



OH-1 LIONS

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Thoughts from Governor Dean Carruthers



We are now past the holidays but still have some very serious weather out there so please be careful while traveling to and from Lion functions, remember your safety and your family must always be your first priority.

District OH 1 has been doing great with membership but can always do better so please do not stop recruiting new members.

The District Convention will be February 22 & 23rd at the Findlay Inn, Findlay Ohio. We are looking forward to a great convention. We have a great speaker for the Saturday noon meal Jay Gray from Pilot Dogs. His program is "Pilot Dogs then & now". Each club is asked to bring 2 items for the raffle at the convention.

We will be voting on District Governor, First & Second Vice District Governor. If there are any former Zone Chairpersons who would be interested in being a candidate for Second Vice District Governor, please contact District Governor Dean. You will also need to submit your letter of interest and a letter support & endorsement from your club. We will also be voting for a District Representative to the State Finance & Planning Committee.

I have started my official visits to the clubs of the district. I am asking the President, Secretary or program chairperson to contact me, so we can schedule a date & time for my visit to your club. I can be contacted by email bigb31353@gmail.com or my cell phone at 567-525-2582.

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

Yours in Lionism

DG Dean

The NW Ohio Lions Eye Care Meeting cancelled Jan. 30th has been rescheduled for Sunday Feb. 17th at 1:30pm at Henry's in Ottawa. Details on page 6.

See you in Findlay!

The number for the front desk at the Findlay Inn & Conference Center is 1-800-825-1455.

The Ohio State Lions convention is May 17-19. Check out the [Ohio State Lions Convention Website](http://www.ohiolions.org)



Communications from VDG Don Wiechart



Hello my fellow Lions of District OH1, Lions at large and all others who may be perusing our newsletter.

I write this in the midst of the deep freeze we are currently experiencing. That said, the work of service that Lions do still goes on despite the adverse weather. Just last week, for example, we did not have all that nice of weather for the Winter Retreat at Maumee Bay State Park but the show, retreat still went on and it was a great retreat. We heard a great message and had a great time with Past International Director, Cindy Gregg and her husband PDG, Tom Gregg from the great state of Pennsylvania and it was also great to see and hear from our very own International Director Steve Thornton and Lion Becky.

Saturday we had several intriguing breakout sessions. Dave Stockum spoke about the Ohio Lions Pediatric Cancer Foundation, Steps. Becky Thornton, Carol Cosgray and Becky Gauch spoke about several important issues affecting Lions and did so from a women's prospective. PDG, Dan Ritter spoke about promoting your club using social media, Kerry Parker, 2nd VDG OH2 spoke about what's in store for us in Milan and last but certainly not least, PDG Craig Gauger and Lion Faith spoke about Volksmarch. We wrapped the evening up with a delicious meal and Lions fellowship watching the movie The Greatest Showman. It was a great movie to watch on a cold winter night.

Sunday morning we praised the Lord at our non denominational service. We then enjoyed one more enjoyable meal a very delicious and filling breakfast and we then headed out our separate ways to serve our clubs, community, zone and district. It was a great time and I encourage everyone to attend The Winter Retreats in the upcoming years.

Although as I have state that I'm writing this in the midst of a deep freeze, my environment will be changing drastically in the next couple of days for I am traveling to David, Panama for a Vosh trip, (Vision Optometric Services to Humanity) where the temperature is about 85 degrees warmer. I'm looking forward to the trip and will give a full report next month.

Finally, I will be looking forward to seeing everyone at our district convention in Findlay on February 22 and 23.

Yours in Lionism
VDG Don Wiechart
Bite Em!

Club Anniversaries for February & March

Charter Date 2/28/1949 ~ Happy Anniversary **PERRYSBURG SUNRISE** Lions! Charter Date 2/3/1983 ~ Happy Anniversary **SCOTT** Lions! Charter Date 2/11/1957 ~ Happy Anniversary **ST. MARYS** Lions! Charter Date 2/25/2013 ~ Happy Anniversary **WEST MANSFIELD** Lions! Charter Date 2/11/1947 ~ Happy Anniversary **NORTH BALTIMORE** Lions! Charter Date 2/28/1949

Happy Anniversary **CELINA** Lions! Charter Date 3/14/1929 ~ Happy Anniversary **OTTAWA** Lions! Charter Date 3/16/1987 ~ Happy Anniversary **VAN BUREN** Lions! Charter Date 3/18/1971

Thoughts From 2VDG Ashley Schmunk



Greetings Fellow Lions,

The convention will be a great place to learn about other clubs and get ideas for new service projects. While New service projects are always great to have, service is always easier with more members. In our Wauseon club, March is membership month. So I would like to take this opportunity to encouraging all clubs to hold a membership night to invite new prospective members into Lions and to remind everyone of the tools that can be found online to help.

