# **AUGUST 2025**DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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We're one month into the new year here and we've had training for many officers.



International President A. P. SINGH has retained the LIONS LOGO instead of Make Your Mark logo, his slogan is: SERVE TO LEAD. LEAD TO SERVE. We continue to grow membership to reach 1.5 million total members Internationally by July 1,2027.

August 1st thru 17th is the Indiana State Fair. The Lions of Indiana volunteer many hours to support the Indiana Lions Foundation who provide support to Lions Clubs throughout Indiana. See article on page 9 to see how you can join in the fun!

Oakland City has their annual Sweet Corn Festival August 7-9. Come and join them for an ear of corn!

We have ZONE CHAIR training Saturday, August 16th from 1 pm to 4 pm (Eastern) in Jasper at the library at 100 Third Avenue, Suite B in Hickory Meeting Rooms A and B. Parking is behind the Library on the North Side. The district will provide bottled waters and light snacks. There are several ebooks available for zone chairs, including Zone and Region Chairperson E-Book, Model District Governor's Advisory Committee Meeting Guide, and Zone Chairperson Learning Map. These manuels are available on website lionsclubs.org so that you have something to refer as needed.

September 6th is the 1st Cabinet meeting and BANNER NIGHT in Brownstown. See flyer on the next page. All Lions are invited.

COME SERVE WITH US Lion John Wm. Spurgeon District Governor 25 E 812-498-0342 John@icia40.net

Hello to all Indiana Lions from Mid-Winter Conference Seminar Chair Jeff Kozicki,

As we continue the preparation for this year's Mid-Winter Conference, we have put together a short survey to gain insights on what Seminars the Lions of Indiana want covered. We want to be focused on the topics that Lions want to hear, so that, hopefully, more of them will attend.

I am hoping that you will take this survey, but I am also hoping our District Governors will get the link to the survey into the August District newsletters. Our goal is to have the list of Seminars (and speakers for them if possible), done by August 31, so we can start promoting. To that end, we will need people to complete the survey by August 15th.

The link to the survey is: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/MWC2026Survey">https://tinyurl.com/MWC2026Survey</a>

Thank you in advance for your help. It is greatly appreciated.

Jeff Kozicki

# You are cordially invited to Lions District 25 E's Cabinet Meeting and Banner Celebration.

Celebrating the incoming District Governor John Spurgeon.

Emcee PDG Lee Cuba

Please bring your club banner and

item for the silent auction.

Where: Brownstown Christian Church
703 West Spring Street, Brownstown, IN 47220

Cabinet Meeting from 1pm to 4pm
Saturday September 6, 2025
5:30 P.M. Eastern Time
Celebration starts at 6:00 P.M. Eastern Time

The meal is \$25 per person

The meal will be family style consisting of
Ham, Baked Chicken Tenders, Green Beans,
Broccoli Salad, Ranch Mashed Potatoes,
Fresh Fruit, and Cake

Bring your singing voice for Karaoke!

Reservation are due by September 1, 2025
email kthomas@threeidesign.com or
Mail to CS Keith Thomas
202 E. Kennedy Avenue
Petersburg, IN 47567

Tail Twisting and Silent Auction to go to Leader Dog.

### 1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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### Growing Stronger, Reaching Further: Let's Talk Membership & New Club Opportunities

Fellow Lions.

As we move deeper into our service year, one of the core responsibilities we carry together is strengthening our district through membership growth. Every new Lion brings fresh energy, new perspectives, and added hands to serve. When we grow, our impact multiplies.

I want to take a moment to celebrate the efforts so many of you are already making to invite new members and welcome them into our Lions family. Whether it's through a community event, a service project, or a personal conversation, every connection counts.

But let's also look beyond just growing existing clubs - it's time to start thinking strategically about where we can plant new seeds.

### Where Could a New Club Thrive?

I'm asking for your help:

Do you know a community, neighborhood, or group that could benefit from the power of a Lions Club?

Maybe there's a growing suburb without a club, a college with service-minded students, or even a workplace that could support a corporate Lions Club.

We're especially interested in exploring:

- Underserved or rural communities without local civic clubs
- Areas with high population growth or new housing developments
- University and college campuses
- Cultural communities that could launch a special interest club
- Professionals or retirees who want to give back

If you've got an idea - even if it's just a spark - I want to hear it. Let's build together. Yours in Service,

### VDG Brad Nolan

Vice District Governor, District 25E Email: Brad@bcelectric.info 1st Vice District Governor 25E

# 2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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### The Cutting Edge of AI Technology – Summer 2025 Update

By Eddie McKim

Artificial Intelligence continues to evolve at a breakneck pace in 2025, and it's reshaping nearly every corner of our lives—from healthcare to art, business to education. Here's a snapshot of the latest breakthroughs and trends in AI technology that are making headlines and shaping our future.

