

OH 1 DISTRICT NEWS



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District Governor
Susan Davis

The District Convention is almost here. However, district responsibilities are not winding down. We have until June 30 to continue our growth and successes. There will be many awards issued during the Brunch and Grand Banquet in celebration for strides made since last April. This is a testimony to the dedication of our District Lions.

First VDG Faith and 2VDG Pam will be moving into new rolls. However, we do not have anyone to follow 2VDG Pam. You are out there somewhere! Please step up. You will have a lot of support from the district clubs and past officers. Fear not! It is a rewarding experience.

In May we will be celebrating Helen Keller. One hundred years ago she challenged Lions to be Knights of the Blind. The celebration will take place at Cedar Point; where she made this proclamation. Mark your calendars to attend part or all of the State Convention. If you want to read more about Hellen Keller, login here: <https://lionmagazine.org/articles/100-years-of-unstoppable-spirit>.

Be a part of months of celebrations. **Roar** with District and State Lions.



**Greetings from 1VDG
Faith Cataldo-Gauger**

Purpose Through Service: Growing Our Lions Legacy

As Lions, we believe in the power of **service**—not just as an act of kindness, but as a **purpose-driven mission** that transforms lives. Every meal served, every child helped, and every community project completed is a testament to the impact we can make when we come together. But in order to **serve more, we must grow more.**

Why Growth Matters

More Lions means **more hands to serve, more ideas to inspire change, and a stronger presence in our communities.** That’s why we need **dedicated leaders** to help drive our mission forward.

Become a GMT Leader – Be the Force Behind Our Growth!

The **Global Membership Team (GMT)** is the backbone of our club’s expansion and retention efforts. GMT members work to **recruit, engage, and retain Lions**, ensuring that every club in our district is thriving and impactful.

What does a GMT Leader do?

- ✓ Inspire and support clubs in growing their membership
- ✓ Develop and share recruitment strategies that work
- ✓ Mentor new Lions and help them find their passion in service
- ✓ Strengthen club leadership and engagement

By stepping up as a GMT leader, you are not only **building the future of Lions** but also **empowering communities by ensuring more volunteers are ready to serve.**

Purpose + People = Powerful Impact

Imagine the impact we can create when **each club gains even one new member**—more service projects, more funds raised, and more lives touched. When we grow, we don’t just add numbers—we **expand our purpose** and **multiply our service.**

How You Can Get Involved

- 🌟 **Join the GMT team** – Share your passion and leadership to strengthen our district.
- 🌟 **Encourage a friend to become a Lion** – Invite someone to experience the joy of service.
- 🌟 **Mentor a new member** – Help them find their place in our Lions family.

Let’s commit to **growing our clubs, strengthening our service, and living our purpose through Lions.** Together, we can **shape the future** of our district and **make a greater impact than ever before!**

For more information on how you can become a GMT leader or help grow our district, contact **1VDG Faith** at **419-350-4365** or faithkcg@gmail.com.

We Serve – and together, we grow!

1VDG Faith :)



**2nd VDG Pam
Olachia**

Most people know about the Wright Brothers - Orville and Wilbur - who invented, built, and flew the first successful airplane in the early 1900's. But few know the name Katherine Wright. Yet in her brothers' story of creating their flying machine, Katherine was essential to their success. While her brothers concentrated on the myriad details and experiments that lead to their invention, Katherine chose to quietly and lovingly help them. She kept their bicycle shop going (the brothers' source of income), left her teaching job to nurse Orville back to health after a plane crash, and managed the endless details of her brothers' growing fame.

The value of support is undeniable in Lionism. We value the organization's ability to reach far and wide in this world and understand the meaning of the word "international".

We can be the Wright brothers and sisters by supporting others. We can look at the needs of others. We can value the support of others. And we can be that support.

Such is the case of the Alabama Lions Ophthalmic Mission group. OH1 Lions, including Corrine Piper, Faith and Craig Gauger, and myself joined this group for a mission trip to Pitillal, Mexico in March. Greeted by the Puerto Vallarta Lions Club, which is a short distance from our destination, we spent a week helping the locals to be able to see better. We saw 1300 patients, referred 55 for cataract surgery, 11 referred for pterygium removal, and prescribed 130 pairs of special made children's glasses. In addition, the Alabama

Lions and friends of Dr. Emily Pfohl sent \$650. to the mission as a memoriam for 65 people and their families to see better and the Alabama Club sent \$1300. to pay for the special glasses to be made. PDG Craig and 1VDG Faith graciously supplied everyone interested in sunglasses. It was a huge success and more people can see better because of Lions.

We set out to make a difference in the lives of others, to support the Lions motto "to serve", only to discover we've made a difference in our own lives.

