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DISTRICT GOVERNOR DON'S THOUGHTS

Hello my fellow Lions of OH1,

Happy New Year everyone and Happy Mid Year my fellow Lions,

Hopefully, everyone had a fun, joyful holiday season with family, friends and neighbors and hopefully there is not too much more of all us as this New Year gets into full swing. First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone and their clubs for what they have accomplished this



first half of the year and encourage you to keep your nose to the grindstone this second half as you continue to serve your communities.

While serving your club and community think of your fellow friends, neighbors and community members who are not currently members of your club and take a moment and chat with them about what is Lionism and what it is that we do as Lions. If they are asking a question, that generally shows that they have an interest. Answer any questions they have to the best of your ability and invite them to your next meeting or event. Although the end game is to increase our membership, we don't want to lose potential new members by pushing the prospective applicant into membership too quickly. Let me finish with respect to membership by saying you are always welcomed and encouraged to contact myself, VDG Ashley, 2nd VDG Rebecca and the rest of the cabinet, including PDG's, if you have any questions or concerns about

membership. At the end of day membership is not the membership chairs job or the committees job, it is everyone's job.

I'm happy to say that we have enclosed in this newsletter information about this year's district convention. It will be at a different location this year in Van Wert at Vantage Joint Vocation School and will be held on April 3rd and 4th. International guest will be PID Nick Xinopoulos and his spouse Lion Gretchen. Friday night we will have dinner and give out club awards then conclude the night with hospitality at the host hotel, Holiday Inn Express. Saturday morning we will have a short STEPS Walk and business session followed by lunch. The guest speaker at lunch will be Dr. Darrell Groman of (VOSH), Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity and we will also honor our Peace Poster winners. By the way, lunch will be delicious Venedocia Lions sausage with all the trimmings. We will conclude our business meeting in the afternoon and also hold our elections along with a question answer session with our international quest, PID, Nick Xinopoulos.

Saturday evening we will hold our Governor's Grand Banquet. Note, we will hold the necrology service toward the start of the grand banquet. I think this is important because I feel our recently deceased members deserve all the honor and reverence we can show them and doing it sometime early in the morning, right before lunch or early in the afternoon when not as many people can attend is the most ideal time. The evening will conclude with our grand banquet and we are also considering another night of hospitality following the grand banquet. So mark the dates on your calendar and we will look forward to seeing many of you there. We will have some more details about the convention in upcoming emails and newsletters.

Yours in Lionism,

DG Don Wiechart

2019-2020 Cabinet Meeting Dates

3rd Cabinet Meeting - Saturday, February 22, 2020. 9am. at Henry's in Ottawa. 4th Cabinet Meeting - District Convention - April 3 or 4th. TBD

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ZVDG REBECCA DENT

The holidays flew by in their usual blur of activity as we all made memories to share with friends, family, and fellow Lions. The month's picture is of a memory that I would like to share with you. The container shown is a fancy bin placed in our local department store to collect contributions for a children's hospital. Coins dropped in roll and spin and bounce off internal slides making their way cheerfully to the bottom. Bills slipped in the side slots sail and slide in an entertaining way to the bottom.



Last year while holiday shopping, I was a bit stunned by the sight of a hundred-dollar bill someone had dropped into the collection bin! I felt humbled by the sight of this generosity by some fellow shopper, and now, whenever I pass this bin, I check my pockets for some change or a dollar to send cascading to the bottom. I have noticed that this year there has been far more green in this bin, so I know others have been inspired also. Many Lions practice random acts of kindness that they know will benefit someone. But remember that you are probably inspiring others to give also, sort of a secondary giving effect, that can multiply your gift many times.

On Jan 1, OH2 DG Kenny Schuck shared a link on <u>Ohio Lions</u> <u>District OH2 Facebook</u> page, <u>Why Join Lions? 20 Reasons to Become a Lion</u> We Lions are active citizens in our communities and in the world. Besides engaging with our own communities, we can use the International Directory to contact local Lions Clubs anywhere. And Lions have fun, we even have an office, TailTwister, dedicated to bringing fun to meetings! Don't forget to check out our District Facebook page <u>Ohio Lions 13</u> OH1.

