



OH-1 LIONS



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Thoughts from Governor Bill



Among the early signs of Spring are robins, daffodils, and Lion club secretaries filling out their PU 101's. This yearly event is very important to every Lion District throughout the world. Please be sure to have all club officers turned in ASAP. We need to know next year's officers now, so we can prepare our directories. While your doing this please check that your meeting places, times and days are correct. District Governors, 1st and 2nd's use this to plan their club visits. Having to work with bad information really makes our lives difficult as we have to adjust days on the fly. This year alone I had to change plans many times as clubs told me they now meet on different time or day.

Now is also the time for clubs to make their contributions to them various committees in the district. We will have Committee chairs present their contribution totals at our District Convention. I think Lions would like to know and take pride in how much we contribute to various committees. I think many will be surprised by the totals.

I would like to see many of you at our District Convention this year. We have an exciting International Director in Jennifer Ware as our guest speaker. Jenny is from the Upper Peninsula in Michigan and is a terrific speaker. Also, this year Ohio is running a candidate for International Director. All 5 candidates will be present at our convention, our own PDG Michael Gibbs is one of them. This is your chance to meet and talk to them about their plans and what exactly an ID does.

Friday night we will present club awards, Saturday lunch we have a speaker on Diabetes, meet our Peace poster winner and Saturday night we will present Council Merritt awards along with Presidential Excellence Awards. There will be breakout sessions and many other things. We also have a Lion cub program, 8 youngsters already enrolled.

Don't forget that we have officer training on April 7, in Holgate, Ohio. This is a morning meeting. Club presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and membership chairs should attend. There are some new laws regarding the Attorney General compliance that we have to abide by. We will instruct everyone as to what needs to be done and when you need to do it. We as Lions have to follow State and Federal laws. These are not rules made up by us. Please be sure your club is in attendance. Time is 9a.m. To 11 or 11:30 a.m.

I will be finishing up my club visits this month and I want to thank all clubs for their hospitality. If you would like me to induct your incoming officers please let me know and I will try to be there. Many clubs meet the same night and time so first come first served. Thanks to all for your service this year.

Respectfully DG Bill Niejadlik



PDG Micheal Gibbs presents Lion Dan Green of the Rushsylvania Lions Club with a Gold Centennial Sponsor Pin.



DG Bill Niejadlik makes a visit to the Deshler Lions Club and presented (left) Lion Gary Allen with a 50 year old Monarch award and (center) Lion Bill Smith with a 60 year old monarch award at the 61st Charter Night celebration.



Wanted
District OH1 Newsletter Editor

Contact 1st VDG Dean Carruthers at bigb31353@gmail.com
or PDG Bill Keller at newsletter@ohiolionsoh1.org
for more information..



PGD Dan Ritter of the McComb Lions Club presented 100% perfect attendance pins and tabs to the above Deshler Lions at the 61st Charter Night Celebration.

Back left: Scott Boyer, Jim and Diana George, Dale Weber, Larry Brooks, DonL Parsons, Carolyn Hiser, and PDG Dan Ritter

Front left: Jean and Gary Allen, Bill Smith, and Richelle Piercefield



Bluffton Lions held a Pancake Sausage Breakfast in March and served 275 meals at the Senior Citizens building. 60% of funds collected will be donated to the Senior Citizens.

Deadline for the May Newsletter is April 24, 2018

Submit your newsletter items to Newsletter Editor PDG Bill Keller at newsletter@ohiolionsoh1.org

A Line From VDG Dean



Hello Lions of OH1

We are fast approaching our District Convention at the Findlay Inn on April 20th – 21st. Friday night will be Hospitality night & visiting with Lion friends and making new friends. Saturday will be a busy and active day with District Cabinet meetings, Voting for or District Candidate for International Director and election of District Governor, as well as 1st Vice District Governor.

