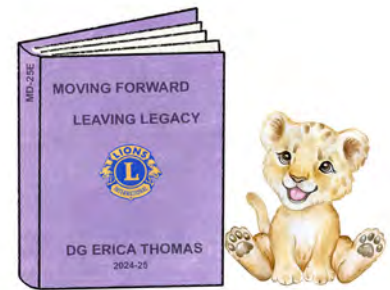


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DISTRICT 25E NEWSLETTER APRIL 2025



My Goodness the number of things that happened in March!

Four club visits, two extra Lion events, and Spring Convention.

Mixed in the middle of that were the storms and tornados that tore through the district on the 14th, 15th, and 19th. The damage and destruction were widespread throughout the district and after much assessment, the district applied for an LCIF emergency disaster grant. We are currently assisting folks in Gibson, Pike, Martin, Jackson, Orange, Brown, and Lawrence Counties with those funds.

If you or someone you know has suffered damage from those tornados, please contact me at 812-766-0159 so that I can get the family's information distributed to the closest champion.

Thank you to all who joined Keith and I and the district team at the Gasthof for great food, fellowship, learning, service and celebration! There were so many things to do! A special thank you to International Director Guy and Lion Carol for bringing information, wisdom, humor and modjeskas!

As of last weekend, the district membership is positive 17, service reporting is 57% and District Governor Elect John will be holding his club officers training several times in May, so be on the lookout for dates, times and locations to put in your calendar!

We are soooo close to reaching all of the district's goals this year! I am still looking for a location to start a new club, several clubs are looking into specialty club branches, and there are just a few clubs this Lion's year that have yet to contribute a donation to Lions Club International Foundation. Just \$5 or \$10 will help so many people.

There is still time left to make a difference in someone's life; give a hand up to someone around you; leave a legacy of giving to those who follow. There is no better time than now, no better person than you, and no better gift than your time. Thank you.

District Governor Erica Thomas[®]

Right: International Director "Guy" Hollander showing Lions that we should be having fun while "We Serve".



Submit articles for the newsletter to: PCC Keith Thomas at kthomas@threeidesign.com. Flyers and pictures to be shared with the District and Hoosier Lion to be sent to Lion Carol Donner at donnerspass1@gmail.com

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As we just came out of the 25E convention.

As elections for officers in your club, we're reminded to have secretaries double check your officers Information.

Pay particular attention to phone numbers since so many are on the cell phones now and please use CORRECT e-mail addresses. Act as if you are putting information in for the first time.

Also TREASURERS International has made it known that Club billing will be coming to your e-mail. After July 15th. The fastest way to pay is by direct upload by automatic check or credit/debit card. It takes week for International to deposit a paper check.

Dist. C convention speaker "ID Hans spoke about Lions needing more Hands, being stronger together and taking the next step. What in-spired me the most was when ID Hans said, "**Yesterday** is gone; **Today** is the only time I can do something; and **Tomorrow** is a figment of our imagination. You can only do something **today**."

So get out and do it TODAY.

1st VDG 25E

Lion John Spurgeon



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Fellow Lions as most of you know we have had some pretty heavy storm damage in our district. It was isolated to small areas all across the district but most of the district was hit. We received a grant to help with the cleanup and recovery for those effected. The problem is as it was scattered throughout and we are trying to find those in need, that is why it is important for all Lions to watch for communications from the district to help assist people in need. Many hands make light work. We also have a few areas where we don't have clubs. We can still assist those effected in those areas we just need to know who needs help and that's where you come in. Remember as Lions we are all in this together.

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Above: ID Guy Hollander presents Donna Robinson a Progressive MJF for Lion Sara Glass. Helping presenting the MJF is PCC Keith Thomas and PID Linda Tincher.

Left: Lion Dave Hindman presented Lion Cheryl Barning with a progressive MJF. Assisting with the presentation, ID Guy Hollander and PID Linda Tincher.

2nd VICE
DISTRICT GOVERNOR
ELECT

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Dear Members of Lions District 25E,

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for your generous support and participation at our recent Spring convention in Montgomery. Your involvement was instrumental in making the event a resounding success.

