



Newsletter



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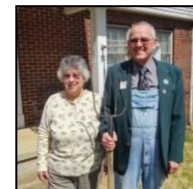


We Serve

NOW ON STAGE

District Governor

Lee Cuba



Now on stage, Indiana MD25 presents "2021-2022 District 25-E Serves Outside The Box." Starring District Governor Lee Cuba. Co-starring 1VDG Don Russ, 2VDG Glen Georges, District Secretary Keith Thomas, District Treasurer Debbie Ellis, and District News Reporter Holly Nethery.

As the curtain opens, we see all the supporting Lions of 25-E as listed in the upcoming program (The Directory, it will be distributed at the district meeting, July 31, at the Francisco Club House). Those supporting Lions include the region chairs, zone chairs, and committee chairs. Each Lion listed in the program plays an important role in this play, just as importantly as the primary characters. And all the characters are so much better serving their communities with the help and support of all of the members of 25-E. Yes, even the members not listed. For you see, there are no small parts in theater. Everyone is important.

As Act 1, Scene 1 begins, the curtain now fully opened, we see the club presidents scheduling an official visit of the DG. We also see many Lions with their family and friends signing up to support/work the state fair that starts at the end of this month. We also see the pictures and write-ups of club service projects being sent to the District News Reporter.

This year will have drama like the talk of closing clubs (hopefully averted). It will have comedy, just look at who is starring. The suspense is gaining momentum. What is going to happen at Banner night September 25 at the Fayetteville Lions Club barn? We must keep up with the happenings by reading all this newsletter.

This year's reviews will show great efforts to serve and support local communities. Working with partners to do bigger service projects. Lions of 25-E will serve outside the box in new areas of opportunity. There is going to be so much fun and service that those on the outside looking in will want to be a member of our play. So go out and make it a great show for all to enjoy.

Lion Lee Cuba
DG 25E, 2021-2022
"Serve outside the box"

~ DISTRICT DISH ~

Upcoming Events *(all times are local time at that location)*

Date	Event	Time / Location	Contact
13 Jul 2021	Chandler Lions Club, DG Official Visit	6:30 p.m. / Chandler Community Center	DG Lee Cuba, 812-583-2875
20 Jul 2021	Ellettsville Lions Club, DG Official Visit	6:30 p.m. / El Ranchero	DG Lee Cuba, 812-583-2875
24 Jul 2021	1 st Council Meeting	Hilton Garden Inn, Merrillville	
31 Jul 2021	1 st 25E Cabinet Meeting	9 a.m. / Francisco Lions Club House, 201 1st Street, Francisco	DG Lee Cuba, 812-583-2875
6 Aug 2021	Ellettsville Lions Club Golf Scramble	12 noon / Rolling Meadows Golf Club, Gosport	IPDG Kenny Williams, 812-320-4258
12 Aug 2021	Oakland City Lions Club, DG Official Visit	6 p.m.	DG Lee Cuba, 812-583-2875
23 Aug 2021	Ramsey Lions Club, DG Official Visit	6:30 p.m.	DG Lee Cuba, 812-583-2875
9-11 Sep 2021	USA/Canada Forum	Des Moines, IA	
20 Sep 2021	Paoli Lions Club, DG Official Visit	6:30 p.m.	DG Lee Cuba, 812-583-2875
21 Sep 2021	French Lick / West Baden Lions Club, DG Official Visit	6:30 p.m. / French Lick American Legion	DG Lee Cuba, 812-583-2875
25 Sep 2021	Zionsville Lions Club Heart for Diabetes 5K/10K Walk/Run	9 a.m. / Zionsville Lions Club	http://getmeregistered.com <i>(add event name to search for the event)</i>
25 Sep 2021	District 25E Banner Night	6 p.m. / Fayetteville Community Lions Club Park, 6825 SR 158, Bedford	DG Lee Cuba, 812-583-2875
4 Oct 2021	Medora Lions Club, DG Official Visit	6 p.m.	DG Lee Cuba, 812-583-2875
21 Oct 2021	Brownstown Lions Club, DG Official Visit	594 S. Dogwood Dr., Brownstown, IN	DG Lee Cuba, 812-583-2875
23 Oct 2021	2 nd Council Meeting	TBD	
30 Oct 2021	2 nd 25E Cabinet Meeting	9 a.m. / Sullivan Civic Center, Sullivan, IN	DG Lee Cuba, 812-583-2875
21 Dec 2021	Salem Lions Club, DG Official Visit	6 p.m.	DG Lee Cuba, 812-583-2875

New Members – Welcome!