I still need Zone Chairpersons for the following Zones D, E, G & H. If any current or Past Presidents would be interested in being a Zone Chairperson, I want to hear from you. Please contact me by email bigb31353@gmail.com or call me on my cell 567-525-2582 if you need more information regarding the Zone Chair duties.

Current & Past Zone Chairpersons please consider advancing higher in the District by running for the position of Second Vice District Governor. Remember this is a 3-year commitment as you move up to First then District Governor. If you have questions, please ask any PDG or current Vice District Governors. Please contact me by email bigb31353@gmail.com or call me on my cell 567-525-2582.

I am available to visit your club for a meeting, to induct new members, install officers, to assist with membership recruiting, to support your projects, or make awards presentations. I consider it an honor to attend your meetings and projects and represent our District and Lions International. Please contact me if there is anything I can do to assist you.

Please also add me to your newsletter & email lists. My contact information: email me at bigb31353@gmail.com or call me on my cell 567-525-2582 anytime or day between 8:00 A.M. – 11:30 P.M.
"WE SERVE"

Yours in Lionism

1 VDG Dean



Save the Date!
West Liberty Lions
Fish Fry 2018 Dates:
May 20th
June 30th
August 2nd

McComb Lions Club is now selling nuts and candies on-line through the Terri Lynn Company. This company has been in business over 70 years and 20% of the sales will be directed to the club. These funds will be used by the McComb Lions Club to support projects of the club. Thank you for supporting this fund raising endeavor.

The link to order is noted below:

<https://mccomb-lions-club.terrilynncares.com>



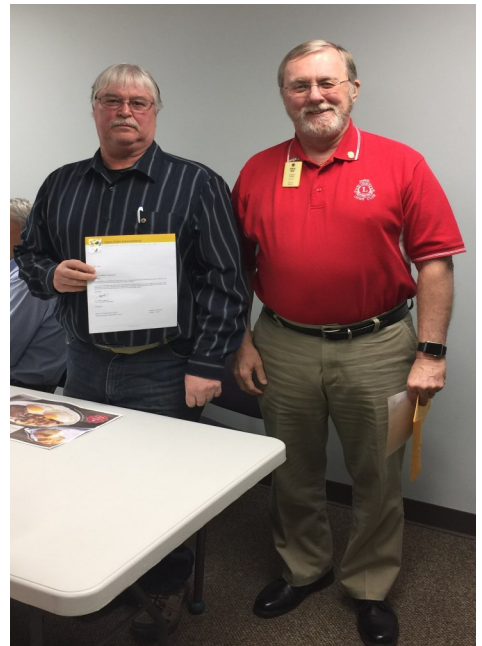
It was a busy evening for Zone F Chairperson PDG John Davis as he presented Riverdale Community Lions Club members with letters of recognition and monarch chevrons.



Club President Thomas Kotterman for 55 years of service.



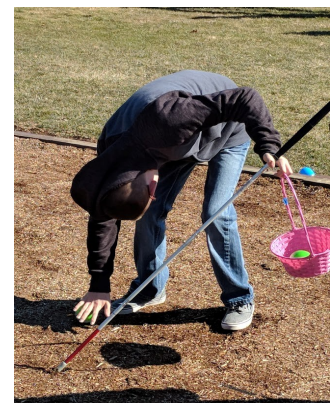
Lion Paul Staley for 40 years of service.



Lion Robert Derringer for 25 years of service.

4th Annual Beeping Easter Egg Hunt .