### 1. Multimodal AI Goes Mainstream

AI systems are no longer confined to processing just text or images. New "multimodal" models can simultaneously understand and generate content across text, images, video, and even audio. Tools like **OpenAI's GPT-4o** (short for "omni") can interpret a chart, summarize a video, answer questions about a photo, and translate conversations in real time. This is opening doors in everything from virtual tutors to smarter customer service bots.

### 2. AI in Healthcare: Predicting and Preventing

AI-driven diagnostics are now able to detect diseases like cancer, Alzheimer's, and heart conditions earlier than ever—sometimes years before symptoms appear. Startups and hospitals alike are deploying AI to monitor patient data, flag warning signs, and even suggest treatment options. A recent highlight is the use of **generative AI** to design new drugs in weeks, not years.

### 3. Smarter, Smaller AI

The trend of "small but mighty" AI continues. New lightweight models are optimized to run efficiently on local devices—your phone, car, or smart glasses—without needing massive data centers. This enhances privacy and speeds up performance. Apple, Google, and Meta are all integrating this edge AI into daily tools, making every day tech smarter without relying on the cloud.

### 4. AI Ethics and Regulation Are Catching Up

Governments around the world are responding to AI's rapid rise. The European Union's AI Act is now in force, regulating how companies use AI in areas like facial recognition, hiring, and credit scoring. Meanwhile, the U.S. is moving toward a national framework on AI transparency, especially in political advertising and algorithmic accountability.

### 5. Creativity Reimagined: AI in Music, Film, and Design

AI is helping musicians compose symphonies, filmmakers pre-visualize entire scenes, and architects generate futuristic building concepts. Tools like **Sora by OpenAI**, capable of generating photorealistic video from text prompts, are redefining the boundaries of digital storytelling.

### **Final Thoughts**

The world of AI is advancing rapidly, blending innovation with practical impact. Whether you're an educator, entrepreneur, artist, or simply curious, the developments in AI technology this year offer powerful tools—and raise important questions. As we move forward, the balance between innovation, ethics, and human collaboration will be key to shaping a future where AI works *with* us, not just *for* us.

2nd Vice District Governor 25E

20DG Eddie McKim

# Past International Director LCIF Area Leader

Linda Tincher 5767 South Ernest Street Terre Haute, IN 47802



The 107<sup>th</sup> Lions Clubs International Convention was held in Orlando, Florida. It was attended by 61 Lions from Indiana at least 10,000 of their closest friends from around the world. In many cases it was like a big family reunion. The exhibition hall was filled with shops/ food concessions, the Lions Store and small pop up stage presentations on subjects from how to conduct service projects, LCIF, to how to grow membership and how to connect through service. There were also numerous seminars going on daily regarding the portal, how to attract the next generation to Lions, how Leos become Lions and how to achieve club excellence, to what the world would be like without Lions. Basically, there was something going on every day somewhere in the convention center for everyone!

On Monday the parade kicked off in 95 degree heat. NOT Fun for those marching but spectators enjoyed all the beautiful, costumed delegations. Excerpts are online for viewing. Monday night was the international show where Lions celebrated the music and dance of Latin culture honoring our International Pres Fabricio Oliveria of Brazil

The opening plenary session was on Monday with the grand parade of over 200 flags of all the countries with Lions Clubs. Mission 1.5 is still the top order of business as we work to grow our Lions Clubs around the world and in our districts so we can expand our service by growing our membership.

On Tues, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Plenary's guest speaker was Olympian Michael Phelps who was advocating about mental health issues. Tuesday night was also the Indiana Dinner which was held at the Rosen Plaza Hotel. The dinner was free for all Indiana attendees.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Plenary was held on Wednesday and highlighted LCIF and how your donations are used to help those devastated from the fires in CA to the floods in TX to earthquakes and Tsunamis across the ocean.

Elections were held on Tuesday and Wednesday with the results being announced at the beginning of the 4<sup>th</sup> and final session on Thursday.

Our new president is A.P. Singh from India. *His theme is "Lead to Serve and Serve to Lead"*. He spoke about the fact that in Lions there is room for everyone. He stated "No one should ever be excluded. He believes service and leadership go hand in hand. Each compliments the other. Lions don't strive to become great leaders, they just try to serve as best as they can. It's only through service that they evolve as great leaders."

