OH 1 DISTRICT NEWS







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Thoughts from Governor Deb Crawford

Thank you to all of the Lions who attended the OH1 District Convention April 5th and 6th. It was great to see everyone and the clubs that were represented. Congratulations to all of the Lions and Lions Clubs in OH1 who were presented awards. The list of those who achieved awards can be found in this newsletter and on the OH1 webpage. DGE is Sue Davis and 1VDGE is Faith Cataldo Gaugher. At present time the position of 2VDG is vacant. DGE Sue Davis was also elected OLPCF representative and DG Deb Crawford was elected OLERF district representative. PDG Bill Niejadlik is our district nominee for state Liaison committee. International Director Ron Keller and his wife Lion Kitty enjoyed the tour of VOSH PDG Barbara Plaugher's explanation of what it takes to get a Lions eye mission ready to take place. They also enjoyed meeting and talking with the Lions from northwestern Ohio. Thank you also to the cabinet for the wonderful gift. You all are amazing Lions!

Be sure to take advantage of the many videos posted that explain how to use the new Lions portal. If you have questions after viewing the portal, please direct them to PDG Bill Keller. He is the district administrator and can help. Remember that club officers for the 2023 -2024 Lions year need to be reported to Lions International by May 15th. You will need to report your officers even if they haven't changed from last year.

There are many wonderful events being planned by not only your Lions Club, but neighbor Lions as well. Be supportive of one another. We are all working for the common goal of helping our communities and individuals





Greetings from 2VDG Faith Cataldo-Gauger

Happy Spring to my fellow Lions! :)

Today I have been thinking about GENEROSITY. This is mostly because it was the topic of a Sunday sermon (part of a 5 part series on 5 Simple Habits that Redefine Life).

Which got me thinking about the generosity of our Lions Club Members in our district and around the world. Generosity is defined as GIVING MORE THAN EXPECTED.

Generosity isn't just about giving more financially. It is also giving more of your time and talents and compassion. Lions members are generous in ALL of these ways! Too often these days we see the opposite of generosity in our communities in the form of greed or ignoring the needs of others.

The recent tornado in Logan county is just one great example of the generosity of Lion members Financially. In both money and goods - so much so that I found out that a LCIF disaster grant was returned because it wasn't needed due to the generosity of Lions members and clubs and others. (Note: there are restrictions on how the LCIF disaster grant money can be used, and it wasn't needed for that purpose at this time.) There are so many more examples of the financial generosity of Lions members and clubs than I have space to mention. THANK YOU to our Lions members for sharing financially through personal donations as well as through your fundraising events and club donations.

Lions members are extremely generous with their Time and Talents. Volunteering for all sorts of special projects in their community and beyond. This could be manning a booth at a festival, conducting vision screenings, helping build a handicap ramp and so much more. Volunteering time and talents also includes at the club and district levels of Lions - as club president, treasurer, secretary, etc. and also at the district level-

as a chairperson in the district cabinet or as a zone chair, a region chair or a district governor. It is important for Lions Clubs to have these connections and support for our clubs and individual club members. One of the wonderful things about being a Lion is learning new skills and talents while participating in Lions projects, fundraisers and committees. So THANK YOU for being involved and sharing your time and talents with your club, your community and your district!

Lions are generous with their Compassion and Love. Lions have been known to reach out to 'the least of these' - helping those who may be overlooked by most of society. One example is Lions volunteering during Tent City in Toledo in October - to help with the winter clothing drive and to provide simple vision screening services during the weekend for the homeless or marginally-housed persons who come to this event for assistance. I am sure you can think of many other examples - such as the backpack programs for school children and many more. THANK YOU for being a compassionate helping hand to those who are financially challenged, marginalized or can sometimes be difficult to love.

THANK YOU for ALL the ways that YOU as individual Lions members and your Lions Club share GENEROUSLY of your Time, your Talents, your Finances and your Compassion.

