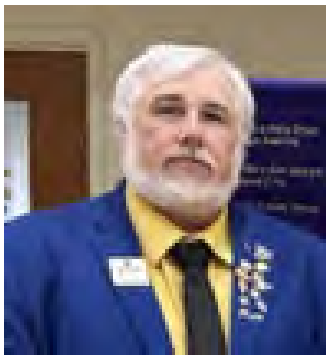




SEPTEMBER 2026 25E Newsletter

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We're Off and Running

A Thought to Begin

It's hard to believe we're already this far into the Lions year.

For months, we talked about plans, goals, district meetings, club visits and all the things we wanted to accomplish. Now the planning is becoming reality, and I'm finally getting the opportunity I've been looking forward to the most—getting out and visiting our clubs.

One of the things I enjoy about club visits is simply sitting down with fellow Lions and hearing what's happening in their communities. Every club is a little different. We have different traditions, different projects and different challenges, but when you start talking about why we're there, we're really not that different at all.

We want to serve, we want our clubs to succeed, and we want to leave our communities a little better than we found them.

This Month Around the District

And there are already some very positive things happening around our district.

So far this Lions year, we've welcomed **17 new members** into our clubs!

That's 17 people who now have an opportunity to experience what being a Lion is all about. It's also 17 reminders that when we tell our story, make ourselves visible in our communities and—most importantly—ask someone to join us, people will say yes.

As I make my club visits, I'll also be bringing service-year chevrons with me. I'm looking forward to recognizing Lions who have given years, and in some cases decades, of service to this organization.

I think there's something pretty special about celebrating those two things at the same time.

We're welcoming new Lions who are just beginning their journey while recognizing Lions who have spent many years serving their communities. That's how a healthy organization continues to move forward. We celebrate where we've been while making room for the people who will help take us where we're going next.

We also recently held our cabinet meeting, and I was very pleased with how it went. We began putting some of the changes we've talked about into practice—less time simply reading reports and more opportunity for discussion, participation, service and fellowship.

That's the kind of district I hope we continue building together.

Looking Ahead

As club visits continue, I'm looking forward to hearing what's working in your club, what challenges you're facing and what ideas you have. I don't expect every good idea this year to come from the District Governor or the cabinet. In fact, I hope most of them don't.

There is an incredible amount of experience and creativity in our clubs. Sometimes all we need to do is get people talking and give those ideas an opportunity to spread.

Seventeen new Lions is a great start.

Now let's keep telling our story, keep asking people to join us, keep recognizing those who have served before us and, most importantly, keep doing what Lions do best—**serve.**

Remember...

Service changes our communities.

Fellowship changes our clubs.

Fun keeps us coming back.

Let's keep making this year **Fueled by Fun. Driven by Service.**

Yours in Service,

District Governor Brad Nolan

District 25-E Lions Clubs International



RSVP TODAY!

★ **25-E** ★

BANNER NIGHT

*An evening of fellowship, fun & fundraising
as we kick off a new Lions year!*



JOIN US FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT OF FRIENDS, FUN & IMPACT!



SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 26, 2026



SOCIAL HOUR
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM EST
PROGRAM & ACTIVITIES BEGIN
6:00 PM EST



THE PINES
EVERGREEN ROOM
SEYMOUR, INDIANA

DINNER

\$35 PER PERSON

— SERVED BUFFET STYLE —

- Roasted Pork Loin
- Fried Chicken
- Corn
- Texas Baked Beans
- Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
- Tossed Salad

DESSERT

Apple Cobbler
Brownies



CASH BAR AVAILABLE

LCIF FUNDRAISERS

THROUGHOUT THE EVENING!



BINGO

\$5 for two cards
(At least two rounds)



HEADS OR TAILS

Bring plenty of \$1 bills!



PIE AUCTION FINALE

Bid on pies that will be
smashed in District
Governor Brad Nolan's
face!



GIFT CARDS

**WILL BE AWARDED
AS PRIZES!**

*All funds raised during games
and activities will benefit LCIF.*



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LION CHRISTY NOLAN



812-569-1868



lionchristynolan@gmail.com

RSVP BY

SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

ADVANCE PAYMENTS

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
LIONS DISTRICT 25-E

Write "Banner Night" in the memo line.

