

## **APRIL 2026**

### **DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

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Hello Lions,

We have JUST had our District Convention and chosen our LIONS LEADERSHIP for 26-27, effective July 1, 2026, and Look forward to a productive year.

Now that April has arrived, I have been visiting clubs in these last 3 months and they are planning their year. Showing their support their communities, raising money through selling hamburgers, fish, hotdogs, pancakes and waffles, selling concessions at ball games. Planning on Hillbilly Olympics, tractor pull (Even groups pulling tractors), still board shoots.

There are endless ideas of projects, fund raisers, and activities, as We Serve Together.

Now a word from our International President:

When you join Lions, you may focus on how you will give back to others through service. What you may not immediately realize is how much Lions gives back to you. Becoming a Lion opens the door to experiencing more — more belonging, more purpose, more leadership and more community.

Lions is not only the world's largest and best service organization; it's a way of life. As a Lion, you grow as an individual while discovering how your unique talents and passions can make a real difference in the world. Lions is your place to shine.

Remember, every one of you is needed, important and valued. Thank you for all you do, and I look forward to seeing how you continue to grow on your Lions journey.

**Together in service,  
A.P. Singh, International President**

Lion John Wm. Spurgeon District Governor 25 E  
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Right: District Governor John Spurgeon presented Winslow President Leroy Balbach with his 20 year chevrons.



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT

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As I step into the role of District Governor Elect for District 25-E, I want to begin with a heartfelt thank you. I am truly grateful for the trust, encouragement, and support you have shown in helping me reach this position. It is an honor to serve alongside such dedicated Lions who continually make a difference in their communities.

Looking ahead, my goal is simple: to help make this a fun, meaningful, and productive year for all of us. Together, we have an incredible opportunity to strengthen what we've built while continuing to grow.

This year, I am committed to:

- Supporting and retaining our current members
- Helping each club grow stronger and more impactful
- Working together to charter at least one new club in our district

Growth is important—but so is the experience we create along the way.

Service should energize us — not exhaust us.

Like a race car, we move forward with purpose and momentum.

Like an archer, we focus on our target and aim with intention.

This year we will:

- Serve with enthusiasm
- Lead with clarity
- Strengthen fellowship through fun
- Remember that joy fuels sustainability

When we enjoy what we do, others want to join us.

Let's continue to build a district where service is impactful, leadership is strong, and fellowship is something we all look forward to. I am excited to work with each of you as we move forward together.

Fueled by Fun. Driven by Service.

Yours in Service,

*Brad Nolan*

District Governor Elect

District 25-E Lions Clubs International



Are you new to the office or had the office for years? Lions International changes things from time to time, a refresher is a good thing! Please join us for one of the following informative training sessions

District Governor Elect Brad Nolan announced his training dates and locations for club officer training. All Times listed are Eastern.

Wed. May 13	7 to 9	Via Zoom
Sat. May 16	10:30 to 2:30	Monroe Library, Ellettsville
Thur. May 21	6:30-to 9	Salem Lions Clubhouse
Mon. June 15	7 to 9	Via Zoom
Sat. June 27	10:30 to 2:30	Jasper Library

## 2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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### **From Service to Strategy: Leading Lions 25E Forward**

As Lions, we are known for our service. It's who we are. From fish fries and festivals to vision screenings and disaster relief, Lions District 25E continues to make a meaningful difference in communities across our region every single day.

But as we look ahead, I want to challenge each of us to think beyond service alone—and begin thinking strategically about our future.

#### **Where Service Meets Strategy**

Service is our foundation, but strategy is what ensures our impact continues to grow.

Across District 25E, we are seeing great work:

- Clubs stepping up to support local families in need
- Community events bringing people together

New opportunities to serve emerging needs in our towns

These efforts matter. But to sustain and expand them, we must focus on three key areas: **growth, leadership, and innovation.**

#### **Growing Our Membership—Strength in Numbers**

Every project, every fundraiser, and every life we touch depends on one thing: **people.**

Our district's future depends on growing our membership—not just in numbers, but in engagement.

