



District 25E Southwest Indiana Lions

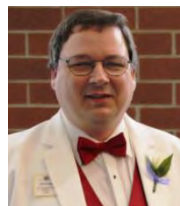
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Governor's Corner



Hello Lions,

This is my last article as District Governor. I have tried to make sure all of my articles have been relevant and useful this year, but this article will be more of a recap.

Upcoming Events:

- Jun 23: Region/Zone Chair Training- Jasper
- Jun 23: Law Camp Graduation-Vincennes
- 29 June – 3 July: 101st LCI Convention- Las Vegas
- 28 July: 25-E Banner Night – Bedford, IN
- 11 Aug: 1st Cabinet Mtg – Brownstown, IN

See more details at our Website under **Calendar**

www.lions25e.org

Diabetes awareness was a major focus this year, both for me and for LCI. We have worked hard this year to educate Lions about diabetes and diabetes awareness. The idea was that an educated Lion is better prepared to host awareness events and educate their communities. Several clubs have either planned or already held awareness projects in their communities. I would like to thank all the clubs for their work on this important health issue. I would like to thank the State Diabetes chair Chris Reinhold for his work at the state level to make sure the clubs have the needed resources.

Emergency Preparedness was another area of focus for me this year. PDG Dale Lefler continues to update the district's program. I am sure he will continue this update well into Ron's year. When the update is complete, PDG Dale will share the informational guidelines he has gathered. This will include ideas about how to prepare for, what to do during and what to do after a variety of disasters. When lions have knowledge, they can do great things. Thank you PDG Dale for working on this for our safety. LCIF or Lions Club International Foundation has for the last several years been granting more money than it has been taking in. LCIF provides grants in several areas including Humanitarian, Disaster, Leos Serve, Sight First, and District/Club Community Impact. This year we had four LCIF coordinators. One of our coordinators has gone above and beyond this year. Thank you Region Chair Sam Hopper for your hard work this year.

The Long Range Planning committee has been asked to be more proactive moving forward and to start working with the Global Membership, Leadership, and Service teams along with the District and Vice District Governors. The idea is to help with planning in all these areas and assist the upcoming governors in preparing for their year. I want to thank all the members of the Long Range Planning committee for helping me with my year and everything they have done already to help VDGs Ron and Sheryl. I look forward to seeing how these changes improve the district in the future.

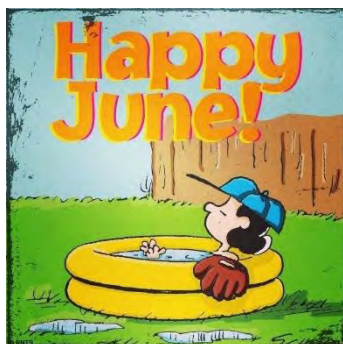
I know the planned women's retreat hit a major snag and the May 19th date had to be cancelled. We did not give up on this. Lion Sue Ahlbrand has worked on this project and is working on a new date for the retreat. Hopefully early in DGE Ron's year we will have an announcement on the new date and agenda. Thank you Lion Sue for your work on this project.

I would like to thank my Vice District Governors Ron Edwards and Sheryl Schafer and my Cabinet Secretary Jeff Schafer and Cabinet Treasurer Richard Kaiser. Because of your teamwork and assistance you have made my year a success. I look forward to the wonderful things you will accomplish in the coming years.

I would like to thank all the lions of the district. Because of you, this last year has been AWESOME!

I have many more I could and should thank, but then this article would be at least ten pages long and NOBODY wants to read that article. I am wrapping this up to go racing off to serve.

Racing to Serve District 25E and Multi-District 25
DG/CCE Keith Thomas



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1st Vice DG Corner

WRAPPING IT UP

Yet another Lions year is winding down. It is hard to believe it is almost over. Since November events seemed to have passed like a blur. Each event requires so much prep time and after the event, there is not much time until the next event. Looking at the details of each event, then the sum of events brings to mind why teamwork is so important. Applying this to each club underscores the need for maintaining membership growth so the club service may be maintained and expanded.

Our Multidistrict and District immediate past history in our District is of declining membership. It isn't as though our members haven't tried to gain members but those efforts have gone largely short of the goal of maintaining our level of membership. Continuing as we have in the past is not acceptable if we wish to remain a service organization. This is why, to a large measure, Lions Clubs International is changing. LCI is revitalizing in structure, training, and sensitivity to our changing society. At the same time they are paying attention to comments and suggestions from the Multidistrict and District Leadership relative to what and how to do changes.

