OH 1 DISTRICT NEWS

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Thoughts from Governor Deb Crawford

Congratulations and thank you to all the clubs who have reported meetings, memberships, and activities on the LCI website. Doing so makes your clubs more visible to those who may be looking to join a service organization. It also lets others know how active and alive your Lions Club is in your community. If anyone needs help to file their monthly reports and activities, please let me know, and together we can accomplish this task.

Be sure that your club is looking ahead and prepared to assign your new club officers for the 2024 – 2025 Lions year. This information is to be reported to LCI in May. Your club needs to report the officers even if they have not changed and will remain the same.

Every club would love to add new members to help meet the needs of the community. Listed below are a few ideas to help you attract new Lions:

- Host an Open House
- Just Ask and Keep Asking
- Create a club pamphlet and have these available at the library and local businesses
- Advertise your club in the local media and at events
- Have a booth at fairs, festivals, community events
- Create videos of your events and post on social media
- Print club business cards with club meeting locations, dates, and times
- Keep club website up to date
- Be visible. Wear club attire when doing projects
- Be open to those who like to volunteer. They may not want to attend all meetings, but they will be there when needed.



THANK YOU FOR ALL BEING GREAT LIONS! HAVE A SAFE AND BLESSED HOLIDAY SEASON!



Council Chairperson Dave Stockum

Lions of MD13,

As this communication will reach you sometime during the Holiday Season, best wishes to you and your family and friends as you gather together in thanksgiving and celebration of all that has been given to you. Thank you so much for all you give back to those who are not as fortunate.

November has been an exciting month in MD13, and December promises to be equally productive and fun. We just completed an RLL2 Training Weekend at Salt Fork Lodge in Cambridge, Ohio. Lions representing all the districts in MD13 were in attendance, ranging from club members to a sitting International Director. We were blessed to have ID Ron Keller fly/ flee from Iowa via Chicago/Columbus/Millersport during the wee hours Saturday night and early Sunday morning and appear for lunch and enlightenment Sunday afternoon in Salt Fork. At the other end of the Lions experience, Kevin Plummer of Logan Lions shared his first five months of Lions experience with a gathering that included three first vice district governors, a second vice district governor, a sitting DG, three FDI graduates, a few past council chairs, numerous zone chairs, a GLT, an MDS, PDG's, and moi! We investigated how we became Lions, the skills we had to offer MD13 and our local clubs and districts, identifying potential leaders, and how the multiple district worked and supported Lions work through the responsible use of dues and donations. GLT Chair PDG Jay Carey hopes to follow this training up early next Fall with an Emerging Lions Leadership Institute for current and aspiring club officers.

At the November Council of Governors Meeting, we had an excellent presentation from a representative of the Charitable Division of the Ohio Attorney General's Office. Her presentation was recorded and is currently being edited to possibly being offered as a YouTube program. Keep your eyes open for that unveiling. A tour of the Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank, which stores and provides corneal tissue for research and surgeries, was part of the day, as well as two fine dining experiences provided by the Eye Bank! At the meeting, the DG's voted to have Constitution and By-Laws frame two motions; one to eliminate the International Relations Committee and a second to promote the New Voices Platform. These would be considered at the February CoG Meeting and could be offered for approval at the State Convention in May. In her monthly meeting, PCC Kerry Parker reported Service Projects reported to MyLions rose from 46% of our clubs to over 70%, in part due to the Fall into Service Campaign. Let's continue to work on letting folks at all levels of society, Lions and non-Lions, know about the good things we do. As I write this report, we are +10 in membership growth for the current Lions Year, but clubs should be looking to their non-participating and non-paying members this month finding ways to help them continue as contributing members of our organization. At the Salt Fork Training highlighted earlier in this message, providing mentoring and training, both of new and existing members, was offered as one way we can do a better job of retention. While we have added almost 400 new members this year, seeing a growth of +10 only takes a little simple math to see we have lost nearly 390. PCC Kenny Schuck's Global Membership Team is about ready to unveil a program to promote membership growth. We have one new club, three in the works, and at least two potential branch clubs being investigated in MD13 at this time. The goal set for us by the International is 918 new members and 8 new clubs. We are barely beyond one third of our Lions Year. We can make this happen, folks!