[The Ohio Plan](#) is a great, sure-fire way of getting new members. But remember, once you have the new members, you must get them involved to nurture them. Orientation for new members is a great way to get the ball rolling, and orientation can re-energize the veteran Lions as well. The [Club Membership Chairperson's Guide](#) is a help for these activities.

Of course, the most important thing of all is keeping members happy and engaged in Lions. A busy Lion is a happy Lion. I am encouraging all clubs to participate in the [Club Excellence Process](#), CEP. If your club has done it recently, I encourage you to have an anonymous club survey to see how your members view your club.

This gives everyone an opportunity to speak without feeling pressure from other members.

Yours in Lionism,

2VDG Ashley

Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) Youth Scholarship Applications

Scholarship applications are available for graduating seniors who are the child or grandchild of a Lion, Lioness or a member of a Leo Club. The Scholarship Guidelines, Application Form and Acknowledgement form can be found on the LITPC web site at the following URL: www.litpc.org

The most important aspect of the Youth Scholarship Program is to help a young person pursue his/her education and follow their dreams.

The LITPC takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Clubs International, "WE SERVE". During the Sight-First II Campaign, the pin traders contributed US\$144,000 to LCIF. Our Scholarship Program is another example of the pin traders' slogan, "Lions First".

We encourage all graduating seniors who are the children/grandchildren of Lions or Lioness members or who are members of Leo Clubs to participate in our Scholarship Program.

Selection of the scholarship recipient will be based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation. Applications and supporting documentation are to be completed and submitted to the pin trading club scholarship chairman named below by March 1, 2019.

The Scholarship Guidelines, Application Form and Acknowledgement form can be found on the LITPC web site at the following URL: www.litpc.org

Applications need to be mailed to the Ohio Lions Pin Traders club secretary at the following address:

**PID Steven D Sherer
1090 Thomas Drive SW
New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663**

The Ohio Lions State Youth Committee shared this information provided by the Lions Lions Pin Traders Club of Ohio. State Youth Committee contact: PCC Darlene Roll (youth@ohiolions.org or 419-371-5515).

Northwest Ohio Lions Eye Care Foundation (NWOLECF)...THANK YOU!

Dear OH1 Lions, Lioness and Leo Club members,

Thank you for your support of the Northwest Ohio Lions Eye Care Foundation (NWOLECF). With your support, the Foundation is able to help others see brighter futures. We may not always hear from those we help but rest assured, the support has provided blessings to each of them and should also make us feel good.

Your support comes in a variety of ways to the Foundation and we cannot thank you enough. Support may be in the form of a club or individual donation, a memorial contribution or an honorarium, helping an individual fill out the application, picking up and installing a CCTV unit or just telling others about the Foundation. It means a lot!

We also appreciate your involvement in our four (4) yearly meetings. Each Lions Club member in District OH1 is a member of the Foundation. Having Lions from around the District in attendance provides more input on cases and provides more sources for getting information back to everyone in the District.

The following is a list of 2018 (calendar year) activities and financial information for NWOLECF.

Activities:

- CCTV units placed – 4 (Venedocia, Celina, Weston and Montpelier) for a total of 17 units loaned throughout the district.
- Telescopic or bioptic lens – 2 (Lima area and Northwood)
- Surgery requests – 6
 - Retina hole – 1 (Toledo area)
 - Cataract surgery – 5 (Lucas County, Findlay, Toledo, Defiance and Rossford)

Financial:

- Club Donations - \$9,980.00
- Other donations - \$902.50 (memorials, honorarium, 50/50 raffles and CCTV user donations)
- Eye care expenses - \$7,174.46

The good news is that we had more income in donations than we had in eye care expenses! We also worked with other districts to help individuals who had contacted us but were not in District OH1. In addition, we worked with the Ohio Lions Sight & Hearing Committee and Prevent Blindness Ohio (PBO) to provide glasses where no Lions Club exists.

Again, thank you for your support! If you have questions, please contact a Foundation officer or director. Web address: <http://www.ohiolionsoh1.org/northwest-ohio-lions-eye-care-foundation>

Lion Darlene Roll
NWOLECF President

Donations to the Northwest Ohio Lions Eye Care Foundation should be payable to that name or NWO Lions Eye Care Foundation and mailed to:

**NWOLECF President Lion Darlene Roll
1385 Township Road 216
Bellefontaine, OH 43311-9644.**

LCI Foundation News

CAMPAIGN 100 LCIF is celebrating 50 years of empowering Lion service and funded entirely by charitable donations from Lions like you, and our friends and partners-Lions Clubs International Foundation has awarded US \$1 billion through more than 13,000 grants focused on four core areas: Vision, Youth, Disaster Relief and Humanitarian Programs. Lions seek to increase impact in our core service areas by adding diabetes, hunger, childhood cancer and the environment to empower their service.

