

# OH 1 DISTRICT NEWS



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Greetings from  
**DG Faith Cataldo-Gauger**

YOU are INVITED! YES, YOU!  
EVERY LION in the district is welcome!  
Where? When? and Why?  
To CELEBRATE being a LION!  
during the District Convention on Fri. & Sat. APRIL 17 & 18 in Findlay Ohio!  
See page 6 for more information and make plans NOW to COME TO CONVENTION!

On another quick note: Many of our fellow Lions know that five Lions from our district are currently in Colima Mexico serving as part of the team with the Alabama Lions Vision Mission from Feb. 20th to Feb. 28. There are many who have been concerned due to the happenings in Mexico this past Sunday and Monday following the killing of a dangerous drug lord.  
First - ALL of the US mission team members arrived safely on Friday or Saturday in Guadalajara and were driven by van to the city of Colima on Saturday afternoon. We set up for the vision clinic as normal on Sunday morning. By Sunday afternoon we were made aware of the situation going on in some areas of Mexico including Guadalajara and Puerto Vallarta.  
The mayor of Colima and the Governor of the state of Colima asked businesses and schools to close on Sunday and Monday and both issued "shelter in place" and "do not travel between cities" advisories - with the goal of keeping citizens and tourists safe.  
Our vision team sheltered at our hotel on Sunday and Monday. We are happy to report that there was NO VIOLENCE in Colima. We were safe. Our team was able to relax by the hotel pool and enjoy card games in the sunshine and warmth of the courtyard. (No snow here!) Everything returned to normal on Tuesday and we are able to hold the vision clinic the rest of this week as planned. : )  
Thank you for your prayers!

Please Keep SHINING A LIGHT ON SERVICE  
while you LEAD TO SERVE and SERVE TO LEAD  
DG Faith : )



## 2nd VDG Pam Olachia

A transition from winter to spring, March focuses on renewal, with activities like planting flowers, cleaning and being outdoors. You can Plant Seeds in a Cup (March 6th), celebrate Women's Day (March 8th), Daylight Savings Day (March 8th), and Puppy Day (March 23rd). And everybody's Irish on March 17th. We Lions will be preparing for our Environment Service Week in April. Don't wait too long or the 18th thru the 26th of April will be here before you know it. Plan a project of planting trees, (or seeds in a cup) , schedule a roadside clean up or a community lot, collect used cell phones and donate to folks in need, volunteer with your local Park Service to maintain trails or work with local city/county officials to do what needs to be done. But start NOW in March to get organized; select your team, get permission, plan the day, invite your friends and family, have fun, celebrate, and spread the word via media about your good works.

Mission 1.5 (ahh, don't just skip over this part - it's critical to understand) is about "making every club strong, every club more vibrant, and every act of service even more impactful. " It is the operating system of our association, and all of our resources need to be focused to achieve its goals to increase our bandwidth to serve. More members mean enhanced, continued and expanded service to meet the growing needs of the world. Ongoing addition of members and clubs is required to add to our capacity to serve and to replenish the constant loss for reasons beyond our control. Growth is imperative for us as we expand our horizons. Growing our association is the unwritten responsibility of every Lion and the constitutional obligation of every elected and/or appointed leader. Less members means less service possible.

As I am trying to complete this, I'm on an Alabama Lions Eyeglass Mission in Colima, Mexico. Yesterday as we were finishing setting up the clinic, our Coordinator received a call from the Mayor stating there were some cartels not playing nice at the airport and we needed to get in the cars he supplied us and go back to the hotel.

He had promised the local club and our coordinator that we would be safe on this mission as he didn't want Colima to be the site of an International incident! So 14 of us are huddled- in- place in a cute, pink, little hotel with a nice pool but no food. We are saddened by the impact this has on the locals. They also cannot leave their abode and school is cancelled. There are vehicular fires in large cities and roadblocks set up all over Mexico. The Airport is open but no International flights in and most outgoing are cancelled as you can not get to the bigger cities with the highways in disarray. We have to decide if we should stay or try to get to our flights. We will stay one more day and see what the Mayor advises. I'm sure this sort of thing happens no matter where in the world Lions serve but as Lions, we serve where we are needed.