MAIL PAYMENTS TO:

P.O. BOX 782
SEYMOUR, IN 47274

If mailing payment in advance,
please email Lion Christy so she
can watch for your payment.



HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE

HAMPTON INN – SEYMOUR, INDIANA

Special Banner Night rate: **\$164 per night**

For reservation information
and the booking code, contact:

Lion Christy Nolan ✉ lionchristynolan@gmail.com



HOTEL RESERVATIONS

MUST BE MADE BY
AUGUST 22, 2026
TO GUARANTEE RATE.



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SAVE THE DATE!



DISTRICT 25-E CABINET MEETING



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025
★ **NEW ALBANY, INDIANA** ★



STARTS AT 10:00 AM



SERVICE PROJECT
To be determined



LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED

AFTER THE MEETING...
LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!

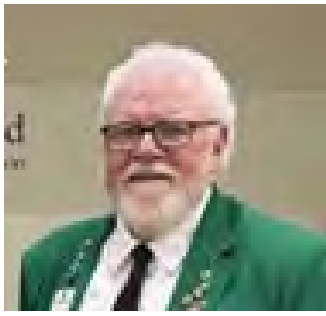
JOIN US AT

REC BAR 812

Great food, cold drinks,
old school pinball
& great fellowship!



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No Lion Left Out: Communicating Beyond Email

Email communication is crucial for Lions Clubs as it facilitates quick and efficient sharing of information, updates, and project details among members. This method of communication helps maintain strong connections within the global network of Lions, ensuring that members stay informed and engaged.

For Lions Club members who do not have email, the goal is simple: make sure they receive the same important information as everyone else without making them feel left out. Currently, with 1053 members in District 25-E, 280 do not have an email address.

A practical approach is to use several communication methods:

- **Telephone tree:** Assign one or two Lions to call members without email before meetings, events, or important deadlines.
- **Printed newsletter:** Mail the district or club newsletter monthly, or hand it out at meetings.
- **Text messages:** Some members who do not use email may still be comfortable receiving texts.
- **Printed meeting calendar:** Give members a 3-, 6-, or 12-month calendar showing meetings, fundraisers, service projects, and social events.
- **Buddy system:** Pair each non-email member with another Lion who agrees to keep them informed.
- **Announcements at meetings:** Review upcoming activities verbally and provide a printed handout.
- **Postal mail for major information:** Use regular mail for elections, dues notices, convention information, major district events, and other important communications.
- **Keep communication preferences on the membership roster:** Note whether each member prefers email, phone, text, or postal mail.

Every Club should adopt a simple three-part communication system: email for members who use it, printed materials for members without email, and a telephone buddy for time-sensitive updates. This approach is inexpensive, easy to maintain, and ensures that important information reaches every member. As Lions Clubs rely more on digital communication, we must be intentional about keeping long-time members connected, informed, and valued. No Lion should be left out of the opportunity to Serve.

Also, if you know someone who needs help setting up a new email account, let me know.

Yours in Service,

1VDG Lion Eddie McKim
District 25-E Lions Clubs International

Directory Corrections/Changes

- | | |
|----------------------|---|
| Pages 2, 9, 28 | Grant Riggins – Delete Home Phone and correct email to riggins_g@comcast.net |
| Page 4 | remove Carol Donner, replace with Grant Riggins,
629 South Lewis Street, Bloomfield, IN 47424-0147 |
| Page 10 | On Brownstown, delete home phone for PDG John Spurgeon and
Mary Ann McMahan-Spurgeon |
| Pages 12, 28, 32, 34 | Change Monica Clemons' email address to clemonserve@gmail.com |
| Page 41 | Correct PDG Jim Dubeansky Cell #: 260-224-9178 |
| Page 15 | correct Ireland Treasurer address to 3311 N. Walnut Ridge Court
and add cell # (812) 630-7476 |
| Page 18 | correct New Albany Treasurer email address to
drew@arutzlaw.com |
| Pages 7, 20 | correct Dwayne Donner email address to
donnerspass1@gmail.com |
| Page 8 | correct Larry Jourdan email address to
ljourdan0448@yahoo.com
Correct Hank O'Neil email address to hank@oneiliallaska.com |



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LCIF Outreach

The Zomba Lions Sight First Eye Hospital in Malawi is doing more than diagnosing and treating eye conditions — it's transforming lives. The community is brought one step closer to a future where preventable blindness is no longer a barrier, with each repaired ward, new piece of equipment and outreach event.