#### **Here's the opportunity:**

If every Lion in District 25E invited just *one* new member this year, we could dramatically increase our reach and impact.

#### **Simple actions you can take today:**

- Invite a friend, neighbor, or coworker to a meeting
- Share your Lions story—why you serve
- Promote your club on social media

Make new members feel welcome and involved immediately

Growth doesn't happen by chance—it happens by intention.

#### **Developing Leaders—Building Tomorrow's Lions Today**

Strong clubs are built on strong leadership.

Whether you are a current officer or a new member, leadership in Lions is not about titles—it's about stepping forward.

District 25E is full of dedicated Lions with the potential to lead. Now is the time to:

- Encourage members to take on small roles
- Attend district and state training opportunities

Mentor the next generation of club leaders

Leadership development ensures that our clubs don't just survive—but thrive.

## Embracing Innovation—Working Smarter, Not Harder

We live in a time where technology can help us serve more effectively than ever before.

Tools like artificial intelligence (AI) are no longer the future—they are here today, and they can help Lions clubs:

- Create newsletters, flyers, and social media posts in minutes
- Organize events and manage communication more efficiently

Generate new ideas for service projects and fundraising

By embracing these tools, we can spend less time on administrative tasks—and more time doing what we do best: **servicing others**.

## Moving Forward Together

District 25E has a proud tradition of service. But our greatest days are still ahead.

By focusing on:

- **Growing our membership**
- **Developing our leaders**

## Embracing innovation

We position ourselves not just as a service organization, but as a **strategic force for good** in every community we serve.

## A Call to Action

I encourage every Lion reading this to take one step forward this month:

- Invite someone to join your club
- Volunteer to lead a project

Try a new tool or idea to improve your club's efficiency

Small actions, multiplied across our district, will create powerful results.

## Closing Thought

Service is what we do.

Strategy is how we grow.

Together, they define who we will become.

Let's lead Lions District 25E forward—**with purpose, with vision, and with heart**.

*In Lionism,*

**Eddie McKim**

SVDG, District 25E

Left: PCC Keith and PDG Erica Thomas visited DG Jeff and PDG Sheryl Schafer at his District Convention at 11E1 in Michigan. Left to Right

DG Jeff and Sheryl Schafer, International Director Gary Steele and his wife Elizabeth Steele, PCC Keith and PDG Erica Thomas



Chartered on May 12, 1926, the

# Salem Lions Club

cordially invites you to attend its

## Century of Service Celebration

Saturday, April 4, 2026

Salem Lions Club  
1791 N. Shelby Street  
Salem, IN 47167

Social Hour: 6:00 p.m. - Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

\$25.00/person

Keynote Speakers  
P/D Linda Tinchler  
P/D Doug Lozier

RSVP and payment due by March 27, 2026 to:

P/DG Mark Clark  
106 Spring Meadow Circle  
Salem, IN 47167  
(812) 620-1082  
m.d.clark106@gmail.com



# Certified Guiding Lion Training:

**Be the Leader Your Community Needs!**

## **What is a Guiding Lion?**

**A Guiding Lion is a trained leader who helps guide and mentor Lions Clubs (new and existing) to ensure their success and community impact.**



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**April 26, 2026**

**1:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

**Held on Zoom- register via QR**

Who should attend?

- Experienced Lions who want to take on a leadership role
- Those who are passionate about helping others grow and make a difference
- Anyone looking to contribute to the success of new and existing Lions Clubs.

Questions? Contact PCC Julia Kozicki at 317-294-8064 or [julia@thekozickis.org](mailto:julia@thekozickis.org)



Left: Petersburg President Larry Bottom (center) presented PCC Keith Thomas (Left) and IPDG Erica Thomas (Right) with Appreciation Awards

Right: Picture from the March 15th Board Meeting showing our own Past International Director Linda Tincher was receiving a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow pin with 8 Blue Sapphires. Congrats PID Linda!!

