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Thoughts from Governor Bill



Lion Ellie and I want to wish everyone a very happy and healthy New Year. We are now in the magical season of mattress sales and H&R Bloch commercials.

Time to get back to business and serve our communities. We start the year off with the Worldwide Week of Service to Fight Hunger. January 8-14 our fight hunger week, but this is something that we should carry on thru the year as people are hungry all 52 weeks. Have your clubs bring food and personal care items to local food banks. We can make someone's life a lot easier when they do not have to worry where their next meal is coming from. I know we all do our best filling the food banks shelves and I congratulate everyone for their service and compassion.

Let's not forget that we need to continue to grow our membership. As we begin to renew all our service projects, let's not forget to invite friends and neighbors to help and use this experience to attract new members. This is a great tool to bring new members into our clubs. Remember the more people we have the more people we can serve. We should all ask one person to join our clubs. Membership is everyone's responsibility.

I want to invite all Lions to my District Convention, April 20 & 21, 2018. It will be held at the Findlay Inn, Downtown Findlay. We have International Director Jennifer Ware as our guest speaker. Also, we will have all candidates running for International Director from Ohio in attendance. They will be happy to meet with everyone and answer any questions you have. Please plan on attending and make your reservations now.

Thank you for all your service and let's make the next 6 months fantastic.

District Governor
Bill Niejadlik

SAVE THE DATE

January 8-14
2018



Worldwide Week of Service to Fight Hunger

Nearly 800 million people go to bed hungry every night. This January, join Lions around the world for a special Worldwide Week of Service dedicated to eliminating hunger in your community. This international event is a great opportunity to support our new global service framework, and our goal of serving 200 million people per year by 2021, by relieving hunger in your community.

Host a project to fight hunger in your community during January 8-14.

Help stock a local food pantry, bag school lunches or distribute food to those who need it most. No matter how you choose to serve, be sure to join us for this Centennial service event!



PDG Micheal Gibbs presents Lion Mike King of the West Liberty Lions Club with a PIP W.R. "Dick" Bryan Fellowship from the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation for his tireless commitment to the ideals of Lionism at their Christmas dinner. Congratulations Lion Mike!!!



Kenton Lions club held a free Christmas movie day for children of the age of twelve and under at the Kenton Theater. Parents who accompanied the children got in free as well. Children received a voucher for a popcorn and a soft drink. After the movie children received a gift bag of assorted candy. 44 children attended the Christmas movie.



Waynesfield Lions held their annual Breakfast with Santa. Included were photo opportunities with Santa, a coloring contest (winners received a free breakfast and a photo with Santa) and several raffles. Pancakes and sausage were the specialties of the day and 271 people were served. About 100 official photos with Santa were taken. 10 Lions helped with the breakfast in addition to 10 Waynesfield-Goshen High School Honor Society members who need community service hours.



The Riverdale Community Lions made additional donations to "The Boot" door lockdown school safety device implemented at Riverdale local schools. Lion John Beagle (center) presented the donation to Hancock county Sheriff Michael Heldman and Beth Baker, coordinator of "The Boot" program. The club's donations have been in excess of \$3,750.

A Line From VDG Dean



Hello Lions of OH1

Happy New Year to all Lions & their family from Myself and my family.

With the New Year we are starting on the last six months of our lion year, this involves club officer elections. I encourage you to consider accepting a position if approached by your club nominating committee. They would not ask you unless they and others in your club thought you was ready and could do the job.

The district will be providing training, to all officers for the next year whether they are first time officers or repeat officers. Many officers doing their job for the second or more times pass on the training and we are requesting that they also attend. There are many changes in procedures regarding the way we report club activities and membership.

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.

Club Treasures there is a scam email going around that several club treasures have received. This email looks like it is coming from the club president and is directing payment for a supposed bill. Please let the district Treasure know if you do receive one.

According to Lions International the District has 14 deceased members since March of 2017.

I have made multiple requests for Club Secretaries, or Presidents to send me a picture and short Lion history so we can include them in our necrology service at the District Convention. I have as of December 19th received three responses from clubs.