PDG Barbara, Plaughter, LCIF District Coordinator

March 2018 was the 50th anniversary of LCIF. March 2019 will be the first anniversary of the second half century of LCIF. Let's celebrate with donations! — Editor's note



Service, Fundraising, and Social Events

Vision & Hearing Activities

DESHLER January 28th eye exam and glasses for needy person \$218.40

FINDLAY January 28th One eye case approved for exam and glasses. 39 pairs of reading glasses were dispensed during the months of December and January

KENTON January 14th Reported donation by the Rapp Family of Kenton, Ohio; 34-eyeglasses, 19-cases, a sunglass clip for a pair of glasses, an eyeglass flame, and a cleaning cloth. Collected & counted by Lion Secretary Alger Gibson

BELLEFONTAINE Turned in 187 pair of glasses for recycling on January 11th.

ADA Donated \$350 to pay for local child's vision therapy exam on January 9th

PIONEER Reported on January 2nd that a pair of eyeglasses was purchased for a Montpelier resident. Then on January 8th a Pioneer Lion took reading machine to Montpelier resident.

PERRYSBURG SUNRISE Provided Transportation for the blind on January 7th. One member drove a blind member and Sarah the Pilot Dog to the meeting and back home so she can participate in club activities.

NAPOLEON On January 2nd placed a Vision Ad in Newspaper

KENTON On January 2nd 73 eyeglasses were picked up by Lion Kirk Cameron at Walmart

BLUFFTON On January 2nd 44 sets of hearing aids recycled to hospice program.

SYLVANIA SUNRISE Reported on January 1st the collection of 150 pairs of eyeglasses in December 2018

Hunger Relief & Environment

PERRYSBURG SUNRISE On January 2nd 2 members assisted at 2 separate soup kitchens to help feed the hungry. On January 6th, 4 bags of food donated to Food pantry at Maumee United Methodist Church, 2 bags of food donated to Food pantry January 13th. Again on January 16th 2 members assisted at 2 separate soup kitchens to help feed the hungry.

BLUFFTON On January 2nd Cell phones recycled with a company called Destroy Safely. Received \$60 for club treasure. Then on January 11th 68 small ink cartridges and 14 large cartridges were recycled.

Community

HOLGATE Reported on January 7th Lions donated their time in non-Lion sponsored activities and that four signs were posted on Community Sign Board since our last meeting. Then on January 26th was Ice Cream Day at VanCrest, Lions served ice cream sundaes to residents of Vancrest Nursing Home and Assisted Living. And on January 27th reported that 3 signs were put up the month of January on Community Sign Board.

PIONEER On January 5th, 5 Pioneer Lions dismantled the Christmas display at fairgrounds in Montpelier. On January 18th 5 Pioneer Lions participated in United Way's Trivia Night sponsoring Williams County We Care Cabinet (personal care items for food pantries). Then on January 25th reported that 5 birthday gifts were taken to Evergreen Nursing Home residents.

NAPOLEON January 16th reported a donation to Napoleon Alive of \$250.

PORTAGE Reported January 12th: The Portage Lions club now publishes the monthly Village newsletter, the Nitty Gritty. This is a joint venture with the Village Council, Christ United Methodist Church and the Portage Lions Club. All groups and organizations within the Village are encourage to submit articles. The primary function of the newsletter is to keep the Village residents informed of news and events happening in the Village.

SPENCERVILLE On January 8th The club sent cards to the two Lions Cheer Club recipients at Roselawn Manor. Recipient this month is John Lee.

Fundraising/Donations/Upcoming

HOLGATE Reported fundraising on January 7th. Lions sold cheese to raise money for activities

PIONEER Reported donations on January 14th of \$100.00 to Camp Echoing Hills; \$200.00 to Lions Youth; \$100.00 to Sight & Hearing; \$100.00 to Ohio Lions Foundation; \$250.00 to Diabetes; \$450.00 to NWOhio Eyecare; \$100.00 to Ohio Lions Eye Research; \$200.00 to International Relations; \$300.00 to Pilot Dogs. Also on January 14th reported donations of \$1000.00 to Pioneer Ministerial; \$1000.00 to Montpelier Ministerial; \$200.00 to Montpelier Helping Hands Food Pantry; \$200.00 to Pioneer Nazarene Food Pantry and \$200.00 to Montpelier See and Do, and also on January 14th reported donations to LCIF of \$500.00 for 2019 donation + \$300.00 for 2019 Campaign 100

BLUFFTON January 8th Pilot Dogs \$250; Ohio Sight/Hearing \$200; Ohio Lions Foundation \$400; Ohio Diabetes Fund \$250; Ohio Lions Eye Research \$100; NW Ohio Eyecare \$250; Lions International Relations \$200; Girls/Boys State \$300.