**Linda Tincher**  
Past International Director

- Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow  
8 Blue Sapphire Yellow Gold

**Being Presented Today**

- Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow  
8 Blue Sapphire Yellow Gold

Lions Clubs International

Recently, the Pershing Township Lions build a ramp for a lady of the community who had fallen and had broken her hip. After surgery and rehab, she required a ramp and could not afford one, The Pershing Lions Club paid for all the supplies and all of the labor was donated.

Below Left: Lions Gale Smith and Dean Yost are working on the ramp.

Below Right: Lion Dean Yost putting some finishing touches to the ramp.

Photos provided by Lion Phyllis Loper.





Left: Medora Community Lion's presented 2 choking devices to Roger Bane superintendent of Medora School.

Pictured : Chris Snodgrass (president), Roger Bane, and Miko McRoy ( vice President)



Right: Chandler Lion Joe Hopper presented a \$1,000 check to the Warrick Humane Society.



Left: The Chandler Lions helped the town "hide" 7500 eggs this morning for the town Easter Egg hunt. Left to Right: Angie Bough, Jenn Young, Tammy Osha, Jason Jamerson, Ryan Young, Terra Nord, Kevin Nord.

Good Work Lions!

# **Wheatland Lions Club**

# **Spring Soup Supper**

# **& Cake/Pie Raffle**

**Chili , Vegetable Beef Soup, Potato Soup,  
Beverages, & Desserts**

**Free Will Offering**

**Saturday, April 18, 2026**

**4:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

**Steen Township Volunteer Fire Department Building  
210 S. Niblack Street**



**Raffle Information**



**A raffle ticket will be given with each meal served. Additional raffle tickets can be purchased: 1 ticket for \$1; 6 tickets for \$5; & arm-length of tickets for \$10. Raffle winners drawn at 6:30pm. Need not be present to win if name (can use address labels) & phone number identifiable on raffle ticket.**

**Each cake and pie will be numbered with a corresponding container.  
Individuals can place their ticket(s) in any container for a cake or pie they hope to win.**



**Proceeds go toward purchase &  
installation of new merry-go-round  
and slide for our Lions Niblack Park.**





Lion Governor John Spurgeon  
25E Enjoying Wall art  
throughout the district.

Left and Below: Mural artwork from Corydon Indiana. Photos by District Governor John Spurgeon.



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>
Lion Eric Freed	Odon Lions	50.5 Years of Service

## *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 Ben Davis	Lion Nichole Harris
Lion Sue Boyles	Lion David Boyles	PDG Trea McCandless
Schoerle Kaiser	Son of PCC Jeff and PDG Sheryl Schaffer	

## *New Lions in March*

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Shelley Belamear	Chandler Lions	Stephen Rhoades
Lisa Hopper	Chandler Lions	Stephen Rhoades
Paula Becker	Oakland City Lions	Sue Leffler

## *Club Anniversaries in April*

Francisco #9666	Chartered 04/02/1947
Bedford #9647	Chartered 04/22/1948
Mt. Olympus #9682	Chartered 04/11/1968
Indian Creek #33661	Chartered 04/30/1977
Seymour Noon #38284	Chartered 04/07/1980
Winslow #86105	Chartered 04/06/2005

