

## **MAY 2026** **DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

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Hello Lions,

We have reached May 2026 our State Convention May 1st through 3rd at Plainfield.

Our incoming officers Effective July 1st, are District Governor ELECT Brad Nolan, 1st Vice District Governor ELECT is Eddie McKim, 2nd Vice District Governor ELECT Debbie Ellis, newly appointed Cabinet Treasurer Carol Donner. Wishing these incoming officers the best for 26-27.

Many times people think there's not much to do in Indiana. I ran across an article 12 about the most hospitable towns in Indiana, 8 which are here in district 25E. These will give you an opportunity to observe our district.

Those communities are New Albany, Vincennes, French Lick, New Harmony, Jasper, Nashville, Santa Claus, and Corydon.

To see the full article from worldatlas, visit the website below:

<https://www.worldatlas.com/cities/12-most-hospitable-towns-in-indiana-52975.html>

### **From our International President A.P. Singh**

The Lion year is ending soon, but we're not slowing down — let's finish strong with growth, service and *MISSION 1.5* targets. Growing membership is the key to our service, and with more hands, we not only maintain our much-needed level of service but also expand it.

**Remind clubs to submit an Environment Week of Service video** – Clubs that participate in our global Environment Week of Service (April 18-26) can submit a short video of their project by May 8, 12 p.m. CDT for a chance to be featured in our video showcase.

COME SERVE WITH US !!

Lion John Wm. Spurgeon, DG 25-E 25-26

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



# 25-E DISTRICT PICNIC & CABINET MEETING

*Join your fellow Lions for a fun  
and relaxed gathering!*

-  **DATE:** June 20
-  **TIME:** 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
(CDT)
-  **LOCATION:**

*Lincoln State Park – Lake Side Shelter*  
15476 County Rd 300E  
Lincoln City, IN



## *Lunch Provided:*

Hamburgers (with or without cheese) & toppings  
Refreshing lemonade



*Bring a Side Dish to Share*  
(Pitch-In Style)



## *Make a Day of It!*

The Lincoln Boyhood Home National Park is located  
just north of the state park—a great place to visit  
after the picnic!

• **\$7.00 ENTRY FEE TO ENTER PARK** •

**PLEASE RSVP / QUESTIONS:**

*Lion D.G. John*

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 812-498-0342 (call or text)



## **DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT**

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### **District Governor-Elect Message: Building Energy, Growing Impact**

As I continue recovering from shingles, I've had time to reflect—and I'm more energized than ever about the year ahead. Our district has incredible potential, and I truly believe we are on the verge of something special within Lions Clubs International.

This coming year is about **renewal, growth, and energy.**

#### **Fueled by Fun. Driven by Service.**

#### **Growing Our Membership**

Now is the time to invite others into what we do. Every Lion has a story—share it. Talk about the lives we impact, the communities we strengthen, and the friendships we build. When we actively welcome new members, we bring in fresh ideas, new energy, and future leaders.

#### **Launching New Service Projects**

Let's challenge ourselves to think bigger and act boldly. What does your community need right now? Whether it's a new initiative or revitalizing a past project, our service is what defines us. When we serve with purpose, people notice—and they want to be part of it.

#### **Investing in Leadership: Officer Training**

Strong clubs are built on strong leadership. I cannot stress enough how important it is for current and incoming officers to attend training. These sessions are designed to equip you with tools, ideas, and confidence to lead effectively. When leaders grow, clubs thrive.

#### **A Fresh Approach to District Meetings**

We're also making some exciting changes to our district events and meetings. This year, you can expect:

- **Less time on reports**
- **More time building teams**
- **Open discussions and idea sharing**

#### **Real-time problem solving and support**

Our goal is to create meetings that are engaging, collaborative, and valuable for every attendee.

#### **Stay Connected**

Please keep an eye out for upcoming announcements regarding district events, training, and meetings. There's a lot in the works, and I promise—you'll want to be part of it.

This year let's bring the energy back. Let's show up, step up, and support one another. Together, we can move from complacency to momentum—and from momentum to meaningful impact.

I'm excited for what's ahead, and I'm honored to serve alongside each of you.

**Let's make this a year to remember.**

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               |

Please RSVP to Christy Nolan for training session and office needed by email to [lionchristynolan@gmail.com](mailto:lionchristynolan@gmail.com).

## 2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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### **The Importance of Social Media in Today's Lions Clubs**

In today's connected world, social media is no longer optional—it's essential for every Lions Club that wants to grow, serve, and stay relevant. Platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and even TikTok and YouTube give Lions a powerful way to tell their story and reach people far beyond a meeting room.