Let me take this time to tell you about a new project. Remember Mental Health week earlier this year? This idea came out of the RLLI by Lions and Leaders representing 4 of the 7 MD 13 districts. The assignment was to develop a service project to support this initiative. Thus came about Lions Courage Kits or Roar Out And Restore. (ROAR) Any size group of Lions can complete. Your club creates, produces and distributes wellbeing kits of items to provide immediate short-term stress relief. A core kit template is produced with a variety of customizations available to add to the base kit, including addressing the needs of 1st Responders, Veterans, Seniors, Homeless, Children, and Teens. Plus a full Classroom addition to be distributed to teachers. All kits will engage the user's senses to address stress relief, distraction and sensory calming. Core kits cost approximately \$6.00 and the add-on are \$3 to \$6 with the classroom kits approximately \$57. All recommended items are available from Amazon or similar businesses and the Lions logo and the Lions Courage Kit logo should be included on the kits. Remember more than 4,800,000 people in Ohio live in a community without enough mental health professionals and 86,396 calls were made to Ohio's 988 Suicide & Crisis Line call centers in 2023. This service project was approved at the most current COG meeting. There is an obvious community need in Ohio--lets get this done by Ohio Lions! Talk to Gov. Faith for more details and to order.



**2nd VDG Joshua Barnes**

As the blossoms of spring unfurl and the warmth of the sun returns, so too does the spirit of giving and community. It is a time when the world awakens from its winter slumber, and with it, the desire to lend a helping hand grows stronger. In this season of renewal, Lion volunteers stand at the forefront, ready to make a meaningful impact through their acts of service and compassion.

Right now, across our district, Lions are showing up in quiet but powerful ways. You are stocking pantry shelves, collecting food, serving meals, supporting schools, and stepping in where help is needed most. You are checking on neighbors who are struggling, partnering with local organizations, and reminding our communities that they are not alone.

What moves me most is not only what we do, but how we do it. With kindness. With humility. With a willingness to give your time, your energy, and your heart. That is what makes Lions different, and that is what makes our service matter.

Spring is a fresh start, and it is also an invitation. An invitation to stay visible, to keep the momentum going, and to bring someone alongside you. When we invite others to serve with us, we strengthen our clubs and expand the care we can offer our communities.

Thank you for being the hands that help and the hearts that care. Your service is seen, it is felt, and it makes a real difference.

**Joshua Barnes**  
**Second Vice District Governor, MD13 OH1**  
**Holgate Lions Club**  
**(419) 906-8378**  
**Empowering Communities, One Roar at a Time 🦁**



**CLUBS CORNER**



**Holgate Lions Club Presents Two Melvin Jones Awards**

Holgate Lions Linda Rettig and 2VDG Joshua Barnes were recipients of the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award in February. Congratulations and well deserved.





## CLUBS CORNER



### Ohio Lions Fund Needs Your Help



Dear Club Officers.

As we draw nearer to the District Convention in April, I am writing to you today to ask that your club consider donating to the Ohio Lions Foundation, or OLF. OLF helps with disaster relief within our district, and throughout the State of Ohio, with gift cards that can be used to purchase clean up supplies, or help to provide temporary housing, or help to replace immediate needed personal items.

But did you know that we do so much more within the District and the State of Ohio. Over the past couple of years, the Foundation has provided funds to purchase a communication sign at a special needs' playground.

OLF has provided funds for a Pure Tone Audiometer, which assists special education teachers with hearing screenings. We recently approved funds for vision therapy software, where 2 children in the home would benefit from using the software.

We also placed a portable magnifier in a home where the child has Stargardts. Which is a genetic eye disease that causes progressive vision loss by damaging the macula.

As you can see OLF does so much more than just provide disaster relief funds for those that need it. Please consider making a year end donation to the Ohio Lions Foundation prior to the District Convention so that it is recorded for this Lions year.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you would like to send a donation, please make your check out to: **Ohio Lions Foundation or OLF**. Send it to: **PDG Sheryl Burnette; 5355 County Road 18; Wauseon, OH 43567**.

We Serve,

PDG Sheryl Burnette  
OH1 OLF Chair  
Questions – 567-454-9739 (Call or Text)


**CLUBS CORNER**


**North Baltimore Presents  
Melvin Jones Award**

The North Baltimore Lions Club, presented former member Carl Butler with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award for his service and dedication to the Lions Club. Carl was a member of North Baltimore Lions Club for 45 years. from 1981-2024, when he moved to Findlay and transferred to another club.

Carl served in several offices over the years, and enjoyed participating in the service projects. Some of which included making floats for the Halloween parade, selling pop at the Good Ole Summertime festival, cleaning the Slippery Elm Trail and of course Eye Screenings at the Powell Elementary School.



