



District 25-G



Our Pride is Lions

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A Message from District Governor Brian Thomas

What tea is the hardest to swallow? ... Reality! Wouldn't it be nice to blow off reality with a bad pun? But reality has a tendency to stay rooted in our lives regardless of our efforts to ignore or circumvent it. As we all know, reality has aspects of good and bad built in. This year in our lives and in the Lions organization has proven to us how harsh reality can be. The disruption of our normal day-to-day living has been unprecedented and quite honestly, I can't foresee an end to the disruption any time soon. No amount of training and pre-planning to be the District Governor this year could have prepared me for how this year has evolved. I received my first dose of the COVID vaccine last week and I think one of the side effects is maudlin introspection, which explains the opening paragraph!



But seriously, realistically and in all reality, we in District 25-G Lions are facing trouble. Not a sudden, explosive trouble, but a slow, creeping, insidious trouble. According to our last membership report from LCI, we are down 25 members. We have disbanded one club and are in the process of dissolving another. Meetings are sporadic, recruitment is at a standstill, and needed service projects are put on hold. Troubling? Yes! Insurmountable? No! Under normal circumstances we could mount a recruitment charge to deal with the 25 and I, as Governor, could make much needed visitations to charge up your members. We've said this before - be innovative in meeting, recruiting and serving. Don't depend on the "old " ways of doing Lions business. Share your successes by continuing to report numbers and service activities both to LCI and me. You still have members out serving the community - we want to hear about them. You can meet by Zoom or even conference calls. You can sign new members based on what we as Lions can do when we pull out of the pandemic - be ready to hit the ground running!

One last piece of pressing business. No service organization can remain strong without a healthy line of leadership succession. As of now, District 25-G has no incoming 1st or 2nd Vice Governor. This is a worry for me and 1st Vice District Governor Marlyn, and should concern every member in 25-G. With all the talent and commitment to Lions we have scattered throughout the District, it's hard to swallow the reality of not having two or more Lions willing to step up. Please feel free to contact me for information and guidance on the process and commitment needed for serving in these vital positions.

Stay the course - Keep the faith - We'll come out of this! Our Pride is Lions!

District Governor Brian Thomas

District Meeting Moved To Zoom

District Governor Brian Thomas has announced that due to continued COVID concerns, the District Meeting scheduled for February 13th in Laketon will be held on Zoom. Attendance may be limited. Additional details will be forthcoming in the near future.

A Message From 1st Vice District Governor Marlyn Fast

COVID-19 continues to keep us all humble as we keep adjusting to being safe. The near future will mean further cancelations of various Lions Club events. We will come through this and find new ways to serve with kindness in action.

Last month I gave my email address (mafast1107@gmail.com) and cell phone number (574-538-1090) and requested information as to how each of you would like to support District 25-G. I have made some contacts and Lions are stepping up and providing leadership. Thank you to those who have responded positively. We still need additional leadership, namely First and Second Vice District Governors. Let's step up.

District 25-G has had a slow downward trend in membership which is true not only with us but throughout the USA. The North America Membership Initiative (NAMI) is providing ways to change this trend. One underlying statement that keeps appearing is that it will take every Lion member to work together to correct this trend. Together we can overcome this.

We look to meet many challenges in unique ways as we serve with kindness.

1st Vice District Governor Marlyn Fast



Virtual District Meeting still requires nomination letters to be submitted PRIOR to Feb. 13

The procedure for letters of intent and club endorsement letters for the 2021 District 25-G elections was detailed in the last month's newsletter. The positions include the following officer positions: **District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor, and 2nd Vice District Governor.** Also to be elected at the District Convention will be trustees for the following state projects: **Indiana Lions Cancer Control Fund, Inc.** (there are two open positions: 3-year term and 2-year term); **Vision First Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Inc.** (3-year term); **Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc.** (3-year term); **Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc.** (there are two open positions: 3-year term and 2-year term); **Indiana Lions for Leader Dog, Inc.** (3-year term); and there is a 3-year term for a trustee for the **Indiana Lions Foundation.** Each candidate must submit his/her own letter of intent to run. Additionally, the candidate's home club must submit an endorsement letter. Both letters must be submitted to the Chairman of the Nominations and Elections Committee prior to the February 13 District Meeting. Since this position is currently not filled, letters can be submitted to the *District Secretary, PDG Marty Juel, 3204 Village Court, Goshen, IN 46528.*

