

OH 1 DISTRICT NEWS



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Thoughts from Governor Deb Crawford

"The man who has planted a garden feels that he has done something for the good of the world." This quote by Charles Dudley Warner reminds me of Lions around the world. We may not plant seeds in the ground, but we plant seeds of kindness, joy, and hope in those we meet and help along the journey of life. Thank you for being the one who cultivates the gardens in others.

It is not too late to attend the OH1 District Convention for the day. You will have to provide for your own meals, but we would love to have you join us throughout the day's activities. Check out the convention agenda attached to the newsletter. Many individuals and clubs will be recognized throughout the day.

This season inspires us to clean and refresh. This applies to our clubs as well. It is time to look at our club members and reach out to each individual. Does each member feel welcomed, needed, happy? Are their needs to serve being met? Each individual is a valuable asset to the club. Each club member has the ability to share with another. There are members who need to know more about the organization that he/she joined. The education of Lionism shouldn't end at the pinning of the Lions pin.

As we revel in the increased sunshine and more daytime hours, let us remember to stop and take a look at what is yet to be done as a club. Continue to work and plan for your spring club projects and activities. Serve safely and Be the One who answers the needs of others.

**VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON
PAGE 7 PLEASE READ!!!**



**1VDG
Susan Davis**



**Greetings from 2VDG
Faith Cataldo-Gauger**

Well, you never know from one newsletter to the next the turn of events. Who would have thought that we, as a District OH1 Team, would be writing grants and setting up funding for an EF3 tornado! But, we are Lions and that is what we do. Before we knew it, donations were coming in from clubs and districts in Ohio. Again; we are Lions and that is what we do. There is information throughout the newsletter addressing the disaster and data and donation information.

On a lighter note, convention is less than two weeks away. We are gearing up for a good time. All in all 100 have registered for the convention. I am looking forward to seeing the smiling Lions' faces soon.

We have celebrated several Charter Nights in our district. It is an honor to be a part of those celebrations! Many clubs have stood the test of time which goes to show you that when you continue to serve your community, you continue to thrive, and continue to grow. Congratulations to all clubs celebrating their "birthdays" this year.

Earth Day is coming up. I encourage each club and Lion to "hug the Earth" on April 22. Say thanks for all that Earth has given us. She just keeps on giving. Maybe Earth is a Lion - ya think?

Finally, science, my favorite subject, don't forget the eclipse on April 8. It is a once in a lifetime experience and an amazing natural phenomenon. The family and I will be perched in the yard with our glasses on-watching.

1VDG Sue Davis

"We Serve" is our Lions motto. It is what we, as Lions, do and who we are as an organization.

Recently, a speaker, at an event I was attending, reminded us that we become a "Lion" twice. The first time is when we are inducted into a Lions Club as a new member. The second time is when we participate in a Lions service that touches us in a way where we know that we have made a difference in someone's life. This is when we become a "real" Lion - in our heart. :)

We need to be sure that our clubs are giving our 'new' Lions, and even our long-time Lions, the opportunities to become "real", "heart" Lions - so that they will want to continue to be Lions for Life.

Encourage club members to "be the change" through service.

Yours in Lions Service,
2nd VDG Faith :)





Council Chairperson
Dave Stockum

Spring has sprung, and the “sprung” has had one unpleasant surprise. The March 14 EF3 tornado in Logan County of OH1 was terribly destructive. In the wake of this disaster, local residents and businesses responded swiftly and started relief efforts almost as soon as the tornado departed. The Logan County United Way has provided the infrastructure for the coordination of these efforts. As a result, OH1 leaders (DG Deb Crawford and Cabinet) have partnered with the LCUW. OH1 has collected, either directly or by commitments, over \$31,000 at this writing. As the LCUW informs OH1 of needs, these funds will be used to supply those needs. Due to the severity of the tornado, filling these needs will be a long term project. If you or your club wish to donate to this relief and recovery effort, you may make a direct contribution to **Lions District OH1**. Make sure to add **tornado relief** on the memo line. Send the check to CT/PDG John Davis, 933 Thornapple Lane, Findlay, Ohio 45840. If you wish to make a tax-deductible donation, go to the Logan County United Way website, www.uwlogan.org, and find the “donation” tab. The site automatically creates a digital receipt when a donation is finalized. If you want to have your donation recognized as a Lions offering, after your name use a dash and give a Lions designation. For example, **Jane Doe – OH1 Lions** or **John Doe – Western Hills Lions** would go on the name line. Make sure your name matches the way it is listed on the credit card you are using to make the donation.

