

# OH 1 DISTRICT NEWS

**SUMMER**



**TIME**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO DISTRICT GOVERNOR DAVE STOCKUM OUR NEW 2023-2024 COUNCIL CHAIR!



Greetings all! The Lions Convention season is behind us now. I was elected to be the Council Chairperson for 2023-2024. The last OH1 Lion to hold this position was PCC Darlene Roll. I hope I can do the job Darlene did for MD13. I continue to be impressed by her energy and her commitment to our district and the youth in our state. We also passed a motion to increase dues by \$5.00. This should keep MD13 and OH1 in good financial condition well into the future. Our last dues increase was 14 years ago so given the inflationary society we currently are experiencing although the increase was necessary, it should carry us well into the future.

There are two things we need to work on this final month of the 2022-2023 Lions year to reach our stated goals. One is continuing to support the Lions Clubs International Foundation. With international disasters like the war in the Ukraine and the great loss of life and destruction caused by the earthquakes in Turkiye and Syria, LCIF is needed more than ever. They have been on call in our country as well due to tornadoes, wildfires, and other natural disasters that have plagued us this Spring. Individual and club donations can be made by sending a check to PDG Barbara Plauger at 62 Anna Circle, Bluffton, Ohio 45817.

The second concern involves continuing to seek new members. PDG Don Wiechart has visited Willshire twice this Spring, and each time they have added a new member. Congratulations, Willshire. Maybe we need PDG Don to make more visitations around our district! Asking friends and family to join is one way to add to our clubs. The best way is continue to serve our communities in a visible manner. When people who want to serve their fellows see service in action, they may just join those doing the service. Ask them. We still have a month in this Lions year. Find another service activity or two to undertake. Let your community know what's happening. Again I say, just ask them to join you.

As the Lions year winds down, I can say I have really enjoyed my service as District Governor. OH 1 is filled with great people who take great joy in serving their communities. I think we have expanded our service outside our communities as well this year. Thank you so much for your support of the Walk a Mile project. Please continue to support LCI platforms like pediatric cancer, diabetes, environment, and vision. Also, let's get behind DGe Deb Crawford as she advocates programs to eliminate hunger inside and outside our district in the coming year. Lions is a great organization because kind and caring people make up our membership. We Serve!

DG Dave

*EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first time that District OH1 or formerly known as District A has had a council chair since 1975-1976 when PDG Lion Nate Hampshire held the position. At that time Lion Jim Coffey was District Governor.*

## Thoughts from DGE Lion Deb



June is a month of celebration. We celebrate graduates, Dads, and the arrival of summer (my favorite month). Remember to thank all club members as well as those outside of Lionism who have helped us with various projects and activities. Town celebrations begin, and our assistance will be needed and appreciated.

It is also a time of anticipation. We need to look at what more could be accomplished this month. There may be new projects in the works in addition to the continuation of activities already started. Parks will be more heavily utilized and need to be cleaned more often; people will still be hungry and need our support at the food pantries and through food drives.

Clubs should also be making the transition to new officers and welcoming new members. Club mentors are of great value during this time. Reach out and help those new to officer positions or new to Lions Club. Once you have been a member for a number of years, it is easy to assume that others know as much about Lions International as you do. That may or may not be the case. Helping others add to their Lion knowledge is a great way to strengthen and review our own.

Congratulations to Governor Dave on a very successful year of leadership and all the help and support he has offered. Best wishes as Dave continues his Lion Journey as the MD 13 Council Chair for the 2023-2024 Lions Year.



Our proud and excited governor was chosen and celebrated as the new council chair, receiving the gavel from CC Kevin Reidy. It is a position to which he will sincerely dedicate the next year. Governor Dave, soon to be your new Council Chair serves from the heart.



