

OH 1 DISTRICT NEWS



GOVERNOR DAVE STOCKUM



The District Convention is almost here. I'm very excited about the opportunity to see many Lions friends, give out awards for all the service that has taken place this year, and learn more about Lionism from our International Guest, ID Jeff Gan. We also have a fun slot from 2:30-4:00 PM on Saturday afternoon as we enjoy our version of a "county fair." The deadline for registering is April 1 so this seems a little late, but if you want to attend our business meetings and the county fair, you can bring \$10 and join the fun.

Three important business items were enacted at the February Cabinet Meeting. One, we approved a form for providing support to families who include a child or children with cancer. Look for the form later in the newsletter and in the Website under Resources. Two, we closed the Community Impact Grant to the Ebeid Cancer Institute at Toledo Pro-Medica Hospital. Since the television monitors came in under estimates, we voted that the balance of the grant will be spent on iPads which patients can use for treatment protocols and other information. Finally, we approved the following motion, "District OH1 will implement a Club Growth Program for 1 year, from Convention (4-15-2023) to Convention (4-5-2024), that any OH1 Club that adds a new member and pays that member's initiation fee and half dues from its administrative funds is entitled to apply to the OH1 District for an incentive grant to pay the initiation fees and half dues for the next two new members to join the club, up to adding 6 new members."

This can be done in the following manner: if the new member comes in before July 1, he or she will pay the pro-rated dues according to the LCI dues billing table, and his/her dues July 1-December 31 will be paid by the club or district. If the new member comes in after June 30, he/she will pay one-half the pro-rated dues according to the LCI dues billing table, and will have no further financial obligation until July 1 of the 2024. Council Chair Kevin Reidy challenges all clubs to add two new members between May 1 and June 30. Clubs accomplishing this will receive a banner patch.

I enjoyed visiting West Liberty for a combined Zones 8-9 Meeting, Coldwater, Venedocia for a pancake and sausage breakfast, Columbus Grove, and the Region One Meeting at Napoleon. In addition, I attended District Conventions in Lancaster, Columbus and Mansfield. I can assure you MD13 clubs are serving their communities in OH1, as well as across our State. I hope to see you all at our convention April 14-15.

Best Wishes,

DG Dave





EXTRA! EXTRA!
READ ALL ABOUT IT!

On Thursday night, Zone 7 Lions met at Spencerville for a night of fellowship and sharing at the spring meeting; conducted by PDG and Zone Chair Don Wiechart. Then the unthinkable happened! A gavel was left unattended. Sadly, it wasn't long before it went missing. Stolen! Lions noticed immediately but quietly watched to see what would happen next. The meal and meeting progressed as planned. A horn was used to call the meeting to order and then to adjourn. Still no sign of the gavel.

Before dismissing 2nd VDG Susan Davis revealed that the gavel had been placed in her coat pocket. (Truth be told, she may have been the thief.) Quick thinking-for appropriate steps needed to be taken-she immediately introduced a proposal in order to rescue the gavel. There were two conditions. One: Lion Don needed to write a news article describing the events. Two: the gavel will be returned at the OHi District Convention on April 15. Now the rescue of this lonesome gavel rests with Lion Don.



Note: If you are reading these words at this time, Lion Don had not written said article. So the terms of the proposal have been severed. There needs to be consequences which will be revealed at the District Convention. Could we be thinking a ransom demand?

A little background on the gavel theft tradition among Lions Clubs. This had been a prank for many years, but has not been popular recently. Usually the gavel travels to a neighboring Lions Club and is returned after negotiations and a small fine and a lot of laughs. This was designed to bring Lions together and to meet with each other. Fines were donated to noble Lions' causes.

Editor's Note: Recently there was another gavel theft. At a fall meeting in Bellefontaine the gavel was absconded by DG Dave Stockum. Contact President Lion Michael Coder to find out how he retrieved his gavel. And it is said that Lion International President may have been involved in gavel theft at State Convention in May of 2022.