*submitted by Fran Troutner*

**Portage Lions Club Planning  
50th Anniversary**

Portage will be celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Charter Night on Mar 14 at Christ UMC. Social time starting at 6:00, dinner at 6:30, cost is \$20. PCC Dave Stockum is our speaker. Please RSVP to Lion Anne Deutschman by Mar 7, 419-601-2307 or [jakgs@dacor.net](mailto:jakgs@dacor.net). We are looking forward to seeing you.

**Vidalia Onions**

Our Vidalia Onion fundraiser just started, \$10 for 10 lbs., \$23 for 25 lbs. We will be taking orders until Apr 13. We have a Culver's Share Night scheduled on Mar 18 from 5-8 pm at the Bowling Green Culver's. We will soon be selling 50/50 raffle tickets to raise funds for the Portage Fireworks Display

**Officer Training**

**Officer Training – SAVE the Date  
June 6, 2026**

Officer Training for Presidents/Vice-Presidents, Treasurers, and Secretaries will be on June 6 via Zoom for all incoming officers for the 2026-2027 Liona year. Watch for more information on getting registered.7

*GLT Coordinator Anne Deutschman*

**The Bryan Lions Club will be hosting  
Charter Night**

...on Tuesday March 10, 2026. We would like to invite anyone from the district that would like to come. We would need to know a final head count by Sunday February 22, 2026. The location will be at Bryan Moose Lodge. Dinner will start at 6:30pm with festivities to follow. The cost of the dinner will be \$23 per person. We look forward to seeing all of you there. If you wish to come please contact me at 419-553-6976.

*We Serve, Lion President Matt Keck*

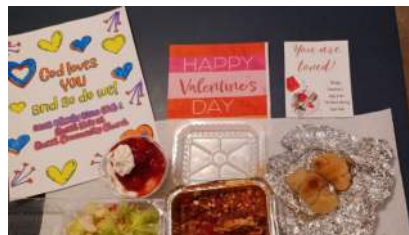


 **CLUBS CORNER** 

### West Liberty Celebrates Valentines Day in a unique way.

The West Liberty Lions Club started a new community outreach event last year. Instead of doing our annual club Valentines Party; our members spent the money they would have spent to attend it, as a donation for a meal to a widowed or single community member who might be having a hard time around Valentines Day. Last year, we prepared and delivered 36 meals. With the goal of doubling our reach for this year. We far exceeded; and delivered 120 meals to those in our community who needed some love this Valentines Day! All money was donated by club members, and delivered by 10 delivery teams.

#### Serving up!



Numerous Valentine **THANK YOUs** were posted for the West Unity Lions Club. sharing their joy for their effort. Unfortunately I can not paste them into the newsletter . The recipients showed their appreciation for the Valentines meals and a visit from a Lion. Awesome!





**DISTRICT NEWS**




**IT'S DISTRICT CONVENTION TIME!**

**NOW is the time to REGISTER for the CONVENTION.**

**REGISTER** as a delegate from you club in order to cast your **VOTE** at the BUSINESS MEETING!

**COME** for the **FELLOWSHIP** at our **FRIDAY NIGHT 50's SOCK HOP MEET & GREET!**



**COME** to meet our **INTERNATIONAL GUEST: ID LIZ CROOKE** from California



**JOIN** us on Saturday in **REMEMBRANCE** of the **LIONS** we lost this past year (*Please submit names of deceased members to 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Pam*)

**ATTEND** the **LUNCHEON** to **ENJOY** a meal together with **OLD FRIENDS**; and make **NEW FRIENDS** from around the district!

to receive your **CLUB AWARDS!**

to meet our **PEACE POSTER WINNER** and view the winning poster!



**COME** Saturday afternoon to enjoy the **INTERESTING BREAKOUT SESSIONS!**

\*Lions Project for Canine Companions

\* ProMedica Russell J. Ebeid Children's Hospital

\*Toledo Lighthouse restoration update

\* Bob Ulm



**SHOP** for awesome new **LIONS APPAREL** and logo items.

Get a **SNEAK PEEK** at the new **LIONS STATE PROJECT IDEA** – a simple, relatable, customizable project that clubs can do as a **MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROJECT!** (*It is already generating excitement beyond Ohio and it hasn't been fully unveiled yet!*)



**SHARE** dinner with **District Lions** at the **GRAND BANQUET** with awards and a raffle

**SHHHH...there's a SILENT AUCTION!**

**COME** to help us **SHINE A LIGHT** on **YOUR CLUB'S SERVICE** this past year!



(*Please submit photos of your club SERVICE PROJECTS to DG Faith for the slide presentation.*)

**NO MATTER WHAT** the weather is outside - it will be **WARM AND FRIENDLY INSIDE!**

**INVITE NEWER CLUB MEMBERS** so they can meet fellow Lions, learn about Lions projects and good stuff, and can shop for Lions logo items!