Established in 2009 through Lion efforts, the eye hospital serves a population of more than four million people. In recent years, the facility has begun to show signs of deterioration. Damage from termites and severe weather, including the catastrophic Cyclone Freddy in 2023, put the roof at risk of collapse, threatening the hospital's ability to provide critical services like cataract surgeries and glaucoma treatments. Lions in District 412-B took action to stop that from happening.

Through a US\$219,325 SightFirst Grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), the Lions are leading a major renovation of the eye hospital. Updates include replacing the roof, improving plumbing and electrical systems, and installing new equipment to expand diagnostic and surgical capabilities.

The local Lions' impact on vision care extends beyond the of the eye hospital. Lions are conducting vision screenings and leading awareness campaigns to make eye care more accessible to those who can't afford to travel across the country to receive it elsewhere. For over 30 years, SightFirst empowered Lions, healthcare providers and partners worldwide to combat preventable blindness and assist those with vision impairments.

On October 8, 2026 during World Sight Day, Lions will partner with local institutions to provide vision screenings and education to employees and community members. Will you consider being a supporter in this world-wide event? You also have the unique opportunity to invite a speaker to attend your October club meeting. Trustees from Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ISBVI), Leader Dog for the Blind and the other State Projects are all eager to show what they can offer, which you can then share with your club members.

Don't forget World Sight Day 2026, and if your club or you, as an individual, feel led, please donate to LCIF and annotate "Empowering Service" with your donation. This will ensure your LCIF donation is placed in the area of greatest need. Need help? Your clubs each have a club coordinator, or you may reach out to District 25-E Coordinators below. We are here to serve!!!

District 25-E LCIF Coordinators:

Lion Debbie Ellis, Lion Laura Davis, Lion Christy Nolan

2026-2027 Excellence Awards



**New clubs chartered after January 1, 2027, are not eligible for the award.*

Club Excellence Award criteria

Membership:

- Achieved a net growth of two (2) members or 10% or more members, whichever is greater. (Reinstated members and charter members above the minimum 20 members will qualify.)

OR

- Sponsored a new Lions club or Club Branch

Service:

- Report a minimum of four (4) service activities.
(Three (3) must align with our [Global Causes](#) around Youth, Vision and Environment (one in each Global Cause) these service projects can be completed throughout the 2026-2027 Lion year.)

Leadership & Organizational Excellence:

- Clubs in Good Standing: not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension. Club dues paid and no unpaid balance with Lions International greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more.
- Report newly elected club officers for the 2027-2028 Lions year in the [Lion Portal](#) by May 15, 2027, of the current Lions year.
- Club officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) to attend instructor-led club officer training (in person, virtual) organized and reported in Learn by GLT coordinator **or online through the Lions Learning Center**, between March 1, 2026 – October 31, 2026.
- The club president for the current Lion year must not have served in that role more than two consecutive years.
- 10% of the club's members complete any three (3) courses in the Lions Learning Center.

LCIF:

Contributed to LCIF a minimum of the club's membership total at the start of the 2026-2027 Lion year multiplied by US\$20.

District, Region and Zone criteria

For the District, Zone Chairperson and Region Chairperson, 50% of the clubs must earn the club excellence award for them to receive this award.



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.

9/20/26 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**Held in person or on
Zoom- register via QR**



In person at the Lions of Indiana State Office:

9002 Vincennes Circle, Indianapolis, IN 46268

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



EXPANDING THE PRIDE *with New Clubs!*



Every new club we build strengthens our mission and grows our impact. Certified Guiding Lion training empowers leaders like you to guide new and existing clubs toward a successful future.



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Membership Momentum: We're Growing!

Fueled by Fun, Driven by Service

Lions, we have something to celebrate—WE ARE GROWING!