On March 10, 2018, the Sylvania Sunrise Lions Club was pleased to be a sponsor of the Visually Impaired Easter Egg Hunt held at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 7800 Erie St., Sylvania, OH. Lion Michelle Ballard spearheads this event for children in NW Ohio and lower Michigan. It was held at 10:30 on the brisk sunny morning. Nine families with visually impaired children were there to participate in the festivities. The Toledo Police Department Bomb Squad provided beeping eggs for the VI children to hunt. They were spread over the back lawn at church and the VI children and support family members were able to find these eggs. It was a wonderful experience for all to witness. There was then, after the VI hunt a regular Easter egg hunt for siblings and friends. The Toledo Zoo also was present with a very large 20# bunny and a capybara from Venezuela. The capybara resembles a guinea pig with long legs. The children were able to pet the animals and hold them as they wanted. The Zoo also brought many hands on activities for the children. Everyone was treated to a pizza luncheon and goodie bags were given to all the children at the party. Much fun was had by all. (Article and pictures below submitted by Lion Carol Collins.)



[Click here](#) for more pictures of the 4th Annual Beeping Easter Egg Hunt

Communications from 2nd VDG Don Wiechart

I write this having attended my fourth straight pancake and sausage breakfast/dinner. The breakfasts/dinners at Scott, Willshire, Venedocia and Waynesfield were great! The food was second to none as was the fellowship with the Lions I met there. I regret I couldn't make it to the Bluffton Lions Pancake and Sausage, I'm sure it was second to none like their chicken dinner at The Blaze of Light. It goes without saying that a month of Pancake and sausage dinners, following Friday nights Lenten Fish Fry's along with delicious dinners at the Districts 7, 5, 4 and, oh yeah, the first ever Leo Convention makes for a well fed 2nd Vice Governor.

I did indeed have a great time attending the District 7 convention in Lancaster, District 5 in Worthington and District 4 in Canton with Governor Bill, Lion Ellie and 1st Vice Dean. It was great to meet the Lions from other districts and it gave us great insights on how we may do things even better. It was also a great time at the 1st ever Leo Convention in Pickerington. I told some of the Leos you can tell your grandkids what it was like at the 1st Leo Convention when they are telling you about the 50th Leo Convention. Speaking of many years of service, it was an enjoyable time at Deshler celebrating their 62 2nd year of service and it was great to see charter member Bill Smith there. Thank you Deshler Lions and Lion Bill Smith for all your years of service. I also had a great time in West Liberty at the Zone H meeting. Keep up the great work in the southeast part of the district.

I am looking forward to the busy days ahead: The combined Zone D and E meeting on Thursday April 5th in Lima. Like a former priest I know would say, "Guest are all welcomed and members are expected." Don't forget to come to officer training on the 7th in Holgate, it will help you in the year ahead. Last but certainly not least, we look forward to seeing everyone at our District OH1 Convention/celebration in Findlay on April 20 and 21st. We're going to have a great time there and in the days ahead!

Yours in Lionism,

2nd VDG Don Wiechart

**VOTE MTG FOR ID**

As we move into the second century of Lionism, it is vital that our leaders not only embrace our history, but have the vision and knowledge to lead us into this new century. Micheal T. Gibbs is one of these Second Century Lion leaders!

Gibbs brings a fresh perspective to every project and opportunity he encounters. Says Gibbs, "I applaud the journey MD13 Ohio Lions have taken to get to this point, but like you, know that there is more that needs to be done to meet the needs of a new generation of Lions and leaders."

As a Lion, Gibbs has built his leadership skills and network through trainings such as ELLI, ALLI, FDI, Lions University, LCI Learning Center, and LCI Webinars; conventions and Forums. He has used what he's learned to make a positive difference in clubs across Ohio.

Gibbs adds, "I will leverage my passion, dedication, energy and global network of connections, to work in the best interests of MD13 and the Lions of the world. I'm ready, willing and able to represent the Lions of Ohio as ID."

For more information about PDG Micheal Gibbs' qualifications and philosophy, visit www.LionMike.com
www.facebook.com/LionMTG and Like www.facebook.com/MTGforID

OH1 Lions Clubs Service Activities Briefs

Findlay: Two eye cases were approved. Used Glasses were picked up from our drop-off boxes and 593 pairs were delivered to VOSH in Pandora.

Riverdale Community: Awarded three \$1000 scholarships to 3 local students.