It was my honor to be elected as the next 2ND Vice District Governor. As such, I will do my best to support the District Governor and staff to achieve our goals and objectives.

Further I had the distinction of receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from International President Fabricio Oliveira, which was presented by our District Governor, Erica Thomas. The Certificate was in recognition of distinguished achievements in fulfilling the mission of Lions Clubs International.

I look forward to the continued success of Lions District 25E and hope to collaborate on many more successful ventures in the future.

Thank you once again for your exceptional support.

Warm regards,

EDGE Eddie McKim

Club Celebrating Anniversaries in
April

Francisco #9666

Bedford #9647

Mt. Olympus #9682

Indian Creek #33661

Seymour Noon #38284

Winslow #86105

Chartered 04/02/1947

Chartered 04/22/1948

Chartered 04/11/1968

Chartered 04/30/1977

Chartered 04/07/1980

Chartered 04/06/2005



Important Notice

from your **Cabinet Treasurer Debbie Ellis** and
your **Cabinet Secretary Christy Nolan**



Attention ALL Club Presidents, Secretaries, & Treasurers,

For those of you who may have never been told, we want to explain to you that if you do not have your LCI dues (that you pay on the portal) or your state and district dues (that you pay to CT Debbie Ellis) paid by the cut off, (this time was March 7, 2025) (15 days prior to any convention) you can NOT vote. Some clubs have paid both, some have paid LCI but not State and District and some have paid State and District but not LCI, so if this was your club on 3/7/25 you can NOT vote at the District Convention.

This brings me to a new issue that many are not aware of. Several clubs have paid their dues but are still unable to vote because they have a balance greater than \$10 still showing in their accounts. I have discovered that most of these fees are from new members being reported but not yet paid for. I have heard many times that you have 30 days from invoice not statement date to pay. In my mind invoice and statement are the same but that is NOT TRUE! (most treasurers know this, but as a secretary I did not.) **When you input a new member into the portal, it then becomes the treasurer's job to check the portal within a week from adding that member to see if the club has been billed for them. The day LCI bills you for that member's dues the 30 day count begins.** If you are not checking the portal and you are waiting for the statement to be mailed to you, in most cases your bill is already late. I discovered that for those clubs who cannot vote at the District Convention but had paid their dues before the cut off are being denied to vote because of their new members' dues not being paid. While this may seem unfair, LCI has this rule in their by-laws, and they will not budge. Your CT Debbie and I wanted to make all of you aware of this rule so that you may correct this in order to be able to vote at the State Convention. (Remember...you can only have a \$0 to no more than \$10 balance on your account 15 days prior to the convention to vote.) To be assured that you can vote at the State Convention please have all LCI (on Portal), State & District Dues (mailed to CT Debbie) and any outstanding LCI invoices (on Portal) submitted by March 30th, 2025 so they will be processed in time for the convention.

**** Please note that LCI will no longer be sending out statements as of July 15, 2025. Treasurers will have access to statements through the Portal moving forward.** Once this begins, we will have no choice but to get on the Portal so please pass this onto any new incoming treasurers.

If any of you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to CT Debbie or myself, and we will try to help you in any way possible!

Yours in Service,

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**Cabinet Treasurer/
LCIF Coordinator
Debbie Ellis**



Hello Fellow Lions,

Hello, I hope you all were able to enjoy this year's Spring Convention at the Gasthoff Village in Montgomery, Indiana. Great speakers, good food and awesome service activities were all reported, and a good time was had by all. Please note that International dues will increase by \$2.00 in July 2025. This was the final dues increase approved by Lions Club International. As a reminder, next year's District 25-E minimum membership dues should be received as follows:

Membership Dues as of 07-01-2025

REGULAR MEMBER DUES

	July 2025	January 2026	Total
International Dues	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
State Dues	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 14.00
District Governor Fund	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.00
District Convention Fund	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.50	\$ 1.00
District Vice Governor Fund	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.75	\$ 1.50
TOTAL 2025 DUES:			\$ 68.50

**ADDITIONAL SPOUSE/STUDENT DUES
(FAMILY PLAN UP TO FIVE PER HOUSEHOLD)**

	July 2025	January 2026	Total
International Dues	\$ 12.50	\$ 12.50	\$ 25.00
State Dues	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 14.00
District Governor Fund	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.00
District Convention Fund	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.50	\$ 1.00
District Vice Governor Fund	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.75	\$ 1.50
TOTAL 2025 DUES:			\$ 43.50

Hope this helps, if you have any questions, please give me a call at 812-798-2096 or email ellisdebbie259@gmail.com. Thanks for all that you do!!

