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#### DISTRICT GOVERNOR DON'S THOUGHTS

Hello my fellow Lions of OH1,

Summer has exited and Fall is upon us and all the clubs are back to work serving their communities. I write this after we have just completed our third annual Steps Walk in Spencerville along the historic Miami Erie Canal. It was our most successful walk yet with respect to attendance and proceeds raised for pediatric cancer. A thank you goes out to all who participated and thank you, also goes out to all the following who made the successful event possible: Tees,



Tees, & More of McComb, all of our Lions Club event sponsors, St. Patrick Church Spencerville, Dannon Yogurt Minster, Spencerville Police Department and a very special thank you to our Chair Lion Jessica and her mom Lion Deb, husband Lion Kenton and her two Lion Cubs Blair and Jase.

Since last month, I attended USA Canada Forum in Spokane, Washington. Spokane is a grand city where I was able to visit many great sights in the city and I was also able to get away one day and do some sightseeing in Idaho and Montana. It is true, Montana is Big Sky Country. It was also a great forum where I was able to hear from several great speakers and was able to interact with Lions from all over North America.

This month, we started a first round of zone meetings. It was great to see all the lions who attended the zone meetings and it was great to see so many

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lions in all the clubs I visited at their meetings and events this past months. I look forward to finishing this round of zone meetings this month and visiting many more clubs this next month.

All the best to you my fellow Lions and keep up the great work! DG Don

## 2019-2020 Cabinet Meeting Dates

2nd Cabinet Meeting - Saturday, November 16, 2019. 9am. at Henry's in Ottawa.

3rd Cabinet Meeting - Saturday, February 22, 2020. 9am. at Henry's in Ottawa.

4th Cabinet Meeting - District Convention -April 3 or 4th. TBD



New fountain in Burnham Park provided by Sylvania Lions.

Quest Training class attended by 2VDG Rebecca including the trainer, Susan Keister.



#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM ZVDG REBECCA DENT



At the Zone H meeting in Bellefontaine at China Grill Buffet, my fortune cookie read, "To have a friend you must be one." This seemed like an excellent theme for the round of Zone meetings I had the honor of attending. At the Zone H meeting, I met Lions from Bellefontaine, Huntsville, Rushsylvania, and West Liberty. Our OH1 Youth Chair, Darlene Roll, spoke about the Leo convention February 29th, the Liberty Day Institute program, and the GOOD program among other Youth activities. The Lions Quest program is also part of the youth effort, and I learned at the training in Columbus that Quest is a social and emotional learning program that

addresses purpose, meaning, Life skills, the way we are and becoming a better person. If you have questions about these programs, you can email PCC Darlene at <a href="mailto:youth@ohiolions.org">youth@ohiolions.org</a>.

The Zone F meeting in Kenton was attended by Ada, Arlington, Kenton, Riverdale, Upper Scioto Valley Lions. PDG Bill Niejadlik reported on the sight and hearing committee activities, emphasizing that every Lion is a member of the NWOECF which makes decisions on the more expensive eye care requests. Zone Chair Dave Stockum again showed his mettle as a trainer. After I spoke of the friendship of Lions, he quoted a line from the Lions Club Code of Ethics "... true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given."

Zone A & B Napoleon was attended by Lions from Holgate, Napoleon, Pioneer, and Wauseon, while Lions representing Venedocia, Spencerville, Lima Host, and Bluffton attended Zone D & E. PDG Barbara Plaugher, OH1's LCIF Coordinator spoke at both these meetings, as well as some others. LCIF's Campaign 100, only the third fundraising drive in LCIF's history has reached \$113 million. Our district stands at 68% participation which is better than the average of 45%. Funds may help people all over the world but much of what we give comes back our communities, like the grants that helped victims of the tornados near Dayton, Easterseals in Lima, OH or Sara's Garden playground in my own Wauseon Community.

A few other highlights: Pioneer Days, the week after Labor Day, is the oldest festival in Ohio (147 years). It is hosted by the Lions Club and the Kalida fire department and a car show, food and crafts are just a few of the attractions. I understand the parade is fabulous and I hope not to miss it next year! Bryan Lions held an appreciation pot luck for their fire department. Fort Jennings Fort days' memorial service was a solemn and beautiful salute to our defenders both historic and contemporary. Waynesfield community Festival had live music, kids' games, and food like apple dumplings an ice cream. One could buy books, scrumptious candy, decorative plants. Ottoville Lions make use of the wi-fi to project agenda and other meeting visual material while they discuss future community projects, a unique Reverse Draw fundraiser, and a club family excursion. To look for these and other events online, you can start at the page <a href="http://www.ohiolions.org/md13/oh1#clubs-zones-regions">http://www.ohiolions.org/md13/oh1#clubs-zones-regions</a>.