Let me offer two thoughts as we move through the District Convention Season. First, don't wait to elect your officers. My challenge is to submit those names to the International by May 15. Second, don't wait to see who plans to remain in your club. Seek out club members who have been absent or inactive and find out how you can keep them involved. We are doing an excellent job of adding new members (722 to date), but we need to work on keeping these new Lions and reinvigorating the longtime members of our clubs. Let all our members know how important they are to our mission – new voices and old voices alike! **Attention to Retention** is essential. Orientation and training play a key role in retention. So does active Service. We Serve. Best wishes in the coming months; enjoy family and friends during the solar eclipse gatherings, spring break, and Spring blossoming.

CC Dave Stockum



DISASTER STRIKES LOGAN COUNTY

I am using several sources to report the latest published information about the Logan County Tornado. Each will be cited after the information.

Helen Norris, Logan County's EMA director, said the response team recorded 133 structures destroyed, 164 with major damages, 421 minor damages and 178 affected properties in an initial damage assessment.

Students at Indian Lake Schools returned to school on Wednesday. About 96 students were displaced from their homes following the storm, according to Superintendent Rob Underwood.

Ben Vollrath, the public information officer for Logan County, said the next step for the county is FEMA coming in to conduct assessments. More than 100 people have been displaced from their homes. On Thursday, (March 21), Vollrath said 532 tons of debris was removed and taken to the landfill.

Three people were killed as powerful storms moved through the county on March 14. About 25 people were treated for mostly broken bones and internal injuries at the nearest hospital in Bellefontaine, said Laura Miller, a spokesperson for Mary Rutan Hospital.

The strongest one was the EF3, which hit Lakeview, bringing winds of at least 136 mph. The tornado weakened slightly to an EF2 as it struck Orchard Park where multiple boats were flipped over.

[Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine declared a state of emergency](#) in 11 affected counties on Sunday and activated the Ohio National Guard to help Logan County officials with clean up. On March 21, DeWine also announced that the state asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency to assess the damage on impacted homeowners, renters and businesses affected by the storms.

REPORTED BY 10 WBNS TV

published on March 22, 2024

FEMA is set to arrive on Tuesday to assess the damages and the impact on the community. Based on their evaluation, they will determine if federal disaster resources are necessary to assist with the recovery efforts.

REPORTED BY 21 [ALiveNews.com](#)

published March 23

More information and pictures on the following page

Pictures Provided Online by 10TV and Columbus Dispatch



Tornado, top left: Eric Graves

Destruction, top right: 10 TV

The Flyover, middle left: Columbus Dispatch

The House, middle right: Columbus Dispatch

Demolished Cars, bottom left: 10 TV

GRANT AND DONATION INFORMATION

On the morning of Wednesday, March 20, CC Dave Stockum, PCC Darlene Roll, Governor Deb Crawford, IVDG Sue Davis, and District Treasurer John Davis met with President Lion Terry Esch and Secretary Lion Scott Hall from the Huntsville Lions Club. We discussed the grants available from LCI. We have secured a \$10,000 Grant that will provide for personal items such as baby supplies, household needs, blankets, clothing, etc. This is a dire situation for the people of Indian Lake and Logan County. They will be in recovery for many years.

We have also set up a fund to help rebuild the area. We have partnered with the LCUW. OH1 has collected, either directly or by commitments, over \$31,000 at this writing. As the LCUW informs OH1 of needs, these funds will be used to supply those needs. Due to the severity of the tornado, filling these needs will be a long term project. If you or your club wish to donate to this relief and recovery effort, you may make a direct contribution to **Lions District OH1**. Make sure to add **tornado relief** on the memo line. Send the check to CT/PDG John Davis, 933 Thornapple Lane, Findlay, Ohio 45840. If you wish to make a tax-deductible donation, go to the Logan County United Way website, www.uwlogan.org, and find the "donation" tab. The site automatically creates a digital receipt when a donation is finalized. If you want to have your donation recognized as a Lions offering, after your name use a dash and give a Lions designation. For example, **Jane Doe – OH1 Lions or John Doe – Western Hills Lions** would go on the name line. Make sure your name matches the way it is listed on the credit card you are using to make the donation.