As we move forward into this Lions year, our membership numbers are heading in the right direction, and that is something every club should be proud of. Growth doesn't happen by accident. It happens because Lions are inviting, welcoming, serving, and sharing the story of what it means to be a Lion.

Every new member represents another set of hands ready to serve, another voice with new ideas, and another person who can help make a difference in our communities.

Together, we are building momentum—and we need to keep it going!

Every Club Needs a Membership Chairperson!

One of the most important steps your club can take is making sure you have an active **Club Membership Chairperson**.

Every club should have someone taking the lead on membership—someone who is keeping an eye on membership goals, encouraging members to invite others, welcoming new members, and helping make sure our current members feel connected and valued.

If your club does not currently have a Membership Chairperson, please contact me! I would be happy to work with your club and help you identify someone who can take on this important role. You do not have to figure it out alone!

Club Membership Chairpersons: You Are Key to Our Success!

To our **Club Membership Chairpersons**, I want to give you a special shout-out. Your role is so important to the future of your club.

Membership isn't just about finding new members. It is about **creating an experience that makes people want to be part of Lions and want to stay.**

Take the time to talk with your members. Ask them what they enjoy about Lions. Find out what they would like to see their club accomplish. Welcome new members, introduce them to others, and help them find their place within the club.

And most importantly—**invite!**

You never know who might say yes.

A friend. A coworker. A neighbor. A family member. A young adult looking for a way to give back. Someone who has always wanted to get involved in their community but simply hasn't been asked.

Sometimes, membership growth begins with just three little words:

"Come join us!"

Recruit. Welcome. Engage. Retain.

Growing our membership is only one piece of the puzzle. We also have to make sure our current members know that they are valued.

Plan activities that are fun. Create opportunities for members to serve together. Celebrate accomplishments. Recognize the people who quietly do the work behind the scenes. Make your meetings something members **want** to attend—not something they feel obligated to attend.

Remember, **people join Lions because they want to serve, but they stay because they feel connected.**

Let's Keep the Momentum Going!

We have made progress and now is not the time to slow down. **We are growing, we are making a difference, and we are moving in the right direction!**

As your Global Membership Team representative, I am here to help. If your club needs ideas for a membership drive, wants to host a community event, needs help with reaching prospective members, or simply wants someone to brainstorm with, **please reach out to me.**

There is no such thing as a bad membership idea, and you don't have to figure it out alone.

Let's keep inviting.

Let's keep welcoming.

Let's keep serving.

Let's keep growing.

Most importantly, let's remember why we are here:

We are Lions. We serve our communities, we have fun doing it, and together we can make our clubs stronger than ever.

Membership Momentum is building—and YOU can help keep it moving!

Fueled by Fun. Driven by Service.

Lion Christy Nolan

Global Membership Team (GMT)

2026–2027 Lions Year

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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 cealschulz4@gmail.com

District Prayer List

Lions in need of Prayers

Lion Carol Murdock	PDG Charlie Crawford	Lion Jim Springer
Lion Bill Hinkle	Lion Ben Davis	Lion Bruce Ellis
Lion Nichole Harris	Lion Don Southwood	Quentin Jerger
PDG Harold Klinestiver	Lion Neil Arnhart	Lion Martin Bailey
Family of PDG Don Russ		

Fallen Lions in August

<u>Fallen Lion</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
PDG Don Russ	Evansville Eastside	12.8 Years of Service

New Lions in August

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Carl Bulter	Brown County Lions	Roy Ice
Jennifer Wilson Reagan	Brown County Lions	Jim Oliver
Catherine Brownell	Corydon Lions	Marion Wallace
Ella Birkla	Fredericksburg Lions	
Tim Rogers	Odon Lions	Tom Rogers
Emily Carrico	Petersburg Lions	Larry Bottom
Juanita Carrico	Petersburg Lions	Larry Bottom
Tracy Davis	Ramsey Lions	Deborah Thornton
Sharon Smith	Ramsey Lions	Herschel Smith
Kenneth Inman	Sandborn Lions	Roger Blackwell
Zack Campbell	Seymour Noon Lions	Derrick Martin