**BRING GENTLY USED SHOES** that you collected to benefit the Lions Pediatric Cancer Foundation! *See separate flyer for more info!!*

**BRING SILENT AUTION BASKETS/ITEMS** to donate from your club to help us raise funds to cover the other convention costs (*these are not included with the meal costs*)!

**A NOTE ON COSTS:**

**MEALS** listed include tax & tip with **NO** extra expense. There is **NO CHARGE** to come for the Necrology, business meeting, breakouts, shopping opportunity, or displays.

**OTHER EXPENSES:** such as room set up fees, guest expenses, hospitality, etc. are being covered by monies generated from the **SILENT AUCTION, ENVELOPE RAFFLE,** and 'Convention tax' portion of your district dues.



### Northwest Ohio Lions Eye Care Foundation News

The February 12, 2026 meeting was held via Zoom. Sixteen members attended the meeting.

#### Sight & Hearing:

PDG Bill Niejadlik shared that the Sight & Hearing Committee has had difficulty scheduling and staffing the "Sight for All United with Vision To Learn Van". No nearby Lions Clubs to help man. Last minute scheduling. This is the initiative started by Governor Mike Dewine. Currently, the only county in our district being served is Allen County. Lion Corine Piper has reached out to the organization.

#### Jingle Balls:

32 Balls have been ordered and distributed.

From Dan Ritter on 2/21/2026 following our meeting: There is a substantial amount available to clubs who want to purchase jingle balls for sight impaired adults or children. This includes schools, nursing homes, and rehab facilities. There is \$987.52 in the treasury. Please contact your community. Those who have received the balls have been excited and appreciative of the gift.

Lion Miriam Huff will present her experience with a Braille writer at the next meeting on May 14, 2026, at the Bluffton Town Hall. Plan to attend. It will be very interesting!

### Lion Under the Weather

Lion Dean Carruthers is currently at a Senior Center. Below is the information requested.

Lions,  
Dean's address:

The address here is Dean Carruthers  
Room 101  
Serenity Spring Senior  
Living at Arlington  
100 Powell Dr.  
Arlington, OH 45814

Visitors are welcome.

I am sure he would appreciate cards and visits.

### CONVENTION REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE

It is not possible to attach the registration to the newsletter. It scatters the print. However, you can go to:

[ohiolionsoh1.org](http://ohiolionsoh1.org)

to find the registration, table sponsor form, silent auction information and program ad form.

Above is an active link. Please come to all or part of the convention. There are many choices on how to attend the event. Check us out. Look on page 4 of this newsletter for detailed information. Let's ROAR Lions ROAR!



**NEEDED! Someone to take pictures of the cabinet and dignitaries at the Grand Banquet.**




**DISTRICT NEWS**


### LCIF: LOOKING AHEAD

*Note from 1VDG Pam:*

April 18 - 26th, 2026 is the next Service Week. I don't know about your club but my club was behind the time frame for both of the last two service weeks. So I'm not rushing April but giving you plenty of time to plan and execute Environment Week successfully. Here's some ideas for your club: .

- > Plant trees: check local Agriculture or Extension Service for local types and mass ordering.
- > Schedule a local area to be cleaned up: roadside, community lot, etc.
- > Collect used cell phones and donate them to individuals in need. Check your local County Social Services office for needs.
- > Recognize a local organization or individual for their environmental efforts.
- > Volunteer with your local park service to maintain trails.
- > ID where to recycle toxic items and advertise its schedule and location in your neighborhood.
- > Work with city/county officials to paint "No Dumping" signs near road drainage areas.



### Nose for news!!!

*from your newsletter editor...*

I am always looking for news articles and/or pictures for the newsletter. It is important to share activities with your district. If you look back at recent letters, you will see there is a lot of "filler" and not much specifically from OH! I am asking that you please

### ROAR LOUDLY

about your successes.

Sharing keeps everyone in our district in the loop and highlights your club activities. Every club has special projects that can possibly be started in clubs around OH1. Sharing sets up a communication network between clubs and as well. Everyone is working hard for their communities but there is less and less being posted to the newsletter. That is what each issue is for - sharing.