Check out ohiolions.org, our state website, for information on the Winter Retreat and the Spring Convention Season. Those who attended the recent RLLI Training will tell you how much fun it is to gather with Lions from across our districts and state, sharing fellowship, training, and service ideas. Having attended Cabinet Meetings in all our districts, five STEPS walks, a handful of charter nights, and other local Lion events, I can say with confidence that we have an outstanding organization in MD13 of which we can be proud to say we are a member. MD13 Lions are being recognized outside our state boundaries as well. PID Steve Sherer is Chairman for the 2024 USA/Canada Forum in Louisville, Lion Tamarra Parker-Stephens was the feature speaker in the October Meeting of the Regional GAT, Lion Robert Borger is the alternate for Leo Liaison in CA1, and ID Ron Keller is Chairman of the Llons International Membership Committee. Congratulations!

Let's serve, let's grow, and let's have fun in the process.

CC Dave Stockum

December 1, 2023



1VDG Susan Davis

As you can see, the district is rockin' and rollin'. Everyone is busy with the holidays, the hunger project, fall into service and many other services. Thank you for all of the time and effort that you put into each project and service you perform for your community. There is not much room here (the benefit of being the editor lol). So, I am just going

to wish you Happy Holidays, a very Merry Christmas and most of all, a Happy New Year! Enjoy your family, good food, relaxation, and get refreshed for the challenges of the New Year.



Editor's note: There may not be a January 1 newsletter depending on how much information I receive.



Greetings from 1VDG Faith Cataldo-Gauger

Greetings from Upstate New York as PDG Craig & I are visiting his family for Thanksgiving this year.

I have been thinking about Service Reporting this month. Recently a couple of club secretaries have said to me something along the lines of "Our club does good things in our community, we don't care about getting awards for what we do."

Okay, I understand the sentiment, I think very few Lions members do service because they want to 'earn awards'. When was the last time someone joined a Lions club because they wanted to earn a Melvin Jones award? I don't know of anyone. Most of the Lions Members that I know joined a Lions Club because they wanted to do good things for the people in their community and beyond. It is important to note that in 1917, Melvin Jones, a member of a local businessmen's club, had an idea to invite other like-minded clubs from various cities and states to come together to form an association of clubs that would work to improve their own communities and make the world a better place. This led to the formation of what is now known worldwide as Lions Clubs International. The largest service organization in the world!

Lions International is an interconnected organization of individual clubs. So how well would we be interconnected and work together as a worldwide organization, if NONE of the clubs reported their membership or service activities? It wouldn't work!

Lions International and even our individual clubs can benefit by sharing ideas and how and what we are doing, by 'using the numbers' that have been reported to create community awareness and partnerships with other entities. We are a global entity! Lions International is BIGGER than one club or one district. We help the organization as a whole when we report our activities. The Lions International logo creates a unified and wellrespected brand that is recognized all over the world. Service reporting helps make all Lions stronger and able to do even more through partnerships with other Lions Clubs and other entities.

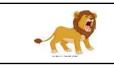
Recognizing the individuals and clubs who are doing the wonderful things that they do in their own communities and beyond with an 'award' or banner patch is just a way to say 'Thank You' for doing what you are doing.

And yes, I do recognize that sometimes 'awards' are used as an 'incentive' or 'challenge' to inspire clubs or individuals to provide new or additional service activities. Remember that each club is autonomous, so it is up to the club and members if they want to accept these challenges or decide on other ways to serve.

Just remember that it IS important for someone in your club - either the club secretary or asst. secretary or club administrator or other officer to REPORT YOUR SERVICE & OTHER CLUB ACTIVITIES!

Wishing everyone a very blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

2nd Vice District Governor Faith Cataldo-Gauger :)





Bryan Lions Know How to Have a Good Time at Pizza and Game Night!