Club Anniversaries in September

Paoli Meridian #9676

Chartered 09/27/1954

District Events and Official Visits

Sept 1	French Lick West Baden Lions Official Visit
Sept 3-5	USA Canada Forum in Memphis
Sept 8	Sandborn Lions Official Visit
Sept 10	Petersburg Lions Official Visit
Sept 15	Corydon Lions Official Visit
Sept 21	Paoli Meridian Lions Official Visit
Sept 26	Banner Celebration at Pines Evergreen Room in Seymour
Oct 6	Oakland City Lions Official Visit
Oct 10	2 nd Council Meeting at Ft. Wayne
Oct 13	Chandler Lions Official Visit
Oct 20	Georgetown Lions Official Visit
Oct 23-25	PDG Weekend in Wabash
Oct 27	Canton Lions Official Visit
Nov 7	2 nd Cabinet Meeting in New Albany
Nov 24	Sullivan County Lions Official Visit
Dec 14	Shoals Lions Official Visit
Dec 15	Salem Lions Official Visit
Jan 16	Mid-Winter Conference at Carmel
Jan 17	3 rd Council Meeting at Carmel
Feb. 20	Leadership Workshop at French Lick
Mar 12,13	District E Convention Gasthof with PID Jenny Ware
Apr 30-May 2	State Convention (25F Host) Location to be Determined
June 5	Pre-Council Meeting at Indiana Lions State Office
June 19	District Picnic Cabinet Meeting at Spring Mill Butternut Shelter House

District Governor Brad Nolan is scheduling meetings with the District's Lions Clubs. Contact District Governor Brad Nolan at brad@bcelectric.info to schedule your club's Official Visit today!



On August 29, the Lions held a Lions Memorial for PDG Don Russ.

In the photo (by Nancy Cuba) is L-R, VDG Eddie McKim, Ceal Schulz, Bill Schulz, PDG Erica Thomas, Sue Russ, PDG Lee Cuba, Sue Leffler, PCC Keith Thomas, and PDG Dale Leffler. Missing from the picture is Mike Skvara.



Donald W. Russ, age 73, of [Evansville, Indiana](#), passed away on August 25, 2026, in the city where he was born and spent much of his life, leaving behind a legacy of dedication, service, and friendship.

Born on August 27, 1952, in [Evansville, Indiana](#), he was the son of the community he called home throughout his life. He graduated from Harrison High School.

Donald built a respected career as a Territory Manager with National Beverage, where he was known for his professionalism, reliability, and strong relationships with customers and colleagues alike.

Beyond his career, Donald was deeply involved in the community and found great meaning in service to others. He was an active member of the Lions Club and served with distinction as District Governor from 2022 to 2023. In that role, he demonstrated leadership, compassion, and a sincere dedication to helping others. His service through the Lions Club was a source of great pride, and he made a lasting impression on those who served beside him.

Donald also enjoyed the simple pleasures of life and embraced his interests with enthusiasm. He loved golf and appreciated the time spent on the course, whether in competition or in the company of friends. He was also a devoted season ticket holder for USI Basketball, where he enjoyed supporting the team and sharing in the excitement of the game. These interests brought him joy and reflected his appreciation for friendship, loyalty, and community spirit.

Donald is survived by his loving wife of 16 years, Flora 'Sue' Russ; daughter, Katherine Russ of Evansville Indiana; 3 sons, Donald (Sonia) Russ, David (Paula) Russ, Dennis (Renee) Russ all of Dallas Texas; 2 stepsons, Daryl (Jennifer) Dyehouse and Dennis (Kimberly) Dyehouse both of Evansville Indiana; grandchildren, Adrianna Russ, Breanna Russ, Brooke Russ, Jett Russ, Evan Russ, Elin Russ, Bryce Dyehouse, Alyssa Dyehouse, Julian Dickinson, Shelby (Stephen) Brummer, and Jacob (Brianna) Dyehouse; several nieces, nephews, and great-grandchildren.

Donald is preceded in death by parents; Will Ray Russ & Christine Russ and brother; Tony Russ.



On August 10th, Oakland City Lions PDG Dale Leffler, Sue Leffler and Carol Donner took the club's loom to Sullivan County Lions to learn how to weave sleeping mats.

Left: PDG Dale Leffler showing Lions Kevin and Kathy Crock how to use the loom.