Van Buren: Collected, packaged and mailed in recycled ink cartridge.

Bellefontaine: Helped a man move into his own apartment and turned in 51 pairs of eyeglasses.

Napoleon: Monthly Recycling and \$100 to Litter Roundup.

Wauseon: Club paid for an eye exam and 1 pair of glasses for a needy individual in our community.

Club partner's with our local grocery store and holds a food drive that benefits 3 food pantry's within our community. We collected food items and monetary donations that all were donated to the pantry's.

Pioneer: Birthday gifts were taken to 3 Evergreen Nursing Home residents and 10 trophies were purchased for 2018 Williams County Fair jr fair winners.

Perrysburg Sunrise: 6 bags of food were donated to the Food Pantry.

Holgate: Donation to local food pantry.

Kenton: Collected 25 eyeglasses from Dr. Warner.

Spencerville: Donation to Spencerville Invincible Fire Department for Easter Egg Hunt.



Holgate Lions Club President Terry Rettig presents Secretary Franell Nelson with a Silver Centennial Membership award.



Lions Clubs International

Happy Anniversary

Huntsville Indian Lake Lions Club-April 27,1970 (48)

McComb Lions Club-April 28,1949 (69)

Mendon Lions Club-April 12,1957 (61)

Rushsylvania-April 18,1971 (47)

Venedocia-April 10,1961 (57)

Upcoming Events

April 1, 2018: Leo of the Year Award applications.

April 16-22, 2018: Worldwide Week of Service to Protect Our Planet

April 20-21, 2018: District 13 OH-1 Convention.

April 22, 2018: Earth Day.

April 28,2018: Lions Worldwide Induction Day.

May 15, 2018: Deadline for filing Officer Reporting Form (PU101) or MYLCI.

May18-20, 2018: State Convention.

June 1, 2018: Helen Keller Day.

June 5, 2018: World Environment Day.

June 7, 2018: Lions Clubs International Birthday.

June 29-July 3, 2018: Lions International Convention Las Vegas, Nevada.

June 30, 2018: Close of the 4-year Centennial Celebration.

Invite a Member for Your Chance to Win \$750!

Wherever we serve, we inspire others to make an impact. And when our clubs grow, our impact grows. That's why I am asking every Lion to invite a friend or family member to serve with us. You can even earn a special prize of US\$750 when you sponsor new members in your club.

Here's how the new member sweepstakes works:

Sponsor a new member between April 1 and June 15, 2018 to be eligible to win.