Fall into Service Project - helping Bryan Parks and Rec with mulching. Lions Denver Henderson, Mic McKarnes, Doug Saul, John Moats and Larry Harsila.

Pioneer Donates to Food Pantries

submitted by Lion Gloria Gilcher



Our checks are being given to Helping Hands food pantry and Pioneer Nazarene Church food pantry.





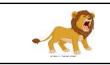
We had our annual popcorn giveaway tonight at Pioneer's trick or treat event. It was snowing hard but stopped just in time for the kids to get their treats.

Club Excellence Awards!

The following clubs earned a **Club Excellence** Award for the 2022-2023 Lions Year:

Bluffton, Glandorf, Holgate, Kalida, Kenton, Lima Host, Ottawa, Portage, Sylvania Sunrise, Waynesfield, and West Liberty.

Congratulations to all!





A Busy Portage Club



LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST



Portage Lions Club have been busy the last few weeks. We held our Peace Poster judging and Awards Dinner on Oct 23. Riley Instone was the winning artist with Marshall Makley the runner-up.

submitted by Lion Anne Deutschman



On Oct 31, we participated in the Village Trick or Treating passing out treats for the children who braved the cold weather. On Nov 4 a dedicated group did a highway clean-up along Route 25. We are in the midst of our annual Amish cheese fundraiser, with deliver on Nov 18.



SURPRISE!

for a Ft. Jennings Lions Member

PDG Craig Gauger had a very big surprise in store for Lion Adam Anspach at a recent Fort Jennings Lions Club meeting. PDG Craig has been cleaning up and reorganizing in his home office and came across an award that he thought had been given out when he was District



Governor in 2013-2014.

Adam was unable to attend the District convention in 2014 and PDG Craig thought that it had been awarded later. On November 1st, PDG Craig accompanied 2nd VDG Faith during a visit to the Fort Jennings Lions. PDG Craig explained what had happened and was able to present the Presidential Medal to Lion Adam Anspach in person (now almost 10 years later). Adam happily accepted this special award for his service to his club and for bringing in 6 new members that year. CONGRATULATIONS to Lion Adam Anspach and the continued service he provides to the Fort Jennings community. Editor's note: I thought this was an awesome story. Thanks Craig for reorganizing your office which enabled a well deserving Lion to receive his award!





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Perrysburg Lions Host Photos With Santa

On Monday, November 20, the Perrysburg Lions Club hosted our first ever Photos with Santa and Mrs Claus. Freddie and Freda, the Bowling Green State University mascots were also in attendance. Every child received a free 'goodie bag' to take home and were able to enjoy hot chocolate, cookies and snacks as well as a make & take craft. Although the attendance was less than expected, every one who came had a fun experience. :)









submitted by 2VDG Faith







It looks like there will be lots of presents under the trees of these little ones. How sweet! And Santa is really focusing on the wishes of this young lady.



LAST MINUTE

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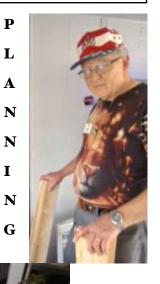


Perrysburg Lions Participate in A Bed Blitz

On Saturday November 11, the 6 members of the Perrysburg Lions club participated in a Bed Blitz hosted by Let's Build Beds to provide beds to children who didn't have one and to cut down on their list of over 600 kids in need of a bed to sleep on.

Members participating were Lion Leon Grace, Lion Duane Miller and his wife Debbie, Lion Dr Bob Goulding, PDG Craig Gauger and 2VDG Faith Cataldo-Gauger. With the help of lots of volunteers that day 102 beds were delivered and fully assembled complete with brand new linens in 5 hours. :)

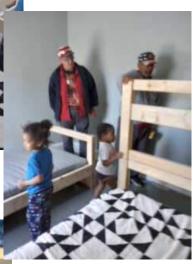




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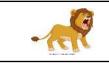


TIME TO ENJOY

RELAX...