How To Be A Perfectly Good Lions Grinch



Well, here it is, the long-awaited sequel to my first two "How to..." articles. This article is largely fiction because none of us would dare to be a Lion Grinch, would we? Secretly we may think we actually know one, in another club, of course. Maybe we have thought about being one, but don't quite dare. But just in case you want to try being one, here are a few tips:

1. Don't go to club meetings.
2. If you do attend, be sure to find fault with something.
3. Decline an office or appointment to a committee.
4. Get mad if you weren't nominated or appointed.
5. But if you are named, don't attend the Board or committee meetings.
6. But if you do get to one of the meetings, against your better judgment, clam up until it is all over. Then sound off on how things should really be done.
7. Do not work or sell things if you can help it. When the "Old Reliables" pitch in, accuse them of being a clique.
8. Oppose all banquets, events, or club projects as a waste of time and money.
9. If meetings are strictly business, complain that the meetings are dull and the officers a bunch of old windbags. Tell your friends, during the meeting, just how bad it is. Since some of your friends may be hard of hearing, speak up.
10. Never accept a place at the head table.
11. If you aren't asked to sit at the head table, threaten to resign because you aren't appreciated.
12. Don't rush to pay your dues. Let the others sweat over money; after all, they made the budget, you didn't.
13. Read club mail only now and then. Don't reply if you can help it. Then complain bitterly that you didn't get all the information you wanted.
14. Tell the Tail Twisters to quit picking on you. After all, you paid once already this year.

I'm not sure how many of these suggestions you need to embrace in order to be a genuine Lion Grinch. I'll let you be the judge of that. I'll bet you could even add to this list from having observed other Lions. I tried a couple of these in our Club, and it isn't much fun. So please don't make being a Grinch your life's ambition.

(Adapted with thanks and apologies to Judy Smeltzer for her editorial "How to Kill an Association" in the December 10, 1975 issue of the Wakarusa Tribune.)

PCC David Eisen, Global Leadership Team

Where There's a Need, There's a Lion



Have you scheduled the District Governor's visit to your club?

Whether your club is meeting in-person or virtually, District Governor Brian Thomas would like to attend one of your club meetings, share his vision for our district, and hear your concerns. Check his calendar on page 11 of this newsletter, then give him a call at 574-596-7411 or send an email message to brian10k@aol.com.

Think Outside The Box To Find Opportunities For Service



I hope everyone is well during the New Year! The Lions of 25-G are working on projects in their communities as much as we can. It's important that we Lions continue serving by thinking outside the box and not just rely on doing only what we have done in the past. There are many projects we can accomplish in our communities with limited funds. We can serve by building food baskets for those in need, supplying items or volunteering at local food pantries, or checking on our elderly neighbors, friends, or family members to ensure their safety as winter arrives.

Everyone is to be commended for their efforts of keeping our clubs as active as possible. All Lions members have the opportunity to help those in need, either as a group or individually. As we accomplish our projects please report the activities so more than just your club members know what it is you're doing. We need to show our Pride in our clubs by getting the word out about our projects. It might even help build club membership if people know what service we're doing in our communities.