The 1<sup>st</sup> VP is from the USA, Mark Lyon, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP is Manoj Shaul, from Africa; and the newly elected 3<sup>rd</sup> VP is Tony Benbow from Australia.

Regarding the amendments to the constitution:

- #1. The amendment that addressed local fees and taxes passed. The association may levy additional amounts to address local taxes and fees imposed upon international dues by any governmental entity or tax authorities.
- #2. Failed this was the amendment to reduce the number of U.S. Board members.
- #3 Passed this amendment prohibits a DG, 1st VDG, or 2nd VDG from being members of the same club.

The final session ended with Indiana's seven new District governors being sworn in with governors from all over the world. A reception was held that evening to meet all the newly elected officers for all attendees. It was a wonderful kickoff for the Lions year 2025-2026.

# Labor Day Open Car Rally



Live 50's and 60's Music • 50/50 Raffle • Food Trucks

Dash Plaques (For the first 50 cars)

Georgetown Optimist Club 8260 State Road 64 Georgetown, IN 47122

September 1,2025 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Hosted by the Georgetown Lions Club



Left: Joel Wilson, a camp counselor at YMCA Camp Carson in Princeton, came up to Sue Leffler (Oakland City Lions Club) at the Gibson County Fair and asked for a picture by the Lions logo. Come to find out, he is from New Zealand, where his grandfather had been a Lions member.



# Fish Fry Fundraiser

Date: Saturday

August 2, 2025

Time: 4-7 pm

Location: Sandborn Lions Club

103 S. Anderson St, Sandborn IN

Price: Donations

Meal Includes: Fish or Tenderloin and your choice of sides: Coleslaw, Baked Beans or French Fries and Dessert



Carry out meals available

Thank You For Your Support

### **CABINET TREASURER**

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Greetings to Lions of District 25-E,

LCI will be sending out dues invoices in July based on your club's member count as of 6/30/2025. Please note that LCI will no longer mail statements by USPS after 7/15/2025. Notice will be sent to the email address listed for the club treasurer. The club treasurer must use the portal for electronic payments or to download and print statements, if paying by check. The member count is determined by LCI based on their records from the club's last membership changes on the Lions "Member Portal" before the end of June. Any changes received on 7/1/2025 or later will not change the billed count. The State and District dues are based off the same LCI member count. Semi-annual dues for LCI are \$25.00 per member (\$12.50 for a family member). Semi-annual dues paid to District 25-E are \$9.25 for all members (\$7.00 state, \$2.25 district). You can expect a district dues invoice from me via e-mail no later than mid-July. Please send district/state dues and project donations made out to District 25-E to:

CT Debbie Ellis 8262 E Center Road Sullivan, IN 47882

Feel free to contact me with any questions and I will do my best to answer. We Serve, CT Debbie Ellis; <a href="mailto:ellisdebbie259@gmail.com">ellisdebbie259@gmail.com</a> or 812-798-2096 mobile

Thank you, Debbie Ellis



Remember to invite a Project Trustee or LCIF Coordinator to a club meeting!

### **NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

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Hello Lions,



The Indiana State Fair is quickly approaching. Why should Lions care about the State Fair? Lions can support the Indiana Lions Foundation by working the gates as ticket sellers and ticket scanners. The foundation is paid by the State of Indiana for providing workers. Ok, you can support the foundation, but what is in it for YOU! You can earn WP Woods credits to get a WP Woods! It takes 12 credits to get a WP Woods. WP Woods credits can also be used for the Foundation's newest program, Community Grants.

A Community Grant is \$200 for community service that takes 10 WP Woods credits to obtain. These grants can be used for a Lions or Leos club located in Indiana, one of the five Indiana Lions state projects, the Lions Club International Foundation, one of the seven MD25 districts or the Indiana Lions Foundation, Inc.

A form will soon be available on the Indiana Lions Foundation, Inc. website to redeem the transfer of credits and/or the redemption of credits for the community grants.

If that is not enough to convince you to want to work at the fair, here are 10 reasons from PDG Paul Russell (25G).

Top 10 Reasons to Work for the Indiana Lions Foundation at the Great Indiana State Fair.