...AND HAVE FUN submitted by 2VDG Faith







From Fall Clean Up to the Blaze of Lights in Bluffton



Roadside

cleanup crew seen at left...Lions Andrew Rager, Mike Minnig, Bill Watkins and Jerry Szabo along with a helper on Saturday, November 4th

Peace Poster Winners

The three Bluffton School Peace Poster Winners... L to R runner-ups Tessa Tarplee and Georgia Haagen. The 1st place winner is Samantha Ruller.





Lion Ed Yeager presenting checks to the winners







November 25th the **Bluffton Blaze of Lights** Lions entrance for the parade. Those participating were Lion Tracy Steele and daughter, Lion Barbara Plaugher and daughter, and Lion Eugene McCall and grandson.

HOW SWEET IT IS TO SERVE!!

submitted by PDG Barbara Plaugher





Series Part 7: A Changing Environment

Communities known for their arts and entertainment are now also know for their environmental efforts. Community gardens provide food, a place for people to share their gardening knowledge, and bridge the social/economic gap. It is a place where residents that are under served can build a piece of self reliance by growing the food that goes to their tables.

For example: In Albany New York, LCIF and Anthem Foundation partnered committed to improving public health. the Lions of the community started a blueberry orchard which is run by Lion Greg Sheldon. It is called Alban Victory Gardens. Two hundred bushes were planted that attracted pollinators, improve air quality and puts food on the table.

Not only is food an issue, but water shortages are unprecedented. Up to 50% "of the basins supplying most US fresh water could fail to meet demand starting in 2071." Global temperature has risen by 8.1F which impacts the Us by \$5208 annually. Over 110 million people live in countries with unhealthy pollution levels. The good news is that energy saved making products from recyclable materials is as follows: newspaper-40%, plastic-70% and glass-40%.

Global impact is this: when the temperature goes up, GOP goes down; 500 million people live in areas affected from erosion due to climate change; and air pollution has killed 7 million people.

What can Lions do? They can secure funding from matching grants for construction and equipment, district and club community impact grants for projects and LEO service grants for LEO projects. As you can see each one of us can help curb the problem. Act now Lions!

District Hunger Project

Once you have chosen and completed your club's Hunger Project, remember to report your service to LCI, and then send a picture with a brief description of the project to PCC/PDG Lion Dave Stockum. Lion Dave has graciously volunteered to put together a slide show of these activities to be shown at the OH1 District Convention in April. If you want to send in other pictures of your club's activities, these may be included as well. Time to let your club shine!



Dr. Kollarits Honored With 2023 Goerlich Award



In 1984 The Sight Center Board of Trustees created the John Goerlich Distinguished Service Award to be given annually to a person who has unselfishly served the blind and visually impaired communities. The Award is named for Mr. John Goerlich whose substantial personal and philanthropic contributions have allowed The Sight Center to flourish for many years.

While nominees must satisfy at least one of several criteria, Dr. Carol Kollarits was selected this centennial year for having satisfied ALL of them, including:

- Significant contributions to the cause of sight preservation.
- Outstanding service to the blindness and lowvision community
- Creating opportunities to improve the wellbeing of blind or low-vision individuals
- Significant financial or tangible contributions to The Sight Center and its mission
- Dr. Kollarits has dedicated her entire adult life to vision preservation and serving the blind and low-vision communities with her time, treasure, and substantial talents.

District News

Youth Committee

Lion Darlene Roll - OH1 Youth Chair

Scholarships & Contests – Opportunities

Ohio Lions Leo Scholarship - \$500.00

Will be available to active Leo Club members throughout Ohio by December 31st. Deadline – February 2024

Lions International Trading Pin Club Scholarship - \$2,500.00

Will be available to active Leo Club members and children/grandchildren of Lions Clubs members (should be available by December 31st) – Deadline – February 2024.

Ohio Leo Video Contest - This year, the Ohio Lions Youth Committee is sponsoring a social media video contest. Each club is encouraged to make a 15-30 second video that showcases your club's service to your school and/or your community.