## FVDGE Susan Davis

I have completed my year as 2VDG. I am looking forward to beginning a new year as 1VDG. This year I will be visiting the clubs in our northern part of the district. I will be contacting each of the club Presidents and Secretaries to schedule my visit by email first. After a few days, if there is no reply, I will be calling. I would like to get this set ASAP. This fall is busy. Our youngest son is getting married and it entails 2 trips to Texas and one to Mexico. Therefore I need to have everything planned and mapped out for Lions as well. I appreciate your help and cooperation.

I will be serving this year as our Region 2 chair. Last year DGE Deb Crawford was your chair. She will be having planning meetings soon. I will then contact Region 2 clubs to make plans for meetings.

I will also continue to be your newsletter editor. This year is shaping up to be busy and exciting. I am here to serve our Lions District OH1. Let me know what you need.

Happy Summer!



## Northwest Ohio Lions Eye Care Foundation

To: Lions and Lions Clubs of District 13 OH1,

***We need your help!*** There are many Lions and others throughout District OH1 who are not aware of the value of the Northwest Ohio Lions Eye Care Foundation, Inc. (NWOLECF) in our communities. As Lions in the district, you are each automatically members of the NWOLECF.

*We Need Your Help to Tell Others About NWOLECF!* We are asking you to help others know more about what NWOLECF has available. But perhaps you need to know more first. Would you like to have someone from the NWOLECF board provide a program to your club so that you can learn more about what is available? Please contact us at our Email address at the bottom of this letter.

NWOLECF has resources to provide vision aid to less fortunate residents of Northwest Ohio. Would you please distribute the enclosed NWOLECF Information Sheet to members, as well as to local social/church/service organizations, vision clinics, etc. that may know of individuals in your community struggling to afford vision surgery or low-vision aids to help with limited eyesight?

If you know of someone who might benefit from NWOLECF resources, you can provide additional support. Start the process by downloading the application forms from the Lions 13-OH1 website at this link. <http://www.ohiolionsoh1.org/> and **click "NWOLECF"** in left column under Activities, **then click** each form name at end of article to download.

If you have questions, contact the Foundation at [NWOLECF@ohiolionsoh1.org](mailto:NWOLECF@ohiolionsoh1.org)

Thank You, Bob Segna, Secretary NWOLECF

**See minutes from the May 11 NWOLECF meeting on the next page**

At the 05/11/2023 **NWOLECF** meeting in Bluffton, 36 members were present. **Note:** all Lions in District OH1 are members of the NWOLECF and are welcome to participate in meeting. Twelve Lions Clubs were represented: Bluffton, Bryan, Holgate, Kenton, Lima Host, McComb, Napoleon, Perrysburg, Portage, Spencerville, Wapakoneta, and Waynesfield.

A special presentation was made by Lion Ben Murray of the Bryan Lions. He shared about his goal to get an updated eSight Reader. He described how his current eSight Reader provided his introduction to 20/20 sight in 2015, and changed his life. It enabled him to gain employment. His family operates a farm staffed by mentally challenged individuals

PDG Ron Meyers reported that NWOLECF currently has 20 CCTV units on-hand; ready to install when needed. He received a used Amigo hand-held CCTV unit from the Celina Lions Club.

Four cases were reviewed. Two are pending on information or completed application. One was approved for a small unit. A donation was approved for the other.

### **2023-2024 Lions Year NWOLECF Meetings**

- August 10, 2023 – 6:30 p.m. – McComb Methodist Church
- November 9, 2023 – 6:30 p.m. – Perrysburg St. Andrew Church
- February 8, 2024 – 7:00 p.m. – ZOOM Meeting
- May 9, 2024 – 6:30 p.m. – Zone 7 Club (either Spencerville or Venedocia).

To contact NWOLECF: Please Email [NWOLECF@ohiolionsoh1.org](mailto:NWOLECF@ohiolionsoh1.org)

Thank you for your support of NWOLECF activities.