Something to think about and discuss: Pastor mentioned that since the pandemic people are relating with one another less now than before. Are we hoarding our time and talents? How have the needs changed? How can we serve generously NOW?

Yours in Generous Lions Service,

1VDGe Faith Cataldo-Gauger:)



Council Chairperson Dave Stockum

March roared out like a lion, and MD13 Lions have been roaring throughout the month of April to alleviate some of the devastation caused by the unusual number of tornadoes that have crossed our state. Kudos to the Huntsville/Indian Lake Lions Club for their immediate response to the EF3 tornado that has caused so much damage in Logan County. OH1 leaders have set up a fund to provide support during the recovery, partnering with the Logan County United Way as well. District Governors have called on Ohio Lions Foundation to help recovery in areas where other tornadoes have been destructive. Where there is a need, there has been a Lion!

The MD13 Convention will be held at the Doubletree Inn in Worthington. Lions International First Vice President Fabricio Oliveira will be the International Guest during the May 17-18 Event. Registration for meals closed April 30, but Lions can attend the business meetings, see the displays, and enjoy the evening hospitality by paying the \$15 registration fee on Saturday the 18th. This includes all MD13 Lions who haven't registered in advance, including club delegates coming to vote during the Saturday Business Meeting.

There are two months left in the current Lions year, and we have added over 800 new Lions since July 1. Congratulations! We are currently in the plus column in membership growth for the year, and if we continue to add Lions at the rate of 80+ per month, we will have the first positive membership growth as a multiple district since 2007! Don't let down. We all know that the natural course of things is to grow. Nothing ever stays the same. Help us grow by asking a service-minded person to join our association. In respect to current members, take a few minutes and send a card to friends in your club who have had health issues or whom you just haven't seen for a while. We are a family and need to be looking out for each other. We do a great job for those in the community not in our organization that we support with the many service projects we undertake. Don't forget our own partners in service.

Best wishes in the coming months as we celebrate graduations and other school events; births, birthdays, reunions and family gatherings that often occur at this time of year; spring flowering and planting; and all the other activities that take place in the normally great Ohio weather that marks the coming of summer.

CC Dave Stockum



McComb Celebrates 75 Years of Service

On April 16, 2024, McComb Lions celebrated 75 years of service. The McComb LEOs greeted guests as they arrived. They assisted throughout the dinner as well as helping with the raffle.

Originally sponsored by the Arlington Lions Club, the club was chartered with 15 members on April 28, 1949 by Lions Clubs International, which is the world's largest service organization. McComb Mayor Cathy Schroll issued a proclamation recognizing the club for its 75 years of service to the community and around the world.

Lions International Board Member Ron Keller, from the Millersport Lions Club, addressed the members and guests present. Keller also encouraged the Leo members, the youth organization of Lions International, to continue service for others throughout their lives. The McComb Leos organization is sponsored by the local McComb Lions Club. A number of other Lions Clubs from northwest Ohio were in attendance for the celebration as well.

A good time was had by all Lions, LEOs and guests.

A certificate and banner were presented to Lion rVP Rita Follas and Gov. Deb Crawford.





Cake by Lion Pat Ritter



(Above) LEOs ready to greet guests and help where needed.

(Left) Lion Christine Kemerley from the sponsoring club, Arlington.

A Presidential Certificate was presented to Lion Dan Ritter to honor his years of service to the McComb Lions club and community.









Pioneer Area Lions

At their March 11th meeting, the Pioneer Area Lions Club welcomed guests Zone Chairman Joanne & PDG John Moats from Bryan Lions Club. Zone Chair, Joanne, spoke of happenings in OH-1. The District Convention is April 5 & 6 in Findlay and the State Convention is May 17-18 in Columbus. Attendees at the State Convention are asked to bring jars of peanut butter to help college students with food insecurity.



Lion Marylin Osborn, Lion Pres. Barry Brown Lion Gloria Gilcher, Zone Chair Joanne Moats, PDG John Moats

ZC Jo presented Lion President Barry Brown with a 15 year chevron and Lions Marilyn Osborn and Gloria Gilcher with 25 year chevrons.