Beware of *Gavel Grabbers* or those with *Sticky Fingers!*



Thoughts from 1VDG Lion Deb



As your club "springs into action" this April, be sure to do the following:

1. Report your club officers for this upcoming new Lions year to LCI and also to PDG Nick Schmunk. Lion Nick does an excellent job of assembling our District Directory and keeping it as current as possible.
2. Keep current with events and information by reading the District Newsletter and the District Website.
3. Be on the lookout for officer training and added information about the new Lions Portal.
4. As you serve your community, don't forget to serve one another within your club. Check with your fellow members. Make sure the members are excited, informed, and appreciated.

I am proud to be a Lion from OH1! Have fun and serve safely.

CLUBS CORNER

CLUBS CELEBRATE YEARS OF SERVICE!

Together the clubs listed below have **ROARED!** loud and proud for a total of 320!!! Congratulations!

Arcadia Club

Lion Michael Palmer and Lion Michelle Palmer celebrate 20 years each of service to their Lions Club



Rushsylvania

Congratulations to the following Lions:

Lion Louise Norris....15 years

Lion Bruce Norris....25 years

Lion Donald Selhorst.... 35 years

Van Buren Lions

Lion Ron Hartman....15 years

Lion Linda Brinkman....25 years

Lion Ronald Brinkman....25 years



**2ND VDG
SUSAN
DAVIS 2ND**

Spring has officially blown in! Last newsletter I had mentioned good weather to be outside, but I think we need to look inside for “good weather” instead. This being said, it is time to recognize many Lions for all of their hard work and contributions to their clubs and communities.

Please note the years of service featured in the adjacent column. Think of all of the people they have touched through Lions.

Also, note that our communication guru, Lion Rick Carder, was honored with a GAT award for excellence in communication. He along with Lion Jay Deutschman, MD13 Website Coordinator, we enjoy updated communication on any and all events pertinent to Lions. Thank you for all of your hard work and diligence.

As I attend the district conventions in MD13, I have witnessed Presidential awards, Jim Coffee awards, Melvin Jones awards and Dick Bryant awards given to honor those who go above and beyond. It is always amazing to see what “*Together We Can*” and “*We Serve*” can accomplish! **Roar on!**

More Club News!

West Liberty Club

Congratulations to seven members celebrating a combined 140 years of service.

Lion Michael Piper....10 years

Lion John Smith....15 years

Lion Shane Long....15 years

Lion Louise Norris....15 years

Lion Theresa Hickman 20 years

Lion Brandy J. Powell....25 years

Lion Patricia S. Whalen....25 years

Lion Bruce Norris....25 years

Lion Allen Huffman....30 years



More Club News!



Coldwater Lions

The Coldwater Lions met at McSober's on March 14. Coldwater President Nick Selhorst, who recently became a new father, was celebrated with a toast or two. The club passed motions to award a scholarship to a Coldwater High School Graduate and funds to support the local Neurological Center. Both youth and senior citizens were served by these motions. Pictured are club members who hung around for some jovial socializing at the conclusion of the meeting. Coldwater Lions play a principle role in the August Coldwater Fall Celebration putting together the parade, a community event of great fun.

Ottawa Lions

DG Dave Stockum awards Rick Carder a GAT Certificate for Excellent Service in Communication.



IMPORTANT!

shared by Lion Carol Collins

Lions Leaders,

You have no doubt been receiving emails from Lions Clubs International regarding the new Lions Portal. Ohio's Global Service Team just wants to make sure that you are informed about upcoming changes.

Set for release in July 2023, LCI is revamping their online service and membership reporting sites, combining **MyLion, MyLCI, Insights** and other tools into one cohesive site called the **LIONS PORTAL**.

THINGS TO KNOW:

1. All service reports for the 2022-2023 year must be entered by JUNE 15, 2023. Any projects or fundraisers on or after JUNE 15, will be entered in the new **LIONS PORTAL**.
2. Make sure your club officers and members' email addresses, birthdates, and contact information is correct by JUNE 15, 2023. They will not be able to log in without their own working email address: your email address will be your username.
 - UPDATING INFORMATION - as of this morning, the club secretary and club administrator can change/update any member information *except* name, member number, and join date.
 - Please print out your roster (under My Lions Club/Reports) and have members note any changes at your next meeting!
3. For more information and the latest updates, check out the [LIONS PORTAL webpage](#). You can check the Ohio Lions Facebook page for updates too.