Club	Member	Sponsor
Bedford Noon	Marcy Tincher	Rita Kersh
Ellettsville	Henry Nethery	Holly Nethery
Ellettsville	Harrison Pittsford	Phillip Rambo
Odon	Rick Tribby	Dave Smith
Shoals	Marjory Boyd	Theresa Fuhrman
Shoals	Hannah Smith	David Smith
Winslow	Patricia Moore	Linda Daugherty
Winslow	Henry Nelson	Linda Daugherty
Winslow	Sherry Nelson	Linda Daugherty

'Til Fiddler's Green – Fallen Members Recently Reported

Club	Name
Bedford Noon	W. Andrew Himebaugh
Indian Creek	Michael Smith
Petersburg	James Pell

Club Anniversaries!

Club	Charter	Age (yrs.)
New Middletown	15 Jul 2004	17

Care and Concerns

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

Lion Doris Bliss	Lion Joan Bode	Lion Vivian Fishel	Lion George Gabel
Lion Dave Milby	Lion Terry Sanders	Lion Betty Schoonmaker	PDG Paul Schoonmaker
Lion Jaline Spurgeon	Lion Shirley Wiseheart		

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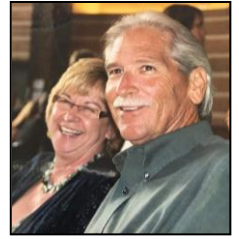
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NOTE: "Care and Concerns" names will be listed for three consecutive months, unless updated otherwise.

IN THE WINGS...

1st Vice District Governor

Don Russ



This will be my first article as your First Vice District Governor. Let me first thank all of you who helped me along the way this past year as your 2nd Vice District Governor. It was an interesting year to say the least but enjoyable in many ways for me. I think that is due to all the many Lions who made it that way by attitude and deed. Thank you.

I would also like to thank IPDG Kenny Williams who did more for me than he realizes. It was a tough year for him with Covid and the uncertainty it caused in serving his term as Governor, but he always seemed to have a smile on his face for all of us. That smile and his attitude meant more to me than he realized. It also may have meant more to all of you than you were aware of at the time. Thank you, Governor Kenny, for being you.

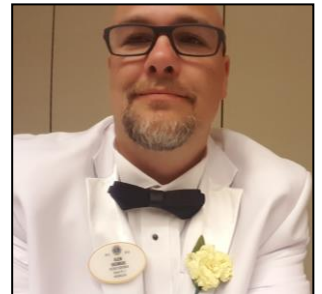
I look forward to the year ahead with Governor Lee Cuba and all the rest of the Cabinet and Committee members in District 25E. May God bless all of us.

VDG Don Russ

FROM THE GREEN ROOM...

2nd Vice District Governor

Glen Georges



Greetings and Salutations,

Congratulations first to our new District Governor Lee Cuba, he will be a great leader. Second, we are coming out of Covid-19. Let's get back to doing what we Lions do best. Serving our communities. Our membership has taken a very deep reduction and loss of both clubs and members. We have to keep the ideas and our motto and slogans in the minds of the people in our community. Please ask your friends, neighbors, and our own family to join your club.

Please do your club secretary a favor and get them information about any service you have done. Even if you went and grabbed some groceries or mowed your neighbor's yard because they either are not able to do it themselves or are out of town on vacation. Looking forward to this great new year. The past is just that. Look forward and let's SERVE our communities!

Yours in service,

2VDG Glen Georges

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FROM THE SCRIBE...

District 25E Cabinet Secretary / Past Council Chair

Keith Thomas



Hello Lions,

DG Lee was sworn in as our District Governor just a few days ago (see picture on page 9). Thank you IPDG Kenny for your service and hard work during your year. Congrats DG Lee, training time is over. Time to get to work!

As the pandemic seems to be slowing down here in the US, it is time for the Lions to kick our service up a notch. Clubs have lost several members in the last couple of years. As a result, we are in need of new members and/or club rebuilding. We all know it is easier for an active club to draw in new members than an idle one. How can we do service projects if we don't have Lion power? One answer is partnerships.

So, what is a partnership? A partnership can be defined as two or more organizations sharing a common interest and then agreeing to work together toward a common goal. This can be a one-time project or a multi-year project.