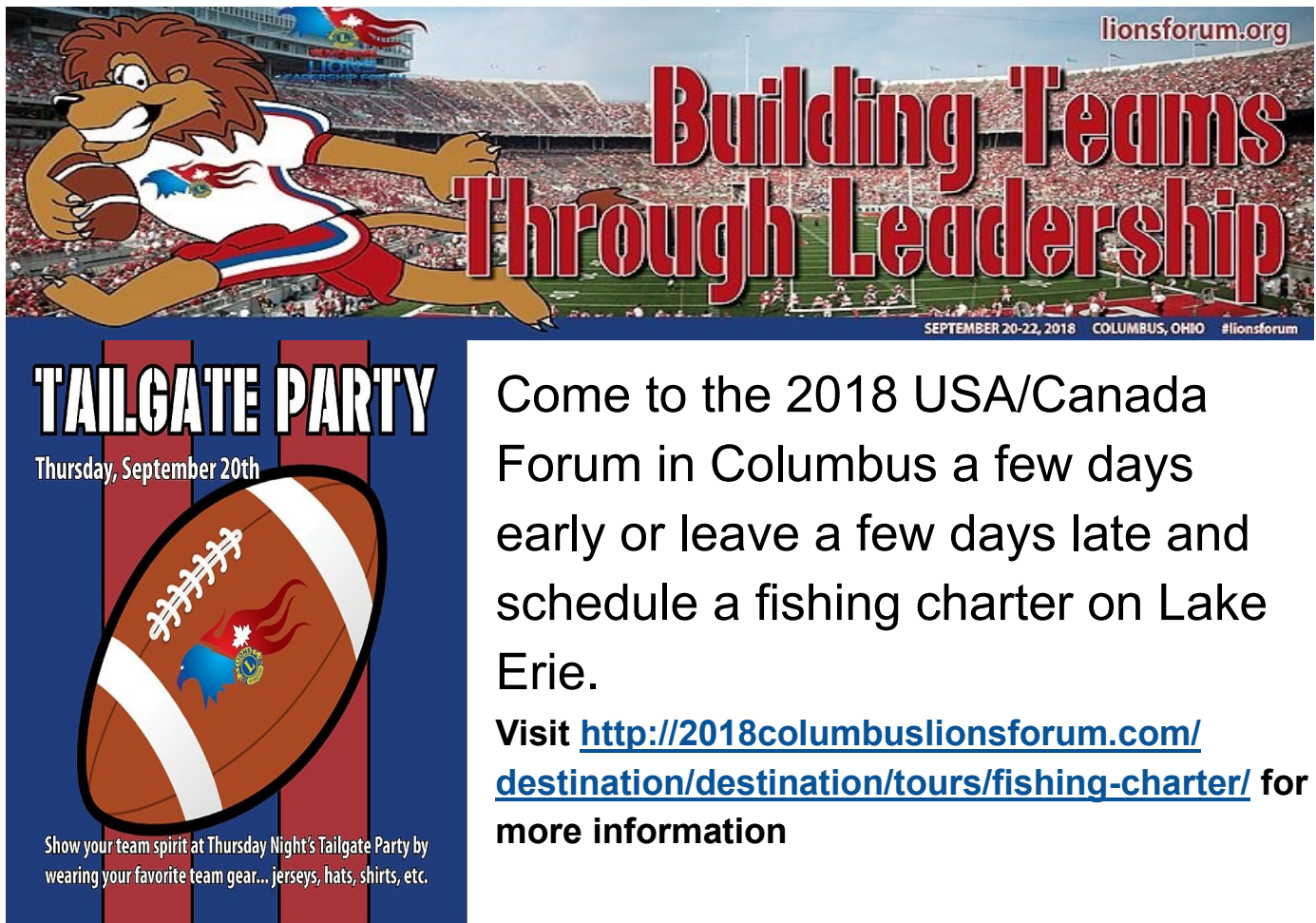
You will receive one entry for each new member sponsored and be automatically entered into a drawing for your chance to win US\$750.

Two winners per constitutional area will be selected at random and notified by email.

Sincerely,

Dr. Naresh Aggarwal

Your International President



Building Teams Through Leadership

SEPTEMBER 20-22, 2018 COLUMBUS, OHIO #lionsforum

TAILGATE PARTY
Thursday, September 20th

Show your team spirit at Thursday Night's Tailgate Party by wearing your favorite team gear... jerseys, hats, shirts, etc.

Come to the 2018 USA/Canada Forum in Columbus a few days early or leave a few days late and schedule a fishing charter on Lake Erie.

Visit <http://2018columbuslionsforum.com/destination/destination/tours/fishing-charter/> for more information



**District 13 OH1 Lions
Convention**
April 20-21, 2018
Findlay Inn & Convention Center

Club name:

Dear Club Secretaries/Presidents,
Please designate your club's delegates/alternates and delegates-at-large (PDG's)

Name	Delegate/Alternate/PDG'S	Email Information
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(If you need more room please use the back of this sheet)

Please send completed form to CS/IPDG Sheryl Burnette at smg.osufan@gmail.com or mail to: Cabinet Secretary IPDG Sheryl Burnette, 5355 County Road 18, Wauseon, OH 43567. Please send it to be received by April 13, 2018. Or bring completed form to the convention, there will be a verification table at the convention that delegates/alternates and PDG's will need to register to receive ballots.