Questions, Contact CC Dave Stock

Lion Terry and Lion Scott are stepping up to facilitate this effort. We appreciate their dedication to Lions and to their community.

Ohio Lions District OH1 has partnered with the Logan County United Way to support the relief and recovery efforts taking place after the EF3 Tornado on March 14th which flattened the communities of Russells Point and Lakeview, Ohio, as well as causing extensive damage in surrounding rural areas. You may make donations in the following ways.

Tax deductible donations can be made at: www.uwlogan.org, the web address for the Logan County United Way which is a 501(c)3 charity. If you want your donation to be credited to the Lions Organization, after entering your name as listed on the credit card you use for donating, add a dash and a Lion label. Examples could be: **Jane Doe – OH4 Lions** or **John Doe – Pennsylvania Lions**. The Logan County United Way Donation system automatically issues a receipt for tax purposes and can sort donations based on key words; hence, the need to add **Lions** to the name of the donor.

If you or your club wishes to donate by check, use **District Lions OH1** on the designation line and add **tornado relief** on the memo line. Mail the check to: PDG John Davis, 933 Thornapple Lane, Findlay, Ohio 45840. If your check does not identify your club, please add a note in the mailing with that information.

The relief and recovery process is well underway, and the local community has stepped up admirably. However, this will be a long and difficult process and organizations like ours will play an important role in supporting those affected as they work to overcome this blow thrown their way.

DG OH1 Deb Crawford

Questions, Contact DG Deb


CLUBS CORNER


ALL CLUBS-VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!!

It's time!!

Lions, it is finally here! The new [Lion Portal](#) is set to go live APRIL 15, 2024!

What does this mean for us?
Thursday, April 11 is *the last day* for Lions to access anything in the MyLCI - MyLion - Insights systems. It is the last day to input service projects, the last day to check statements or contact information, the last day to input officers or new members *in those systems*.

No system will be available online the weekend of April 12-14.

April 15 to May 13, Lions who have an active account on MyLCI/MyLion will receive an email inviting them to log into the new Lion Portal and create their password. **DO NOT PANIC IF YOU DO NOT GET YOUR EMAIL APRIL 15.**

After May 13, All visitors attempting to access the previous digital tools will be automatically redirected to the new portal.

For more (and updated) information, visit : [Lionsclubs.org](https://www.lionsclubs.org) - [Lion Portal](#)
 For informational videos about using the Lion Portal, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/@lionportaltraining>

submitted by Lion Carol Collins

West Liberty has Breakfast With the Easter Bunny



Vision Screening at the Gingerbread House Preschool.



Submitted by LionNicki Foos Kimball

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BLUFFTON CELEBRATES 90 YEARS

The Bluffton Lions Club celebrated their 90th Charter Night on March 5th at the First Mennonite Church in Bluffton. International Director Ron Keller, as seen above right with wife Kitty, was our speaker. Lion Dick Boehr, our longest member, opened the meeting. Speakers from the club also consisted of VP Greg Denecker, VP John Rich, VP Gene Long and PDG Barbara Plaughter, as seen in photo on right lower. Bluffton Mayor Rich Johnson presented an official proclamation declaring the Bluffton Lions Club 90th anniversary would be celebrated throughout the year. (middle picture)

Mayor Johnson and wife with VP Greg Denecker. There were numerous other guests from Ohio Lions Clubs assisting with the program -PDG Jeff Hatfield, PDG Dan Ritter and CC PDG Dave Stockum.