Thank you for sharing this information with your officers, clubs, and zone.

Yours in Lionism,
GST Kerry Parker



LEOS

ROAR!

Youth (Leo, Peace Poster)

Thank you for your support of Youth and Leo Activities!

Youth Updates around District OH1:

- PEACE POSTER/PEACE ESSAY - 2023-2024 Lions Year Peace Poster Kits are now available from LCI Club Supplies.
 - The theme is “Dare to Dream”
 - Each kit contains all the materials needed to sponsor the contest in a school or youth group, including complete rules, promotional material and recognition certificates for participants.
 - Participants must be 11, 12, or 13 as of November

• LEO CLUBS in District OH1

- An informational meeting for a new Leo Club in Swanton (or as they like to call it, a re-start) will be held on April 14th.
- Kalida Lions Club members announced at the March 5th cabinet meeting that they are looking toward starting a Leo Club.
- If your club would like to have information about starting a Leo Club, please contact Lion Darlene Roll at youth@ohiolions.org or 419-371-5515.
 - There are 2 types of Leo Clubs – school-based and community-based. There are some of each in Ohio.
 - Leo Club members must be between 12-18 years of age.

Darlene Roll
OH1 Youth & Leo Chair

LIONS CREED

He achieves success who lives well, laughs often and loves much.

Who gains the respect of intelligent men and love of little children;

Who fill his niche, who accomplishes his ask, who leaves the world better than he found it, whether by improved poppy, a perfect poem, or rescued soul;

Who never lacks appreciation of the earth’s beauty or fails to express it.

Who always see the best in others, and gives the best that he has;

Whose life is an inspiration, who’s memory is benediction.



We Serve

District 13 OH1 Region 3 Update

Region 3 Clubs are becoming more active as the year progresses.

All 3 zones held meetings in March. Zone 7 held a meeting at Spencerville on March 23rd. Zones 8 and 9 had a combined meeting at West Liberty on March 6th.

Clubs that have reported activities include:

- Bellefontaine – Scholarship applications just received for review. One scholarship winner will be chosen.
- Celina – Club meetings, made donations to numerous programs.
- Coldwater – Recycled Eyeglasses
- Coldwater Leo – Membership Drive continues.
- Convoy – Placed flags in the area.
- Cridersville – Participated in Christmas on Main Street and Breakfast with Santa. Have a Chicken BBQ planned for March 30th.
- Huntsville-Indian Lake – Will be awarding scholarships.
- Lima Host – Made a donation to Ohio Lions for East Palestine, Ohio; preschool vision screening continues, awarded a scholarship for a music student, rang Salvation Army bells at Christmas (been doing since 1939).
- Mendon – Recycled Eyeglasses, will be awarding a scholarship.
- Middle Point – Holding a Gun Raffle, 3 scholarships to be awarded at Lincolnview Schools, held a Christmas Caring & Sharing activity.

- Rockford – Planning a Car Show for late June
- Rushsylvania – Held a Pancake Breakfast in January.
- Spencerville – Held a Rose Day Sale, placed 160 veterans' banners in the downtown area, and are collecting veterans' stories.
- Venedocia – Pancake & Sausage days, provided fruit baskets at Christmas, Put up Christmas lights in Venedocia, Elgin, and Landeck..
- Wapakoneta – Club meetings.
- Waynesfield – Fat Tuesday Meal Fundraiser; Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be held on April 1st.
- West Liberty – Pancake Breakfast held on February 25th. Easter Egg Hunt in April.
- Willshire – Angel Tree, Pancake Day, Willshire Days Bingo, Museum project, and possible Chalk Art activity on the sidewalks.

NWOLECF

The next Northwest Ohio Lions Eye Care Foundation, Inc. (NWOLECF) quarterly meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11th, at the Bluffton Town Hall Building. A meeting notice be sent out through the District Email program in mid-April.