## **OHIO LIONS YOUTH COMMITTEE NEWS**

**THANK YOU**

*Submitted by PCC Darlene Roll: District OH1 Youth Chair*

May 25, 2023

On behalf of the District OH1 Youth Committee, thank you to Lions Clubs, individual members, and communities for your support of youth projects during the 2022-2023 Lions year. Activities that your participation, financial donations, and sponsorship helped to provide:

1. Peace Poster Contest 2022-2023 – “Lead with Compassion”.
  - a. Kits are now available from LCI Club Supplies for the 2023-2024 Peace Poster and Peace Essay Contests. The theme will be “Dare to Dream”.
2. Ohio Leo Scholarship Awards – Two (2) \$500 scholarships were awarded to Leo Club members statewide.
3. Leo of the Year – Both Ohio Leo of the Year and LCI Leo of the Year
4. Leo Club of the Year – A contest for Leo Clubs to share their “best project”.
5. Camp Echoing Hills Village – Donations help with activities at the Camp.
6. Liberty Day booklets provided to students and others.
  - a. The Ohio Lions Youth Committee has Liberty Day booklets available for sale at \$1.00 each. These pocket-size books contain a copy of the Declaration of Independence and The U.S. Constitution. There are Lions Clubs throughout Ohio who work with local schools to present programs using these booklets.
7. Ohio Leo Pin purchases
  - a. Ohio Leo pin purchases help fund some of the Youth Committee activities.
  - b. Leo Pins are available for 2023 (ran out, re-ordered and will soon be available), 2022, and 2021. Available at \$2.00 each.

OH1 has three (3) Leo Clubs currently – Coldwater, Columbus Grove, and McComb. We are hopeful that at least two (2) more Leo Clubs will be active in the next Lions year.

Have a question? Please Email [youth@ohiolions.org](mailto:youth@ohiolions.org).

Thanks again for your support!





## CLUBS CORNER



### SYLVANIA SUNRISE LIONS CLUB

#### KINDNESS MATTERS AWARD

This service award is designed for clubs that create high-impact service projects within one of the Lions International and Lions Clubs International Foundation cause areas.

**Objectives:** Encourage creativity and recognize high-impact service projects and reward clubs for high-caliber service activities within each of Lions International's causes. 30 total awards will be awarded at the club level with minimum of 3 awards reserved for Leo Clubs.

#### DEADLINES:

July 1 to October 31: Nominations open  
August 15: Deadline for club service chairperson to submit electronically one nomination to District Global Service Coordinator ( Carol Collins)

September 15: Deadline for District GST to electronically send one nomination to MD 13 GST Coordinator.

October 31: Deadline for MD GST coordinator to electronically send one nomination to Lions International.

For more details : [lionsclubs.org](https://lionsclubs.org) Search: Kindness Matters Service Award

Carol Collins GST  
[Carolcollins125@yahoo.com](mailto:Carolcollins125@yahoo.com)  
419-309-0574  
Sylvania Sunrise Lions



Our club was nominated for a Sylvania Chamber Champion award. We didn't win it but had a great time at the luncheon.



Emily is a fellow lion who not only helps our club but many other in our community!

### ARCADIA INSTALLS 2 NEW MEMBERS



Arcadia inducted two new members. Pictured are Lion President Don Grossman rVDGE Sue Davis, new Lions Cara and Jeff Seitz and sponsor Lion Kim Proniewicz. Congratulations all Lions!

## MORE CLUB NEWS!

### RIDE ON! BLUFFTON!



April 26<sup>th</sup> the woman's police patrol bike was presented to the Bluffton Police Department by the Bluffton Lions Club. The bike patrol started in mid-1990's and now has 3 female officers and no appropriate bike. Officer Hope Hannah will also use this to put on the Bike Rodeo for the youth. Lions attending were: Lions Richard Boehr, Corwin Croy, Stephanie Larcom, Jim Bemiller, Eugene McCall, Alan Yoder, Ron Lora, John Rich and Mitch Kingsley

*submitted by Lion Barbara Plaughter*

### ARLINGTON CLUB LOOKING FORWARD TO SUMMER

After enjoying pizza and fellowship, the club reflected on their Scholarship night. Two seniors, Maddie and Jared received the scholarships on May 19. Lion Christine presented them at the awards ceremony. Plans were made for summer meetings.