District 25E Cabinet Treasurer Debbie Ellis

Hello Lions,

Please remember to contact Lion Ceal Schulz to add and remove names from the Prayer List and the Fallen Lion list. Also please let Ceal know about the memorial service or visitation. Ceal's email address is cealschulz@sbcglobal.net

Fallen Lions in March

<u>Fallen Lion</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
George Gabel	Bedford Lions	8.83 years
Ann Callahan	Brown County Lions	22.07 years
Gerald Armstrong	Seymour Noon Lions	52.09 years

Prayer List

Lions in need of Prayers

Lion Charlie Placke	Lion Carol Murdock	Lion Marvin Mast
PDG Charlie Crawford	Lion Jim Springer	Lion Bill Hinkle
PDG Don Russ	Lion Bruce Ellis	Lion Ben Davis
Lion Nichole Harris		

Everyone affected by the March Tornadoes

Roar into Shipshewana—Don't Delay!

The Lions are gathering—hear the call,
In Shipshewana, we'll have a ball!
Workshops, meals, laughter, stories to share,
A weekend of service beyond compare!

The 2025 Convention is drawing near,
A time for pride, a time to cheer!
Don't be the one who waits too late,
Or you'll be stuck outside the gate!

The Amish town, the sights, the fun,
But you must act now—don't be outdone!
Rooms fill fast, that's no surprise,
So register now—be wise, be wise!

Roar with the best, come take your place,
Join us for memories you won't replace!
So sign up now, don't drag your paws,
For Lions, For service, and a big applause!

Lion Duane Klein of the Dunlap Lions Club used ChatGPT, an AI tool described by PDG Tom Polk at the Mid-Winter Conference, to generate this poem.

Use the attached form to register for the Indiana Lions 2025 State Convention in Shipshewana, Indiana. The deadline for registration is March 26th. This is also the deadline for hotel reservations at the Farmstead Inn & Conference Center. We hope to see you in Shipshewana in April.

New Lions in March

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Elizabeth McIntosh	Brown County Lions Club	Ronald McIntosh
Rosemary Doherty	Indian Creek Lions Club	Mary Mahern
Susan Hingle	Indian Creek Lions Club	Vicky Sorensen
Rob McConnell	Indian Creek Lions Club	Roger Taylor
Catharine Sherrill	Indian Creek Lions Club	Roger Taylor
Billie Pierce	New Albany Lions Club	Cheryl Agee
Shelby Travis	New Albany Lions Club	Andrew Rutz
Chrystal Davis	Petersburg Lions Club	Larry Bottom
Douglas Followell	Sullivan County Lions Club	John Delph

District Events and Calendar

April 3	OV at Hardinsburg
April 14	OV at Elizabeth
April 15	OV at Georgetown
April 25-27	State Convention in Shipshewana
May 1	OV at Pershing Township
June 7	Pre-Council Meeting
June 21	Final Cabinet Meeting/Picnic at to be determined

Erica still needs to schedule meetings with the Fredericksburg, Mitchell and New Middletown Lions Clubs. Please contact District Governor to schedule your club's Official Visit!

List of common used Lions abbreviations

IP	International President	PIP	Past International President	ZC	Zone Chair
RC	Region Chair	ID	International Director	PID	Past International Director
DG	District Governor	PDG	Past District Governor	CC	Council Chair
PCC	Past Council Chair	CS	Cabinet Secretary	CT	Cabinet Treasurer
LCIF	Lions Club International Foundation	LCI	Lions Club International		
GMA	Global Membership Approach				



Left: ID Guy Hollander helps present DG Erica Thomas with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. CS Christy Nolan and Area Leader PID Linda Tincher helped with the presentation.

