



# OH 1 Lions



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## **DISTRICT GOVERNOR DON'S THOUGHTS**

Hello my fellow Lions of OH1,

I spent part of Friday night and much of Saturday this past weekend doing yard work. I had actually circled the weekend on my calendar nearly three years ago. No, I didn't circle it on my calendar with the plans of doing yard work rather it was the weekend that I had scheduled on our calendars to hold our district convention. Well, unfortunately, due to the severity of the corona virus we had to take the prudent



action of postponing our district convention. All the districts in our state also had to postpone or cancel their convention with the exception of OH7 which had theirs early in March before the severity of this virus hit our country.

Besides our district convention many of you may be wondering about our state convention. I can tell you that it is still, tentatively, scheduled for the weekend of May 15-17 and we should be able to tell you definitively by May 1st or a day or two later after the governor of the state, Mike DeWine, decide whether the travel ban can be lifted or must stay in place. Also, the International convention in Singapore has been cancelled and won't be rescheduled. Our current International Officers will serve one more year.

That said by use of the new technology currently available to us many of us were able to meet virtually Saturday night via Zoom. First, it was great to see

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many of you even though it was virtually and not in person. Second, we were able to discuss the work we still need to accomplish even though we aren't able to meet.

What do we have to do? First, we have to hold the district wide election we were planning on holding this past weekend. CS/PDG Sheryl will be mailing out ballots and instructions to the clubs and clubs will have until May 2, 2020 to mail their ballots back to us or they can also be emailed as well by May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Second, your club must also hold your club elections and report your results to LCI and please also report to PDG Nick Schmunk and Lion Ashley for they are doing our district directory this upcoming year and the goal is to have them completed by July 1, 2020 the start of the new Lion year.

Now there are two other events still up in the air. One is our final cabinet meeting. If you have a report that was due for our cabinet meeting please send that to CS/PDG Sheryl by April 25, 2020 Sheryl will compile them and send out to everyone. After May 1 we will see if we can have a cabinet meeting in person or we may just have it virtual since it may just be a pro forma meeting. The other event, notice, I said the convention was postponed. I am still hoping to hold a one day convention/district celebration. Note, two of the events we would have had at our convention we will have already completed, the election and cabinet meeting so any convention/celebration we are able to hold we should be able to complete in a morning, afternoon or evening whenever or wherever we are able to hold it.

Finally but most importantly we are Lions and we still need to live our motto and serve the best we can. We had our virtual meeting this past Saturday and I plan on holding a virtual meeting every Saturday night at 7Ppm Where we can simply discuss what our clubs can and are doing to best serve our communities in this trying time. We will have in this newsletter and on our facebook page how to attend the meetings. All the best to you my fellow Lions!

Happy Easter and Passover until we meet again either virtually or in person.

DG Don Wiechart

## **WILL I EVER WAKE UP?**

Did you ever have one of those dreams from which you couldn't wait to wake, and find everything back to normal? That's what we're going through the last few weeks. We were having club meetings, planning our spring fundraisers, looking forward to our District Convention. Then it all came to an abrupt halt.

As Lions, we start thinking out of the box. What can we do as a service organization and still help our community? This is when we get creative. I see many using Facebook to stay in touch, but remember not all of our members use a computer. Let's try to set up a phone chain to stay to touch. See if any of our members have needs.

I've been working on our 2020-21 District directory. To complete it, we need all clubs to elect a slate of officers for next Lion year. This can be done online or by voice vote on the phone. Our clubs can still have an election without meeting in person. Be creative.

Your district officers are still able to help answer club questions. Just call or email DG Don or another district officer. He has two and half months as our governor and we still need a plus year.

This Lions year will be our biggest test to see what we're really made of. Listen to the medical experts and follow our governor's orders. We will all get through this stronger and better Ohioans and Lions.

Happy Easter to all, stay safe, stay healthy.

We Serve,

1VDG/PDG John Davis

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM 2VDG REBECCA DENT**

Greetings Fellow Lions,

Like many workplaces, mine is shuttered. Like many schools, mine has closed its doors. But I have been fortunate because my boss arranged for us to have training, virtually delivered, in the use of the meeting software Zoom. Now I am working from home. I am also



fortunate that my classes are being virtually delivered via Zoom, Sakai, Google Hangouts... Sure there are problems with the sudden switch, but this is an opportunity also. The tools we learn to use in these challenging times will serve us going forward as We Serve!

DG Don has already called one meeting via Zoom and there will be others. There are other meeting methods, and one that Ohio Lions have used for successful meetings is called [FreeConferenceCall](#). PDG Nick Schmunk posted a tutorial for this software on March 25<sup>th</sup> on the [Ohio Lions 13 OH1](#) Facebook page. Using the Teleconference Tutorial will enable all clubs to now conduct their meetings via teleconferencing. If you have questions about this, you can contact PDG Nick at [njs\\_schmunk@hotmail.com](mailto:njs_schmunk@hotmail.com).

Another good source of information for the virtual world is the [Ohio Lions Club Support Group](#). Many Lions post on this Facebook page including Council Chair Lydia and Tech Guru Lion Ric. Look for their many inspiring and informational posts! Also, don't forget the [list of social media for local OH1 Clubs](#) that Lion Webmaster PDG Jay has posted on the [OhioLions.org](#) site.