### McCOMB HOSTS OVER 80's PARTY

The over 80's Party was held on Saturday, May 6, at the American Legion. We had around 60 people there including the help and Old Millstream Ringers. We also had one 100 year old young lady!



**Bloom  
Where You  
Are Planted**

Lions Pat  
and Dan  
Ritter  
gardening  
in  
downtown  
McComb

# REGIONAL NEWS

## District OH1 Region 3

Provided by Lion Darlene Roll

Clubs in District OH1, Region 3, continue to be busy as the Lions year moves toward a close. Activities reported recently in MyLion include:

- Bellefontaine Lions – Awarded a \$500 scholarship to a Bellefontaine student, recycled eyeglasses and pill bottles.
- Celina Lions – Made numerous donations
- Coldwater Lions – Recycled eyeglasses.
- Huntsville-Indian Lake Lions – Awarded scholarships
- Lima Host Lions – Provided preschool vision testing
- Mendon Lions – Presented scholarships, recycled eyeglasses
- Middle Point Lions – Made donations to LCIF.
- Rockford Lions – Preparing for their June 17<sup>th</sup> Car Show.
- Rushsylvania Lions – Planning Officer Installation.
- Spencerville Lions – Provided GOOD Program T-shirts at Spencerville Schools.
- Venedocia Lions – Staff their concession trailer at various activities.
- Waynesfield Lions – Provided GOOD Program T-shirts, recycled eyeglasses and pill bottles.
- West Liberty Lions – Hosted a Circus Day and filled Blessing Bags.
- Willshire Lions – Recently hosted a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Several clubs still need to report officers for 2023-2024 in MyLions and to report activities in MyLCI.

Thanks to all clubs for your service in your community, the area, and worldwide.

## PROJECT: OHIO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

**September 13-17, 2023**

**Staybridge Suits, Maumee,, Ohio**

### OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- Transportation on Wednesday or Thursday
- Arrival Transportation to site
- Excursions on Thursday or Friday
- Departure Transportation on Saturday or Sunday
- Meals
  - Lions Club willing to provide indoor picnic
  - Box Lunch Meals on Friday and Saturday
- General Assistance

### SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, 13 September** - no activities

**Thursday, 14 September** - non convention group activity and option outing to *Clara J's Tea Room* and *Maumee Chocolate Shoppe*

**Friday, 15 September** - morning excursions to *Carruth Studio*, *Fallen Timbers Battlefield Trail*, box lunch, afternoon fellowship, evening meals, "Tall Tales"

**Saturday, 16 September** - morning obstacle course and obedience competition, box lunch, memorials, afternoon meeting and Election of Officers, live auction, banquet

**Sunday, 17 September** - transportation

TO HELP FILL THESE SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES or for information contact:

**Lion Faith Cataldo-Gauger at 419-350-4365**  
or [faithkeg@gmail.com](mailto:faithkeg@gmail.com)



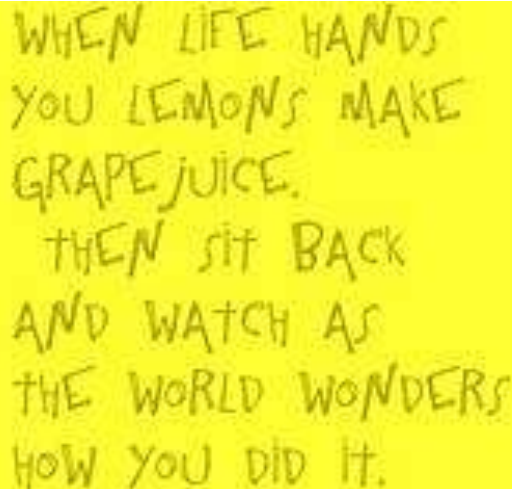
## A WORD FROM OUR INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR RON KELLER