MENDON On January 7th The club made a donation in support of a local chapter of 'Big Brothers Big Sisters' to help with the cost of their annual Christmas party and the club also donated to Cancer Assoc. of Mercer County (CAMC) to help with the costs of the organization's annual fundraiser, Hopefest 2019

NAPOLEON January 2nd reported a donation to Historical Society of \$100 and to Bowling Boosters of \$50 as well as the purchase of a District convention ad of \$30.

WEST MANSFIELD Reported a Community Calendar Fundraising event on January 1st. Sold Calendars to the community with important dates people added to them and businesses in the community paid to advertise on them as well.

HUNTSVILLE INDIAN LAKE Reported on January 1st a fundraising event. Held a Chicken BBQ August 19th 2018 with all the proceeds going to the Chippewa Outreach center to help their mission to support the youth of the community with a safe space for them to be after school.

COLDWATER The Coldwater Lions met on Jan 9, 2019 at McSobers. The club voted to donate \$150 to the Arts in the Park program and voted our continued support of the Buckeye Boys State in the amount of \$300.

Our guest for the evening was Coldwater High School head football coach Chip Otten. Chip gave a brief history of his coaching career and highlighted the past season as well as an outlook for next year.



Northwest Lions Eye Care Foundation

***All 13 OH1 Lions are members of this
foundation. Come to this meeting and see
what YOUR Foundation is all about!***

RESCHEDULED: Foundation Meeting Sunday Feb. 17, 2019

(replaces Jan. 30th meeting cancelled due to cold weather)

Henry's Restaurant

810 N. Locust St. Ottawa, OH

Time: 1:30pm Meal: \$15

Reservations by Sat. Feb. 9th to

Lion Bob Segna 419-308-1906 or

rjsegna@frontier.com

- Many New Cases, finalize old
- Election of new Treasurer
- Donations update
- Eyeglasses above normal cost discussion
- Policy Manual updates

Club Visits & Special Events

FAYETTE and WAUSEON worked together on Friday, November 16, when Fayette High School and Wauseon High School held an OHSAA sponsored Foundation Basketball Game involving the varsity girls and varsity boys teams from both schools.

Revenue generated from the games allowed the two schools to be able to make a donation of \$1153.00 to the Lion's Club to go toward the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Pictured making the donation are Dylan Henricks, Fayette High School Athletic Director, Lowell Beaverson, Fayette Lion's Club President, Christy Shadbolt, Wauseon Lion's Club President, and Matt Hutchinson, Wauseon High School Athletic Director. Since 2008, Foundation Games across Ohio have generated over \$500,000 for charitable organizations state-wide.



BLUFFTON January 8th District Governor Dean Carruthers visited our club and talked about membership and retention of members. He provided information on upcoming events as the District Convention to be held February 22 and 23.

The club meeting for January 22nd included the induction of three new members. Two other guests, as potential new members, also attended our noon meeting. Our speaker for the day was Lion Greg Denecker, Superintendent of Bluffton Schools.

Pictured: Sponsor Lion Ed Yeager with new member John Hochstetler
Sponsor Lion Barbara Plaughter with new member Nicole Keuneke and Lion Ron Lora represented Lion Dick Ramseyer as sponsor for new member Ron Headings.

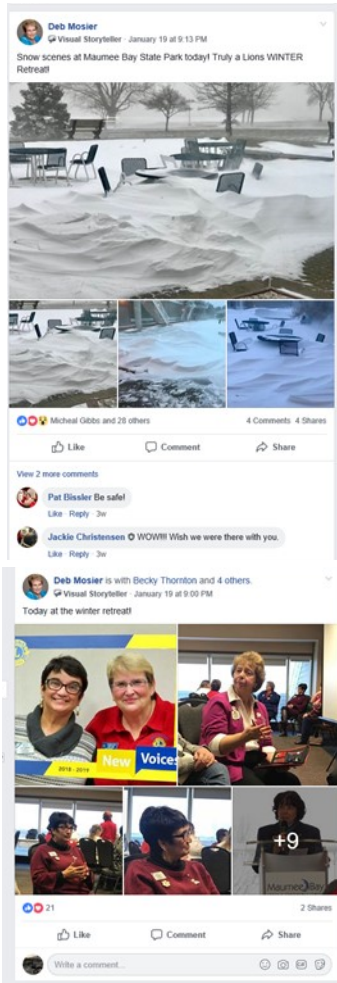


MC COMB On January 8th Peace Poster Winners for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place were recognized along with their parents at our January meeting. All the posters were on display along with the winners at our local library. Club President Nedra Aller gave a short program on Diabetes during our regular meeting. MC COMB had three Lions go to the Winter Retreat at Maumee Bay State Park on January 18th

