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Here is hoping each of you had a Merry and Joyful Christmas and I wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

When the District Governor visits the clubs, some present the eye glasses they have collected to him/her so they can be transported for processing and distributed to the needy. Living an hour and one half from the state office building, I store them for a while and when I make a trip to Indianapolis, I take them to the state office building. I had scheduled a trip to Carmel the second week of December so when the day arrived I loaded the glasses in Jill's SUV and dropped them off so they can again be picked up and delivered to Upland for their next step in the process. I don't have an exact count but there was in excess of a couple of thousand pairs.....yes a couple of thousand. I couldn't help but feel the responsibility entrusted in me to see that the first part of their journey was successful. Each pair brings hope of better sight for someone. Lions touch the lives of so many people in such a positive way. And the members of E1 contribute their share. Each thing you do truly makes a difference in someone's life. After arriving home and opening my e-mail I discovered Marilyn Smith, our State Office Secretary, had sent me an article titled "A Club Guide For Collecting Used Eyeglasses" that I recommend for your reading. If you wish, go to [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org), then in the search box type iad401 and enjoy the reading.

If you haven't visited our district's web site ([www.Lions25E1.org](http://www.Lions25E1.org)) for a while please do so. Lion Jeff Schafer our District IT Chair has revised our site and has made many improvements to it. As usual E1 is second to none and we can be proud of our IT Chair. (Information Technology Chair) On behalf of the Lions of 25E1 thank you Lion Jeff.

I have asked you to consider trying something new. And I assure you, you have the support of your fellow Lions. The new Lions year is fast approaching and now is the time to think about doing something new. Are you ready to take that Lion's office you have been thinking about for sometime? Maybe it's the President of your club, maybe it's time to move up to Zone Chair, Vice District Governor, Trustee, or a State Office. My instructor once told me you have to take the first step before you can take the next one. And now might be the time to take that first step. We need new leadership and you can do it. You can make a difference. ***Don't just Think you can.....Believe you can. Sound familiar?***

Have you had a Trustee, Committee Chair or another Lion present a program to your club? Are you going to attend Midwinter Conference or the Puttin Along Party? Enthusiasm is contagious.

See you soon.....

Yours in Lionism, DG David

## **News from Vice District Governor Brenda:**



We just got home from our Eminence Lions meeting. It was a great meeting as we decided after saying our Pledge to the American flag we would just enjoy an evening of fun, good food and fellowship. Our Treasurer, Jerry Kreamer, a very talented musician, played several numbers for us. Different ones sang solo, duets etc. We enjoyed the presence of little ones, a teenager and several adults. We truly had the family atmosphere that Lions International has been promoting. Guess what! At the end of the meeting one member's wife said she would like to become a Lion. Of course there were membership applications available and now Eminence Lions Club says 'welcome' to Lion Karen Wood. We are excited about our new members that have joined this last year. They are Lion Jay Anderson and James Wood. They both work with school activities and are a real asset to our community.

Lions, this is what it is all about. We have worked serving our communities as we did vision screening in Monrovia last week. We are also having fun and adding new members.

We are starting a new year so let's get busy, have fun, serve and invite, invite, invite. Happy New Year to all of you as together "We Serve".

## **News from 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Glynn Wills:**



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I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas with your families. Time is drawing nearer for Mid-Winter Conference at Indianapolis on January 7, 2012 and I hope everyone considers attending this day of learning and sharing with other Lions in the District.

As we begin our New Year I would like to challenge every club to look at your State Projects and see if there is more that you can do to increase your donations. I realize with the economy in the condition it is today it is hard to look at increasing but the need is also increasing as well. All donations are greatly appreciated.

I want to thank Lion Jeff Schafer, our Information Technology Technician, from the Bloomfield Lions Club for his outstanding contribution to the District for setting up the Web site for 25E-1. It looks great. Thanks Jeff

Remember we need to look at the upcoming Lions year when we have our Club nominations and elections. Even though Secretaries need to file their PU 101(officers for 2012-13) by May 1 --- we can still complete our local elections and be able to file our reports early. In addition, be sure to update emails and phone numbers for all members on your MMR (membership report).