Before approaching a potential partner, please do your homework and make sure it will be a good fit with your club. Do the groups share goals and values; do they have abilities that complement the partnership; do the groups desire to accomplish more than they feel they can do on their own?

The club will also have to determine what it wants from a partner. Generate a list of strengths your club will contribute to the partner as well as a list of areas that the club needs help with? What skills, assets and/or resources does your club need in order to complete the project(s)?

After the club has found a potential partner, the club members should review the following questions:

- We know what our strengths and areas for improvement are as a club? Y/N
- We know what types of service projects we would like to carry out? Y/N
- We know what contributions we need from a potential partner to make our service projects better? Y/N
- We know what contributions we are able to bring into the partnership? Y/N
- We are ready to discuss common goals and objectives with a potential partner? Y/N

If you answered Yes to most of the questions, great! You are ready to approach your potential partner. The following steps need to occur: introduce yourself and explain the reason you reached out to this group; provide some context and share key details about Lions Clubs International and your club; provide your club's background and service work in the community; and share your club's goals for the future.

Share with them the specific projects that you would like to partner together on; discuss the impact you can achieve together; and talk about why you are excited to potentially partner with them. Make sure you listen to their ideas and be prepared to provide more information about your club, resources and service project ideas.

Hopefully this will help your club become more active and visible in the community. Remember, DG Lee's theme is to "Serve Outside the Box." Starting a new partnership is a great way to get outside the box.

Until next time, Racing to Serve, PCC Keith Thomas

PCC Keith Thomas

District 25E Cabinet Secretary

DIABETES DIALOG...

Diabetes Chair / Immediate Past District Governor
Kenny Williams



How big of a problem is Diabetes? Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death in the US. Here is some information so you know what it is and who is affected:

Diabetes is a group of diseases characterized by high blood sugar. When a person has diabetes, the body either does not make enough insulin (type 1) or is unable to properly use insulin (type 2). When the body does not have enough insulin or cannot use it properly, blood sugar (glucose) builds up in the blood. Prediabetes is a condition in which blood sugar is higher than normal but not high enough to be classified as diabetes.

Fast Facts:

Diabetes

Total: 34.2 million people have diabetes (10.5% of the US population)

Diagnosed: 26.9 million people, including 26.8 million adults

Undiagnosed: 7.3 million people (21.4% are undiagnosed)

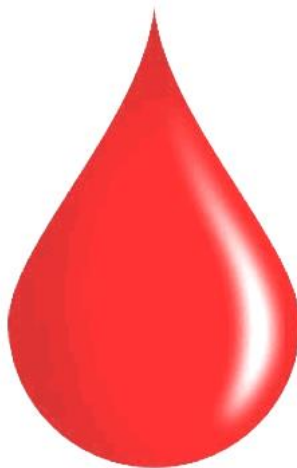
Prediabetes

Total: 88 million people aged 18 years or older have prediabetes (34.5% of the adult US population)

65 years or older: 24.2 million people aged 65 years or older have prediabetes

Diabetes is many times connected to obesity, but can hit anyone, to include kids that are not obese. I am available to visit your clubs to provide a program about Diabetes and Diabetes Awareness.

PDG Kenny Williams



**Diabetes
Awareness**

Indiana Lions Foundation Needs Your Help at the Indiana State Fair



The Indiana State Fair project is the single largest fundraiser for the Indiana Lions Foundation. Once again, we are asking for your help to staff 3 gates at the Fair. We have more than 800 positions to fill, but only 300 are filled so far. Committee members are working diligently to recruit volunteers, but the time for recruitment is considerably shorter this year.

There are many changes at the Indiana State Fair this year.

- The schedule has been expanded from 3 weekends to 4, but the Fair will be closed Monday and Tuesday of each week. The Fair will open early on the first 2 Fridays, so a few positions will start at 5:30 a.m. on those days. There are also staggered start times for the morning and afternoon shifts every day. Please check the Foundation website for details. Gates will close at 8:00 p.m. daily, instead of 9:00 p.m. or 9:30 p.m., as in previous years.
- No more riding the shuttle from the 46th Street parking lot! We will enter through Gate 10 on 42nd Street at the northeast corner of the fairgrounds. Identify yourself as a Lions Foundation volunteer and you should not be asked to pay entry or parking fees. It will help to wear a Lions shirt or hat. As you enter the gate, you will see a large gray building on your right. Park as close to that building as possible.
- Our check-in area will be set up in a small free-standing building on the west side of the large gray building. The bank will be in a similar building nearby. Volunteers will be transported to their gates after they complete the check-in process.
- In addition to ticket sellers and tickets scanners, we will also provide kiosk monitors to monitor new self-service ticket kiosks. All ticket sellers and kiosk monitors will be in air-conditioned buildings. Ticket scanners will still be outside under tents. This year, the scanning devices will be mounted on tables, fairgoers will scan their own tickets, and our ticket scanners will simply approve entry after tickets are successfully scanned.