I am beginning to form my cabinet for the 2018-19 Lion year. I would like to hear from anyone interested in being on my cabinet. If you or any members of your club are interested, please contact me by email bigb31353@gmail.com or call me on my cell **567-525-2582**. Current or Past Presidents who would be interested in being a Zone Chairperson, I want to hear from you. Please contact me if you need more information regarding the Zone Chair duties.

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

1st VDG Dean.



Melvin Jones

January 13, 1879 - June 1, 1961.

"You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else"

Communications from 2nd VDG Don Wiechart

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and blessed holiday season. When the ball drops at mid night January 1 and we consider our new year's resolutions for 2018, it is also a good time to look at our club goals for this Lions year and decide if we need to update our Lions midyear goals and resolutions for our clubs.

I will be meeting with several clubs in the first few months of the New Year and I hope we can help and assist your club in meeting your goals for this year. They say the month of March enters like a Lion why not get started in January and Roar in a Great Successful New Year.

All The Best!

Bite Em!

2nd VDG Don Wiechart

MD13 Dues Increase.

Dear OH1 Lions,

Over the last 10 years medical costs have gone up. Insurance costs have gone up. Fuel costs have gone up. Everything has gone up EXCEPT our incomes. How do we manage? We cut costs wherever we can.

Over the last 10 years the costs for the Ohio Lions state office have increased and the cost for training, committee expenses, postage, and many other things have increased as well. After years of adjusting and cost cutting by the Council of Governors and the Finance and Long-Range Planning Committee, additional money is needed from the Lions in Ohio.

At the May 2018 state convention, the delegates will vote to approve a \$5 dues increase. This increase will be spread over three years with \$2 starting for the term January 2019-June 2019. \$2 more in July 2019, and \$1 more starting July 2020.

The Office Operations fund will run out of money in 2019 and several other funds are struggling. This is because we spend \$12,000 a year for the building's "major repairs fund". We spend many thousands a year on training for Zone Chairs, and Vice and District Governors and Ohio's training is some of the best in the world. Mileage for state committee volunteers and leaders is offered to those that request it. These are all reasonable expenses to keep Ohio Lions a strong organization.

Over the last 10 years we have lost members in Ohio and we are around 12,000 strong. If we had increased membership during this period, this dues increase would not be needed. However, since there are fewer of us now, yet costs continue to increase, we need to contribute a bit more.

I encourage you and your club to support this change. I hope that you will also look to changing your club dues structure and the first increase starting effective January 2019 was put into place to allow time for that adjustment.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me. I will be glad to answer them.

Yours in Lionism,

PDG Judy Smith, OH1 representative to F&LRP Committee

Deadline for the February Newsletter is January 24, 2018

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

OH1 Lions Clubs Service Activities Briefs

Findlay: \$25.00 donation to the Puerto Rican Legacy Project . One eye case was approved. 657 pairs of eyeglasses delivered to VOSH in Pandora, OH. Donations were made to: Salvation Army \$200.00, Diabetes \$50.00, Int. Relations \$50.00, Pilot Dogs \$50.00, LCIF \$50.00, NW OH Eye Care \$50.00, Ohio Lions Research \$50.00, Ohio Lions Foundation \$50.00

Ottoville: Meals for needy at Thanksgiving and Christmas Toys for needy Children at Christmas time.

Arlington: Sold tickets for home basketball game. Collected canned goods for local food bank and donated \$100 to Good Hope Church for food bank .

Mc Comb: Assisted the food pantry by boxing and handing out food as well as shelving food items.

Bluffton: Provided security at the annual Christmas Tree festival at the Allen County museum.

Coldwater: Donation of \$150 to the Arts in the Park.

Waynesfield: PCC Darlene Roll collected more than 200 pairs of eyeglasses.

Bellefontaine: Adopted a family with 2 little boys and 1 baby on the way. We bought presents for them and Santa delivered them.

Portage: Volunteered at Martha's Kitchen, a weekly free food kitchen for those in need, some members also helped to prepare the meal. Donated over \$500 worth of food, both perishable and non-perishable to six families. This project is done in conjunction with Christ United Methodist Church.

Grover Hill: Funding for growth in the 4H clubs and donated fuel money.