Zone Chairs and District Chairs can share as well. Take a minute to send pictures and captions or articles to me when posting on Facebook or media tools. It only takes a minute and can be done on your phone.

So, the bottom line is that I am begging for articles.

IPDG Sue,

Newsletter editor





## STATE NEWS



### The MD-13 Ohio PDG (Past District Governor) Raffle

...drawing will be held on May 16, 2026 at the state convention. 5 winning tickets - 1st=\$500, 2nd=\$250, 3rd=\$125, 4th=\$75 and 5th=\$50.

*Tickets are available for purchase. Tickets can be sold to non-Lions as well. \$5.00 donation per ticket.*

*The raffle this year benefits the Ohio Lions Foundation (OLF) and below are some of the activities that OLF supports:*

- *Disaster relief grants in Ohio*
- *A college scholarship program (Helen Keller scholarships) for visually impaired Ohio students enrolled as full time students (undergraduate or graduate programs) at any of the six participating state-supported universities.*
- *James T. & Betty Coffey Fund grants to schools and other youth support organizations.*
- *A low vision reader program*

*A maximum of 1,000 tickets will be sold. Your support will help others see a brighter future.*

If you would like to purchase tickets:

- Please Email me ([pdg-raffle@ohiolions.org](mailto:pdg-raffle@ohiolions.org)) to let me know you want to purchase tickets
- Send your money (*checks payable to MD-13 Ohio Lions, with PDG Raffle on the memo line*) to PCC Darlene Roll, 1385 Township Road 216, Bellefontaine, OH 43311-9644.
- I will Email you your ticket numbers when I receive the money.

District Coordinators also have tickets available:

- OH1 - PCC Darlene Roll

Thank you for supporting the MD-13 Ohio PDGs' ticket raffle.

If you have questions and need to call me, my cell phone number is 419-371-5515.

Have a good week! "We Serve"

Lion PCC Darlene Roll

PDG Raffle State Coordinator

Cell Phone - 419-371-5515

Email: [pdg-raffle@ohiolions.org](mailto:pdg-raffle@ohiolions.org)

### Environment

**Our Environment Week of Service, April 18-26.** This is your opportunity to take action on e-waste. Consider hosting an electronics collection or recycling event, and watch our e-waste video to learn how improper disposal impacts our environment.

The recycling and waste management service area resource is designed to help you learn the facts on waste and plan service projects centered on responsible recycling in your community. Consider planning an e-waste recycling project on Earth Day on April 22!

To learn more click here:

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### STATE CONVENTION IS ALMOST HERE!

Make plans now to attend the Ohio Lions State Convention. It will be held May 15 – 17, 2026 at the Holiday Inn Roberts Center in Wilmington, Ohio. Come celebrate with Lions from all over the state as we welcome International 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lion Mark Lyon and his wife Lion Lynn as our guests for the weekend. The registration form and more information about the convention will be available soon on the Ohio Lions website. Friday night dinner will be on your own. The Buckeye Blend Quartet will be the entertainment. Be sure to wear your Scarlet and Gray Buckeye attire. Snacks will be provided. On Saturday, there will be voting registration, business and informative sessions, a necrology service, lunch and awards, district caucuses, and voting. The convention will conclude with the Grand Banquet and awards. Display tables and Bue Frog will be available throughout the weekend as well as an opportunity for service that will benefit our state Pediatric Cancer Foundation partnering with the Kids Get Cancer Too organization.



## FOR OHIO MD13 ENDORSED CANDIDATE FOR INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

### WHY OHIO NEEDS STRONG INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION



Ohio Lions needs strong international representation by having an International Director because the Lions Clubs International organization operates on a global scale, influencing policies and initiatives that affect all member clubs. An International Director from Ohio ensures that the unique perspectives, needs, and strengths of Ohio Lions are effectively communicated and considered in international decision-making. This representation helps Ohio Lions stay connected to worldwide service opportunities, fosters collaboration with other regions, and advocates for resources and support that directly benefit their local projects. Additionally, it elevates Ohio's profile within the global Lions community, inspiring greater engagement and pride among its members.