Club Secretary Signature _____ date _____

Club President Signature _____ date _____

* Your club is allowed 1 delegate for every 10 club members, your club must be in good standing with LCI and current with per capita dues prior to the convention.



2018 Lions District OH1 Convention

You're Invited to Join
Governor Bill and
Lion Ellie Niejadlik &
ID Jennifer and Lion Jeff Ware



April 20-21, 2018

Findlay Inn



Friday

4-6:00—Registration
6-8:30—Pulled Pork Sandwich Buffet Dinner
Fellowship with All Club Awards
8:30-10:00—Hospitality Rooms & Card Tournaments
Desserts & Drinks...Raffles & Refreshments
Bring your club banners.



Findlay Inn
200 E. Main Cross
Findlay, OH 45840

For Reservations, 1-800-825-1455 or Findlayinn.com.

Saturday

8-5:00—Registration
9:30-10:30—Business Session & Cabinet Meeting
10:45-11:45—Memorial & Necrology Service
12-1:30—Soup, Salad & Baked Potato Bar
Peace Poster Winner & Diabetes Speaker
1:45-2:45—Q&A with ID Jennifer Ware
3-5:00—Business Meeting & Elections
5:30—Governor's Grand Banquet
Chicken Marsala with Pie for Dessert
Special Awards, District & 50/50 Drawing
& 2-\$10 Give-a-ways Per Club.

REGISTRATION

Name	Club	Friday Buffet-\$25	Saturday Lunch-\$25	Saturday Dinner-\$35	NO Meals-\$10	Lion, Lioness, Leo,
		Kids Meal-\$15	Kids Buffet-\$15	Kids Meal-\$15	Reg. Only	Spouse or Guest
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Totals						



Please mail the registration to and make checks payable to—District OH1 Convention,
Convention Chairs Amy & Kate Murphy, 14433 Defiance-Paulding Co. Line Road, Cecil, OH 45821
Phone—419-769-3000 Email—asapphaire@aol.com

Deadline for Registration—April 9, 2018



2018 Lions District OH1 Convention Program Ad Sponsors

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 2018 Convention!

Advertising Rates & Sizes

1/2 Page—8"x 5"	\$100
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Please email all logos or camera-ready ads to—asapphaire@aol.com by April 1, 2018.

Make checks payable to—District OH1 Convention.

Mail this form and check to—Convention Chairs Amy & Kate Murphy, 14433 Defiance-Paulding County Line Road, Cecil, OH 45821.

If you have any questions, email or call Amy at 419-769-3000.

Deadline for Ads & Sponsorships—April 1, 2018.

MAY 18-20, 2018

Marriott Columbus NW
5605 Blazer Parkway, Dublin OH 43017

Hotel reservations are available at the Marriott Coles, NW and can be made directly through the hotel at the following number: (614) 791-1000. Daily rate: \$129.00+tax. Please mention Ohio Lions to receive this rate. Reservations received after April 26, 2018 will be provided on a space available basis at prevailing rates. The State Office will not accept hotel reservations or room deposits.

Convention Schedule:

CONTACT INFORMATION **PLEASE PRINT**

- Friday** – dinner & FORUM Auction
Saturday – Business, lunch, leadership sessions, voting (dinner on your own) & Musical Entertainment
Sunday – Memorial Service, Grand Banquet Luncheon (Mark your choice of entrée)
 A: Top Sirloin OR B: Grilled Salmon

Club Name/District: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Name as to appear on name tag.

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Make checks payable to: **Ohio Lions, Inc.**
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PH: (614) 539-5060 E: ohiolions@gmail.com
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* Past District Governors Meeting-Breakfast on your own. Meeting begins at 7:30 a.m.

FIRST 200 FULL REGISTRATION ATTENDEES WILL RECEIVE A 2018 MD-13 STATE CONVENTION PIN

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