Its great to be a Lion! Lion Rebecca, 2VDG



Approximately 1,334,918 people in Ohio, or 13.5% of the adult population, have diabetes. Of these, an estimated 286,000 have diabetes but don't know it, greatly increasing their health risk. In addition, 3,071,000 people in Ohio, 35.3% of the adult population, have prediabetes with blood glucose levels higher than normal but not yet high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes. Every year an estimated 70,000 people in Ohio are diagnosed with diabetes.

#### ZONE F UPDATE

On September 18, the Zone F Governor's Advisory Meeting was held at the Kenton Elks Club Building with the Kenton Lions Club hosting. 27 Lions were in attendance.

Kenton Lions President Kirk Cameron started the meeting with a greeting and grace, and all enjoyed a fine meal of pork loin and all the cookies you could eat. PDG Bill Niejadlik, one of our esteemed guests, ate his share. After the meal, Riverdale Community Lions reported on their successful golf outing. If you want a great fund-raiser, check with those folks on the mechanics of putting a golf outing on. Upper Scioto Valley supported their school district, donating \$1000 to the Student Needs Fund. Kenton helped feed community members at their community's "soup kitchen." Ada was preparing for their community's upcoming Herb Festival. Arlington Lions are completing their community calendar project. Findlay continues to provide eye exams and glasses. It is clear in Zone F, "where there is a need, there is a Lion." At the zone meeting, PDG Bill Niejadlik brought us up-to-date on the NWOLECF's status. Zone Chair Deb Crawford promoted the September 29 STEPS Walk to be held in Spencerville. Zone F Chair Dave Stockum laid out the basic organization of the new Ohio Lions Pediatric Cancer Foundation.

I have had a fine time visiting the Zone F Clubs and will have completed my first round of visitations when I join the Riverdale Community Lions for their October meeting. Having come from District OH7, I can report that Lions in Zone F are working to fulfil the needs of their communities just like the Lions Clubs in Southeastern Ohio. MD-13, the Ohio Lions, are a great multiple district, and we all should work to let folks know what we do, as well as work to grow in numbers in our community and in service to our community and the greater Lions community.

Zone F Chair PDG Dave Stockum

#### 2019 LIBERTY DAYS SALE

The Delta-Liberty Lions had a sale booth at the annual Liberty Days held in Liberty Center, Ohio. The Lions had traveled to Shipshewana, Indiana to pick up Amish cheese from Yoders for the sale. This was the first time the Lions had a sale in conjunction with Liberty Days and it was a solid success. In addition, we had prepared order forms for our annual fall sale we do in conjunction with



Thanksgiving and passed these out. These were forms people could take and mail in later to one of the members. Our members names and addresses were on the back of the order form so folks could see which friends of theirs are club members. Perhaps this could serve an additional purpose of member recruiting. Plans are to put order form displays at

area businesses in addition to having members do their normal sale efforts.



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#### Be a HOLGATE Lion



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# Glandorf Lions Club 40<sup>TH</sup> CHARTER NIGHT

You and a guest are cordially invited to attend The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions Club Charter Night

> Sunday, October 20, 2019 5:30 PM Cocktails 6:00 PM Dinner

> > Schnipke Inn 202 W. Main Street Ottawa, OH

\$12 per person Includes buffet, desert, soft drinks and coffee

Guest Speaker PDG Keith Cheney

Door prizes will be given to lucky winners!

Please come and celebrate 40 years with the Glandorf Lions Club!

Please RSVP by Phone or Email before October 13, 2019 John Schumaker 419-890-9541

Dan Klear Cy Vorst 419-890-8067 or dklear@bright.net 419-236-3953 or cvorst1@gmail.com



# The 2019-2020 Lions Clubs International Peace Poster and Peace Essay Contest, "Journey of Peace" is open.

Deadlines for clubs to purchase kits and to work with youth are as follows: PEACE POSTER:

Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. Entries not meeting the following deadlines will be disqualified.

- October 1: Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- November 15: Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.

A kit is needed for each contest sponsored.

\*To order a kit by phone, call Club Supplies Sales at (630) 571-5466 or 1-800-710-7822 (U.S., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada only).

Each kit contains:

- Official Club Contest Guide and Rules
- Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules
- Participant Flyer to duplicate and give to participating students to take home
- Sticker to place on the back of winning poster
- Certificates for contest winner and school or youth group

#### PEACE ESSAY:

For the Peace Essay rules, please go to the Peace Essay area on the LCI website. https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-essay

Students who are visually impaired, ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate. Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length, submitted in English, typed in black ink and double-spaced.