If you work a morning shift, you will receive 1 W.P. Woods credit for each shift worked, if you work an afternoon shift, you will receive 2 W.P. Woods credits for each shift worked, or you may choose to have \$10 donated to any of the 5 state projects or your club. W.P. Woods credits are worth \$50 each when you use credits to purchase a W.P. Woods Fellowship for yourself or someone else.

Contact any member of the Foundation's State Fair Committee for additional information.

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PCC Bob Booher (317-435-0139)
PDG Don Cooper (260-615-5350)
Lion Pam Arnold (260-705-6610)
Lion Rose Russell (574-250-0125)

Please volunteer by visiting our website at <https://IndianaLionsFoundationMD25.org> and encourage your club members, family members, and friends to volunteer, as well.

submitted by Lion Rose Russell, Indiana Lions Foundation Trustee

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of the Lions District 25-E Membership Contest!

The clubs with the highest percentage gains between January 1 and June 30, 2021, were (with overall winners highlighted):

Large Club (30 and over)

Seymour Noon: +2.702%

Jasper: +2.564%

Small Club (less than 30)

Ellettsville: 26.666%

Indian Creek: 16.666%

Tell City: 13.333%

No transfers were included. IPDG Kenny Williams will contact the **Seymour Noon** and **Ellettsville** clubs to schedule their BBO picnic. Thanks to everyone who worked to increase their membership!





25E Club Happenings

The Bedford Lions Club has been managing the lineup formation area for Bedford's two major parades, the Limestone Heritage Festival Parade and the Bedford Christmas Parade, since 1989. In 2010 the Lions started building floats for each parade with large banners on each side highlighting several of the Lions projects: Recycle for Sight, Handicapped Ramps, Leader Dog for the Blind, Vision Screening, Academic Scholarship, Youth Appreciation, Pancake Festival, Eye Bank, Student Dictionaries, Cancer Control, Insect Fogging, and Speech and Hearing. The main message on each float banner is "Lions Serve Everyone Young And Old." In 2013 the Lions built their "Lions Mane Train" and has been entertaining the crowds in each parade since.



PHOTOS (top to bottom):

Lions Jon Heichelbech and Jim Fisher are shown on both sides of Lion Jack Voigtschild from the Bedford Noon Lions Club and wife Sherry in their float as he received a LHF Parade Grand Marshal gift; Lions Judy and PDG Newell Clifton in a golf cart passing out dash plaques and youth ribbons; the Bedford Lions Club "Christmas in July" Float in the LHF Parade with Lions Owen Hobbs and George Gabel inside



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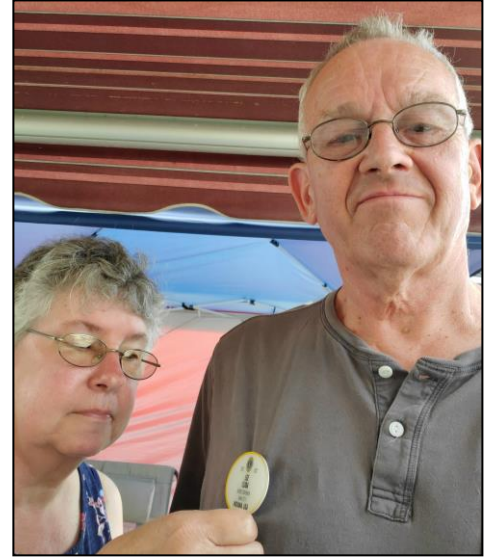
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25E Club Happenings



IPDG Kenny Williams presented Past Council Chair Keith Thomas with a WP Woods Fellowship. WP Woods is the highest Indiana Lions award. Keith received the award for his service to the district.



New District Governor Lee Cuba and wife, Nancy, during his swearing-in.



The District 25-E Picnic was held on June 12th at Marci Jane Lewis Park in Ellettsville. Then-Governor Kenny Williams presided, presented some awards, and cooked, while attendees brought dishes to share and enjoyed the musical sounds of band High Sierra.