Don't forget to sign your new officers up for District training right after your club elections, even the ole timers!

Take a look in the winter edition of the Lion Magazine, page 34. Saipan was a little known island where I was raised in the '40's. Who knew it would become this!

2VDG Pam Olachia





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Archbold Serves Community Meal

The Archbold Lions prepared and served the Tuesday Community meal to about 80-90 members of the community. Each Tuesday a local church provides the space and partial crew while other churches and organizations provide the food and serving. Several locals are regulars and use the opportunity as a welcomed social event. The meal is free.

These two members, left picture, got the chicken and noodles ready in mid-afternoon while another 12 Lions members came to serve, pour drinks and clean-up.

Submitted by John Poulson



Archbold Lions Work with Archbold FISH

In early March, six Archbold Lions Club members worked with the Archbold FISH unit to help sort and store the six grocery carts of food collected by the Archbold Boy Scouts. The Lions have sponsored the Boy Scouts since the 1960's. The Scout Master presented a program at a recent meeting.

The Lions have made helping at FISH an annual goal. We worked at the pantry for a meeting early in the fall and are working again for our second meeting in March. Lions members are stressing that we create more service opportunities for us to work on.

Submitted by LionJohn Poulson



Peace Poster Kits

Kits are \$11.95 for 1 kit, \$23.90 for 2 kits, and \$35.85 for 3 kits - without postage. ALL CLUBS ARE TO FORWARD THEIR PAYMENTS TO ME SO WE CAN TRACK WHO HAS PAID AND WHO HAS NOT (Payable to Ohio Lions with "Peace Poster Kit" on the memo line.

The deadline for purchasing kits is October 1, 2025. Be sure to go through Youth Chair PCC Darlene Roll as seen above.



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Portage Trees

Portage Lions braved the December cold and planted two trees. The picked a beautiful day! According to GST Dave Stockum, our district has planted 180 trees thus far.



More Portage Club News

Portage Lions Club held a successful Culver's Share Night Mar 12, raising over \$500. Members will be helping with an Adult Egg Hunt on April 12, sign up via [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) (search: Village of Portage Adult Egg Hunt). There is a \$20 registration fee, with thousands of eggs filled with various prizes from candy to money to prize tickets. Members will also be helping the Children's Egg Hunt on April 19.

submitted by PDG Jay Deutschman



Pioneer Lions Celebrate a 45 Year Member

At their February 24th meeting Pioneer Area Lion Bob Nussbaumer was awarded his 45 year membership pin. Thank you, Bob, for your 45 years of service.

Submitted by Lion Gloria Gilcher



Portage Lions Vidalia Onion Sale

Spring is here and that means the Portage Lions Club is selling Vidalia Onions. The price is \$10 for a 10-pound bag and \$23 for a 25-pound box. We are taking pre-orders only through April 14, 2025. So if you have not already placed an order and are interested in ordering a bag (or two) then let me know and I will put you down on my list.

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.

submitted by PDG Jay Deutschman



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More than a year has passed since the devastating tornado in Logan County...

According to Lion Scott Hall—"We are working with a lady who lost her home and is still waiting on her new home to be delivered. However her insurance company is not wanting to replace everything. We are working on buying a washer and dryer they are fighting over. Waiting on her home to be delivered." Now that FEMA and insurances have finished evaluations, real work has begun. Money from the district disaster fund has been used to dig wells and various other projects. PCC Darlene Roll reported that positive changes can be seen as you travel near the town. There are new housing units being built as well as the replacement of family homes. This most recent update was shared at the cabinet meeting on March 8.

Arcadia Presents 2025 Spring Fling Craft Show

Please join them for lots of food and raffles. A roasted coffee truck will be there! All proceeds go to the Arcadia Lions Club.

See flier on the bulletin board page 8



A Word from PDG Sara Camacho

The **PDG raffle** concluded last month, and this year **OLPCF** was the recipient of the half proceeds. Dave, and all, I'll be depositing \$3,660 today into our account so it will be showing up next week I'm sure.

A Reminder from our LCIF Chair, PDG Barbara Plaughter as we make our monetary donations this year

Devastating natural disasters have recently struck across the globe, including:

- Destructive tornadoes, typhoons and hurricanes in China, Honduras, Mexico, Philippines and the United States
- Catastrophic flooding in Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Benin, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Brazil, Ecuador, France, Guinea, Italy, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Senegal, Spain, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Thailand and the United States
- Ravaging wildfires in Argentina, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Paraguay, Peru and the United States

When humanitarian crises of this magnitude strike, we, as Lions, are ready to help. Right beside us is Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), our global foundation. Since July 1, 2024, LCIF has awarded more than 230 disaster relief grants totaling more than US\$4.8 million.