- Key Information:
 - There are two categories for entries - Video montage (video clips spliced together, also includes blending photos with video footage) and Slideshow (still photos blended into a video)
 - Video format is your choice depending on what social media you will post on. You must be able to submit the file or a link to the video for your entry to be considered.
 - Deadline: Saturday, January 20, 2024
 - Permissions: The Ohio Lions Youth Committee wants to share these videos at the Leo Convention and with other clubs in Ohio. Your entry form will ask if we have permission to show and share your video.
 - Prizes: Clubs that submit the winning entries in each category will receive \$150, Runners-up will each receive \$100.

Ohio Leo Club of the Year

Open to all active Leo Clubs in Ohio.

Based on calendar year 2023 - best project

Deadline - January 20, 2024.

Questions - Please Email - youth@ohiolions.org

Please don't miss a deadline to be included!

Leo Convention

Saturday, February 24

Waldo, Ohio

OH1 Peace Poster Winner



OH1 winning Peace Poster was completed by Emilia Garner, age 13, from Arbor Hill Jr High, sponsored by the Sylvania Sunrise Lions Club. Her poster will be forwarded on to compete at the state level.

Zone 6 Holds Meeting

Four of six clubs were represented at the meeting. Ada is busy with Christmas dinner, Merry on Main and food pantry collections Arling reported tat they are selling calendars and have a perspective new member. Bluffton has a Christmas Parade coming up as does Kenton Lions. Kenton also has bowling with Santa, food for the elderly, veterans banners, and many other projects in the making. Both Riverdale and Upper Scioto Valley had golf outings this year.



Governor Deb Crawford presented PDG Bill Keller with his 40 year pin. Forty years of service! WOW! Congratulations Lion Bill.

Northwest Ohio Lions Eye Care Foundation, Inc. (NWOLECF)

Application Changes & An Outcome of the Changes

Last year, NWOLECF was able to purchase 2 Amigo Handheld CCTV units thanks to a grant from LCIF that was made possible by donations from clubs throughout our district. We cannot thank you enough for making that possible.

In August of this year, NWOLECF made a change to the application process that requires anyone needing a CCTV unit to have an evaluation by a sight center prior to NWOLECF accepting the application. In most cases, that evaluation may be coordinated through The Sight Center of Northwest Ohio because they are they closest one in Ohio. There is one near Cleveland and one in the Cincinnati area as well.

In August, we received a request for a CCTV from an Allen County, Ohio resident. She became our first applicant to have an evaluation through The Sight Center of Northwest Ohio in Toledo – and they visited her home since she was unable to get to Toledo. What happened? Tara from The Sight Center determined that a handheld unit would work best for this individual, provided NWOLECF with that information, we approved placing a unit, and we set up a time for Tara to spend time at that home (not the same day as the evaluation). PDG Don Wiechart and I were also there to deliver an Amigo handheld unit for Tara to train this individual. Tara also shared other resources available through The Sight Center. The applicant liked the large calendar that is available and truly really enjoys the books-on-tape unit that she was able to receive.

There are photos of the applicant using the unit, Tara with the calendar, and the book reader.



Applicant using the unit







Book Reader

Tara with the calendar

Again, THANK YOU so much for supporting NWOLECF to reach individuals in OH1!

Sincerely,

Lion Darlene Roll

NWOLECF President

The Sight Center of Northwest Ohio Celebrates 100 Years

Our District was well represented by 2VDG Faith and PDG Craig, Lion Doctor Bob, PDG Bill Niejadlik and Lion Ellie, Lion Corinne Piper and Lion Anne, Gov. Deb Crawford, and 1VDG Sue Davis.











December 1, 2023



West Liberty Lions Club Present...



Calling all parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles & friends!

Want a unique and personal way to put a smile on the face of a child this Christmas? Send them a letter from Santa! The West Liberty Lions Club is happy to provide a service that will send a personalized letter to special little ones in your life.