Ohio needs robust international representat

ion to ensure its Lions Clubs are fully engaged in shaping the future of service worldwide. By electing me as the endorsed candidate for International Director, Ohio secures a leader whose vision, passion, and advocacy will elevate its voice on the global platform. I bring a wealth of local leadership experience, a deep understanding of Ohio's unique challenges, and the proven ability to connect those needs with international opportunities. My collaborative spirit and forward-looking mindset will empower Ohio Lions to influence international strategies, attract greater resources, and participate in innovative service initiatives. On both the state and world stage, my dedication to serving others, transparent communication style, and unwavering commitment to the Lions' mission make me an outstanding ambassador. Electing me means Ohio's priorities will be championed internationally, while my leadership inspires progress, unity, and pride within communities at home and across the globe.

For more detailed information, my full bio and answers to some specific questions are on the State web site: <https://www.ohiolions.org/news-events/news/827-meet-the-candidates-for-international-director>. Or follow my candidate's page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61586735977187>

As Lions, we can be the change by "Sharing Kindness – One Act at a Time".

If you have questions or requests, please contact me by email at [LMHYOYO@aol.com](mailto:LMHYOYO@aol.com) or via phone at (937) 609-6594.



*PDG Jackie Miller*  
*For Ohio's International Director*

Hello, Lions!

As a candidate for **International Director for Ohio**, I hope many of you have had the opportunity this past month to learn more about me through posts on my campaign Facebook page [here](#). If you haven't yet, I invite you to visit it and get to know my journey and my vision for Lionism.

This month, I'd like to share a little more about where my passion for leadership and service began.

From a very young age, leadership and community involvement were simply part of who I was. I had my own paper route, babysat, and mowed lawns—learning responsibility and work ethic early on. I was active in Brownies and later chose 4-H because I wanted to learn practical skills like cooking and sewing. Thanks to my mom who started teaching me those skills. I still enjoy sewing, knitting, and quilting today.

Service through faith and youth leadership also shaped me deeply. I began teaching Sunday School at the age of 16 and continued well into my 50s, including serving for two years as a teaching coordinator at my church. Along the way, I learned how important it is to guide, mentor, and encourage others.

In school, leadership showed up in many forms. I was a cheerleader in both elementary and high school and served multiple times as Cheerleading Captain. I played in the band, marching with the Flag Corps, and was honored to serve as Flag Corps Captain as well. These experiences taught me teamwork, accountability, and how to lead by example.

That same leadership carried into my professional career. I served on—and chaired—numerous committees, led teams, and was honored to serve multiple years as President of my Toastmasters Club, whose members included our CEO and CFO. I even led our company softball team to a winning season and proudly played on our volleyball team. Whether organizing United Way campaigns or fostering friendly competition between departments to raise funds, I learned how powerful motivated people can be when they work toward a common goal.

When I look back, one thing is clear: **leadership and community service have always been part of my life**. They are not roles I step into—they are part of who I am. That foundation is what I bring with me as I seek to serve Ohio and Lions everywhere as your next International Director.

Looking forward to sharing more next month.

**Let's Support PDG Jackie Miller for International Director!**


**STATE NEWS**


### OLPCF is Supported by Kroger Co.



Dear Ohio Lions Pediatric Cancer Foundation,

The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to not just part of, but to help create a stronger community. We recognize that every community has unique causes that need support. Thank you for being such an important organization in our community.

We encourage you to **ask your supporters to link their rewards card to your organization.** Community Rewards is easy to use, The more your supporters shop with us, the more money your organization will earn!

We are committed to carefully protecting our customer's personal information. In order to meet their expectation of privacy, we have adopted a simple policy to never share a customer's personal information. Our privacy policy applies to Community Rewards participation as well.

Thank you for being such an important organization in our community,

Community Rewards Staff

### OLPCF Message from PDG Sara Camacho

I wanted to reach out and continue to share information/updates regarding our **Statewide Fundraiser!**

I am energized with the news of all the shoes piling up in basements and garage! The “thank you” bags have been distributed at COG today to those you’ve indicated. I have 30 bags with me until they’re gone! (DG Faith Cataldo-Gauger has our bags.)

As a reminder to district representatives, we are in need of some storage space. As we enter Convention season, we will have an influx of bags of shoes completed - we are going to need places to store these bags until mid May. I do not want completed bags brought to State Convention, only those that your members didn’t get bagged at your individual district conventions/training events, etc.

Additionally, as a reminder - we have a Most “Soleful” Club and District Awards. As a district representative, please try your best to have your clubs report their numbers. We will have weekly filled bag updates when we hit March - May. I can get more bags when 75/100 bags are filled.

Thank you for what you’re doing for the children of Ohio. Yesterday, I delivered gas cards to our Marietta Noon family, along with food cards from our club. The impact this small amount in comparison to the crushing costs of cancer, were more than received with glad and grateful hearts.