Have a wonderful new year and stay safe. "WE SERVE"

Lion Al Beehler, Global Service Team Coordinator

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Over 120 attend Virtual Mid-Winter Conference

Participants visible in the grid:

- Jean Ann Wise
- Shirley Haines
- Sue Topf
- Carol Hamilton
- Jim Parker
- John Waymire
- Tom & Gail Rob...
- Janet Fish
- PDG Gary Ochs
- Robert Jackson
- 2VDG Don Russ
- Chuck and Jeann...
- PDG Mary Klemp...
- Doris Yoder
- Doug Lozier
- PCC Dave Eisen
- Owen Menchhofer
- Marlyn Fast
- Jack Murach
- Jim & Karen Ott

Conference Graphic: Mid-Winter Conference MD25 LIONS INTERNATIONAL 2021

Zoom Controls: Mute, Stop Video, Security, Participants (119), Polls, Chat, Share Screen, Record, Live Transcript, Breakout Rooms, Reactions, Leave

Indiana Lions 2021 Mid-Winter Conference Videos On YouTube

Individual videos of the opening session, seminars, and closing session of the Indiana Lions first-ever virtual Mid-Winter Conference are now available on YouTube.

If you missed the conference and want to see what you missed, if you were there and want to share a seminar with members of your club or district, or if you just want to relive the experience, go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for "Indiana Lions", or follow this link to go directly to the [Indiana Lions 2021 Mid-Winter Conference channel](#).

Festival Fundraiser Supports Residential Summer Camp for Special Needs Campers



The Greene Township Lions Club and the town of North Liberty host the combined Potato Creek and Lions Strawberry Festival (www.northlibertychamber.org/potato-creek-and-lions-strawberry-festival.html) in downtown North Liberty on the second weekend in June each year. The Strawberry Festival has been the club's signature event every year for the past 50 years. 2020 was the first time it was cancelled and we hope to be back this year. During the festival, the Greene Township Lions Club serves strawberry shortcake (over 51,000 served in 50 years) and provides train rides on the Greene Township Lions Club train. Proceeds from these activities support Camp Millhouse (www.campmillhouse.org), a residential summer camp for individuals with special needs.

Our train is available for other organizations' events most of the year. For more information about the train, contact Lion Ron Whitesel (574-339-7452) or Lion Stephen Eddy (574-289-9353).

The Greene Township Lions Club has been serving our community for more than 50 years. We loan medical and convalescent equipment to members of our community, support Camp Millhouse, provide dictionaries and vision screenings in local schools, and support Indiana Lions state projects and LCIF disaster relief and humanitarian projects. Our motto: We Serve.

Below left: Greene Township Lions Club train awaits passengers at the 2019 Potato Creek & Lions Strawberry Festival in North Liberty.

Below right: Greene Township Lions Club train at the 2019 Sunflower Festival in LaPorte, Indiana.



Information and photos provided by Lion Stephen Eddy, Greene Township Lions Club

Lydick Lions Clubs Helps School Acquire Park Bench

Several years ago, a private school contacted our club to see if we would take their leftover bottle caps. It seems they already had enough to have a bench made, and were looking for a home for the leftover caps. We accepted the caps hoping we would be able to have a bench made. Unfortunately for us, COVID intervened and our club is pinching pennies to maintain our clubhouse expenses.



Fortunately, we were put in contact with Mr. Nick Garstka, the middle school principal at South Bend's Career Academy. His middle school classes are collecting the caps to put a bench in a small nature park behind the school. The park is maintained by the students. Mr. Garstka had to make two trips with his truck to take all 13 - 55-gallon bags to the school's collection bin.

We are happy we were able to donate the caps to a great school that can put them to use. And in case you didn't know, the small nature park located behind the Career Academy is open to the public. In these trying times, this may be the perfect spot to unwind and enjoy nature.

Pictured here: Mr. Nick Garstka (left) and Lion Wendy Yuhasz (right), with a truckload of caps.

Information and photo provided by Lion Lori Fero, Lydick Lions Club

Etna Green Lions Club Provides Christmas Cheer

We asked: Does Your Lions Club Have A Signature Service Project?



President Todd Hoffer of the Etna Green Lions Club responded: We have several. One of our favorites is our Christmas fruit baskets delivery. We pack fruit baskets every December and deliver them personally to every senior citizen and/or widow in our community. Usually it ends up being 70 or so hand-delivered packages of joy to those who could use a little cheer and a bit of company in their lives, if only for a few minutes. The folks seem to love it!