Submitted by Lion Gloria Gilcher



Bluffton Reports



On April 13th at 8:30 am seven Lions and one helper cleaned up our designated roadside. L to R: Lions Jackie Bourassa, Bob Stahl, Clair Winebar, Patty Navin, Dwain Hall, Andrew Rager and son, and Mike Minnig. Thanks for participating in our biannual roadside cleanup.





receiving awards -Governor's Award,
Humanitarian Award and
Service Award for the
Bluffton Lions Club at the
District
Convention Apr. 6th



Bluffton Announces Citizen of the Year

The Citizen of the Year banquet was held on April 11th at Marbeck Center with 33 guests attending. The committee chose Gary Wetherill for this honor for 2023. He has been involved with the Et Cetera Thrift Shop, Bluffton Boy Scouts, Swiss Community Historical Society, First Mennonite Church and is retired from the Putnam County Board of Developmental Disabilities. L to R: Greg Ring, MaryAnn Ring, Gary Wetherill, Lois Wetherill and Andy Wetherill.





Arlington Club Makes the Local News

SPRING 2024

ARLINGTON LIONS CLUB

The Lions Clubs were established in 1917 by businessman Melvin Jones in Chicago, Illinois, when he invited other men to join him in helping with the social problems created by WWI. In 1920, he founded the Association of Lions Clubs. Today there are 1.4 million members spread across over 48,000 clubs throughout all 50 states and represented in 200 countries.

The Arlington Lions Club was chartered in 1942 with 25 businessmen, professionals, and community citizens listed. The early Arlington Lions met in the upstairs of the Farmers and Merchants Bank for several years until membership grew and meetings were held in the basement of the Methodist Church. In the 1970s, members began hosting dinner meetings in their homes.

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The early Arlington Lions were instrumental in raising funds to build the first swimming pool at the park and planting bushes and trees throughout the village. Trees were also planted in front of the school in memory of deceased members, in the 70s-90s, the club sponsored the Arlington Lions baseball team, purchased uniforms, and assisted in coaching.



The Arlington Lions Club was one of the association's first to produce a birthday calendar. This iconic Arlington publication has been in production for 75 years. It began as a labor of love as original member Clarence Moore typed all the names each year on a manual typewriter. In 2000, the names were transferred to a computer program. Members diligently make updates and edits each year.

In addition to creating, selling, and distributing the birthday calendars, Lions Club members are responsible for selling tickets at the high school football and basketball games. Proceeds from these projects are donated in the form of scholarships to Arlington seniors.

The Lions Club-deemed the "Knights for the Blind" by Hellen Keller in 1925-serves and advocates for the blind and visually impaired through their SightFirst humanitarian program. The group collects used eyeglasses which are repurposed and sent to third-world countries. Optometrists, ophthalmologists, and surgeons travel internationally via Lion-sponsored trips to administer eye exams, issue life-altering glasses, and perform cataract surgeries. Recipients of these services often wait in line for days to be examined and as many as 70 surgeries are conducted a day. This year, Arlington's chapter collected over 200 pairs of glasses for the Recycle for Sight program.



Additionally, the group annually contributes to the Lions Club International Foundation, an aid organization that provides funds for areas impacted by natural disasters.

The Arlington club is still active in the community and always welcomes new members. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM for a dinner meeting. To join, contact a ticket seller at any Arlington football or basketball game. You can also contact Christine Kemerley at 419-722-5657 or Michelle Palmer at 419-429-9627.

Fun Facts

LCI is the world's largest service club organization: more than 1.3 million members in more than 45,000 clubs worldwide. Lions are everywhere: active men and women in more than 200 countries and geographic areas. Lions have a dynamic history: founded in 1917, we are best known for fighting blindness.



McComb Honors Citizen of the Year

Citizen of the Year was awarded to Joe Wasson. Lion Nadine Aller presented him with a plaque honoring his community involvement. He currently has obtained a Heart and Soul Grant to update the downtown buildings.





