for your security*





# DISTRICT 25-G BANNER NIGHT

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

5:00pm Social Hour / 6:00pm Dinner

***BRING YOUR CLUB BANNER***  
TO CELEBRATE OUR PRIDE IS LIONS!

New 50/50 drawings in support of Diabetes  
and Reading Awareness for this year's  
increased support!

Camp Alexander Mack  
1113 Camp Mack Road  
Milford, IN 46542

\$20.00 per person

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner will include: Kate's Baked Chicken, Pot Roast, Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans w/Bacon & Onions,  
Salad, Assorted Cream and Fruit Pies

***Please send your check or credit/debit card\* payment to:***

CT Ron Guth  
2386 W. Broadway  
Bunker Hill, IN 46914

Reservations are due by August 14, 2020

Credit/Debit Card # 

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Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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# THE ULTRASOUND PROJECT



## Ultrasound Project Update

The District's eyeglass recycling program is proceeding with the acquisition of a new ultrasound cleaning machine to facilitate cleaning of used eyeglasses. When fully operational, it will allow us to clean the eyeglasses that clubs are collecting for use in the district's mission program.

To date, we have contributions to fund the cleaner and are still seeking additional funds to make changes at our processing center, including electrical and plumbing modifications as well as other misc. supplies and updates at the center itself.

We have no regular income stream and rely on individual and club contributions to fund our operations. Please forward your contributions to:

**Elkhart Lions Club  
P.O. Box 81  
Elkhart, IN 46515**



**This is the GRAB BAG** – a variety of announcements of upcoming events and opportunities for YOU to serve District 25-G.

- Meet n Greet an hour before the August 22 District Meeting
- Make sure to get all member updates to DG Brian
  - New addresses, new email addresses, etc.
- **BAG** – Bring A Guest! Make it a habit to BRING A GUEST to every club service project.
- Make sure to add DG Brian Thomas to your newsletter email lists - [brian10k@aol.com](mailto:brian10k@aol.com)

## CALLING ALL PIN COLLECTORS!

I have received a great number of Lions pins from the late Lions Jerry and Verna Martin family.

They asked to give them a good home. I have lots of Indiana Lions yearly trading pins from the 1980's. Some are individual pins, and some are in a District set.

There are pins from District 25G clubs as well of pins from other districts in Indiana. I also have pins from our state projects.

There are pins from the Studebaker car set. The collection also includes pins from other states and countries.

Let me know if you are interested by calling me at 574-360-9323 or email at [jkrzyzanowski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jkrzyzanowski@sbcglobal.net).

I plan on bringing some to the August 15th cabinet meeting.





## DUNLAP LIONS CLUB



1<sup>st</sup> Vice  
District  
Governor  
Marlyn Fast



# CULVER LIONS CLUB



## Left to right:

Dan Adam's, Dawn White, Amy Hartman, Don Freese, Louise Neidlinger (President), Ned Davis, Jill Neidlinger, Dan Nye, Kellie Harris, Kim Amond-Wright, Annette Osborn, Mike Overmyer



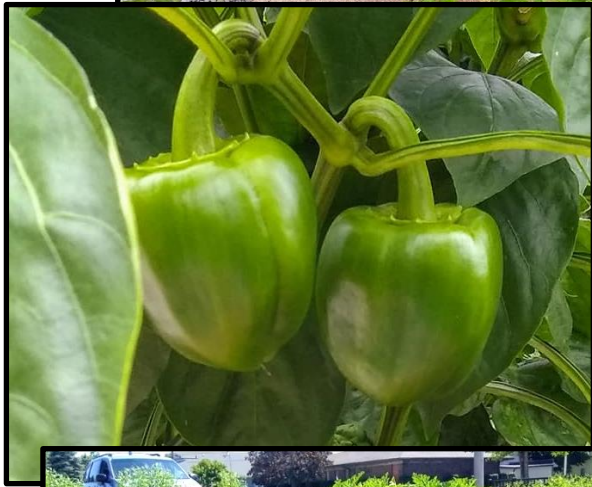
# MISHAWAKA LIONS CLUB – FOOD PANTRY GARDEN



Great BIG things are growing at the Mishawaka Food Pantry vegetable garden! The Mishawaka Lions Club is working to keep this plentiful garden WATERED and weeded during this hot summer.

It is great to see how many people are benefitting from the fresh fruits and vegetables.

We serve!



Volunteer Caryl Flagle literally knee-deep in cantaloupes! Thank you!



Special thanks to the Lydick and South Bend Lions Club for being a part of a joint partnership with the Mishawaka Lions Club and the Uecker Foundation to provide a DaVinci CCTV magnifying device to a resident in St. Joseph County. It was amazing how quickly the three Lions Clubs provided the start-up funding, and the majority of funds provided by the Foundation enabled the device to be delivered to the patient in need within weeks.