First, social media helps clubs **show their impact**. When you post photos from a service project or share a story about helping a family in need, you make your work visible. People don't just hear about what Lions do—they *see it*. That visibility builds trust and strengthens your reputation in the community.

Second, it's one of the best tools for **membership growth**. Many potential members—especially younger generations—won't find your club through traditional methods. They discover organizations online. A simple post about a breakfast, fundraiser, or volunteer opportunity can turn into a new member walking through your door.

Third, social media improves **communication and engagement** with current members. Reminders, event updates, and recognition posts keep everyone informed and involved. Celebrating members publicly also boosts morale and reinforces a sense of pride in being part of Lions Clubs International.

Finally, social media allows Lions Clubs to **tell their story consistently and quickly**. Whether responding to a community need or promoting an upcoming event, you can reach hundreds—or thousands—of people instantly.

The message is simple: if your club isn't active on social media, you're missing opportunities to serve, grow, and lead. By sharing your story online, you ensure that the spirit of Lionism continues to thrive in the modern world.

*In Lionism,*  
**Eddie McKim**  
SVDG, District 25E



**SANDBORN LIONS CLUB**

# **BREAKFAST**

**June 6th • 8 AM - 11 AM**

**Sandborn Community Center**





We Serve

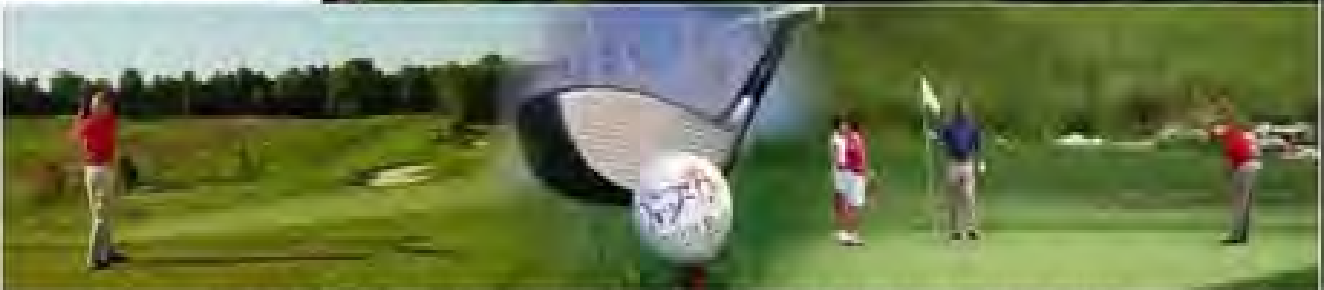
[www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)



8191 Chariot Run Drive  
Laconia, Indiana 47135

Tuesday  
May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Registration 11:00  
Shotgun Start at noon

\$400/Foursome



**HOLE SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR \$100 !!!**

Mail roster including contact information and designated team captain along with \$400 payment by check to:

Kevin Russel  
6131 Evans Knob Rd  
Elizabeth, Indiana 47117

Make checks payable to "Elizabeth Lions Club."

Entry includes practice range and 18-hole scramble.  
For further information contact Kevin Russel at 812-267-3303.

*Proceeds fund charitable activities in Elizabeth and surrounding areas.*

Prizes for longest drive!

Prizes for closest to the pin!

**Come out for a great day of golf and help us serve our community!**



Left: Ramsey Leos had a clean up day on March 31, 2026 to recognize Conservation efforts.

DG John Spurgeon  
25E Enjoying Wall art throughout the district.

Below: Mural artwork from Mitchell Indiana.



In April, Indiana held a Regional Lions Leadership Institute in Central Indiana. Two Lions from district 25E attended, Mark Gregory from the Elizabeth Lions and Jane Locke from the Ellettsville Lions.

Below left is PID Linda Tincher, 2VDGE Jeff Kozicki, Mark Gregory, and MD25 GLT PCC Julia Kozicki.

Below right is PID Linda Tincher, Jane Locke, MD25 GLT PCC Julia Kozicki, and 2VDGE Jeff Kozicki



## Indiana Lions Foundation Approves Grants and 2026 State Fair Plan

At its April 11 meeting, the Indiana Lions Foundation trustees approved multiple grants and finalized plans for the 2026 State Fair fundraiser.

Six matching grants totaling \$6,915 were approved for local clubs, bringing the fiscal-year total to \$23,648. The Foundation also authorized \$2,400 in unrestricted funding for each of the five state projects and will distribute an additional \$10,000 from State Fair proceeds equally among them after the August fair.

Community service and W.P. Woods Fellowship credits totaling \$7,200 were redeemed as of March 31, a 300% increase over last year. To encourage further participation, the maximum annual redemption was increased from twenty to forty credits for those twenty-two individuals holding more than one-hundred credits.