That brings me to district meetings. This year DG Keith changed meetings to include reports of interest, not only reports of project statistics. When the projects have vital information of change or information necessary to act on the report should be verbal as well as written. However, reports with statistics of how the project has performed should be written. This will leave time for a program or workshop of value to our membership and clubs. Training meetings have been combined for two main reasons. First is to include all officers being exposed to other officer's responsibilities and secondly is to share the equipment and save time. This is a work in process so we will tweak and adjust as we go to insure all the necessary information is covered for everyone. Don't expect to see the PowerPoint presentations. Instead, be prepared to take notes, ask questions, and participate. Officers may go on line to view the LCI presentations and take advantage of additional training, but information needed to make your year a success will be given during the Training sessions available. Also, new items are being added as well as changes LCI will be requiring are covered. Just because you have held a particular office in the past is not a good reason to bypass training. Being aware of other officer's duties enhances the teamwork necessary for a successful year for our clubs and individual officers alike.

Every club and every Lion in our clubs are important. And, when everyone knows and fulfills their requirements the team will experience an enjoyable and rewarding year of service to our communities.

Club membership, leadership and service goals are a necessary part of planning in our clubs. Without this planning we will fall short of meeting the needs of our communities; maybe not this year, but certainly in future years.

Keep doing all you can do for your communities.

Lion Ron Edwards
DGE 25 E



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2nd Vice DG Corner

Have you been to the new Lions Club Selfie Wall? It's located at www.lionssmile.org where they invite all Lions to post your Lions selfie on Twitter, Instagram, Google+ and Tumblr using hashtag #lionsclubselfie. There is only one rule....the selfie MUST show the Lions logo!



Don't forget that starting on June 30, 2018 dues credits for membership drops will not be issued after the release of the semi-annual billings on July 1 and January 1. In the past, LCI has given a grace period to adjust club rosters and receive a credit for unreported membership drops. This practice will no longer be in place, and clubs must have an accurate membership roster by June 30 and December 31. For more information see the article in this newsletter on page 8.

In addition, LCI will allow clubs to continue entering activities via MyLCI for this upcoming Lion Year (2018-2019). However, on July 1, 2019 all activities will be reported via the My Lion App either via your smartphone or using the My Lion App on a computer/iPad. LCI is rolling out this new My Lion App this year, so take the time to learn and transition to the new App sometime this year. Again, more information about this new My Lion App is in an article on page 8 of this newsletter.

Finally, I hope to see some of you in Las Vegas at the 101st Lions Club International Convention.

Remember, "We can do it."

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Prayer List:

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.

Please email PDG Phil at plange@twc.com or call or text at 812-677-0500 with names, club and condition of those needing prayers.

Lion Doris Bliss
RC Larry Bottom
PDG Phil Lange
PDG Myrna Thompson
Lion Alma Graf

Lion Cindy DeHart
Lion Jaline Spurgeon
Lion Henry Spindler
Lion Ami Yeager
Lion Bill Stoops

PDG Frank Ruane
Lion Bob Evans
Lion Harry Martin
Lion Donnie Call & Daughter
Lion Jeff Byrne

Lion Dave Milby
Lion Joan Bode
Lion Jody Call
Betty Taylor

Lion Helen Carson
PDG Alvetta Wallace
Lion Don Derrington
Lion Mary Chisham
Brenda & Gib Hayes

Newsletter, Public Relations & Hoosier Lion

Some of you have ask the question of who 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:

25E Newsletter: CS PCC Jeff Schafer, jeff.schafer1@comcast.net. Deadline by the 25th of each month.
Public Relations: DG Keith Thomas, kthomas@threeidesign.com. No deadline.
Hoosier Lion: Lion Jaline Spurgeon, jaspurg@hotmail.com. 5th of each month.

Club Anniversaries

Club	Charter	Age (Yrs)
East Washington	6/17/1969	49
Harrodsburg	6/30/1989	29
Palmyra	6/30/1989	29
Bedford Noon	6/11/2000	18
Chandler	6/28/2004	14
Crandall	6/28/2005	13
Fayetteville	6/23/2009	9
Pershing Twp	6/16/2010	8
Canton	6/9/2011	7
Dugger	6/17/2013	5



New Members Reported in May – Welcome!