Right: Weaving on the loom is potential member Deb Perkins (sitting) with 2VDG Debbie Ellis and Lion Rosemary Miller helping. Lion Tammy Delph is watching



Left: PDG Dale Leffler standing with 2VDG Debbie Ellis. Weaving on the loom is potential member Deb Perkins.

Right: The final completed product. It took about a total of 3 hours for 7 people.



Right: Oakland City Lion John Bajzath presented a chek to Rhonda Cox of the East Gibson Food Pantry.



Left (without masks) and below (with masks): From Mardi Gras Night at the LCIF training in New Orleans. Left to Right: Christy Nolan, Laura Davis and PID Linda Tincher





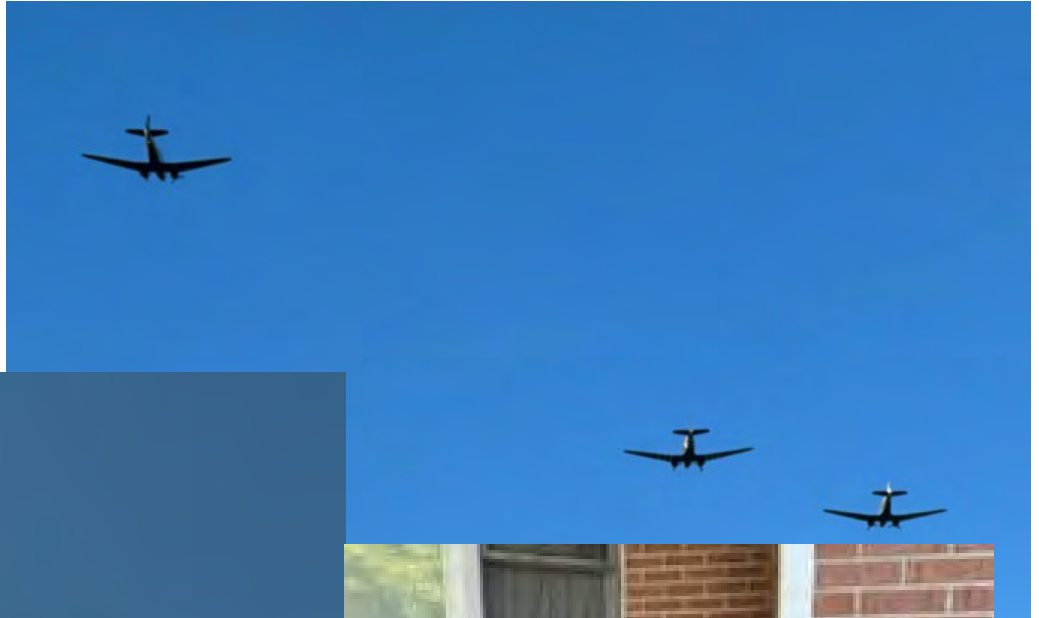
Above: the Lions of Indiana at the Mardi Gras Night at LCIF training in New Orleans. Left to Right: CC Jackie Kurley, Christy Nolan, PDG Ken Faulkner, Sophie Sopheap Long, PDG Paul Scheetz, PDG Mike Imbler, PDG Nick Gonzalez, PID Linda Tincher, and Laura Davis

Right: From the Indiana State Fair North East Tunnel, PCC Keith Thomas, PDG Erica Thomas, DG Brenda Wilson (F), and PDG Paul Russell. The Indiana Lions Foundation gets funds from the State Fair for grants. It is too late to help this year, but plan on helping the Foundation next year.



Left: DG Brad Nolan recently attended 25F Banner Night with a Hawaiian theme. L-R: PDG Ken Faulkner and DG Brad Nolan.

On August 22, PID Linda and PDG Vern Tincher was able to watch the Terre Haute Air Show. Here is a couple of pictures of the show.



Right: PDG Vern Tincher enjoying the Air Show from his porch.



Left: DG Brad Nolan inducted two new members at Ramsey Lions. L-R: Lion Josh Taylor, New Lion Amanda Taylor-Redden, DG Brad, Ramsey President Lion Laura Davis, New Lion Tracy Davis, Ramsey Secretary ZC Lion Deborah Thornton.