- 10. When you stay home you get too many telemarketing calls.
- Free parking and free admission to the great Indiana State Fair.
- 8. Escape from the boredom of daytime television.
- 7. Community service it's not just for hardened criminals on parole.
- 6. Share the wildest ride at the Indiana State Fair: the Lions Foundation golf cart rides.
- 5. Corn dogs, elephant ears, lemonade shake-ups, and deep-fried everything.
- 4. Trade tall tales with other survivors of \$2 Tuesday and \$3 Thursday.
- 3. Meet Lions from exotic places like French Lick, Urbana, Winamac, and Mishawaka.
- 2. Earn credit towards a W.P. Woods Fellowship or favorite state project.
- 1. Help the Indiana Lions Foundation support Lions Clubs' community service projects throughout Indiana.

Sign up online at <a href="IndianaLionsFoundationMD25.org">IndianaLionsFoundationMD25.org</a>.

If you have questions or need assistance signing up, please contact Lion Rose Russell at 574-250-2621 or RoseWRussell@gmail.com.

Racing to Serve, Past Council Chair Keith Thomas Moving Forward, Leaving Legacy, Past District Governor Erica Thomas



### List of common used Lions abbreviations

IΡ	International President	PIP	Past International President	ZC	Zone (
RC	Region Chair	ID	International Director	PID	Past In
DG	District Governor	PDG	Past District Governor	CC	Counc
PCC	Past Council Chair	CS	Cabinet Secretary	CT	Cabine
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GMA Global Membership Approach

Zone Chair
Past International Director
Council Chair
Cabinet Treasurer

### My Lion Friends!

I want to once again Thank You for all your efforts to help the district reach several of the goals set last year!

I'm putting on my cheerleader pom poms and reminding everyone to continue setting goals, planning the steps, assigning Lions to those steps, and working the plan.

Most of the clubs in the district brought in 2-5 new members and several clubs brought even more folks into the world of Lionism; most clubs provided some kind of service in their communities; and all clubs reported something!

I am continuing that great challenge to continue reporting service into the portal at least 3-4 times this lion's year. I know we can do it!

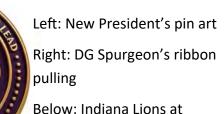
If your club is feeling challenged in finding something new to do or struggling to find ways to involve, include and inspire club members...please text me. I will be glad to help brainstorm ideas.

Don't forget to add the club's annual donations into the budget. Remember that last year's club excellence award donations to LCIF averaged \$10 per member.

Now that the district knows that it can achieve the goals set forth, let's continue to meet these challenges head on!

Let's Keep Moving Forward, Leaving Legacy as We continue to Serve!







### 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 July

Fallen Lion Club Years of Service

**None Reported** 

# Prayer List

### **Lions in need of Prayers**

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

Lion Nichole Harris DG John Spurgeon

# New Lions in July

New MemberClubSponsorRobin BaysNew Middletown Lions ClubRhonda WisemanTina SmithRamsey Lions ClubWendell KelleyChandler ChristensenSeymour Noon Lions ClubCurtis Staley

## Club Anniversaries in August

Brownstown #9654 Chartered 08/24/1927
French Lick/West Baden #9667 Chartered 08/23/1950
Evansville Eastside #9665 Chartered 08/02/1956
Corydon #48859 Chartered 08/25/2003
Elizabeth #77284 Chartered 08/25/2003
Sullivan County #142746 Chartered 08/28/2020

## **District Events and Calendar**

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August 1-17	Indiana State Fair
August 9	DG John at Sweet Corn Festival
August 16	Zone Chair Training at Jasper Library
Sept 6	District Cabinet Meeting and Banner Celebration at Brownstown Christian Church
Sept 18-20	USA Canada Leadership Forum in Atlantic City.
Sept 23	Official Visit to Evansville Eastside Lions
October 11	Second Council Meeting in Crown Point
Oct 24-25	Past District Governor Weekend in Speedway
Nov 18	Official Visit to Corydon Lions
Nov 22	District Cabinet Meeting—location to be determined.
Dec 7	Speech and Hearing Dinner
Dec 9	Official Visit to Petersburg Lions
Dec 20	District Cabinet Meeting—location to be determined.
2026	
Jan 16-17	Mid-Winter Conference at the Crowne Plaza
Jan 18	3rd Council Meeting at the Crowne Plaza
March 20-21	District Convention at the Bedford 1st Baptist Church with ID Chris Carlone.
May 1-3	State Convention at the Embassy Suites in Plainfield.
July 3-7	Lions International Convention in Hong Kong.

District Governor John is scheduling meetings with the District's Lions Clubs. Please contact District Governor John Spurgeon to schedule your club's Official Visit!