We also have Santa and Mrs. Claus every year. This year was special because of COVID. Ours was one of the only towns in our area where Santa appeared in person. We had the largest turnout to date.



The following article was provided by the Indiana Lions International Relations Committee

Lions Club Members Participate in Purdue University International Friendship Program

Lafayette Lions Club members PDG Pat Short, PDG Charlie Short, Lion Larry Fisher, and Larry's wife Esther, are actively involved with the Purdue University International Friendship Program as hosts for foreign students attending Purdue University. Hosting students does not mean they live with you. Here's what's involved.

No funds are provided by the Lafayette Lions Club. Students generally have their own funds. The hosts are not there to support them financially, but are unofficial "parentis in loco" for these students ... there to share our culture, learn about their culture, and be someone they can call for assistance. The hosts can take them places and pay for admission or meals. PDG Pat & PDG Charlie Short are currently hosting 2 new PhD students, one from India and one who is studying remotely from Moscow. They continue to host a student from Colombia, South America. It's a great program through the Purdue University Office of International Students & Scholars. Here is the link to check it out: <https://www.purdue.edu/IPPU/ISS/Student/Programming/IFP/events.html>.

The Shorts and Fishers have been doing this for several years. The Shorts have "hosted" at least 10 students from India, Iran, Austria, China, Taiwan, Sweden, and Colombia SA. In fact, their 1st student did his undergraduate degree, Master's degree, and PhD here and now is a professor at The University of Kansas, married with a son. The student from Colombia SA did her undergraduate and Master's degrees here and is now working on her PhD. Another Purdue graduate is working in Dallas.

Hosts are expected to keep in touch and get together at least once a month (during non-Covid). They generally take them around and show them Lafayette and Indy (and maybe Chicago), state parks, events, etc. as well as take them to the mall for shopping, drive to the airport, and have them over for meals (not now). Thanksgiving and Christmas are great opportunities to spend time with them and the Shorts usually have about 10 guests. Sometimes they drive to Indy for students to take their English as a Second Language exams so they can continue their studies. Hosts are also invited to join the students at international events on campus such as Diwali, plus the students usually cook great meals from their country. There is no stipulated agenda for the support and friendship. The Shorts and

Fishers have met students' parents and family members at graduations and have formed lifelong friendships.

The International Friendship Program (IFP) publishes a newsletter, ***Bridging Borders***, each semester to highlight stories about community hosts, student guests and IFP events. Check out the Spring 2020 issue online at <https://www.iss.purdue.edu/Resources/Docs/Newsletter/IFP%20Newsletter.pdf>.

If your Lions Club is located near a college or university, you might check to see if they have a similar program.

Left: Purdue students Aki, Suomi, Debi, & Vishnu enjoy coffee with PDG Pat & PDG Charlie Short.



2021 Indiana Lions State Convention

Make plans now to join Lions from across the state of Indiana at the 2021 Indiana Lions State Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, April 30 – May 2, 2021. The convention will be hosted by the Speedway Lions Club.

Lions Clubs Past International President Chancellor Robert Corlew will be our special guest at the convention. PIP Corlew will participate in the presentation of awards at the Awards Luncheon on Saturday and will be the keynote speaker at the All-State Banquet on Saturday evening.

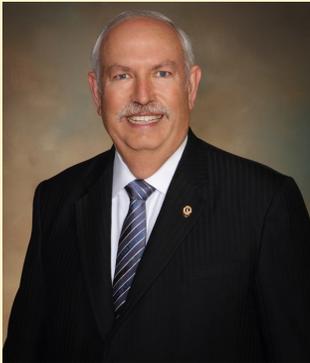
One of the most frequently asked questions about the convention is: What is the dress code for the All-State Banquet on Saturday evening? The District Governors and other Lions leaders seated at the head table will be wearing formal dinner jackets, but this is a Lions function and Lions apparel is always appropriate at a Lions function. Please plan to attend the All-State Banquet, even if you don't have a Lions vest or shirt. We want you there, no matter what you wear.