Club	Member	Sponsor
Dugger	James Conner	Meliinda Smith
Dugger	Diana Ross	Melinda Smith
Fayetteville Community	Gregg Taylor	Duane Terry
French Lick-West Baden	Marty Goldman	
Tennyson	Jeremy Ambrose	Gary Higgs

Fallen Lions Reported in May 2018



Club	Member
Brown County	Carrie Mae Daugherty
Hardinsburg	Gladys Woolley
Seymour Eve	Jaems Slade

“Secretary’s Challenge”

In May, **we had 66% Monthly Membership Reports (MMRs)** and a **36% on the Service Activity Reports (SARs)** submitted. The MMRs average decreased by 5% and the SARs decreased by 10%. Overall, year to date we completed 29,172 volunteer hours, served over 185,800 people, collected over 14,540 eyeglasses and 59 hearing aids, raised over \$156,172 and donated over \$47,300 and completed over 2,018 activities. Keep up the GREAT work in your communities!

Need Help: Call or email CS PCC Jeff Schafer, 812.325.3130, jeff.schafer1@comcast.net **anytime!**

Let's keep up the GREAT effort and work!



President's Message



Lions measure success on an uncommon scale: we count it by the lives we impact. Our legacy as leaders will be built upon what we have achieved together and the lives we have changed. Our path forward will be defined by how we continue to build on that legacy through mentoring and developing future leaders.

Preparing and supporting incoming leadership will ensure that your district continues to achieve great things. Let us always keep in mind that all Lions are leaders. When we foster that potential, we prepare Lions to be agents of change. When we create opportunities for Lions to succeed, we flourish. When we make room for diversity and new ideas, we ensure that our mission of service will reach its full potential.

It's true that our roles will be changing soon, but we have so much more to achieve right now.

Let's stay focused on inviting new members and chartering new clubs so **we can reach that incredible milestone of 1.5 million Lions together**. This will be a singular achievement that will forever define our legacy. We are lucky to be leaders in this special year. Let us carve our names in history by reaching the target Lions have tried to achieve for the last 35 years. **We need less than 1 new member per club** to get there.

Our legacy is not the story of you or me. It is the story of us and how the Power of We changes lives. Let's do everything we can to lead, support and transform our districts together.

Dr. Naresh Aggarwal
Your International President



Save The Date – District 25-E Banner Night

DGE Ron Edwards' Banner Night will be **July 28, 2018** at the **First Christian Church**, 1101 15th Street in Bedford, Indiana.

Further information will be passed along later this month concerning the agenda, menu and cost for the event.

Set aside this date and don't forget to bring your Banner. Dress attire will be business casual.



Save the Date

January 12, 2019

30th Annual Mid Winter Conference

That's Right! Going back to the original name and month!

Once known as Mid Winter Conference
Formerly known as Indiana Lions Conference
Now known AGAIN as Mid Winter Conference!

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Indiana Lions Mid Winter Conference

District 25-E Points Contest (as of May 31, 2018)

Large Clubs (>30 Members)

Bedford Eve	31,125 pts
Georgetown	30,375 pts
Fayetteville	20,875 pts

Small Clubs (<= 30 Members)

Petersburg	38,445 pts
Bloomfield	36,475 pts
Bedford Noon	20,450 pts



Bloomfield Lions Club 2018 Scholarships

The Bloomfield Lions Club presented two scholarships to graduating Seniors at the Bloomfield High School. Shown in the photo are (left to right): Darian Wiggington, Samuel Query, and President 1VDGE Sheryl Schafer.

Photo by PCC Jeff Schafer, Bloomfield Lions Club



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

OUR FOUNDATION

We Are Down to The Wire to Donate to LCIF

For clubs that haven't donated yet you still have time. Through the end of April donations from 36 clubs have donated a total of \$15,229.36. This calculates to 58% of our clubs considering LCIF for their financial support. We still have time for clubs or individuals to donate and count for this Lion's year so consider a donation to our foundation.



As a co-coordinator, I'm happy for the donations our clubs and individuals have made to LCIF. The foundation has been faithful supporting disaster relief each time we have requested a grant. Also, grants have been made available for projects too large to accomplish on our own. Overall more funds have come into our district than we have donated and deserve our support. Keep in mind in addition to supporting grants and projects with our donations; we can honor an individual for their service with the highest award in Lions in a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.

Thank you for your LCIF support and all you do for your communities.