ATTN: PAST DISTRICT
GOVERNORS
SAVE THE DATE!
PDG WEEKEND 2025
OCTOBER 24th & 25th
Get Ready for a Good Time!
in Speedway, Indiana

### **LOCAL LIONS COMPLETE BUILDING OF 350TH RAMP**

WORLDWIDE MISSION IS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY

Bedford Lions Club members started building wheelchair ramps in 1989 but they didn't realize how successful a project it would become. The ramp building project has not only been one of our most popular projects, it has been one of our most satisfying for members in the long history of the club. They also didn't imagine the number of appreciative individuals they would assist and the impact the project would have on those people's lives. In July of 1989 the Lions heard about a local woman who was confined to a wheelchair and had been able to get out of her home only once in six years. Building her a ramp would be a great World Service Day Project for the Lions to donate time and serve their community. The Lions decided to construct a wooden wheelchair ramp from her porch to the ground in order to improve her quality of life. The first ramp, which was 18 feet long, was made from plywood sheets placed on wooden framing covered with carpeting donated by Armstrong Carpets. In later years Axsom's Flooring donated the carpet and this type construction was continued until 2004, when the Lions started using 5/4 deck boards with no carpeting to cover the wooden framing and that construction continues today. There are no professional carpenters among the Lions who work on the ramps but you couldn't tell that by the great work that is turned out by this caring group. In most cases they are senior citizens taking pride in aiding other senior citizens. Since that first ramp, members have now donated their time and effort in building a total of 350 wheelchair ramps and 50 handrails of various lengths, donating more than 13,500 hours to people in need in the Bedford area. In the last 10 years the Lions ramp builders have averaged building 16 ramps per year and have now finished their 12th ramp this year. The Lions always donate all the labor in the construction of the ramps and the club will contribute a portion of expenses toward the required

building materials from its ramp building fund, if the family is unable to afford them. Over the years the Lions ramp building fund has received assistance from various individuals, many local churches, and other sources in the community such as the Bedford Urban Enterprise Association, American Legion Gillen Post 33, Wal-Mart Community Grants, Southern Indiana Center for Independent Living ramp fund, Disabled Veterans Wish Foundation, Lawrence County Cancer Patients Services, Hoosier Uplands ramp fund, and the Lawrence County Community Foundation Pennington Grant. Lengths of the ramps have ranged from 8 feet to 86 feet with many platforms, direction changes, and sturdy handrails. Most ramps are finished in a day with an average of 6 to 10 Lions working 4 to 6 hours each to complete a ramp. One 86 foot ramp built in 2015 took two days and 164 man hours to complete.

Photo shows the Bedford Lions Club working on ramp #350 at the home of Devin Goens.



### **LOCAL LIONS COMPLETE BUILDING OF 350TH RAMP (Continued)**

The Bedford Lions Club was honored in 2000 with a story and photo in an issue of "The Lion" official magazine of Lions Clubs International about their ramp building project, copies of which are mailed to more than 1 million members around the world. In addition the local club in 2002 received an award from their Lions Club District for the Lions District Most Outstanding Project and later that year were honored at the Indiana Lions Club's State Convention with a Lions Club's State of Indiana Activities Award for the best Lions project in the state. The Bedford Lions Club were also asked to have an informational booth at the 2011 Indiana Lions Club's State Convention to guide other Lions Clubs in the state on how to build wheelchair ramps in their communities. Various dedicated Lions have served as the ramp project chairman over the years Bill Baker, Perry Baker, Charles Wellman, Dan Gipe, Ken Brumbaugh and the present chairman Charlie Drake have all done a fantastic job of living the Lions Motto "We Serve". When a ramp is requested the Lions do an onsite survey to determine the feasibility and best method to construct the ramp. After approval the ramp builders set a date for the construction, contact additional Lions to help with the project, and order and arrange for delivery of any required materials to the location. Lion Drake summarized this project very well in saying "We all really enjoy the camaraderie of working together for someone in need. This is a great way to serve our community through the Lions Club". "We all have a warm feeling in our hearts when a ramp is finished and the person we built it for uses it for the first time". "That person's smile makes all the hard work worth it and gives us the incentive to help the next person in need by building another ramp".

Shown in photo are local Lions from 2 Lawrence County Lions Clubs who helped build Ramp #350 for the Bedford Lions Club. (I-r) Steve Warren (Bedford), Kevin Stailey (Fayetteville), Don Allen (Bedford), Charlie Drake (Bedford), Bob Ruble (Bedford), Ken Brumbaugh (Bedford), Bruce Megnin (Fayetteville), Barry Strong (Bedford), Tina Drake (Bedford), and Chris Sites (Bedford)



Thank you Bedford and Fayetteville Lions for your hard work and dedication to serving your communities!!