I wish you peace and joy for the new year! Yours in Lionism, Lion Rebecca, 2VDG



ZONE C MEETING

The McComb Lions Club will host the next Zone C meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 15th, 2020, in McComb at the St. John's Lutheran Church. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. and a meal will be available for \$10.00. Our guest speaker will be DG Don Weichart.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Bluffton Lions Club - January 16, 1934 Bryan Lions Club - January 5, 1949 Coldwater Lions Club - January 29, 1934 Kenton Lions Club - January 14, 1947 Pioneer Lions Club - January 22, 1976 Portage Lions Club - January 22, 1976

Left: Kalida Lions Christmas Party

Right: Thanks to the Venedocia Lions the communities of Landeck, Venedocia and Elgin are lit up to help spread the Christmas spirit.







2020 USA/CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM

The 2020 USA/Canada Forum will be held in Louisville, Kentucky. Many interesting seminars and workshops will be held along with a Strides Walk, Leo Day, and interesting speakers. Plan to attend and look forward to spending time with Lion friends from across the United States and Canada. Fun Fact: There is a replica of Babe Ruth's baseball bat in downtown Louisville at the Louisville Slugger Museum.

Left: Waynesfield Lions Club breakfast with Santa.

Below: Spencerville Lions served cake and ice cream to nursing home residents.







For additional pictures, videos, and OH1 Lions updates during the month, be sure to check out **Ohio Lions 13 OH1** on Facebook!

Below Left: Christmas party for the blind in Toledo sponsored by Olefo Host, Perrysburg Sunrise and Sylvania Sunrise

Below Right: Spencerville Lions serving pancakes and Venedocia sausage on New Year's day.







Left: President Lion Patty Navin of the Bluffton Lions Club presented a check of \$500 to Lion Ed Yeager, the director of Bluffton Community Assistance for the Food Bank, as it is commonly known. This was during the club's service project night on December 3rd.



2020 Lions District OH1Convention

You're Invited to Join Governor Don Wiechart & PID Nick and Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos







April 3-4, 2020

Vantage Career Center, 818 N. Franklin St., Van Wert Friday Saturday

5-6:00—Registration & Dinner at Vantage Career Center 6-8:15—Fish Dinner, Dress for Your Birth Decade, All Club Awards & Bring Your Club Banner 8:30-9:30—Hospitality Rooms, Desserts & Drinks at the Van Wert Holiday Inn Express



For hotel reservations, call 419-238-2600 or ihg.com For the \$120/night rate, mention Lions OH1 Convention. 9-5:00—Registration 9-9:45—Steps Walk

10:15-11:15—Business Session & Cabinet Meeting 11:30-12:45—Venedocia Lions Sausage Sandwich Lunch, Peace Poster & VOSH Speaker

12:45-1:45-VOSH & Sure Sight Break-out Sessions

2-2:45—Q&A with PID Nick Xinopoulos

3-4:00-Business Meeting & Elections

4-4:45—Peace Posters, Tours & Entertainment

5:00—Necrology Service, Governor's Grand Banquet, Special Awards, 50/50, 2-\$10 Items Per Club for Drawings with Hospitality Following

REGISTRATION

Holiday Inn

Express

& Suites

| Name | Club | Friday Fish Dinner \$25 | Saturday Sausage Sandwich Lunch-\$20 | Saturday Chicken Dinner\$30 | NO Meals-\$10 | Lion, Lioness, Leo, |
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Please mail the registration to and **make checks payable to—District OH1 Convention**, Convention Chairs Amy & Kate Murphy, 14433 Defiance-Paulding County Line Road, Cecil, OH 45821 Text & Phone—419-518-0150 Email—asapphaire@aol.com



Please support our District OH1 Lions Convention by placing an ad, sending in congratulations or warm wishes to our officers, sharing a club project, or by having your name listed in the program as a contributor. Thank you for supporting the 2020 Convention!

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