Be safe, remember our Military and see you at Mid-Winter Conference.....2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Glynn

**Note: You may see abbreviations in the Newsletter you are not familiar with. They are approved Lions International abbreviations. For your convenience we have listed the abbreviations most often used.**

**DG - District Governor;**

**VDG - Vice District Governor;**

**DGE – Dist. Governor Elect**

**VDG-E – Vice District Governor Elect;**

**PDG – Past District Governor;**

**CC - Council Chair;**

**PCC - Past Council Chair;**

**IP - International President**

**ID - International Director;**

**PID- Past International Director;**

**MD 25 - Multiple District 25**

**INLETTB - Indiana Lions Eye & Tissue Transplant Bank**

**LCI – Lions Club International**

**ZC – Zone Chair**

**RC – Region Chair**

**The “Lion Traveler” and District Governor Dave Parker are ready to travel to your Club...**



So let’s get the little blue truck on the road...

Be one of the first to schedule DG Dave in for his Official Visit...If You do so before Dec 31, 2011 your club will earn 200 points.

Just fill out the form and send to DG Dave at 3408 Wenzel Dr., Terre Haute, In 47803

Club \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone or Number where someone can be reached at the time of the meeting \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting time \_\_\_\_\_ Is this a Dinner Meeting? YES NO (circle one)

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Advise if any special presentations will be made or new members to be inducted \_\_\_\_\_

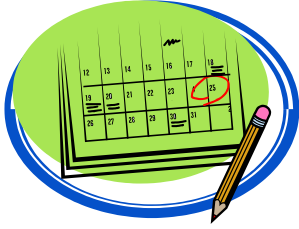
DG Dave’s Official Visitation Schedule:			
Odon – January 3	Gosport -January 5	Pierson Twp – Jan 16	Worthington – Jan 17
Clay City- January 23	Harrodsburg – Feb 2	Bloomington Central - Feb 7	Ellettsville – February 16
Morgantown- March 20			

**Secretaries: to qualify for the DG Recognition awards you must accumulate a total of 5500 points**

**Presidents: to qualify you must accumulate 2150 points (See back page of directory to see what you must do to earn president & secretary points.**

District 25-E1 Clubs Point Contest Total for the year: July 2011 thru November 2011

Division 1 (1-25 members)	Division 2 (26-45 members)	Division 3 (46 or more)
1. Carlisle 34,695	1. Bloomington West 14,395	1. Martinsville Noon 70,375
2. Paragon 13,750	2. Bloomfield 12,400	2. Riley Twp 42,050
3. Eminence 13,300	3. New Goshen/W.Vigo 11,575	3. Brown County 23,910



Mark your calendars: District 25-E1 Convention will be Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 --- St. Patrick's Day! IF you check in on Friday night before, there will be a "Meet the ID" dinner at the Inn.

Toll Free (877)-563-371 Fax (812) - 829-1467 On-line reservation at [www.indianainns.com](http://www.indianainns.com)

Group Name: **Lion's Club** Group Code#**0316LC**

Arrival Date: **Friday, March 16, 2012** Departure Date: **Sunday, March 18, 2012** Change Arrival/Departure as Needed.

Your group has the room type BELOW reserved. Please mark the total number and types of rooms you wish to reserve on the proper line. (Rates below are subject to change with current rate.)

#of Rooms	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	Room Types	Rates (per room per night + 7% Sales Tax + 5% Innkeeper tax)
_____	_____	<b>Double Double (two double beds)</b>	<b>\$99.68</b>
_____	_____	<b>Queen Queen (two queen beds)</b>	<b>\$110.88</b>
_____	_____	<b>King (one king bed)</b>	<b>\$ 99.68</b>
_____	_____	<b>Studio (Two Queen beds + 1 sofa bed)</b>	<b>\$144.48</b>

Rooms will be assigned on a "first come- first serve" basis.

**RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED BY MAIL, FAX (812-829-1467) OR CALL (1-877-563-4371).**

Deposit of the first night's rate for each room you reserve is required by **February 27, 2012**. After this date, the group's rooms will be released. Please return this form with a check for the deposit amount or include your charge card information (**will be charged on day the reservation is made**). You may also make your reservation online. The deposit will be refunded if cancellation is received 4 days before date of arrival.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One      Visa      Master Card      Discover      AM Express

Cardholder's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp.Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Around the District.....