Lion Kitty and I had the privilege of being the international guests May 19-21 in Las Vegas at the District 4-L-3 Convention. This district has 57 clubs in Los Angeles County. They had more clubs before COVID hit and didn't realize the significant drop in membership the district would experience. They took immediate steps to rebuild membership by appointing Lion Vangie Tabberrah as GMT Coordinator. She developed a plan to start new clubs, but give them inspiring names that would draw the attention of young professionals, young couples and diverse populations such as Koreans, Vietnamese, Filipinos, Latinos, Cubans, Iranians, and Indians. It worked better than they expected.

We got to meet many members of these clubs and witness their passion for Lionism. Who would not want to join the L.A. Brilliant Lions Club, L.A. Builder Lions Club, L.A. Cosmopolitan Lions Club, L.A. Dynamic Lions Club, L.A. Empowering Lions Club, L.A. New Millennium Lions Club, or L.A. Synergy Lions Club? We even had the honor of inducting new Lion Alexander into the L.A. Empowering Lions and new Lion Teresita into the L.A. Skyline Lions Club during the convention.

We thought our recent experience was worth sharing with the Ohio Lions.

Ron



WHEN LIFE HANDS  
YOU LEMONS MAKE  
GRAPE JUICE.  
THEN SIT BACK  
AND WATCH AS  
THE WORLD WONDERERS  
HOW YOU DID IT.

Maybe we can approach membership this way. Try anything that might work and then sit back and watch it happen. The answer is always "NO" unless you ask. We need to be creative, innovative and dedicated to retaining members, helping our clubs grow, form new clubs, keep them happy and active and serving. Let them ask, "who wouldn't want to be a member of our up and coming clubs! So, step up and make sweet gains out of sour losses! Go Lions!

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON DUES INCREASES

### State/District/International Dues for **2023-24** for **District OH1**

First Half State		First Half District		First Half Total State/District		First Half LCI		First Half Total State/Dist/LCI
\$ 8.58	+	\$ .92	=	\$ 9.50	+	\$23.00	=	\$32.50
Second Half State		Second Half District		Second Half Total State/District		Second Half LCI		Second Half Total State/Dist/LCI
\$ 8.58	+	\$ 1.92*	=	\$10.50	+	\$23.00	=	\$33.50
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Yearly State		Yearly District		Yearly State/District		Yearly LCI		Yearly Total State/Dist/LCI
\$17.16		\$2.84		\$20.00		\$46.00		\$66.00

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### State/District/International Dues for **2024-25** for **District OH1**

First Half State		First Half District		First Half Total State/District		First Half LCI		First Half Total State/Dist/LCI
\$ 8.58	+	\$ .92	=	\$ 9.50	+	\$24.00	=	\$33.50
Second Half State		Second Half District		Second Half Total State/District		Second Half LCI		Second Half Total State/Dist/LCI
\$ 8.58	+	\$ 1.92*	=	\$10.50	+	\$24.00	=	\$34.50
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Yearly State		Yearly District		Yearly State/District		Yearly LCI		Yearly Total State/Dist/LCI
\$17.16		\$2.84		\$20.00		\$48.00		\$68.00

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### State/District/International Dues for **2025-26** for **District OH1**

First Half State		First Half District		First Half Total State/District		First Half LCI		First Half Total State/Dist/LCI
\$ 8.58	+	\$ .92	=	\$ 9.50	+	\$25.00	=	\$34.50
Second Half State		Second Half District		Second Half Total State/District		Second Half LCI		Second Half Total State/Dist/LCI
\$ 8.58	+	\$ 1.92*	=	\$10.50	+	\$25.00	=	\$35.50
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Yearly State		Yearly District		Yearly State/District		Yearly LCI		Yearly Total State/Dist/LCI
\$17.16		\$2.84		\$20.00		\$50.00		\$70.00

\*OH1 adds \$1.00 to second half dues per member for District Convention Fund. **Note:** Other MD13 Districts may add more or less than OH1 to their District dues.