Wauseon: Our club sells Christmas Tree within our Community and has for many years. This activity brings awareness of our Lions club to our community and other areas. We also have had the opportunity to donate trees to families that can't afford a Christmas tree. We start selling trees Nov. 24 through Dec. 17. Club provided toys and food gift cards for two families.

Van Buren: Coats for Christmas Collected coats. Sorted and displayed coats to be given away free to any family. Approximately 3000 coats were collected.

Spencerville: Club Christmas Party at Old Barn Out Back.

Happy Anniversary

Bluffton Lions Club-January 16, 1934 (84)

Bryan Lions Club-January 5,1949 (69)

Coldwater Lions Club-January 29, 1934 (84)

Kenton Lions Club-January 14, 1947 (71)

Pioneer Lions Club-January 22,1976 (42)

Portage Lions Club-January 22,1976 (42)

Upcoming Events

January 7-13, 2018: LCIF Week.

January 8-14,2018: Worldwide Week of Service to Fight Hunger.

January 12-14, 2018: MD13 Ohio Lions Winter Retreat at Salt Fork State Park.

January 13, 2018: **Melvin Jones' birthday.**

February 10, 2018: State Committee Meetings & 3rd Council of Governors Meeting .

February 18, 2018: Henrys in Ottawa, District Cabinet Meeting @ 3p.m. GLT/GMT at 2p.m.

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.

District 13 OH1 Service Activity Club Summery.

These reports are taken from the MYLCI website as of July 1, 2017 - December 27, 2017

Activities: 629

Lion Hours: 17,617

People Served: 75,187

Hearing Aids Collected: 1

Eyeglasses Collected: 17,110

Trees Planted: 2

Funds Raised: \$185,562.00

Funds Donated: \$36,252.00

Clubs reporting service activities 37 out of 59.



To all LEO Club Advisors & Lions Club Presidents & Secretaries:

Information was sent out earlier in regards to the upcoming events:

Reminder: Leo Club of the Year Application due by January 15, 2018.

Reminder: Updating your Leo Club Advisor – Thank You to all who have updated. We still have some updating to be done.

If you are on **Facebook**, please join our “**Our Lions Youth**” Facebook page. We would love to see postings about your activities (past & upcoming) and photos as well.

Saturday, January 13, 2018 – Winter Retreat at Salt Fork State Park Resort, located at Route 22 East, Cambridge, Ohio – All Leos and advisors around the state were invited, if we have a good E-mail address. **Deadline: December 31, 2017.**

We plan to have a Leo presentation and also a Leo-led project that everyone from the youngest to the oldest person there could help with and learn about Leo Clubs at the same time. We hope that some of you and your Leo Club members can attend. We are waiting to hear what kind of discount rate we can get for that day.

Saturday, February 24, 2018 – 1st statewide Leo Convention at Peace United Methodist Church, located at 235 Diley Road, Pickerington, Ohio 43147. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

We will start at 10:00 a.m. and be over at 3:00 p.m. Leos & Advisors at the September 9th meeting helped develop the agenda (leadership skills, projects, team building among the items). Lunch will be provided. We hope that you and your Leos (at least some) can attend. **Deadline: February 10, 2018.**
Registration form is on page 9.

Saturday, September 22, 2018 – Columbus, Ohio is the site for the Lions USA/Canada Forum from the 20th through the 22nd. On the 22nd, it will be “Leo Day” and we are asking all clubs to participate. We have been “strongly encouraged” to have a major Leo presence because we have a lot of Leo Clubs and Leos. Lion Darlene Roll is working on getting a discounted rate for Ohio Leo Club members, advisors and “transporters” to attend. We are also hoping that we will have Leo Club members from other states and are contacting all the states that surround Ohio.

Thank you all for your hard work in your Communities.

Lion Sheryl Schlater State Leo Chair.

Seeking the Best Lions Centennial Projects .

LCI is looking for the biggest, the best and most beneficial Centennial achievements during the next Centennial Report Days. This is a unique opportunity to reflect and show appreciation for our Centennial successes from July 2014 through June 2018. I will be asking you for your greatest Centennial accomplishment in January 2018 so you can report them to LCI as we wrap up the Lions Centennial Celebration. All club achievements should be sent to the me your District Centennial Coordinator to enter the data onto a report form that I will be receiving next month from LCI HQ. Working together we should be able to show the Lions worldwide the best service projects the Ohio Lions have completed since July 1, 2014.