You may register online at indianalionsconvention.org or use the registration form printed in this newsletter. Walk-in registrations will be accepted during the convention however we cannot guarantee meals on registrations received after April 15, 2021.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2021 Indiana Lions State Convention in the hometown of "The Greatest Spectacle In Racing", though our plans may be subject to change due to COVID restrictions.



CHANCELLOR BOB CORLEW PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



Chancellor Bob Corlew, from Milton, Tennessee, USA, was elected to serve as President of Lions Clubs International at the association's 99th International Convention held in Fukuoka, Japan, June 24 through 28, 2016.

Past President Corlew is retired as Chancellor for the State of Tennessee and a professor of law.

A member of the Murfreesboro Noon Lions Club since 1978, he has held many offices within the association, including Charter Club President, Zone Chairperson, District Governor, Cabinet Secretary and Council Chairperson. He has been instrumental in the chartering of a number of new clubs. Most recently, he worked to charter a new club comprised of lawyers and judges, which gained more than 75 members during its first year.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards, including the Leadership Award, the Builder Key Award, three International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Vanguard of the Melvin Jones Memorial, a Progressive Lindsey-Jennings Fellow and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Past President Corlew has been active in the Boy Scouts of America, the Jaycees, and the American Red Cross. He has also served as a councilman in Milton and was a Major in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Past President Corlew and his wife, Dianne, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have five children and eight grandchildren.



Indiana Lions 2021 State Convention Indianapolis, Indiana April 30 – May 2, 2021 Hosted by the Speedway Lions Club



Wyndham Indianapolis West Hotel, 2544 Executive Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46241
Call: (317) 248-2481 or (855) 214-4563

Call hotel directly for reservations. \$130 for single (1 breakfast), \$140 for double (2 breakfasts). Rooms are held under "Indiana Lions" block. Rooms will be released after March 1st and we cannot guarantee meals on reservations received after April 15, 2021.

Registration form for no more than two (2) people at the same address:

Person 1 Name: _____
First Last Title

Person 2 Name: _____
First Last Title

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

District: _____ Club: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____
First Last

	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Indicate if non-gluten</u>
100 th Anniversary Dinner Friday Night:	_____	\$15	_____	_____
Saturday Lunch	_____	\$15	_____	_____
Saturday All State Banquet	_____	\$25	_____	_____
Meal Choice for All State Banquet (Steak, Chicken or Vegetarian Indicate if non-gluten)				
Person 1: _____				
Person 2: _____				
Sunday Brunch	_____	\$20	_____	_____
Convention Pin	_____	\$5	_____	_____
Strides Walk	_____	\$10	_____	_____
Total			_____	

Mobility Assistance: See supplemental information

Golf Outing: See supplemental information

Make checks payable to: **Lions of Indiana, Inc.** and mail to PDG Peg Dawson, 1738 Gerrard Ave., Speedway, IN 46224

Or register and pay online using PayPal or a Credit Card at: www.indianalionsconvention.org

2021 Indiana Lions State Convention Supplemental Information

Friday Evening: Wyrk Space in the USAC building on the corner of 16th and Main Street, Speedway.
Menu: Hamburger/Brats/sides

Saturday Lunch: Club style Turkey Croissant – sliced turkey breast topped with Monterey jack cheese, bacon, lettuce, tomato and pesto mayonnaise on a fresh croissant served with mustard potato salad & fresh Fruit garnish. Includes dessert, iced tea and coffee. Cost is \$15.

Saturday Dinner: Choice of grilled 12 oz New York Strip steak, with mushrooms and onion marmalade or Mediterranean style breast of chicken with fresh diced and sun-dried tomatoes, olives & yellow peppers. Both meals include prepared potato and chef's choice of vegetable, side salad and rolls. Cost is \$25

Sunday Brunch will have a mixture of typical breakfast selections and lunch items. Cost is \$20.

The Strides Walk: in memory of PIP Rob Corlew's son Robbi. cost will be \$10.

Mobility Assistance: Contact Auto Farm at (765) 354-2261 to reserve a scooter for the weekend. Cost is \$48.15 plus share of delivery fee.