Lion Ron Edwards
DGE District 25 E
LCIF Co – Coordinator District 25 E



Entrance Fees waived June 7-30!

To close out our incredible Centennial Celebration in style, **we're waiving entrance fees for new members who join between June 7 and June 30!** For more than 100 years, we've delivered hope and change to the world. Now, as we prepare for an innovative second century of service, there has never been a more exciting time become a Lion, and we want to make it as easy as possible for new members to join us.

So how does it work?

- **Invite** family and friends to join your club between June 7 and June 30.
- **Report** your new member to Lions International by 11:59 p.m. CDT on Saturday, June 30.
- **Save** money when your club billing automatically reflects this special promotion
- **Earn** a Centennial Sponsor Pin for inviting a new member, and wear it with pride.

This is a limited offer that does not apply to new members added prior to June 7 or after June 30, 2018. No exceptions will be approved. Charter and transfer charter fees do not qualify for this special waiver. If you have any questions, please contact membershipdev@lionsclubs.org.

Invite your family and friends to join the greatest service organization in the world as we write the history of our second century together.



Lions Clubs International

Starting on June 30, 2018, **dues credits for membership drops will not be issued** after the release of the semi-annual billings on July 1 and January 1.

In the past, Lions Clubs International has given clubs a grace period in January and July to adjust their club rosters and receive a credit for unreported membership drops. This practice has been a courtesy extended to clubs by Lions International despite rules governing the practice in Board Policy. The board of directors recently decided that enforcement of existing policy is necessary in order to be in compliance with Board Policy.

This will also provide greater alignment with district billing and create more accurate reporting that better reflects true membership growth. We realize that this will have an impact on some clubs, so we would like you to help them prepare for the upcoming billing cycle.

Here are a few best practices that can help you prepare your clubs for their July dues billing:

- **Remind** club officers to update their membership rosters using MyLCI or their regional reporting system.
- **Encourage** club officers to submit their membership roster to MyLCI or their local reporting system prior to **June 30, 2018 CDT**.
- **Inform** current and incoming leaders that membership dues credits will no longer be issued.

Please contact Accounts Receivable and Club Account Services at membershipbilling@lionsclubs.org if you have any questions. And thank you for all of the kindness and tremendous service that you bring to your community.

Districts and clubs will have the option to report their service activities in fiscal year 2018-19 using either MyLion for web or MyLCI

We received feedback from district and club officers about their challenges with the July 1, 2018 launch of MyLion as the new service activities reporting system. And we listened. We understand that clubs and districts need more time to prepare for this important transition. By giving clubs and districts the option to report through MyLion for web or through MyLCI in fiscal year 2018-19, we can:

- Provide more time for training our club and district officers
- Give officers at all levels more time to communicate with their members and clubs to ensure a successful transition to MyLion
- Ensure that club and district officers have the time they need to test MyLion so they can use it with confidence

We are still planning to release MyLion for web on July 1, 2018. We encourage everyone who is ready to use MyLion web to begin using it next year, but MyLCI can still be used for service activity reporting throughout the coming year. We will be combining service activity reports for both systems so that reports will be accurate no matter which platform you or your Lions are using.

Innovations like the new MyLion for web reporting system are important to the present and future of Lions. It also takes time, training and communication to make sure innovative technologies like MyLion work most effectively for our clubs and districts.

To better support you, we will send out more information including FAQs and training schedules in the coming days. We look forward to working with you over the coming year to prepare all clubs and districts for a successful transition to MyLion for web in fiscal year 2019-20.



What do you want to be known for?

Our new Service Journey begins on 7/1/18

Based on feedback from Lions and Leos worldwide, we're changing the way we choose, lead, and live service. We'll be launching our new Service Journey at [LCICon](#), but we wanted you to have a special preview.

The Service Journey is an interactive, online toolkit that clubs will use to realize the joys of service faster.

The Four Stages of Our New Service Journey

1

Learn — Learn about our global causes and why they're top priorities.

2

Discover — Assess your club's strengths and the areas of need that motivate you. Access the resources to help you.

3

Act — Plan and start your service project.

4

Celebrate — Honor your impact by sharing your story with other Lions and Leos serving our global causes around the world.

Mark your calendar for 7/6/18. On this date, you'll receive an official announcement email with more details about exploring the new Service Journey together. We hope you can use the new Service Journey to benefit your community, mobilize Lions and Leos, and get us all closer to our goal of serving 200 million people a year by 2021.