# ***District Events and Calendar***

<b>April 1</b>	<b>Official Visit to Worthington Lions</b>
<b>April 4</b>	<b>Salem Lions 100th Anniversary</b>
<b>April 11</b>	<b>Leadership Training in Indy.</b>
<b>April 13</b>	<b>Official Visit to Mount Olympus Lions</b>
<b>April 20</b>	<b>Official Visit to Elberfeld Lions</b>
<b>April 21</b>	<b>Official Visit in Brown County Lions</b>
<b>April 27</b>	<b>Official Visit to Medora Comm Lions</b>
<b>April 28</b>	<b>Official Visit to Canton Lions</b>
<b>May 1-3</b>	<b>State Convention at the Embassy Suites in Plainfield.</b>
<b>May 13</b>	<b>7pm to 9pm Zoom Officer Training</b>
<b>May 16</b>	<b>10:30am Officer Training at Monroe Library, Ellettsville</b>
<b>May 18</b>	<b>Official Visit to Fredericksburg Lions</b>
<b>May 21</b>	<b>6:30pm Officer Training at Salem Lions Clubhouse</b>
<b>June 6</b>	<b>Pre-Council Meeting in Indy</b>
<b>June 15</b>	<b>7pm to 9pm Zoom Officer Training</b>
<b>June 20</b>	<b>District Picnic/Meeting at Lincoln State Park, Lakeside Shelter</b>
<b>June 27</b>	<b>10:30am Officer Training at Jasper Library, Jasper</b>
<b>July 3-7</b>	<b>Lions International Convention in Hong Kong.</b>

Hello Lions,

At this time your club elections should either have been held or soon will be. It is important that the results be recorded in the portal. This is so that the club officers can be entered into the district directory.

If your club needs help entering the information into the portal, please reach out to me at [kthomas@threeidesign.com](mailto:kthomas@threeidesign.com), or PID Linda Tincher [linda.tincher@ma.rr.com](mailto:linda.tincher@ma.rr.com) or Lion Christy Nolan at [lionchristynolan@gmail.com](mailto:lionchristynolan@gmail.com)

We will help you get the officers entered into the portal.

Racing to Serve,

PCC Keith Thomas

## **BEDFORD LIONS CLUB ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Bedford Lions Club has awarded its annual \$1,000 academic scholarship to 2025 BNL graduate Laci Williams. She is the daughter of Dustin and Laura Williams and is attending Ivy Tech and studying Business. The Bedford Lions have been awarding its annual scholarship to a BNL senior since 1979. In her community service essay Laci states that her community service in high school influenced her by showing her the importance of helping others and how truly grateful people receiving help can be.

Below: Left to Right: mother Laura, father Dustin, sister Alli, Laci, Lions Club President Sam Fields, and Lions Club Scholarship Committee member Jim Fisher who presented Laci with a check to help her with future education expenses.



## **School for the Blind and Visually Impaired Construction information.**

For those who are interested in the progress of the construction on campus, please visit the following:

[collegeavenuecolocation.com](http://collegeavenuecolocation.com)



Left: PIID Linda Tincher, ID Chris Carlone, , PID Nick Xinopoulos, and PID Doug Lozier pose at the Indianapolis Airport at the INDY sign.

## District Convention Update

### Memorial Service

Lion Lowell Thomas led a Memorial Service. Scripture was from Philippians 1:21-23.

The following fallen Lions were remembered:

George P Gabel Jr (Bedford)	Ann Callahan (Brown County)	Carl D Austin (Brown County)
Charles E Placke (Brown County)	Tiffany Thomas (Fayetteville Community)	Andrew Lloyd (Francisco)
Roy Don Love (FL / WB)	Zona Ruth Ping (Hardinsburg)	Doug Scherle (Ireland)
Rich Rudolph (Ireland)	David Royalty (New Middletown)	Eric Leslie Freed (Odon)
Donna Fritz (Pershing Township)	Anita Kay Bottom (Petersburg)	William G Pieper (Sandborn)
Gerald L Armstrong (Seymour Noon)		

### International Director Chris Carlone

ID Chris reported the #1 requested program by districts is Membership. No Surprise there. All seven districts in Indiana. ID Chris's message included themes as "If not you, who?" and "If you are not having fun, you are doing it wrong!".

ID Chris asked the Lions to answer these 3 questions after you go home.

Are you glad you came this weekend?  
Are you proud to be a Lion?  
If not you, then Who?

ID Chris and DG John Spurgeon presented two International President's Certificate of Appreciation. One was presented to PCC Keith Thomas and the other was presented Lion Laura Davis.



Above: PID Doug Lozier, PID Nick Xinopoulos, DG John Spurgeon, PCC Keith Thomas, ID Chris Carlone, PID Linda Tincher presenting a International President's Certificate of Appreciation.