Below: part of the Friday night attendees at the convention. The food was great!



Left: DG Erica Thomas presents ID Guy and Lion Carol Hollander with the Indiana Lions for ISBVI Fellowship.

Right: DG Erica Thomas, PID Linda Tincher, statue of Red Skelton, ID Guy and Lion Carol Hollander during the tour of the Red Skelton Museum in Vincennes.



Upper Left: Lion Bev Coombs and PDG Mark Clark give the Cancer Control presentation.

Center Left: Cancer Control Trustees Lion Sue Leffler, Lion Cheri Faulkner (25F), PDG Bill Willis, Chair Bev Coombs (25F), and PDG Mark Clark.



Below Left: Crystal presented to PDG Bill Willis for multiple years of dedicated service to the Cancer Control Fund, Inc.

Below Right: PDG Bill Willis holding the crystal while receiving an embrace from chair Bev Coombs.





Time Is Running Out to Register for the Indiana Lions State Convention in Shipshewana

As I look out into my back garden, I can only envision the arrival of Spring. Surely under all that melting snow are flowers and green grass accompanied by rising temperatures. While this may seem like wishful thinking, the one thing for sure is the arrival of the 2025 Indiana Lions State Convention in Shipshewana on April 25-26-27. While you can sit back and wait for the arrival of Spring you need to take action to insure your participation at the Convention. The deadline for room registration and Convention registration is March 26. This date is critical, if you wish to stay at the Farmstead Inn, due to the appearance of two well-known entertainers at another venue, the Inn will not take room reservations past the 26th. The committee has secured several rooms at other lodgings in Shipshewana, but they are in short supply. We can hedge on the March 26 date for Convention registration, if you are not planning on overnight stays, but we need to give our caterers a definite number of attendees two weeks prior to the Convention. Thank you for your understanding of this request.



There is still time for individual clubs to purchase an ad in the program book that would highlight your favorite project and accomplishments. Contact Middlebury Lion Sopheap "Sophie" Long for details. Her email address is sopheap.long@gmail.com, her phone number is 574-215-9474.

The committee has arranged for a memorable Convention with informative seminars, a full exhibit and vendor area, interaction with fellow Lions, and of course, delicious food. That combined with the various attractions around the Shipshewana area will insure a marvelous weekend. Our special guest, Past International President Jimmy Ross, and Saturday luncheon speaker, local weatherman/poet/storyteller Gary Seiber will certainly inspire you to magnify your involvement in Lions and community involvement.

The committee has done just about everything we can do, now it's up to you. We hope to see you at Convention!

PDG Marlyn Fast
PDG Brian Thomas

JIMMY M. ROSS
PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Jimmy M. Ross of Quitaque, Texas, USA, was elected to serve as 2006-2007 president of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 89th International Convention, held in Boston, Massachusetts, USA June 30 - July 4, 2006.

Past President Ross is a rancher and a retired judge.

A Lion since 1969, Past President Ross is a member of the Quitaque Lions Club. He has held many offices within the association, including club president, multiple district secretary, state membership & extension chairperson, multiple district convention chairperson, multiple district council chairperson and international director.

Additionally he has taken part in eyeglass recycling missions to South America and been involved in chartering more than 500 clubs.

Past President Ross has also been active in numerous professional and community organizations. He was a member of both the Water Control & Improvement Board and the District Juvenile Probation Board and chairperson of the board of the All Emergency Systems in 26 counties of Texas.

Past President Ross's special interests have been in membership extension, the strengthening of clubs and community service. In recognition of his work on behalf of the association, he has received many awards, including District Governor Appreciation Awards, International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor bestowed upon association members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Past President Ross and his wife, Velda, have three daughters, two granddaughters and two grandsons.



LCIF Giving

Do you know there are multiple ways to help support Lions? We have a one time donation. Those are great but did you know you can do monthly donations? How easy is it to give \$10.00 a month? Have it auto withdrawal and you don't even have to do anything. CT Debbie Ellis and I would love to come see your club to talk not only about giving options but tell you about where your money is going and how you are helping " Make your Mark on the World ".

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