Best wishes for the New Year!

PDG Craig Gauger
Centennial Celebration Chair



Now available to all Ohio Lions! The red team football jerseys that Columbus Forum Team members have been wearing are now available to all Ohio Lions.

Cost is \$40.00 plus tax and shipping.

Contact Kim Gibbs at Blue Frog Promotions (bluefrog@bizcinci.rr.com) or by phone at 513-681-3218 to place your orders.
www.bluefrogpromo.com

Please let PCC Darlene Roll know if you have any questions. E-mail: bhr8456@embarqmail.com
Cell: 419-371-5515



LC Students Help Lions Recycle for Sight Changing Lives, One Pair at a Time

The Delta-Liberty Lions Club partnered with the Liberty Center Schools for a used eyeglasses collection contest. Elementary students were challenged to see which class could collect the most pair of used eyeglasses to recycle in order to help people in need. The eyeglasses collection contest at LC was held for two weeks. We had 87 pair of good used glasses collected. Winning top honors was Mrs. Lamb's kindergarten class. As the top class they were treated to an ice cream party on December 8th. Congratulations and thanks to all the children at LC who helped serve others by collecting used glasses!

Picture – Teacher Abbey Lamb and Lion Dee-Ann Shafer with some of the students at the ice cream party along with the bags of glasses that were collected.



Wapakoneta's Lion President PDG Lilburn Cummins presents Lion Lewis Erb with a centennial award.



Bellefontaine Lions Club held their Christmas party with 55 Lions and guests from 4 clubs in Zone H included - Bellefontaine, Rushsylvania, West Liberty and West Mansfield. Lions from Waynesfield, North Hampton, DG Bill Niejadlik and his wife Lion Ellie from Toledo also attended the party. The guests were entertained by Bellefontaine High School's show choir, Les Fons. Bellefontaine, Rushsylvania, and Waynesfield received 4 diamond centennial challenge patches and West Mansfield received a 2 diamond patch from DG Bill Niejadlik.



Bluffton Lions Club PDG Barbara Plaughter presents A Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Dennis Morrison
Congratulations Lion Dennis!!!



MD13 2018 Ohio Lions All State Band pins are available for \$2.00 each.
Contact Lion Anne Deutschman @ jakgs@dacor.net



The Sylvania Sunrise Lions sponsored for the clients of the Sight Center of Northwest OH. The Holiday party for Visually Impaired at Epworth United Methodist Church. Approximately 100 clients with a guest were invited to the event and were present for a holiday meal that included ham, scalloped potatoes, carrots, fruit, dinner roll and cookies and ice cream. Santa Claus (our own Fred Lefebvre) handed out gift cards, calendars, and candy to our guests. Bedford Leos were present as they have for many years assisting with set up, tear down, and delivering meal trays to our guests. They also entertained us with the singing of Christmas songs. Leos are young people serving as positive agents of within their communities. They are affiliated with the Bedford Lions club.

The event has been in effect since the early 1930s. It is the longest running Lions service project in the US.

It was started by Toledo Host Lions and was assumed by Sylvania Sunrise Lions a number of years ago. We take great pride in providing this meal and party as many of the guests may not have any other avenue to celebrate Christmas with others. Our own Stacey Butts is the Executive Director of the Sight Center. Lion Jan Tidd and Deb Chany chaired this event and many of our Lions along with Toledo Host and Perrysburg Lions assisted with the event.



Ohio Lions State Youth Committee
1st Annual State Leo Convention – February 24, 2018
Peace United Methodist Church
235 Diley Rd, Pickerington, OH 43147
Registration Form

Please return this registration form to PDG Sheryl Schlater, 1608 Brook Park Drive, Troy, OH 45373
no later than February 10, 2018. E-mail: sas51280@frontier.com. Telephone: 937-335-9537.

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Leo Club Name	City	Sponsoring Lions Club

Leo Club Advisor Information:

Name	Address	City
E-mail	Phone	Comments

Leo Club Members Attending:

Name	Name

Others Providing Transportation:

Name	Name

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