The trustees approved a new grant category; targeted grants and then created the first such grant to support the clubs who have been partnering with the Sleep In Heavenly Peace non-profit to build beds for children who have no beds. This category was created due to the number of clubs partnering with this organization and the success in using the building events in recruiting new members. All clubs who are engaging in a repeat bed building event can request a \$50 per bed grant for up to \$1,000. For a club planning their first event, the matching grant program should be used. An application is under development and will be published soon.

Finally, the Foundation announced it will staff four gates at the 2026 Indiana State Fair from August 7–23. Volunteer sign-up is now open online.

<https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/what-we-do/indiana-state-fair-volunteer/>

### Article Submitted by Lion John Wilkins, Vice-President, Indiana Lions Foundation



Left: Former Indiana Lions Foundation President presents a foundation grant check to Oakland City Lions for a new cook trailer fryer. Left to Right: Oakland City President James Smith, PDG Erica Thomas, PDG Dale Leffer and Lion Dwayne Donner.

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 April*

| <u>Fallen Lion</u> | <u>Club</u>        | <u>Years of Service</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Lion Marvin Mast   | Ellettsville Lions | 29.58 Years of Service  |

## *Prayer List*

### Lions in need of Prayers

|                      |   |                     |
|----------------------|---|---------------------|
| Lion Carol Murdock   | Lion Mary Ann 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 |                     |
| Lion Don Southwood   |   |                     |

## *New Lions in April*

| <u>New Member</u> | <u>Club</u>       | <u>Sponsor</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Eric J Dunn       | Stinesville Lions | James Owens    |
| Stephanie Dunn    | Stinesville Lions | Eric Dunn      |

## *Club Anniversaries in May*

|                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Ellettsville #9662    | Chartered 05/08/1947 |
| Sandborn #9697        | Chartered 05/17/1955 |
| Lanesville #51607     | Chartered 05/06/1991 |
| Wheatland #97177      | Chartered 05/23/2006 |
| Fredericksburg #98836 | Chartered 05/11/2007 |

# *District Events and Calendar*

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|----------|--|
| May 1-3  | State Convention at the Embassy Suites in Plainfield.                              |
| May 13   | 7pm to 9pm Zoom Officer Training   |
| May 16   | 10:30am Officer Training at Monroe Library, Ellettsville                           |
| May 16   | Brownstown and Medora Community Lions Fish Fry                                     |
| May 18   | Official Visit to Fredericksburg Lions   |
| May 21   | 6:30pm Officer Training at Salem Lions Clubhouse                                   |
| June 6   | Pre-Council Meeting in Indy  |
| June 15  | 7pm to 9pm Zoom Officer Training   |
| June 20  | District Picnic/Meeting at Lincoln State Park, Lakeside Shelter                    |
| June 27  | 10:30am Officer Training at Jasper Library, Jasper                                 |
| July 3-7 | Lions International Convention in Hong Kong. Brad Nolan becomes District Governor. |

Right: Fayetteville Community President Rick Ferguson II presented Charter Member Lion Lynn Burch with the C. Austin Pete Pritchett Award. Pete Pritchett was a founding member of the Fayetteville Community Lions Club and the award is selected by the Club President to be given to a Lion who truly embodies Lionism and helps through service activities to help the Club benefit our Community.

Congratulations Lynn!!



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



Four pictures of the audience at the Salem 100th Anniversary!



The Salem Lions has 23 total Melvin Jones Fellows, including two new ones. Above Left: PID Doug Lozier with new MJF Ronnie Pendygraft and PID Linda Tincher. Above Right: PID Doug Lozier with new MJF Cheryl Brishaber and PID Linda Tincher.