Your donation to LCIF's Disaster Relief Fund helps ensure LCIF responds quickly and supports Lions' efforts to provide help and hope where it is needed most.

Please send checks to PDG Barbara Plaughter so our district is credited and she can document the donation.



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Officer Training

Clubs should be in the process of lining up their officers for the 2026-2027 year. This needs to be completed and reported by May 1 on the Lion Portal. Officer training for President/Vice Presidents, Treasurers, and Secretaries will be held on Saturday, June 21 in the morning. This will be held via Zoom. Please put on your calendars. All officers, even ones who have held the office previously are expected to attend. Watch for more information to be coming for sign-up information and times.

Thank you, GLT Coordinator Anne Deutschman

Designer Purse Bingo Returns to Sylvania

Sylvania Lions is holding a designer purse bingo on April 10 at the Toledo Elks on Holland Sylvania Rd. It is being held in conjunction with the sight center of northwest OH 16 games of bingo and a coverall all for \$50. We have raffle baskets and a 50/50 too. Food trucks are available too. Sign up at the website for the sight center of northwest OH Come join us for an evening of fun.



The Tree Challenge Continues

Planting time is coming again. Although fall is the best time, spring is also good for planting. Keep up the good work! Report to GST Dave.



West Liberty Hosts 4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The West Liberty Lions Club hosted our 4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 22. We had over 200 children in attendance. Each child turns their (empty) eggs into us in exchange for a bag of candy! The pictures show our Lions members handing out the bags of candy. The event is also sponsored by our local favorite candy shop, Maries Candies.

submitted by Nicki Foes Kimball



LEOS Roar

On March 4th Bluffton Lions Club Held the LEO Charter Night:

The Bluffton High School LEO club, with the sponsorship of the Bluffton Lions Club, was chartered with 32 members. This was held at the Town Hall third floor on March 4th. The new members were inducted into the new organization. Officers were installed. The ceremony was led by Lion President Jackie Bourassa. Past Council Chair Darlene Roll was the speaker for the evening. The Leo club advisor, Lion Natalie Armstrong, presented information on the development and projects of the new club. A Village of Bluffton proclamation was presented by Major Richard Johnson. Attendance for this evening was 70+ lions, LEOs with parents and guests.



Photo above shows a full room of lions,LEOs parents and guests



New LEO members as they were inducted into the Bluffton High School LEO Club

submitted by PDG Barbara Plaucher



Leo Charter Officers:

- President-Ava Smallcombe
- Vice President-Keith Burkholder
- Secretary-Claire Phillips
- Treasurer-Lillian Dagoni
- Directors-Nora Matthews, Macy Schaad, Avery Ulrey
- Advisor-Lion Natalie Armstrong, holding the LEO charter

March 18th Meeting

Chevrons presented to Bluffton Lions from Lions Clubs International recognizing length of service as follows: Neil Reichenbach – 15 yr of service; Jesse Blackburn – 15 yr of service; Mitch Kingsley – 30 yr of service; Fred Rodabaugh – 30 yr of service.



Lion Mitch Kingsley accepting 30-year award presented by PDG Barbara Plaucher



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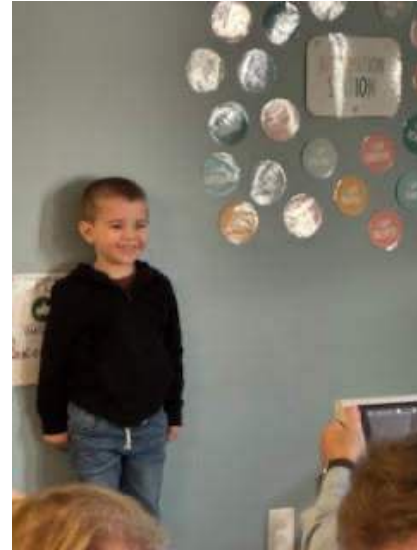


McComb Lions Screen Preschoolers

Members of the McComb Lions Club screened 28 preschool students from the Little Panthers Learning Center in McComb with two referrals. Also a big thank you to Bob Segna from the Portage Lions for helping us out



Found that happy face!



Students were very well behaved and cooperative!



This little one put on the glasses ready to be tested. She is being very thoughtful.



Where or where did that happy face go?




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PORTAGE LIONS ARE SELLING ONIONS!



Check news article for details

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
WAYNESFIELD LIONS CLUB 
 331 E. Wapakoneta St., Waynesfield

Sat., April 12, 2025
7:00 A.M. - 11 A.M.