If you have spare time, you might want to check out the many webinars and podcasts offered by Lions. I virtually attended a Global Action Team Webinar on March 31<sup>st</sup> where I learned that we can go from chaos to calm by checking on the wellbeing of our local Club members; from anxiety to action by checking with local authorities on community needs; from isolation to service if we remember that the businesses we have asked for help may need ours now. They also suggest that we use the tag #LionsServe on all our social media posts. If you want copies of the handouts, email me at [lionrebeccaoh1@gmail.com](mailto:lionrebeccaoh1@gmail.com)

Finally, I want to give a shout out to a super Easter community activity. If you have never seen the Easter Bunny travelling in a golf cart, check out the [Cridersville Lions Club](#) Facebook page!

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Rebecca, 2VDG

## Peace Poster Contest 2020-2021

### *“Peace Through Service”*



From District OH1 Youth Chair, Lion Darlene Roll (E-mail: youth@ohiolions.org):

Peace Poster Contest 2020-2021 is now open. Kits can be ordered through Club Supplies.

The 2020-2021 Theme is “Peace Through Service”.

Lions have provided an important reminder to the world that, through service, we can give and receive so much—joy, kindness, hope and PEACE. This year, young people have the opportunity to express their visions of peace through the lens of service.

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.

- **January 15:** Kits go on sale from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- **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.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning district poster to multiple district council chairperson.

Please consider sponsoring a Peace Poster Contest in Your Local Schools.



**Louisville  
Kentucky**

**September 17-19, 2020**

### **2020 USA/CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM**

Make plans now to attend the USA/Canada Leadership Forum September 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> in Louisville, Kentucky. Early Bird registration fee is \$285.00 per person. Registrations postmarked after May 31<sup>st</sup> will be \$320.00 and postmarked after July 20<sup>th</sup> will raise to \$345.00. Special Louisville Forum Events include: Forum Strides Walk, Louisville Hands-on Project, Lions University Graduation, Leo Day, and much more. Interesting Louisville fact: the Kentucky Derby winner is covered with 554 roses.



## **A MESSAGE FROM MD13 CC LYDIA**

Dear Lions, Lioness, and Leos,

Happy Easter from MD13! I know this is not the way that most of us figured we would be spending our Easter this year as most of us would normally be attending church services in person, hosting family events, having an Easter egg hunt, etc. We do have many things to be so thankful for as Lions and individuals. We are blessed because Lions know how to adapt and overcome whatever comes our way.

We have found some very unique and creative ways to have meetings. Not many of us could have imagined that we would have our meetings and be conducting business via being on a computer or phone using some type of web link (Zoom, Google Hang Outs, Got To Meeting, etc.). While most of us never planned to utilize this method, it works! It keeps us in touch, it allows us to see each other (if you have video), it keeps us communicating and coming up with ideas to continue serving and, allows us to conduct business. For many of us, we just learned how to do something new by stretching ourselves to learn some new technology. If you haven't tried a different way of having a meeting, now is the time to do it. Keep our Lions involved. If you don't know how to begin figuring out a way to use some type of technology, please contact me and I will get you some help.

We are coming up with new ways to serve such as putting stuffed Lions in our windows to put a smile on the face of a person walking or driving by; conducting a phone chain to make calls to someone who may not have family; sending cards to a nursing home/senior facility to cheer them; making face masks for people; reading stories via Facebook Live to children; shopping for those who cannot get out; reaching out to our medical, first responders and schools and asking where we can assist them and; the list goes on and on. Our Lions are sharing ideas on how to safely serve and we have other Lions using those ideas for service in their communities. If you have not had the opportunity to do some type of service lately, do something to show that the Ohio Lions are still serving and not giving up when things may not be normal. Also, let Lions and others know what you are doing. It may be something that we can all do!

The COVID-19 virus has affected all of us. We know people who have had or have the virus. We have had to change the way we live, work and serve. Even though we are living through a different time, Lions continue to face the

challenges and overcome them. Always remember that you are not alone; ask if you need help. Thank you for continuing to serve through Lionism.

Wishing you a very blessed and Happy Easter!

In Lionism,

CC Lydia Houser

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### **LCIF NEWS**

To keep everyone up to date and informed regarding LCIF's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, LCIF has awarded a total of US\$925,000 for 14 Emergency grants to Districts and Multiple Districts across the globe. As of March 30, 2020, CAIV has received US\$400,000, CAV has received US\$295,000 and most recently CAI has received US\$200,000 for MD20 (New York). In New York, Lions plan to aid food banks, pantries, and movement of purchased medications by providing labor to gather from sources, load/unload, sort and stage for delivery of all contributed food and medication. The number of requests being received has significantly increased since last week. We expect this to be the trend moving forward. PDG Barbara



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

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Deadline for the May Newsletter is April 30, 2020.  
Submit your newsletter items to Newsletter Editor Jessica Reichley at [newsletter@ohiolionsoh1.org](mailto:newsletter@ohiolionsoh1.org) or [jlreichley@gmail.com](mailto:jlreichley@gmail.com)

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