PERRYSBURG SUNRISE January 7th Discussed upcoming annual donations to Lions and non-Lion charities. Our annual Terri Lynn nut sale is still going on. Faith Gauger was awarded her gold centennial pin for bringing in a new member 2 years ago and she's still an active member. Urged members to participate in the upcoming MD13 Winter retreat at Maumee Bay State Park. Discussed our next service project at UT, building meals evening. On January 18th, two members attended the MD13 Winter Retreat, participating in seminars and fellowship. They co-hosted a seminar about walking and the health benefits of an active lifestyle.

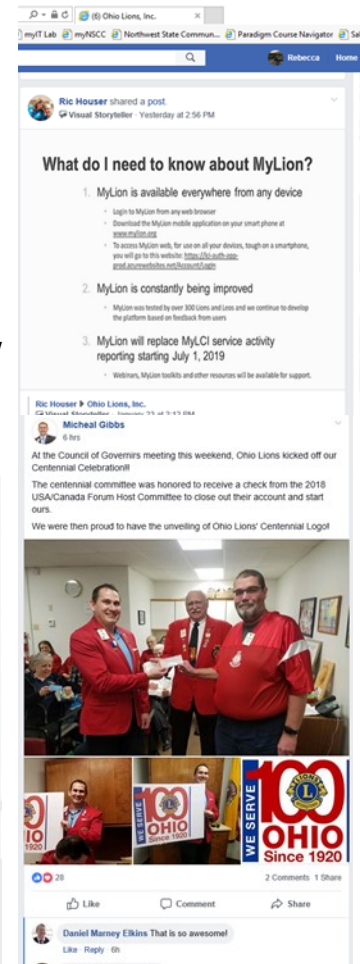
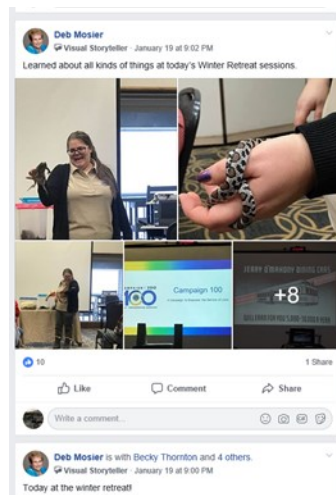
Ohio Lions, Inc on Facebook

It's almost like being there...



On a cold and snowy weekend in January, you may have been slogging your way to work, school, or a service project. You may have been home with the kids, or building a bird house to use in the spring. If you were not one of the Ohio Lions who ventured out to Maumee Bay State Park, you can still take a look at what was happening at the Winter Retreat. At [Ohio Lions, Inc](#) on Facebook, thanks to the contributions of Lions Deb Mosier, Dan Lester, Ric Houser, Michael Gibbs, and others, all Ohio Lions can have a look at what went on at the Winter Retreat or the Governors meeting, or to learn more about new technologies like MyLion.

Thank you for sharing!



In addition to the At [Ohio Lions, Inc](#) many Clubs have their own Facebook pages. Because social media can be such a good way to reach new members and encourage retention, LCI encourages all Lions to become involved.

If you would like to invite Lions from other clubs to help with service events or fundraising or any event, you can use these other online services:

For state-wide distribution, send information to Ohio Lions, Inc. eNews at: mdl3enews@gmail.com . Get your name on this email list: enewslst@ohiolions.org to receive these emails.

For district-wide distribution, send information to OH1 Webmaster at: webmaster@ohiolionsoh1.org. Get your name on this email list: info@ohiolionsoh1.org to receive these emails.

To reach a large audience, send information early, about 3 months ahead, then follow up about 1 month ahead, and finally a reminder about 1 week ahead.

Or send news, pictures, and articles to: newsletter@ohiolionsoh1.org which is published on www.ohiolionsoh1.org.

See the LCI [Moving Forward Page](#) for great ideas!

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by February 24, 2019, if possible. Thanks!