The community provided wonderful door prizes that were solicited by Lions Jackie Bourassa, Tracy Steele and Dick Boehr. Piano music was provided during the celebration. The meal was served by Henry’s of Ottawa. The Bluffton Club currently has 52 members and meets twice monthly at the Town Hall. The club is currently looking at establishing a LEO Club and is always open for new members. Projects coming up are – Festival of Wheels, Scholarships, Pancake/ Sausage Breakfast, Citizen of the Year and we continue our 50/50 Charity Raffle throughout the year. The Bluffton Lions along with the village continue with the Pathway Project circling the village. One pathway is currently being constructed on County Line Rd #15.

submitted by PDG Barbara Plaughter




CLUBS CORNER


**BRYAN CELEBRATES 75th
CHARTER NIGHT**

**GAME NIGHT WITH BRYAN
LIONS**



Bryan Lions celebrated their 75th year as a Lions Club on February 27, 2024

Lion Ben Murry, left received the Melvin Jones Award.



Lion Matt Keck, right, received the Dick Bryan Award



Submitted by Lion Joanne Moates



Lions enjoying fun and fellowship!



On Saturday, March 9, 2024 at Pratt Pavilion in the Wood County Fairgrounds. Lions had a booth with information and applications for those interested in becoming a Lion.



PORTAGE LIONS CELEBRATES 48 YEARS!

Portage Lions Club celebrated their 48th Charter Night on March 25. They were pleased to have the guests from several different clubs in attendance, as well as DG Deb, 1VDG Sue, 2VDG Faith, and CC Dave. A collection was taken for the Hunger Project, supporting the Agape Food Pantry in Portage. Our speaker was Mike McMaster from the Wood County Museum who gave a program on the history of the Black Swamp in Wood County. DG Deb inducted new member Melissa Amos-James and 1VDG Sue gave out chevron membership awards adding up to 100 years of service, with Lion Jim Frobose celebrating 55 years of service.

DG Deb inducted new member Melissa Amos-James (right)

1VDG Sue honoring Lion Jim for 55 years of service (bottom)

submitted by Lion Anne Deutschman



Earth Day April 22

Message from International President Dr. Patty Hill



Help Save the Planet Through Service

Earth Day (April 22) is just around the corner! Looking for a great way to make a difference in your community? Then check out our [environment page](#) with great project ideas, stories, LCIF grant opportunities and more.

Remember to invite potential members to join your project because connecting through service is a win for our environment and your club's growth. And be sure to check out [Saving Our Planet and Growing Our Membership](#) for great ways to grow and create a more sustainable planet.

USA/Canada

Leadership Forum

"Setting the Pace" is the theme for the USA/Canada Leadership Forum to be held September 5 -7, 2024 in Louisville, Kentucky. There are plenty of hotels close to the action. 1VP Fabricio Oliveira, Sam Glen, Randy Pierce, and Trish Wilson will be the main speakers. In addition to the informative sessions, there will also be a decorate your own Kentucky Derby hat contest. Nearby attractions include the Louisville Slugger Museum and factory, Churchill Downs, Mohammed Ali Museum, various Bourbon Distilleries, and much more. Be sure to visit the Ohio Lions, Lions International, and USA/Canada Leadership Forum websites for further information.

REGION 3 NEWS

Most Lions in OHr are aware that tornadoes on March 14, 2024, impacted several areas in Region 3 (Mercer, Auglaize, and Logan Counties). We thank all Lions and individuals who have supported clean-up efforts or with financial donations (either through donations to United Way-Logan County or District OHr's disaster fund).

The Indian Lake, Russells Point and Lakeview, areas were significantly damaged and will take months, and in some cases, years to rebuild. Pictures do not begin to tell the real impact. Our hearts go out to the families who lost loved ones or suffered injuries in the tornadoes and to those whose homes and businesses were impacted.

Some statistics that were provided on March 25, 2024, show that 133 structures were completely destroyed, 164 suffered major damage, and an additional 599 properties received minor damage or were affected. Indian Lake Local Schools have resumed, with almost 100 students being displaced from their homes.

Again, thank you for your support!

In other Region 3 news, clubs are thinking Spring! Cridersville and Waynesfield Clubs held "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" events on March 23rd. Many clubs are collecting and recycling eyeglasses, providing preschool vision screenings (Lima Host and West Liberty), packing weekend meal bags/Blessing Bags, hosting breakfasts and suppers, and making financial donations to various causes.

As always, the Lions of OHr, Region 3, are busy!

Wishing you blessings each day and a wonderful spring ahead!