Sara Camacho  
 Executive Director  
 Ohio Lions Pediatric Cancer Foundation  
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 740-516-7810





## STATE NEWS



### One New Member Every Two Days



Dear District Governors and D/MD Global Action Team Leaders, That is the recent challenge to the United States from International President **A.P. Singh** — the **40/20 Membership Challenge**. The goal is simple and powerful: Each district is challenged to **add 20 new members in the next 40 days**.

This is our opportunity to create energy, build momentum, and grow every club. We have a great jump start on this with our **March Madness Membership Challenge** - challenging clubs to host a membership event in March. The international president's challenge - turn those events into membership!

If every club achieves this, our districts will not only meet the challenge — we will exceed it.

Each club president, secretary, and membership chair will shortly be receiving an invitation from PIP Brian Sheehan and PID Pat Vannett. We encourage your district GAT coordinators to communicate weekly - by email, social media, at visits, at conventions - to celebrate new members, recognize club success (membership events, new members, and new clubs), and share progress updates. **Use your district newsletters, social media, and club visits to build excitement and engagement!**

Attached are a 40/20 Challenge graphic and a simple sample newsletter write-up to kick this challenge off in your district. Please let your district newsletter editor know that/if you will be adding this to the March newsletter.

#### Your Leadership Matters.

Remember, your attitude towards accepting this challenge will define your district's success. And your encouragement to Zone Chairs and Club Leaders will make the difference. A personal call, visit, or message can inspire a club to take action. Your multiple district GAT coordinators are ready to stand beside you and power this challenge forward. Keep the momentum strong; building new clubs is essential to our continued growth and impact. We've attached a sample action plan to help bring everything together and turn vision into action. Together, let's make March a month of growth, excitement, and new Lions.

### Challenge Accepted! 20 members in 40 days

Imagine the impact across our district — fresh ideas, new energy, expanded service, and stronger communities. Our district challenge is simple: **Each club brings in one new member**. Now the question becomes...

👉 *What will your membership event look like?*

This is your opportunity to get creative, have fun, and showcase what makes your club special! Whether you go casual or formal, service-focused or social, there's an event style that fits your club's personality.

#### Membership Event Ideas to Spark Engagement:

Lunch & Learn — Demonstration/Skill-Sharing Session — Donation Drive — Service Project — Fundraiser Event — Charity Walk/Run — Care Package Assembly — Appreciation Event for Local Heroes — Potluck Dinner — Game Night — Ice Cream Social — Coffee Meetup — Guest Speaker — Workshop — Panel Discussion or Q&A Night — Trivia Night — Scavenger Hunt — Karaoke Night — Themed Party (St. Patrick's Day!) — Bingo Night — Open House / Mix & Mingle...

The key? ***Make it welcoming, engaging, and reflective of your club's heart for service.***

#### And Don't Forget to Market It!

A great event deserves great promotion. Be sure to:

1. Share consistently on social media - at least once a week leading up to the event.
2. Personally invite community members.
3. Encourage members to bring a friend.
4. Use graphics or images. Consider using ready-made graphics from LionsUSA Facebook albums

Membership growth doesn't happen by accident — it happens with intention. Let's step up. Let's invite boldly. Let's grow stronger together.

**Challenge accepted!**

 **BULLETIN BOARD** 



**40/20**  
**CHALLENGE**

**20 new members in the next 40 days**

There's no time like the present to bridge the membership gap and finish this Lions year  
**STRONG and POSITIVE!**

**ONE new member every TWO days to achieve this goal,**

**JUST IN TIME FOR**  
**WORLD WIDE INDUCTION DAY**  
**April 25, 2026**  
**YOU CAN DO IT!**

**TOGETHER**



**WE CAN**

**BULLETIN BOARD**

*The West Liberty Lions Club presents:*  
**Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**  
 Adults \$8, Kids \$5

In Conjunction with  
**WEST LIBERTY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

*hello spring*

**At the Opera House, Saturday, March 21 from 8-11 AM**  
 -Bunny and pictures 9-11 AM Only-

**5th Annual Easter EGG Hunt**

**March 21, 2025**  
**12:00 PM – Lions Park**

Proudly sponsored by *Marie's CANDIES LLC*

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

**Shoe the Love!**  
 Your closet clean-out can support kids fighting cancer!

**Pediatric Cancer Shoe Drive!**

Bring your gently used or new pairs of shoes to your District Convention or State Convention!