All District OH1 Lions are members of the Foundation and welcome to attend meetings.

If you would like to have a member of the NWOLECF board provide a program for your Lions Club meeting, please contact us. We can share information about what NWOLECF is about, show some of the newer magnifiers that may be available, what it takes to qualify for help through NWOLECF, explain how NWOLECF determines the levels of support to individuals and address how Lions Clubs can help others know about NWOLECF services.

If you have questions, please Email droll1998@gmail.com or call 419-371-5515.

Lion Darlene Roll

NWOLECF President

THE BULLETIN BOARD

The West Liberty Lions Club presents:

Pancakes with the Easter Bunny

Easter Bunny and goodies sponsored by **WEST LIBERTY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

At the Fire House, Saturday, April 1 from 8-11 AM
-Bunny and pictures 9-11 AM Only-

2nd Annual Easter EGG Hunt

April 2, 2023
3:00 PM - Lions Park

Proudly sponsored by **Marie's CANDIES LLC**
 Open to all kids 5th grade and younger
 Children will be grouped by age

PILL BOTTLE COLLECTION

FOR STATE RECYCLING PROJECT

The Ohio Lions Global Service Team wants your used pill bottles – prescription bottles, over-the-counter pill bottles, and vitamin bottles.

Bags of bottles are needed for the State Convention May 19 - 20, 2023. Volunteer Attendees will sort and bag the bottles for use by Matthew 25 Ministries in Blue Ash.

We are recycling all pill bottles – with and without labels. Label-free bottles will be shipped for reuse; labeled and sticky bottles will be recycled into road reflectors.

How can you participate??

STEP ONE	STEP TWO
Make sure there is a cap for each bottle.	Clean each bottle, please.
STEP THREE	STEP FOUR
Remove all labels; personal information must at least be blacked out	Get the bottles to a drop off point; state convention or district location. Ask your District GST for drop off information.

Important Dates

- April 14-15 – District Convention @ Hilton Garden Inn, Findlay
- May 15 – Compliance Deadline for clubs on January 1 – December 31 accounting
- May 19 – Final Quarterly Council of Governors Meeting (Marriott Columbus/ Dublin)
- May 19-21 – MD13 Convention at Marriott Columbus/Dublin
- June – TBA Potential End of Year Picnic
- July 7 – July 11 – LCI International Convention (Boston)

Portage Lions Vandalia Onion Sale



Spring is here and that means the Portage Lions Club is selling Vandalia Onions.

\$10 for a 10-pound bag
\$23 for a 25-pound box.

pre-orders only through April 10, 2023.

Advance payment is not necessary but would be appreciated. Checks should be made payable to **Portage Lions Club** and can be dropped off to me at DACOR Internet Services, 725 Haskins Rd, Suite A, Bowling Green, OH.

OH_I DISTRICT CONVENTION

APRIL 14-15

Hilton Garden Inn

1050 Interstate Drive West

Findlay, Ohio 45840

Delegate and registration forms are
found on OH_I website

ohiolionsohi.org

OHIO LIONS STATE CONVENTION

MAY 19-21, 2023

Marriot Columbus Northwest

5605 Blazer Parkway

Dublin, Ohio 43017

Delegate and registration forms are
found on the Ohio website

www.ohiolions.org

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The 105th Lions International Convention will take place July 7th – 11th, 2023, in Boston, Massachusetts. Be sure to register early. Ohio has been assigned to two hotels. Aloft Boston Seaport District is 0.1 miles from the Convention Center. It is \$242.00 plus tax per night. The Boston Marriot Copley Place is 2.3 miles from the Convention Center and the cost will \$252.00 plus tax per night. The Ohio School for the Blind will be Ohio's sponsored band for the parade. Visit the Lions International Convention website for additional information.

USA/CANADIAN LEADERSHIP FORUM

The USA/Canada Leadership Forum will be held Sept. 21st – 23rd in Reno, Nevada. The three hotels listed on the application are within one block of the convention center and seminars. For more information see:
www.lionsforum.org.