PCC Darlene Roll
Region 3 Chair

REGION 2 NEWS

A Region 2 meeting was held on March 7,, at the Bluffton Town Hall, at 6:30 PM. PDG Barbara Plaughter secured the site. Van Buren Lions provided snacks that were out of this world, not to be eclipsed by any other. Their theme was the Eclipse 2024. Fourteen Lions representing seven clubs from Region 2 attended the meeting at the Bluffton Town Hall. The Passport was introduced. It was created by OH7 Lion Tamara Parker-Stephens as a recruiting tool.

Region 3 continued

PDG/PCC/Youth-Leo-Chair, Darlene Roll presented a very informative program. about Leo clubs.

CC Dave Stockum is offering the Post Card Challenge to all clubs in order to receive their club patch.

Lions will have a table at the business fair in Bowling Green on Saturday, March 9.

DG Deb reminded everyone about convention. She touched on the need to step up and take the reigns district wide so we can continue to function successfully.

2VDG Faith thanked everyone for coming and is looking forward to the new year.

Northwest Ohio Lions Eye Care Foundation, Inc. (NWOLECF)

At the NWOLECF's February Zoom meeting, members voted to provide \$1,000.00 toward vision therapy for a 7-year-old boy in the Spencerville, Allen County, area. His name is Corbin. He started vision therapy with Dr. Groman in Pandora and is doing well. His therapy is scheduled for at least 30 weeks.

From a note his mom sent for the family to the Lions of OHr: "We are so very thankful for your generosity toward Corbin's vision therapy. He has been going for several weeks now and we are already noticing improvements! We can't wait to see how far he will go! Thank you again! The family of Corbin K."

A thank you from Corbin is included.

Submitted by PCC Darlene Roll




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**FOOD COLLECTION
AT MAY 2024
STATE CONVENTION**

The Global Service Team is asking Convention attendees and willing clubs to bring jars of **peanut butter** to the 2024 State Convention. Donations will be given to the Buckeye Food Alliance, which serves just under 1,000 Ohio State students who are food insecure every month.

Bring your donation and learn more about today's collegiate food insecurity.







Spring is here and that means the Portage Lions Club is selling **Vidalia Onions**. The price is \$10 for a 10-pound bag and \$23 for a 25-pound box. We are taking pre-orders only through **April 8, 2024**.

Checks should be made payable to **Portage Lions Club** and can be dropped off to me at **DACOR Internet Services, 725 Haskins Rd, Suite, Bowling Green, OH**.



Swanton Lions Club
15th Annual Golf Scramble
Scholarship Fundraiser

White Pines Golf Course
Saturday May 18, 2024
12:00 sign in, 1:00 tee-off
\$75/golfer, \$300/team

Prizes and steak dinner included

Send team information by Monday April 22, 2024

Mail checks & team information to:
John Bay
713 Greenview Ave., Delta, OH 43515-1075
bethbay0411@gmail.com

Checks payable to: *Swanton Lions Club*

Captain: _____ 2: _____

3: _____ 4: _____

Phone #: _____

Low Vision Coalition of Allen County {LVC} presents:

Dinner in the Dark Fundraiser on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, from 5:30 -8:30 PM at The Ohio Theatre (122 W North St. Lima) Tickets are \$60 and will be on sale at lvacac.org beginning April 3, 2024. For questions call Jacob King at 419.516.1271.



USA/Canada Leadership Forum

Reminder

The registration price for the USA/Canada Leadership Forum is \$325.00 until May 31st. Be sure to visit the Ohio Lions, Lions International, and USA/Canada Leadership Forum websites for further information.



June 21-25, 2024

2024 Lions International Convention

The 2024 Lions International Convention will be held in Melbourne, Australia, June 21 – 25. You will need a current Passport and Visa. Plenary sessions, the exhibit hall, seminars, and Parade of Nations will all be there waiting for you to experience. Nearby attractions include: Royal Botanic Gardens, National Gallery of Victoria, the Cricket Arena, Shrine of Remembrance, and the Queen Victoria Market.

Important Dates

April 5th Fourth Cabinet Meeting at Hilton Garden Inn at Findlay

May 9th NWOLECF

May 17th and 18th State Convention at Worthington Double Tree Columbus

June 21st - 25th Lions International Convention at Melbourne, Australia

ROAR!