Unfortunately, she had difficulty retaining the information on how to use it properly and chose to return it to the Uecker Foundation. If your Lions Club is within St. Joseph County and you know of someone who might be able to use the device, please contact Trustee John Krzyzanowski at 574-360-9323 or email at [jkrzyzanowski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jkrzyzanowski@sbcglobal.net).



## BAUGO TOWNSHIP LIONS CLUB



Left to Right: Lion Greg Serafino Treasurer, Lion Warren Allender Secretary, Past President Lion Chris Kecham, Lion Stephen Squibb Current year President, Past President & LCIF Coordinator Lion Brice Clark, 1st Vice President Lion Matt Pollard, 2nd Vice President Lion Byran Sanders

## INDIANA LIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

### Left to Right:

- DG Jim Query – District C
- DG Ken Williams – District E
- DG Will Farrellbegg – District A
- DG Roger Cash – District B
- DG Brian Thomas – District G
- DG Ken Faulkner – District F
- DG Mike Imbler – District D



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**WE SERVE!**

<http://lions25g.com/>

[www.facebook.com/Lions25G/](http://www.facebook.com/Lions25G/)

Lion Brian began his official involvement with Lions by joining the Elkhart Lions in 1992.

He was introduced to Lions as a child, packing light bulbs and brooms for sale under the direction of his father Paul, an Elkhart Lion since 1959. Lion fund raisers and activities were part of the Thomas family dynamic.

Lion Brian is a life-long (so far) resident of Elkhart Indiana, graduating from Elkhart High School and then Indiana University. Returning to Elkhart after college, Brian joined the family business- retail shoe store in downtown Elkhart. Brian began in 1971, then purchased the business in 1988. Brian's involvement in the community began when he joined the Elkhart Jaycees, participating in that group's many fund-raisers and community projects.

In 2004 other opportunities were presented to Brian and the decision was made to close the business after 49 years of operation. Brian was the Director of Downtown Elkhart and then head of the Elkhart Urban Enterprise Zone, both organizations devoted to economic development in downtown Elkhart. Also, in 2004 Brian was elected to the Elkhart Common Council and is currently serving his fifth term. During this time, Brian became involved in long-distance running and completed seven marathons in six different states and Bermuda and over 150 assorted races in the area.

Semi-retirement reared its ugly head in 2010 leading Brian to seek out volunteer positions to continue serving the Elkhart community. In addition to Lions, Brian serves as a Red Coat at Elkhart General Hospital, volunteer at the Elkhart Botanical Gardens and is actively involved in the Lerner Theater as volunteer, tour docent and advisor. Since 2011 Brian has been involved with Premiere Arts, the performing arm of the Lerner, appearing in 30 productions on stage.

While in Lions Brian has held almost every local position including two terms as Elkhart President. Brian is a Melvin Jones fellow and a William P. Woods recipient.

Lion Brian and his late wife, Lion Mary raised two children: Kris and Kalman on Elkhart's west side in the historic Strong Ave. neighborhood where Brian continues to reside. Lion Brian enjoys two grown grand-children: Madison and Thomas and a great grand-daughter, Charlotte. Spare time(?) is spent golfing, exercising, landscape gardening, reading and Tripping with special friend, Carol.

Lion Brian is the eighth member of Elkhart Lions to serve as a District Governor- and looks forward to continuing that heritage serving the Lions of 25G in 2020-2021.

## Send in YOUR brainstorm ideas for community service projects!

When you organize a Lions club service activity that is meaningful to your community, you can make a more significant impact on the people you serve. Whether you're just getting started or your club is in need of a fresh plan of action, here are some steps to help guide you through the process of organizing a meaningful, effective service project.

### Make a list of possible programs.

Ask your club members the following questions:

- What do you like about your community?
- What do you want to improve in the community?
- What kinds of skills, resources, people and funding is required for the improvements you want to make?

Following the discussion, identify and rank the top five features and top five improvements to consider.

### Appoint tasks.

Further discuss possible projects and identify three to five club opportunities. Set up task forces, or committees, to research each project further. Task force members should collect ideas for implementation, discuss possible action steps and recruit interested Lions.

### Conduct research.

Make the necessary contacts in the community to find out more about your opportunity, and consider asking the following questions:

- Do you think this project will help the community?
- How do you think the improvement could be made?

- What resources do you have to help make the improvement?
- Are there other needs you think the club should consider?

Communicate with your contacts closely and remember to keep an open mind!

### Write a plan.

Develop a written plan that includes goals and objectives, time frame, and people and resources needed.

### Implement the plan!

Involve your members and reward their successes along the way. Include progress reports in club newsletters and meetings. When the project is complete, take a moment to review the actions, including what worked and what didn't work, and identify ways to improve for the next project.