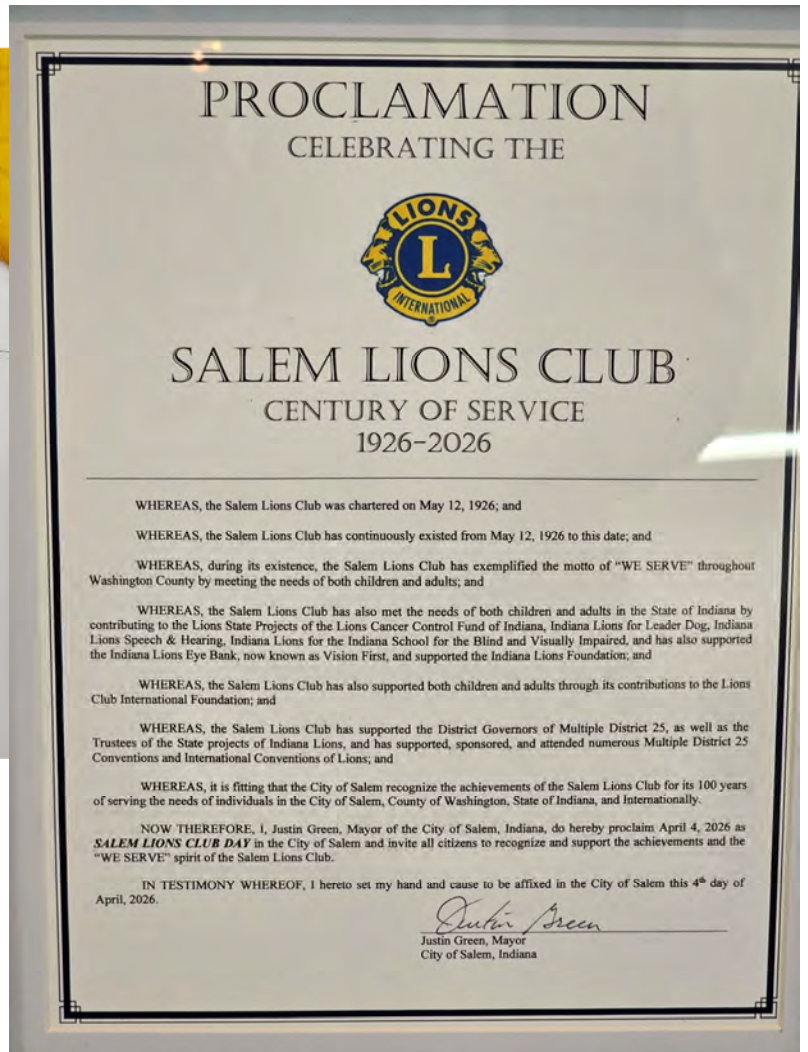
Above Left: Mayor Lion Justin Green receives a W.P. Woods from Indiana Lion Foundation President PDG Kathy Lozier. Above Right: Jamie Richardson and Andy Montsinger receives a W. P. Woods from PDG Kathy Lozier on behalf of Lion Ricky Richardson.

Below Left: Lion Eric Williams receives a W.P. Woods from PDG Kathy Lozier.  
 Below Center: Jan Webster receives a W.P. Woods from PDG Kathy Lozier on behalf of Clift Webster.  
 Below Right: Lion Jim Floyd receives a W.P. Woods from PDG Kathy Lozier.  
 Unable to attend, Lion James Saunders. W.P. Woods to be presented at a later date.





Above Left: Elizabeth Clark Brown receives a W.P. Woods from Indiana Lion Foundation President PDG Kathy Lozier.  
 Above Right: Salem's longest servicing member, 50 year member Lion Raymond Lee.  
 Below Left: Mayor Lion Justin Green holds the Proclamation Celebrating the Salem Lions Club.  
 Below Right: the Proclamation Celebrating the Salem Lions



The Salem Lions Club would like to Thank everyone who attended the 100th Anniversary Celebration and made the event a Roaring Success.



Above: PDG Mark Clark leads the Salem 100th Charter Anniversary Celebration.

Above Right: PID Linda Tincher gives half of the key note presentation.

Right: PID Doug Lozier gives half of the key note presentation.

Below Right: Lion Cheryl Brishaber presents historical highlights of the Salem's Lions 100 year history.

Below: PDG Bill Willis recites the poem he wrote for the Salem 100th Anniversary. Poem on the next page.



# Salem Lions 100<sup>th</sup>

*By PDG Bill Willis, [wgw@bluemarble.net](mailto:wgw@bluemarble.net)*

*April 4, 2026*

For activities in Washington County, Salem is the hub;  
for a hundred years of service it's the Salem Lions Club.

Giving glasses to the needy and supporting state projects.  
Now a century demonstrating the eight Lions Objects.

Club meetings twice a month for service and for fun,  
Raising money at Rockin' Ricky's Thanksgiving Day Run.

Donations to the Food Bank and a County Fair booth;  
Salem Lions serve the elderly and also the youth.

Here's something about Salem that you might not know:  
About 2% milk that enables kids to grow.

It's the best selling milk in all of this great land—  
Invented in the '40's by Roy Robertson's hand.

The Salem Creamery is where it was invented,  
And the high butterfat was thereby prevented.

The Salem Speedway offers high speed action,  
With 33 degree banking for turning traction.

The historic county courthouse built in 1886,  
With a five story clock tower that gongs and ticks.

The Salem Lions are generous and they are fair,  
They put up the flags on the Salem Square.

For community service the Salem Lions are seen,  
And there's a special proclamation by Mayor Justin Green.

For a century of service to the Salem town,  
Here's a toast to the club for a platinum crown!