PDG Vern Tincher meets Rose – Hulman Institute of Technology Vice President Rickey McCurry while DG Dave Parker watches. Every year Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute has a service day luncheon for all the service clubs in Vigo County.

New Goshen West Vigo Lions (not pictured) were also in attendance.



Riley Lion Elaine & PDG Ray Collins attended and it just happened to be Lion Elaine's birthday, NOV.22. PDG Ray said he did plan to take her out again that night too! Happy Birthday Lion Elaine.



**Riley Lions decorate State Road 46 thru Riley, Indiana.....**DG Dave & PDG Ray look for the truck lift. When it arrives Lion Bob Steele pulled the candle decoration up to the top of the light pole. Bob's brother Jerry drove the truck. Also helping were Lion Tom Miles, PDG Vern Tincher, & Lion Ken Nordmeyer. It was work! .....and its more work taking them down, but it's worth it! A grant from Duke Energy allowed the club to refurbish some of the older decorations. Thank you-- Duke Energy & Rick Burger, Dist. Manager, who saw to it that the electrical drops were updated.

Mooresville Lions President Bob Jones recently spent two weeks exploring Saigon, Vietnam. Bob took along his Lions vest to promote the ongoing dedication to "serving wherever the needs be."

The Mooresville Lions Club has 33 members strong and worked this year by hosting the Old Settlers festival, a semi-professional go-cart race and a Victorian Christmas pancake breakfast to put \$15,000 back in local, state, national and Lions International projects.



Shoals Christmas Parade – Lion Dan Steiner, a “Santa helper” talks with a young child.



Fourteen Shoals Lions Club members were busy sacking over 500 treat bags that were handed out after the parade-- while two of our youngest “Lions to be” Mya Miller & Alexis Rush posed for pictures.



It’s NOT what it looks like! Shoals Lion “Indiana State Police Trooper” Ken Miller is **NOT** arresting Santa, he’s escorting Santa to the Shoals Christmas Parade!

Lion Ken, you better watch out!



**Terre Haute Evening Lions...sponsored three families for Christmas!**

Left to right Lions Becky Compton, Rich Koenig, Bill Papinchock, Larry Hatcher, Dale Gustafson(kneeling), Paula Bland,President Don Bland & Cinda Taylor are pictured just before they delivered gifts to the lucky families. Each family member (and there were 16!) received four gifts each, which were purchased by members. The Terre Haute Evening club purchased gift certificates for grocers as an added benefit. Names were obtained through the school and were delivered while the children were in school so the surprise factor can come into play.

**Pershing Township Lions Club  
Soup Supper & Euchre Tournament  
Community Center Fundraiser**

When: Saturday, January 14, 2012

Where: Freetown Community Center

What: Fundraiser for the Community Center

Pricing is as follows:

**If Paid in Advance** - \$15/couple includes food and Euchre Tournament

\$7.50 / person food and tournament

\$5.00 /person dinner only

**If Paid at Door:** \$20 / couple includes food & Euchre Tournament

\$10.00 / per person includes food and tournament

\$5.00/person dinner only

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Return with reservation

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Amount Included\_\_\_\_\_

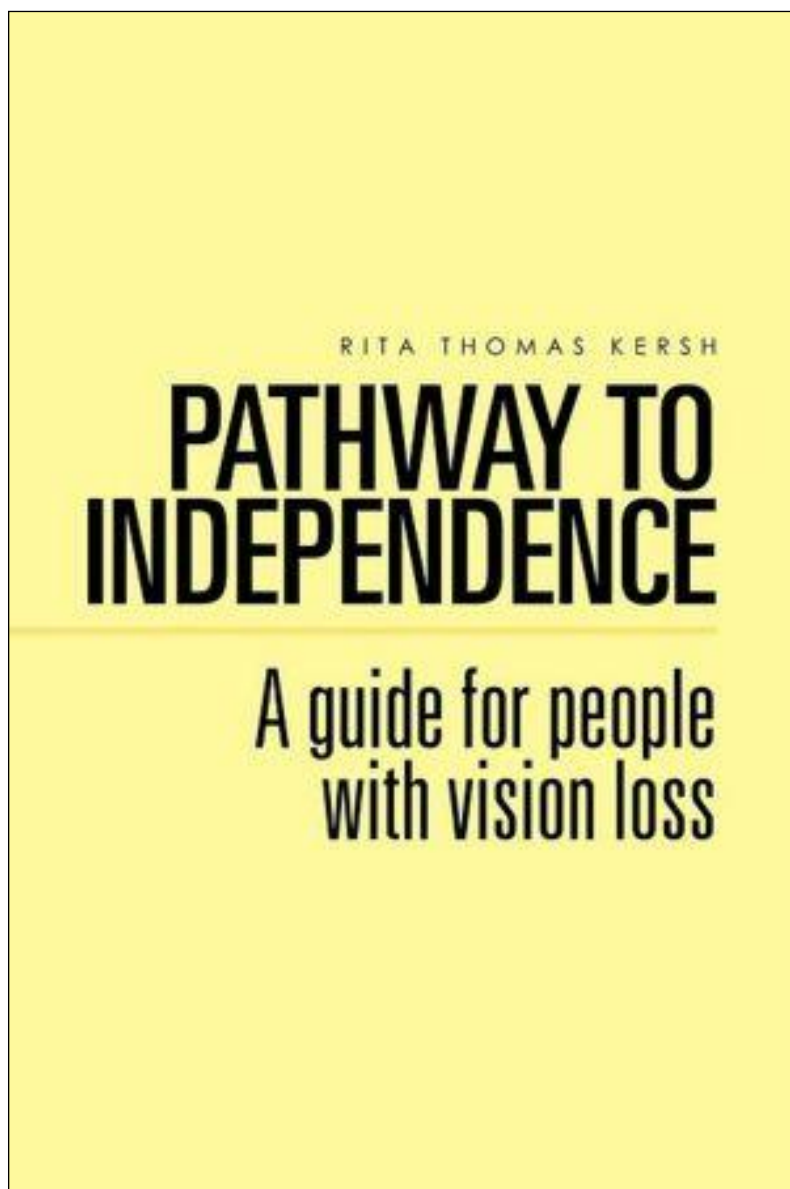
Make Checks payable to Pershing Township Lions Club

Mail to:

Lion Sharon Yost, 3516 West SR 258, Seymour, IN 47274

812-528-1507

**Did you Know District 25-E1 has a new author amongst it's membership?  
Meet Lion Rita Kersh. Bedford Noon Lions Club President....**



Bedford Noon President, Lion Rita Thomas Kersh, book just went on sale at Barnes & Noble, Pathway to Independence.... a guide for people with vision loss.

The book is available from Barnes & Noble in paperback for \$20.99 and hardback for \$30.99

This is an interactive helpful hint book for low vision people and for those that are blind. It provides a variety of tips and techniques to make the lives of low vision or blind people easier and more enjoyable.

Lion Rita uses a lot of her own personal experiences as she has had various degrees of blindness since childhood and has been totally blind for the past 12-13 years.

Before residing in Bedford, Indiana, Lion Rita lived in Jacksonville, Mississippi and worked for the Addie McBryde Rehabilitation Center connected to the MS University Hospital teaching low vision and blind individuals to adapt to a new way of life.

So, if you have a family member or friend who is experiencing some form of low vision or blindness consider purchasing this book.

Blind or Low vision people should not be couch potatoes or waited on by family and friends....they are and can be viable people in our society.

Lion Rita plans to purchase some Large Print copies of the book which she will sell personally at a reduced cost in the near future. She even has plans for a 2<sup>nd</sup> book, so be sure to watch for that..In the meantime, read this book to someone you care about!



DG Dave inducts new member Jerry Brumett at the Monrovia Lions Club meeting, while Lion Janice Bacon Brumett (sponsor) presents the pin.



PDG Gary Lawson presents a road sign to the Monrovia Club. Pictured left to right (front) President Dianne Olleman, PDG Gary, Lion Janice Brumett, Lion Mike Easterman. Back Row L-R: Lions Jeff Honaker, Diana Katt, Chuck McNeal, Troy Sprinkle, & Dick Heald.



It pays to wear Christmas socks at Monrovia Lions Club.

Only Lion Dick Heald did not have to pay a tail twisting fine, because, as he proudly models, he had on his Christmas Socks!