\*\*LCI approved a dues increase at the 2022-23 International Convention. \$3.00 to 2023-24 Lions year, \$2.00 to 2024-25 Lions year and \$2.00 to 2025-26 Lions year.

**Note:** Clubs may add additional dues for club administration use as they see needed.



## NEW SERIES

*Editor's note: I spoke with PDGs Lion Barbara Plaughter and Lion Deb Mosier, about the importance of LCIF. I picked up several pamphlets that were available at the LCIF table at OH1 District Convention. I am beginning a series of articles to inform each of you about the works of LCIF.*

### LCIF and Disaster Relief

You are probably most familiar with this aspect of LCIF. You may have experienced a disaster in your community or one close by. You may have seen the impact of disaster on your family or friends. It is stated that; "25.3 million people are displaced each year by disasters". LCIF grants are provided to help restore normalcy to a dire situation. They target needs for every day life. They restore dignity.

In the US, four hurricanes have taken 3,150 lives collectively. Winds have reached 160MPH. That hurricane reduced Mexico Beach Florida to rubble. Monetary impact has been \$165B!

Besides hurricanes, California has been besieged by numerous wild fires. Camp fires have destroyed 18,500 building. In one area, Mendocino, 450,000 acres are ash or charred. Financial loss there was \$24.5B.

On February 3, 2023, there was a train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio. Thirty-eight cars that carried hazardous materials derailed descending the community into chaos. It affected air quality, ground and soil quality, home values and have put the community on edge. Local Lions also stepped up to help where needed.

Globally, it is stated that "90% of all natural disasters are water related, 25.3 million people are displaced each year and economic losses are US\$250B-US\$300B annually".

But! LCIF is there to help. Let's see how.

There are four grants offered for assistance. The first is **Disaster Relief:Emergency Grants**. The maximum amount is up to US\$10,000. They are used to distribute basic need, food, clothing medicine, blankets and personal items. They are applicable for districts.

The second is **Preparedness Grants** up to US\$10,000. This funds relief goods, disaster kit assembly, preparedness education, food banks, medical facilities and shelters. This, too, is applicable to districts every three years.

The third grant is the **Community Recovery Grant** which is a maximum of US\$20,000. This is for disasters affecting at least 100 people. It funds equipment for repairs and coordinates temporary services. It is applicable to districts.

Fourth and finally, the **Major Catastrophe Grants** of a minimum of US\$50,000. It provides major support for relief efforts such as long-term construction projects. This is awarded at the discretion of the international president and the LCIF chairman.

During the past 50 years, there has been a 390% increase in natural disasters globally. LCIF has awarded US\$134 million worldwide.

*Source: "Supporting Your Service, A Guide to LCIF Grant Opportunities" and "Disaster Relief" flier.*



# BULLETIN BOARD



## LCIF Tell-A-Thon

Worlds Largest Celebration of



Make sure you are registered to vote! Have the correct paperwork. Check with your club secretary. Info on the portal. Parade is on Saturday morning



Ohio Lions Environment *Watch the video*

## International Convention

**Boston, MA**

**July 7-11, 2023**



## Lions Club Logo on Ohio License Plates

It is possible to customize your Ohio License plate with the Lions Club logo. Be a proud Ohio Lion and show your support by ordering yours today!

To order your plates simply go to [www.oplates.com](http://www.oplates.com) or your local deputy registrar / BMV and request the Lions Club logo license plate. There is a \$25 additional charge for the Lions Club organizational plate, however \$15 of that is a contribution to the Ohio Lions Foundation.

## 2024 Ohio Lions Winter Retreat

Salt Fork State Park Resort



January 12, 13, 14, 2024

Mark your calendar!



**Reno, Nevada**  
**September 21-23, 2023**