Joe Wasson and family pose for picture for the 2024 Citizen of the Year Award.

Napoleon Lions Sells Eclipse Glasses



Pictured are Dr. Rachel Bostelman and Dr. Elizabeth Bowers, optometrists at Napoleon Family Vision, and members of the Napoleon Lions Club. In conjunction with the recent solar eclipse the practice promoted a campaign to sell eclipse glasses for \$3.00 each and then designated the proceeds to go to the Napoleon Lion Club in support of vision-related efforts. They sold 200 pairs of glasses, and the picture shows them presenting a check for \$600.00 to club president Jeff Mires. We thank them for a great idea and such a generous gift.



1VDG Susan Davis

I have proudly joined the "Clubs Corner" this month. !VDGE Faith has an awesome article. Please be sure you read it. That being said....

Convention season is over for Ohio MD13 clubs. I attended three conventions and have gathered many ideas for the upcoming year. I feel that our convention was successful and I have a new name, What's Her Name. The incident that inspired this was a real ice breaker and set the tone for the rest of the day. We all had several good laughs and I think it brought out the fun that can be had by Lions.

Which brings me to my next comments... Lions need to remember to have more fun at their meetings **and** outside of club meetings, projects and services. Get to know each other. Plan an activity with your club such as going to a Mud Hens game or just an informal picnic. You deserve a break. You are diligent to the Lions cause, "We Serve". Now you need to serve each other with fun and fellowship. Find out who has what talents and interests. You may be surprised. This may help your club to grow as well. It is summer. Celebrate the season. Laugh! Talk! Share! Listen! Have fun!

As the new Lions year gets closer, some of you will be hearing from me. I am going to share my goals and expectations. Don't quake in your boots. It is painless, I promise. And, while I am talking with you, I will remind you to HAVE FUN! first.

Thank you for all you do.

DISTRICT OH: CONVENTION

<u>Governor's</u> <u>Awards</u>

Bluffton

Holgate

Kenton

Lima Host

McComb

Napoleon

Perrysburg Sunrise

Portage

Sylvania

Wasseon

Waynesfield

West Liberty

Service Awards

Bluffton

Holgate

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West Liberty

Information Submitted by Governor Deb Crawford

<u>Humanitarian</u> Awards

Bluffton

Bryan

Holgate

Kenton

McComb

Napoleon

Perrysburg Sunrise

Pioneer

Portage

Sylvania

<u>Wasseon</u>

Elected Offices

OLERF Chair is Lion
Deb Crawford (3 year
term).

OLPCF Chair is Lion

Sue Davis (3 year

term).

2nd VDG is vacant at

the conclusion of

voting.

1st VDG is Lion Faith

Cataldo-Gauger.

Governor Elect is Lion

Sue Davis.

Presidential Certificates: 1VDGE Faith Cataldo

Gauger

Region 1 Chair John Cordes

PDG Sheryl Burnette

Council Chair Award: DGE Sue Davis

Council of Governors Award: Aaron Osborn

Tim Wehri

Mary Matthews

Brandy Powell

Rick Carder

Gloria Gilcher

Pat Ritter

New Voices Awards: Marketing: Ben Murry

Leadership: Katie

Buckingham

Membership: Cathy Painter

and Sarah

Service: Ralph Aller

Journey of Hope Award: CC David Stockum

#1 Lion Catcher: Ronnie Cheney

Carol Collins

#2 Lion Catcher: Nikki Kimball

#1 Membership Zone Chair: Zone 6 Bill Keller

#1 Club Growth: Kenton Lions

#2 Club Growth: Willshire Lions

2022 - 2023 Plus One Clubs:

Ada Kalida Spencerville

Arcadia Kention Swanton

Bellefontaine Lima Host Sylvania Sunrise

Fayette Ottoville Van Buren

Grover Hill Portage Waynesfield

Holgate Rushsylvania West Liberty

Willshire



PEACE POSTER Kits Are Available

OH1 Lions Clubs,

The OH1 District Youth Committee would like to help Lions clubs to participate in the 2025 Peace Poster Contest, "Peace Without Limits".