**Council of MD 25  
Governors Christmas party.**

At the Christmas Party each governor presented the winning Peace Poster from their district. District A's poster picture below was chosen as the one to forward on to International for judging at the International Convention in Busan, Korea.



VDG Dan Wilcox, 25D; VDG Pat Short, 25C; (front row) VDG Dick Silvera, 25A; VDG Ann Haffner, 25G; DG Lana Wilson, 25G; DG Fran Schaul, 25F; VDG Brenda Lawson, 25-E1; VDG Sue Topf, 25F; Back Row left to right: DG Eric Ahlbrand, 25C; DG Dave Parker, 25-E1; Council Chair Mike Smith, 25A; DG Lew King, 25B; DG Steve Winegardner, 25F; DG Fred Wattula, 25-E2.





Members of the **Bloomfield Lions Club** held their annual Christmas Dinner in Odon, Indiana

Lion Jeff Schaffer, standing rear left) is the District 25-E1 webmaster and he has just re-designed our web page. The address is the same [www.lions25e1.org/beta](http://www.lions25e1.org/beta) but it has a whole new layout...check it out, it really looks great! Thank you Lion Jeff!!!!!!

Pictured above left: Max & Rose Floyd; Jean & Joe Burcham; Sheryl & Jeff Schafer; Jim & Sharon Conley; Albert & Donna DeGott; Jane & Jim Lueking; Betty Jo Stansfield, Jerry Boyer, DG Dave Parker, (missing is Grant Riggins); Stan Budney, Jeannette & Dwayne Hostetter, Vern Tincher (out of view and to the left of Stan is Louis Hayswood.

Has anyone seen Spencer  
Lion Jim Query????



PDG Sara Provines found a friend!



Passing out the Treats! Spencer Lions Anita Kay, Charlotte Query, Jerry & Love Standeford at the Owen Court House after the parade.

**Riley Twp. Lions....** What a party..... Most ate, some slept, one cried because the jar of baby food was empty and everyone filled some stocking..... that was just some of the fun events at the Riley Christmas party. The Riley Lions club ranges from “almost to be born to 99 years young! Not many Lions clubs can boast that one! There were several prospective members in attendance as well!

A great dinner was planned by Lions Annette & Tom Miles, but the “Rudolph Look a-like contest” was over the top. Lions were divided into groups of 4-6 and given a bag containing 8 balloons, a red nose and a pair of panty hose!

Members had to blow up the balloons, and stuff them into the legs of the panty hose. The first team done had to model their “Antlers” and sin “Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer”. There was so much laughter! The evening ended with a “surprise” baby shower for Lions Jacqui & Chris Ellis who are expecting their first child in January and lots of baby gifts.



We did have some District business, PDG Ray Collins, Region Chair held a Region Meeting at Riley and Bedford Evening hosted DG Dave’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Cabinet Meeting. Not to make light of all the Great Service Projects that were conducted, but our District does know how to have fun!



## Dates to Remember: Happy New Year 2012!!!!

January 7, 2012 – Mid Winter conference – Lawrence Central High School

January 10, 2012 – Poland Euchre & Soup Supper \$5.00 & a canned good for the food pantry 6:00 p.m. at the Poland Fire Station

January 14, 2012 – Pershing Twp Euchre & Soup Supper (see flyer, page 7).

Jan 29, 2012 – Monrovia Anniversary Dinner, Charlottes Café, Monrovia, 7p.m. RSVP: 317-230-6134

PDG Paul Schoonmaker, Speech & Hearing Trustee, Speaker

February 18 – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Puttin Along Party – Spencer, IN

February 18 – 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Training – Lions State Office Building

March 17 – 25-E1 District Convention

April 27-29 – State Convention – Merrillville

June 22-26 – International Convention

**May 2012 – Club Officer Training – places & times to be announced....Be sure to tell your new incoming Officers they should make every effort to attend one of the three trainings! Even if they have held the office for years!**

**It would also be appreciated if you could respond back letting me know the day of the week, and time you would like me to schedule training ([vtincher@ma.rr.com](mailto:vtincher@ma.rr.com) or 812-894-2750). PCC Linda Tincher, Global Leadership Chair.**



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