Complete the form below and send it with payment of \$5 per letter -cash or check (payable to West Liberty Lions Club) OR we have an online submission/payment option (\$6 including fees) this year at www.westlibertylions.org by December 5th to:

> West Liberty Lions Club PO Box 686 West Liberty, OH 43357 (For more information, contact Lion Cindee Boyd at 937-844-9090)

> > One form per child please. _____ Age: ____

Special Information: Siblings' names, pets' names (and what they are: dog, cat, fish, etc), hobbies, teacher's name and grade, special interests, accomplishments this year, and anything your child may want Santa to talk about:

Elf on the Shelf Name: Name of Purchaser:

Child's Name:

Child's Address:

Phone #:

Important Dates

January 12th – 14th Winter Retreat at Salt Fork Lodge

February 8th NWOLECF

February 10th COG Grove City

February 18th Third Cabinet Meeting at McComb 2:00 p.m.

April 5th Fourth Cabinet Meeting at Hilton Garden Inn at Findlay

May 9th NWOLECF

May 17th and 18th State Convention at Worthington Double Tree Columbus

June 21st – 25th Lions International Convention at Melbourne, Australia

BULLETIN BOARD 🖉



Ohio Lions and Wendell August Forge Are honored to present a limited edition ornament

At the 1925 Lions International Convention at Cedar Point, Ohio, Helen Keller presented her challenge to the Lions to be her "Knights of the Blind" Her cause lives on as today's Lions provide vision services worldwide as one of eight global initiatives.

For a suggested minimum donation of \$18 (US dollars) for the hand forged aluminum and \$23 for the bronze version, with all proceeds benefiting Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), you will receive a one of a kind memento, with Helen Keller's digital signature.

All Ohio Lions LCIF Leadership will have these to offer in person. All others can purchase through WAF website directly at wendellaugust.com/lcif

WAF and the Ohio Lions thank you in advance for your donation and sharing in a piece of Lions International history.

This fundraising project is brought to you by the LCIF Leadership team of MD13 Ohio. INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING: We greatly appreciate our international customers. While online international orders In available due to various shipping complexities, we do consider minimum bulk orders of 100 pieces or more on a case-by-case basis, with certain restrictions. For assistance, please call 1-800-923-4438. For a timelier response, email info®wendell.com and type "LCIF Healt Keller" in the subject line. Thank you for your understanding. We're dedicated to providing a smooth experience for all our international customers.



Colt Anaconda 8" 44 Mag

West Liberty Lions Club Gun Raffle Tickets: \$10 each



All proceeds go to building of new bathroom at the Lions Park

Winners need not be present to win. Prize winners must be at least 21 years of age to win a handgun. If a prize winner does not meet applicable age or background requirements or transferring the firearm to the prize winner would violate any applicable law, the equivalent cash prize will be substituted and awarded in place of the firearm. All paperwork to obtain the firearms will take place at Mad River Firearm located in Bellefontaine Ohio.

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Ticket sales will be ongoing until 12/16/2023 or until all 1,000 tickets have been sold, whichever occurs first. Purchase Tickets ONLINE!:

https://www.westlibertylions.org/gun-raffle.htm Henry All Weather 45-70 GOVT

Remington 870 Field Master 12 Gauge

Ohio Lions Past District Governor (PDG) Association Raffle

Tickets On-Sale Now!

Donation - \$5.00 per ticket; tickets may be purchased by anyone – not just Lions.

Proceeds benefit the Ohio Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation

The Ohio Lions S&H Foundation was chosen by PDGs

at the 2023 Ohio Lions State Convention

PDG Association Meeting in May 2023

5 winning tickets (1st-\$500; 2nd-\$250; 3rd-\$125; 4th-\$75; 5th-\$50)

Tickets will be drawn on February 10, 2024

You need not be present to win.

Only 1,000 tickets will be sold.

District Coordinators

OH1 – PCC Darlene Roll OH2 – PDG Francis Hensel OH2 – IPCC Kevin Reidy OH3 – PDG Rob Murry OH4 - PDG John Woodside OH5 – PDG Lynn Thomas OH6 – PDG Norman Cupps OH7 – PDG Sue Diehm

Questions? Please contact PCC Darlene Roll

at PDG-raffle@ohiolions.org or cell phone at 419-371-5515

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING AN OHIO LIONS PDG ASSN. ACTIVITY!