#### CONTACT.

For information regarding the contest, please contact Lion Darlene Roll, District OH1 Youth/Peace Poster/Peace Essay Chair, at youth@ohiolions.org.

On Sunday, September 29, 2019, Lions and community members from across the district met at the Miami/Erie Canal in Spencerville, Ohio for the 3rd annual OH1 STEPS 5K. The event raises awareness and money for Pediatric Cancer Research in Ohio. So far this year, OH1 STEPS 5K has raised over \$1,800 towards Pediatric Cancer. Donations in support of the walk will continue to be collected through December 2019. Please contact Lion Jessica Reichley at kireichley@yahoo.com or send donations to Lion Deb Crawford (P.O. Box 765,

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McComb, Ohio 45858) payable to Ohio Lions District 13
OH-1 with STEPS 5K in the memo. Thank you to everyone who has supported this event!
We look forward to even more walkers and runners in 2020!
Together, the Ohio Lions of OH1 are fighting Pediatric Cancer one small STEP at a time!



Mark Your Calendars for another chance to support Pediatric
Cancer and Walk/Run towards a



cure! On Saturday morning of the OH1 District Convention we will have a mini-Fun Run. More information coming soon!

It's that time of the year again and the **Portage Lions Club** is holding its annual **Amish Cheese Sale**. We are again selling the smaller 1-pound packages and offering the same 10 items as last year. We are taking pre-orders only through Friday, October 25, 2019.

The following items may be ordered:

Colby Jack ...... 1.0 lbs .... \$7
Pepper Jack ...... 1.0 lbs .... \$7
Baby Swiss ...... 1.0 lbs .... \$7
Mild Cheddar ..... 1.0 lbs .... \$7
Smoked Cheddar .... 1.0 lbs .... \$7
Smoked Gouda ..... 1.0 lbs .... \$7
Mozzarella ...... 1.0 lbs .... \$7
Horseradish ...... 1.0 lbs .... \$7
Green Onion ..... 1.0 lbs .... \$7
Roasted Garlic ... 1.0 lbs .... \$7

So if you are interested and have not already placed an order with another member simply email: <a href="mailto:lionjay@dacor.net">lionjay@dacor.net</a> with the desired items and quantities and I will put you on my list. These are great prices just in time for the Holidays, and all proceeds go towards our many local community and sight related projects.

We are taking pre-orders only and plan to pick up the cheese and have it ready to deliver the week of November 18, 2019. Payment in advance would be greatly appreciated, but not necessary. Checks should be made payable to **Portage Lions Club** and can be dropped off to me at DACOR. Thank you, **PDG Jay Deutschman** www.portagelions.org

#### The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Van Buren Lion Club's Apple Butter Festival

Who - Van Buren Lions Club, OH-1

What - 30th Annual Van Buren Apple Butter Festival

When - Saturday, October 12th, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

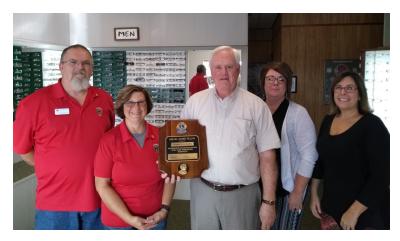
Where - Van Buren High School, 217 S. Main St., Van Buren, OH 45889

**Details -** Admission is free. The festival is indoor and outdoor, so don't worry about the weather. Apple butter, bean soup, crafts, food trucks, and Music Boosters concessions. Popcorn, nuts, kids area, and Buttons the Clown. For more details see:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/286847754691289/



VDG Ashley, DG Don, 2VDG Rebecca, and Zone D ZC Christina Walton at the Zone D & E Meeting



The Wauseon Lions Club presented Dr. Kenneth Kling, Optomertrist, a Melvin Jones Fellowship for his outstanding service to his community. He has

helped the Wauseon Lions Club serve the community with their vision needs with their partnership with one another. Pictured from left to right is Lion Mark Eddings, PDG Sheryl Burnette, Dr. Kenneth Kling, office staff Lisa and Audrey. The presentation was done in Dr. Kling's office, located at 1162 North Shoop Ave., Wauseon, OH, on Sept. 18, 2019.

McComb Lions club members serving at their Fall Scholarship Dinner to raise money to award to a graduating senior from McComb Local Schools.



Bryan Lions September meeting.

Want to see pictures of your club in the newsletter? Send photos to <a href="mailto:jlreichley@gmail.com">jlreichley@gmail.com</a> or text them to 419-721-4052 with a description!