Golf: Friday morning April 30th at 9:00 AM Golf outing scheduled for South Grove Golf Course located 1800 West 18th St. Indianapolis, 46202. Make your own Foursome or else pairing up with others will be given. We will have tee times beginning at 9 AM for 18 holes of play. Contact Lion Rick Haug if you plan on attending: Golfball01@att.net

Directions to Golf Course: From the hotel turn back to I 465 and go north to the Speedway or Crawfordsville Rd exit. Turn right on to Crawfordsville Rd. going toward Speedway or east until you come to 16th St. where you will pass the 500 Race Track. Continue east on 16th St. passing over White River and look for the next stop light. This is Riverside Drive--turn left or north and the golf course is one block on the left. Parking lot is located nearby. Try to be at the course by 8:30 AM to check in and pay green fee of \$25.00 per person for 18 holes.

2021 Convention Pin is \$5.



We hope to see you in Indianapolis for the 2021 Indiana Lions State Convention

Thought for the Month

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. — Mahatma Gandhi

Simple formulas for living

1. Cultivate good manners
2. Be humble

How Clubs Can Empower Lions Service

Club support of Campaign 100 and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) – *your* foundation – increases our ability to change the world. How will your club help?

Encourage 100% Member Participation

Participation is key to our success! Inviting fellow members to make personal donations is one of the simplest and quickest ways you can raise significant funds for LCIF and Campaign 100.

Become a 100|100 Club – 100% Member Participation of at Least US\$100

Clubs in which 100% of members donate US\$100 per year or more receive special recognition as 100|100 Clubs.

Host a Fundraising Event

Fundraising events are a great way to bring many members of a club together – and have some fun! In addition, they're a wonderful opportunity to invite non-Lion members of the community to learn more about the great work of Lions and join clubs in supporting LCIF and Campaign 100.

Make a Gift from the Club Treasury

Many clubs reserve funds in their treasuries for charitable donations and contribute from those funds to LCIF. These contributions are a great way for club leadership to support LCIF on behalf of their members.

Invite Support from Local Businesses and Non-Lions

Many clubs already have good relationships with businesses and non-Lion individuals in their local communities. Inviting support from community members and groups outside of your club through an event or direct request is important to achieving our goals.

Become a Model Club – Raise the Equivalent of US\$500 per Member

Model Clubs are leading the way for Campaign 100. Encourage clubs in your area to set their sights higher and become examples for others. All funds raised from all sources between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2023, count toward Model Club status. Access more information on Model Clubs by visiting the Resource Center on lionsclubs.org and then clicking on Campaign 100.



Donations to Campaign 100 are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellow (MJF), Progressive MJF (PMJF), and Lions Share credits. Donations also count toward limited-edition Campaign 100 recognition and ongoing LCIF recognition such as 100% MJF, 100% PMJF, 100% Lions Share Participation, and per-member-average banner patches.

Thank You!

Many say the needs of the world are too great. More than 1.4 million Lions worldwide say, "We Serve." To each Lions club going boldly into a new era of service – an era where serving 100% is accomplished only when clubs both do *and* donate – thank you! The success of our campaign, association, foundation, and future starts at the club level, *today*. Together, we can.

Email campaign100@lionsclubs.org for campaign resources, additional information on recognition, or to be connected to your LCIF district coordinator.

lionsclubs.org/campaign100

February 2021

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March 2021

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Do you need help with MyLion?

If you have questions about using MyLion to submit reports for your club, we have several Lions who can help you learn the process. If you need help, please contact any of the following individuals:

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Mark Your Calendar

(subject to change)

February 13: District Meeting
Update: This meeting will be hosted on Zoom

March 12: District Convention Evening Dinner
Christo's Banquet Center, Plymouth

March 13: District Convention
Argos United Methodist Church, Argos

April 30 - May 2: State Convention
Wyndham Hotel, Indianapolis

May 8: District Meeting
Hosted by Baugo Township Lions Club