All You Can Eat Pancakes
 Sausage, Milk, Juice, Coffee Included (eggs extra \$1 per egg)
 Donation: \$8/Adults, \$5/10 and under, Free/2 and Under
CARRY-OUT AVAILABLE
 Picture with Easter Bunny \$5 (7 A.M. - 11 A.M.)




The West Liberty Lions Club presents:
Breakfast with the Easter Bunny



In Conjunction with
WEST LIBERTY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION



At the Opera House, Saturday, March 22 from 8-11 AM
•Bunny and pictures 9-11 AM Only•

4th Annual Easter EGG Hunt




Proudly sponsored by *Marie's*
CANDIES LLC

March 22, 2025
11:00 AM – Lions Park

Open to all kids 5th grade and younger
 Children will be grouped by age

Beeping Easter Egg Hunt
 Brought to you by Sighted Guide Ohio



APRIL 12, 2025 10 AM - 1PM
 Join us at the YMCA in Sylvania

Questions: Adrienne Chasteen at
 419-870-2797

Proceeds go to expenses of Beeping Egg event and VIBE (Visual Impaired and Blind Education) Scholarship fund
www.sightedguideohio.org/vibe


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FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY FOR LEOS CLUBS!

Looking for a simple and effective fundraising solution for your club, charity, or organization's next community service project? The Millersport Lions Club offers a "turn-key" fundraising opportunity through their Major Prize Ticket sales for the annual Millersport Sweet Corn Festival.

There's no initial investment needed. Your members can keep 50% of every ticket the sell, and simply return the remaining 50% along with ticket stubs and any unsold tickets before the festival's opening day (August 27th, 2025). With attractive top prizes, supporting worthy causes, and a 78-year history – these tickets are an easy sell.

If you would like more information about this proven fundraiser, contact Lindsay Drum at 614-400-4886 by text or email drumm.89@osu.edu today. Lindsay serves as the Chairman of the Grand Prize Booth for the Sweet Corn Festival.

Scan the QR code above to place an order for an allotment of tickets!

The grand prize is \$10,000, with a \$2,500 second prize and a \$500 third prize.

The Sweet Corn Festival is the oldest and largest annual project of the Millersport Lions Club which was founded in 1946 and will be held on August 27-31 at Historic Lions Park in Millersport. Patrons can enjoy hot dripping ears of sweet corn, a large midway, tractor pulls, square dancing, contests, clogging, our heritage village, and lots of festive foods. There is a grand parade on Wednesday at 6:00 pm; queens' pageant on Thursday at 7:30 pm; national headline artists on Friday and Saturday at 8:30 pm; and a 5-K Run on Saturday at 9:00 am.

Come see why we are ear-resistible fun! Admission is FREE, \$20 per vehicle parking fee. For more information go to our website: www.sweetcornfest.com

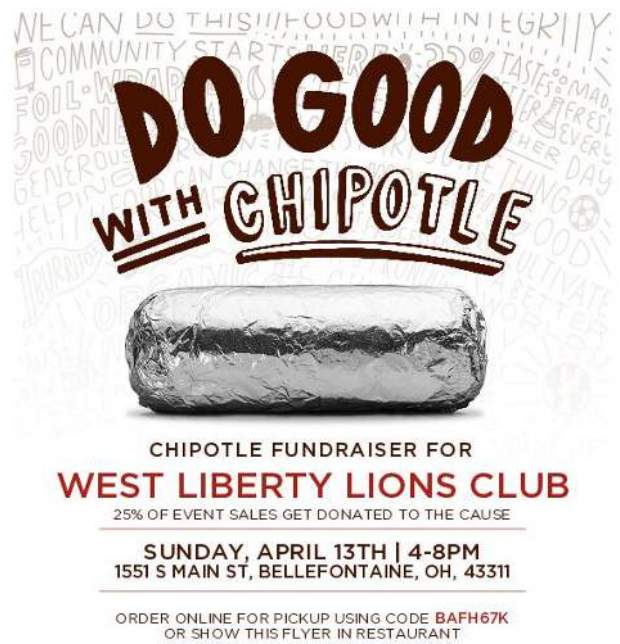
Ohio Lions State Convention

Celebrating Centennial Speech of
Helen Keller
May 16-18, 2025

Sawmill Creek Resort
400 Sawmill Creek Drive
Huron, OH 44839

419-433-3800

International Guest: PIP Frank Moore



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ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **BAFH67K**
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For online orders to count toward the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.



Arcadia Lions Club Presents

2025

Spring-fling Craft Show

20+ Vendors!

*Roasted coffee truck
food by the lions club
plus raffles!*

any questions contact Michelle Hengsteler at
419-889-0889

April 6 | 10 am - 3 pm

301 W Brown Road

Arcadia, Ohio

There will be outside tables available the week of
April 6th, weather permitting, for \$25