If you have questions and want to learn more now, please contact gst@lionsclubs.org.

District 25-E Reading Action Program (RAP)

Now is the time to be planning your club's next year's projects. Here are some great ideas from the state chair Linda Madden at her session at the State Convention.

- Create a library corner at a local shelter
- Become a mentor in a classroom for children to read to you
- Partner with teachers to provide books for the classroom
- Provide children's books for visiting areas in prison, jail, hospital, or doctor's office
- Partner with the Leos club to do a vision screening event and hand out a book to each child screened
- Provide books to the local food bank to send with the parents or grandparents
- Create a new book library cart for the folks in the hospital or new parents
- Partner with USO to provide books to the bases
- Partner with UNICEF for books in a box to start a classroom
- Dolly Parton Imagination Library
- Braille Tales
- Kate's Cart
- Provide books for Head Start and preschools

Let me know what new project your club has decided to try.

Lion Erica Thomas
25-E, Reading Action Program Chair



Long Range Planning

When does your club brainstorm for new ideas? How does your club plan for a new service projects? How do you decide what fundraisers to do? As Keith and I traveled around to visit everyone, we found 62 different ways to prepare. Some clubs have a separate day set aside to just think of new things to try or different spins on things they are already doing. Some clubs have a plan in place to help the event run smoothly. Some clubs wait until the last minute to pull everything together and wonder why the project did not go so well. I am fortunate enough to meet a brand new lion who is so excited about getting ready to serve his community, that he researched and typed up a three page handout outlining what he thought could be important projects. Thank you, Steve M., for sharing with others the great information you put together. He is hoping that his club will do at least 3 service projects each year, one being more traditional and two that break from tradition. He is challenging the other members in the club to commit 8-20 hours of volunteering per month (2-5 hours per week). Some of the projects he listed are ones that I hope their club or maybe yours will adopt.



- Collect unused makeup and perfume and have a spa day at a center for abused women
- Organize a car wash and donate the profits to charity of choice
- Help deliver meals to shut-ins
- Volunteer time at various camps in the community
- Provide services for shut-ins: rake leaves, shovel snow, wash windows, get groceries or other errands, etc.
- Partner with the local animal shelter to sponsor a spay or neuter or organize an event
- Make care kits with shampoo, toothbrushes, combs, etc for homeless shelters to handout
- Adopt a classroom
- Adopt a grandparent
- Partner with the police to provide items for children when police respond to calls

Whatever your club decides to do, I hope the project leads to other great things. Ask a friend who is not a lion to join you for that project. You may spark a passion to continue serving.

Lion Erica Thomas
25-E, Long Range Planning Committee

Club Excellence Award Application

Will your club maintain its membership or have a net growth at the close of the 2017-2018 Lion year? Will it have participated in at least three service projects? Are you promoting your club's events or activities to your community? If you answered yes to these questions, you may be eligible for the Club Excellence Award!

View the [Club Excellence Award Application](#) at www.lionsclubs.org for complete details, and apply before August 31, 2018.

You know your club is excellent so get recognized for all your achievements!

Bedford Lions Club 70th Anniversary



Crandall Lions Club

Road Side Clean-Up

Crandall Lions highway clean-up with the help from the North Harrison High School Leo's on Saturday, May 12, 2018. The Team cleaned up a 4 mile stretch on the highway

Photo by PDG Fred Wattula, Crandall Lions Club



Bedford Lions Club

Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence County

A couple of photos showing 2018 youth sports teams at the Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence County that the Bedford Lions Club sponsors. They have sponsored boys teams since 1970 and girls teams since 1972.

Photo by Lion Jim Fisher, Bedford Lions Club



Bedford, Bedford Noon & the Fayetteville Lions Club

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

Thirty-two members and family from the Bedford, Bedford Noon, and Fayetteville Community Lions Clubs helped with the 2018 Letter Carriers "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive collecting, weighing, documenting, and distributing 13,698 pounds of donated food at the Bedford Post Office. Four local food pantries Lawrence Inter Faith Endeavors (LIFE) Bedford, Community Care, God's Place, and Bertha's Mission received equal portions of the donated food during the day the Lions helped.

Photo by Lion Jim Fisher, Bedford Lions Club



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The Luxor Hotel & Casino – The Location at LCIcon 2018 for the Indiana Lions

The Power of We