Below: PID Nick Xinopoulos, PID Doug Lozier, DG John Spurgeon, PID Linda Tincher Lion Laura Davis, ID Chris Carlone, presenting a International President's Certificate of Appreciation.



**District Constitution Amendments – PDG Vern Tincher and PCC Keith Thomas**

The District has seven amendments to vote on.

Amendment #1 is primarily housekeeping by eliminating “Regions” for the Constitution. This amendment also removes the minimum size of a “Zone”.

Amendment #2 establishes a restricted fund for the upkeep and re-supply for the Emergency Preparedness Trailer.

Amendment #3 allows the District Governor to hold the District Convention in the same location as the year before without violating the District Constitution. Affordable locations to hold the District Convention is becoming more of a challenge this allows us to reuse affordable locations.

Amendment #4 allows the District Governor to hold the first cabinet after the State Fair without violating the District Constitution.

Amendment #5 changes the Public Relations Committee name to Marketing Committee to match the name of the MD-25 Committee.

Amendment #6 splits the Newsletter and Hoosier Lion Editor position into two separate positions. This matches how the district operates.

Amendment #7 would allow the District Governor to change up to \$10 Registration fee if needed to cover the increasing costs of hosting conventions. This amendment also dependent on the passage of a similar amendment to the MD25 Constitution.

**Nominations and Elections – PDG Dale Leffler**

PDG Dale Leffler reported a nearly full slate of officers. 1VDG Brad Nolan nominated Lion Doug Ray (Seymour Noon) for Special Projects. Lion Doug Ray accepted the nomination. 1VDG Brad Nolan nominated Lion Rosy Jenkins (Seymour Noon) for ISBVI. Lion Rosy accepted the nomination. 1VDG Brad Nolan nominated Lion Duane Donner (Oakland City) for Speech and Hearing. Duane Donner accepted the nomination.

While PDG Dale and team added the new names to the ballots, 2VDG Eddie McKim gave a informative presentation on the SR-71 and his experience. After the presentation, the 31 delegates voted.

The results are as follows:

District Governor: Brad Nolan  
2nd Vice District Governor: Debbie Ellis  
Cancer Control: Sue Leffler  
Indiana Lions Foundation: Keith Thomas  
Leader Dogs for the Blind: Jan Allen

1st Vice District Governor: Eddie McKim  
Special Projects: Doug Ray  
VisionFirst: Indiana Lions Eye Bank: Keith Thomas  
ISBVI: Rosy Jenkins  
Speech and Hearing: Duane Donner



Left: Lions Patty and Mark Gregory working at the weaving loom.

Below: International Director Chris Carlone presented his medal to recognize Lions around to Country.

ID Chris presented one at each of his visits. Left to Right: Lion Patty Gregory, ID Chris Carlone, Lion Mark Gregory.

Congrats Mark!





Left: Your District Governor Team for 2026-2027. District Governor Elect Brad Nolan, 2nd Vice District Governor Elect Debbie Ellis, and 1st Vice District Governor Elect Eddie McKim

Right: International Director Chris Carlone during his keynote speech, District Governor John Spurgeon, PDG Mark Clark, 1VDG Brad Nolan, Lion Christy Nolan and 2VDG Eddie McKim in the background.



Below: Several Lions listening to the ID Chris Carlone during a Question and Answer Session.

Above: PDG Mark Clark giving his report on Cancer Control with Dr. David Hyndman waiting to give a VisionFirst report.





Above: Left to Right PDG Vern Tincher, PID Nick Xinopoulos, DG John Spurgeon, PDG Kathy Lozier, PCC Reed Fish, ID Chris Carlone, PID Doug Lozier.

Right: PCC Reed Fish speaking to the crowd with DG John Spurgeon listening.

Below: Left to Right: PDG Bill Wilis, PDG Vern Tincher, PID Nick Xinopoulos, PCC Reed Fish during a break in the convention.