- Boots to ballet shoes,
- Sandals to soccer cleats
- Official dress or casual tennis shoes
- Tie shoelaces or rubber-band pairs together for easy sorting - we will take them all if they're gently used or new!

in partnership with

Every pair donated help raise funds to support kids and families fighting pediatric cancer through *Ohio Lions Pediatric Cancer Foundation* and *Kids Get Cancer Too!*

There will be a Golden Shoe award for the district and Club who donate the most pairs of shoes!

**Contact your District OLPCF Representative for more donation information!**

**WEST LIBERTY LIONS CLUB'S 8TH ANNUAL MARCH MADNESS FUNDRAISER**

**\$20 PER SQUARE**

1. Purchase your squares by March 16 (cash or checks payable to West Liberty Lions Club)
2. Squares will be randomly assigned
3. Watch March Madness and win!!

questions: westliblions@gmail.com

Squares available for purchase from:  
 WL Village clerk's office, Wendy Yang (414)517-2622, Jake Vitt (937)465-3570, or any Lion's Club member

BUY ONLINE HERE

Payouts by round:  
 No payout for play-ins  
 Round 1: \$10  
 Round 2: \$15  
 Sweet 16: \$20  
 Elite 8: \$25  
 Final 4: \$50  
 Championship: \$200

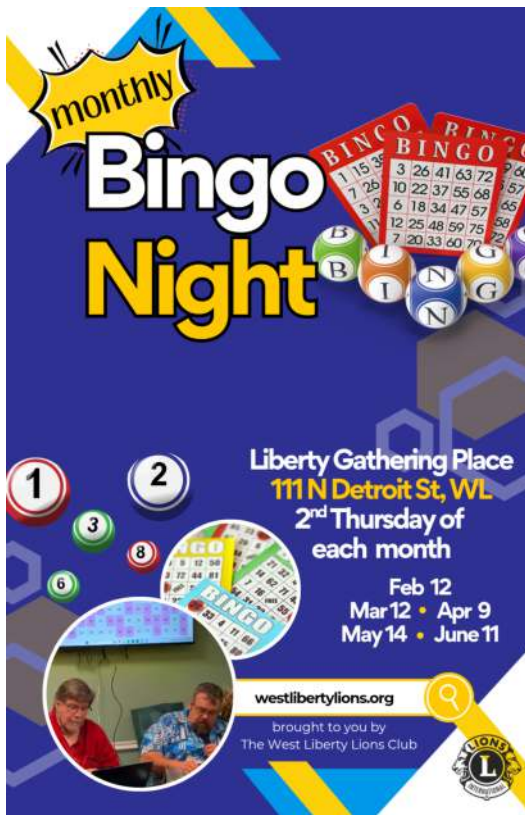
**Portage Lions Club 50th Charter Anniversary**

Saturday, March 14, 2026  
 Social 6:00 pm Dinner 6:30 pm  
 Cost \$20.00

Christ United Methodist Church  
 301 W Main St  
 Portage, Ohio 43451

You are invited to come help us celebrate our 50th Charter Anniversary. Speaker will be PCC Dave Stockum.  
 RSVP by Mar 7 to Lion Anne Deutschman  
 419-601-2307 or jakgs@dacor.net


BULLETIN BOARD

**monthly**  
**Bingo Night**

Liberty Gathering Place  
111 N Detroit St, WL  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month

Feb 12  
Mar 12 • Apr 9  
May 14 • June 11

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**March 7, 2026**

Saturday Cabinet Meeting  
at Bluffton Town Hall  
at 9:00 AM

**District Conventions**

- 06 - 08 OH7 Convention
- 13 - 14 OH5 Convention
- 20 - 21 OH4 Convention
- 27 - 28 OH2 Convention



**April 18-26**

Environment Week

**April 17-18**

**District Convention**



**May 2026**

- 15 Friday 4th Council Meeting
- 15-17 Fri-Sun State Convention
- 19 - 31 VDG-Elect Training  
*Super Weekend*

**Looking Ahead**



**September 2026**

12 STEPS 5k

**Get Packin' for Hong Kong!**

The 2026 Lions International Convention will take place in Hong Kong, China July 3 – 7, 2026. A visa is not required. Be sure to visit the Lions International website for more information regarding schedule of events, Parade of Nations, and registration.

**From PDGs Dave and Deb Luttrell...**

Hello Lions,

Debbie's and my new address is:

1690 W LANE AVE UNIT 322  
UPPER ARLINGTON OH 43221-2588

PDG Dave