We know that the cost of Peace Posters is \$11.95 plus shipping. It is the shipping that is the big part of the cost. We are pursuing a plan to purchase kits in a bulk purchase to reduce the cost of shipping. Each club would pay the Peace Poster kit cost plus a portion of the total shipping cost.

I am interested in finding out how many clubs are interested in participating in the Peace Poster Contest and the bulk purchase.

Please note: We are looking for interest and are not ready to purchase the kits yet.

Each club that wants to order a kit (or more than one kit for multiple schools hosted by a Lions Peace Poster Contest) is asked to <a href="mailto:Ema

- Lions Club Name
- Lions Club Officer/Member providing this information
- Email address
- Phone number
- How many Peace Poster Kits

This information is requested no later than May 15, 2024. We would order kits in-bulk purchasing no later than June 2024.

A short description of the kit is below.

Thank you,

Lion PCC Darlene Roll OH1 Youth Chair 419-371-5515



Support the Sight Center

The Shop at The Sight Center is excited to announce that we are now selling brand new Sight Center T-shirts.

These shirts were recently featured as part of Jupmode's "Here For Good" campaign. We were honored to be a featured local agency and are now happy to have a limited stock of shirts available for purchase.

The shirts are super soft. They are blue and say "Making Sense of Vision Loss."
They also feature representatives of each of the five senses with the eye The Shop at The Sight Center is excited to announce that we are now selling brand new Sight Center T-shirts.

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The shirts are super soft. They are blue and say "Making Sense of Vision Loss."

They also feature representatives of each of the five senses with the eye being slightly faded. The Sight Center has been helping people in Northwest Ohio make sense of vision loss since 1923.

These shirts are available for purchase through our shop, conveniently located in our agency at 1002 Garden Lake Parkway, Toledo, Ohio. We are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. They are also available on our website. (see ad on bulletin board)

OHIO LIONS EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION (OLERF)

The Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation (OLERF) is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status organization. OLERF is committed to finding treatments and cures for **blinding retinal diseases.** It takes your continued support by providing donations for our grants/fellowships to Ohio researchers. Our researchers develop new breakthroughs and conduct groundbreaking research that provides hope to those living with blinding retinal diseases. There is still much more work to be done in the fight against blindness, and we cannot do it without you. Now is the time to renew/continue your dedication to ending <u>blindness and vision loss</u> here and around the world.

We have been able to accomplish so much together however, there is still more work to be done and we will not stop until we have eradicated blinding retinal diseases and restored vision across the world.

- All funds received by OLERF remain in **Ohio** for research
- \$357,000 committed for research projects for 2023-2024
- Special awards (Leadership, Visionary, Founders, Dick Bryan) available for donations of \$500 or more in a 2-year period
- Over \$8 million dollars have been given to Ohio researchers by OLERF.
 - Major progress by our research funds. Check out the videos on our website to find out more. Go
 to: https://ohiolionseyeresearch.org

Vision disability is one of the top 10 disabilities among adults 18 years and older. It is one of the most prevalent disabling conditions among children and causes substantial social and economic toll for millions of people. This causes significant suffering, loss of productivity and a diminished quality of life.

Half of all blindness is preventable but the number of Ohioans who suffer vision loss continues to increase. The primary causes of loss of vision are cataracts, retinopathy, glaucoma, and age-related macular degeneration (AMD).

Each District in Ohio has an OLERF member. Contact them for more information, to speak_at a club meeting, district meeting, etc., or to donate. OLERF is proud of the research being accomplished and looks forward to continuing to be a leader for Ohio in eye research.