#### WHAT DOES THE STATE COMMITTEE FINANCE AND LONG-RANGE PLANNING DO?

Do you know? I asked this question at a recent OH1 cabinet meeting and only a few members of that group knew the answers. So, I thought I would tell them and you just what the committee does.

The Ohio Lions Finance and Long-Range Planning Committee (F&P) is a large committee of 17 members. There are 7 elected district reps who are the voting members and there are an additional 10 non-voting ex-officio Lions. Just as a reminder, "ex-officio" means "by virtue of office" which means merely that whoever is the Council Chair, Chair of the Liaison Committee, and others by their position are included.

The **Planning** part of F&P looks at areas where we Lions can next serve, future concerns for Ohio Lions, growing existing Lions Clubs and new Lions Clubs, and the future opportunities that we Lions should explore. And yes, sometimes, this means looking at redistricting.

The **Finance** part of F&P looks at financial trends, where our dues money is going, where it should go in the future, and making sure the Ohio Lions have enough money to do its mission. And yes, sometimes this means an increase in dues.

The <u>administrative</u> part of F&P includes audits, contracts, recommending approval of financial documents, and regulations that we need to meet. Of course, with all this paperwork, there are still opportunities to explore.

The F&P committee has a strong presence to suggest and recommend changes to the Council of Governors. One of the strengths of F&P is that 4-7 voting members return each year while all 7 District Governors and the Council Chair change each year. This continuity of year after year is bolstered by the large number of ex-officio members. This allows F&P to look at longer term trends and issues.

Why would you think about running to be a Finance and Long-Range Planning rep? Mainly because you can shape and make a significant difference in where the Lions of Ohio go. How do we best manage money to drive our next set of needs and initiatives? How do we change our dues structure due to changes in our Ohio needs and Lion membership? How do we plan?

We must change. We must adapt. Lions on the Finance and Long-Range Planning Committee get to influence these changes. That is why I choose to be on the committee. If you have an interest in getting involved, talk to me or the incoming Vice Governors. We are always looking for someone to grow the cause.

Yours in service, PDG Judy Smith OH1 (rep until Spring 2022)

Dear Lions,

If you had been watching the travels of Hurricane Dorian, you see the humanitarian service that will be needed. This is an example of where funds from our lion's foundation, Lions Clubs International Foundation, will go.

#### LIONS HELPING LIONS

LCIF is currently in a fund-raising drive, Campaign 100, to raise \$300 Million around the world to assist in the most needed areas. This drive started in July 2018 and will run for 3 years.

We are now in the second lion's year and have raised in hand cash and pledges of \$113,756,105.00 (as of August 25th).

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT. Many of our members have donated and/or pledged this past and current lion's year. A \$2 cup of coffee each week would amount to a \$100 donation for the year.

WILL YOU CONSIDER? Either writing a check or saving your weekly donation until \$100 is available.

I would like your club to become a 100 /100 Club. A 100 / 100 Club is a club that supports LCIF through 100% member participation at a minimum level of \$100 per member, per year during Campaign 100. CAN WE DO THIS?

100% of your donation goes directly to service. There is no administration fees taken from these monies. LCIF has been awarded the 5 star award as a service club. As a lion we are proud of our organization.

PLEASE CONSIDER THIS REQUEST.
PDG Barbara
LCIF District Coordinator



October Is Vision Awareness Month!



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# **Happy Anniversary**

Convoy Lions - Charter Date 10/13/1947
Edon Lions - Charter Date 10/15/1951
Glandorf Lions - Charter Date 10/30/1979
Riverdale Community Lions - Charter Date 10/2/1945
Rockford Lions - Charter Date 10/24/1977
Spencerville Lions - Charter Date 10/20/1941
Upper Scioto Valley Lions - Charter Date 10/27/1978



# Ohio Lions Pin Traders Club Kenton, Ohio Pin Trade.

Please come and join us for the Ohio Lions Pin Trade in Kenton. Do you have pins you are looking for, pins you want to get rid of or if you are just learning about the hobby this event is for you.

Pins will be available to buy, sell or trade.

October 19, 2019
Kenton ELKS Lodge #157
157 E. Franklin St.
Kenton, Oh 43326
9:00AM to 3:00PM

# Free Admission-Free Coffee \$5 Lunch-Sloppy Joe & Fries

Pin Traders who wish to set up can register for a table **at no cost** Coffee and donuts will be provided in the morning and a light lunch will be available. Table setup is at 8:00AM and the pin trade opens at 9:00. Extra tables may be available. For a table please contact PDG Bill Keller, 513 N. High St, Kenton, Ohio 43326 or wkeller2@columbus.rr.com

Come and learn everything you always wanted to know about Lions Pins



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