OH1 - DG Deb Crawford

Executive Director - PCC Lydia Houser

OH2 - PDG Myron Amstutz

Legal Advisor - Dave Hunter

OH3 - Nancy Brown

Executive Treasurer - PCC Woody Conrad

OH4 - Jeff Reech

Scientific Advisor - Dr. Deb Grzybowski

OH5 - PDG Jeff Sweeney

Emeritus - PCC Jeff Hillis

OH6 - David Jordan

Emeritus - Norbert A. Peiker

OH7 - Earl Paazig

Emeritus - Dr. Bob Goulding

At Large - PDG Jeff Hatfield

Emeritus - Doug Beitzel

At Large - PDG Joe Jackson

At Large - PDG Micheal Gibbs



Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation, Inc.

Research Today . . . Vision Tomorrow

USA/CANADA FORUM



STEVE SHERER, GENERAL FORUM CHAIR

It's been six months since the Forum in Reno and less than six months till we kick off the Forum in Louisville. Perhaps you are still contemplating attending the Forum in September. Let me remind you of the benefits of attending a Forum.

The Forum is an opportunity for Lions to get together and share old ideas and take home new ones. Lions can embrace new ideas to uplift our organization's service, individually and collectively.

The Louisville Forum will include:

- Over 80 seminars with a focus on building personal leadership skills to make our clubs stronger.
- A Leadership Exchange that gives participants quick access to leadership info in a very short time.
- Exhibits with the latest and greatest ideas to share.
- The Forum Store with Lions swag and more. A chance to met and greet our International Officers and
- Board of Directors
- Four dynamic keynote speakers

All of this under one roof at the Kentucky International Convention Center, which is within walking distance of all five of our Forum hotels.

And when not attending the seminars or general sessions, a quick trip around town offers several fine restaurants and shops, not to mention the Louisville Slugger Museum, the Muhammed Ali Museum or a short trip to the Bourbon Trail. Or maybe it's just a nice leisure stroll down the Ohio River. There are plenty of things to do to keep you busy while in Louisville.

Also included in this newsletter is a tentative itinerary for the Forum to help you with your planning. Please note that the planning process is still going on, so there could be some minor changes.

Next month we will begin to highlight our keynote speakers. Looking forward to seeing



you in September.

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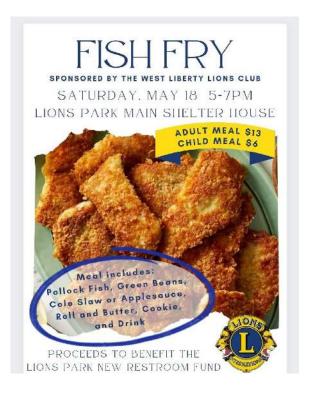
for more information, go to: LionsForum@wildapricot.org



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Support The Sight Center and Look Great at the Same Time!





State Convention is Near!

Mark your calendars for May 17-18, 2024. The convention is held at Worthington Double Tree Columbus. Come for the weekend Friday-Saturday. Make reservations. Or come for the day on Saturday and celebrate with MD13 Lions.

Sponsor a table for our meals at \$20 each. See samples below: (pics and logos can be included)

In Honor of the 2023 – 2024 State Committee

In Recognition of

Lion _____

For her years of Service

In Memory of PID Dan Cole 1986 – 1988

Check <u>ohiolions.org</u> website for application and complete information.

Send the form, payment to:
PDG John Davis, 933 Thornapple Lane, Findlay,
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419-306-7003 jdavis1952@hotmail.com

Important Dates

May 9th NWOLECF

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

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

Northwest Lions Eye Care Foundation, Inc.

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

IMPORTANT: Foundation Meeting
Thursday May 9, 2024

St. Patrick Catholic Church 500 South Canal St. Spencerville, Ohio

Time: **6:30pm** Meal: **\$12**Reservations by Monday May 4th to Bob Segna 419-308-1906 or rjsegna5@gmail.com or Dan Ritter dritter2795@gmail.com or Darlene Roll droll1998@gmail.com

- . New Cases, finalize old
- Nominating Committee for 2025 Officers

And as always...



