

OH 1 DISTRICT NEWS



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A Tribute to Governor Nina Cleaver MD13 OH3

The 2026-2027 MD13 Council of Governor's and Lions throughout the state have been saddened by the unexpected passing of the sitting OH3 District Governor Nina Cleaver. She was a joy to work with and will be sorely missed. She pushed us to do more, think beyond the obvious, question further, help all and to be kind to each other. Nina was a strong component of our VICE team (Victory in Community Efforts) and one of the original creators of the Courage Kit, ROAR. She will be missed terribly. PDG Mary Ellen Sherer has gracefully volunteered to fill the remainder of District Governor Ninas' year and has been duly elected by her district.



DG Pam Olachia

I joined a local club to make a difference in my community, knowing it is also a global community of Lions. We are friends, family and neighbors who are making a difference. We are more than 1.4 million men and women in over 200 countries around the world who believe that kindness matters. Lions don't just envision a better world, we make it a better world. Being a Lion means serving your community, and through it, the world. It encourages personal growth through service, fellowship and leadership opportunities. The world is changing and so are Lions. To serve more people than ever before we now have focus pillars to define our goals, new technologies and innovative tools to support, connect and inspire us. We must continue to welcome these new ideas to be able to participate in this amazing future. We are proud of our history and excited about our future.

Lions are rooted in service and driven by purpose. International President Mark Lyon says roots matter but so does how we grow. Our roots run deep and we offer so much to the world we serve. He believes we can make the world a better place when we remain rooted in service. "Picture a mighty oak--a symbol of strength and endurance. It stands as a powerful emblem, enduring, unshakable and inspiring generations to come. Lions are like that tree, rooted in purpose and service. Our strength comes not from standing tall alone, but from the shelter, nourishment and life we provide to the world around us."

Part of the new technology is the (dreaded) Portal. It is designed to streamline the way you get your business done as a Lion - so make sure you're getting the most out of these features: video walkthroughs, quick guides, and support. This is the way of the world now and it is only going to get more technical as the world advances. This will become the defining development of which clubs survive and which stubbornly refuse to adapt to the changes and slowly fade away. We ARE up to the task to make this a better place for all people....let's continue to do what we need to do to make these changes.

Let's get out there and SERVE. I am amazed at the number of clubs that do not report service in the Portal. We should easily see 100% participation in this area! Many Lions are willing to help clubs figure this out. Contact District Administrator PDG Bill Keller (567-674-9093) or District Compliance Chair Carol Collins (419-309-0574) who truly will be patient with you and are happy to help. Together we can make this difficult change. Remember, If it's not in the Portal, it never happened.

In a world marked by division, human suffering, and the pull of greed, it is easy to feel overwhelmed or helpless. We may not be able to do everything, but we can do something. When each of us chooses to act with purpose, unity, and generosity, hope and empowerment begin to take root. Service projects should leave behind more than completed work. It should leave behind conversations. Be kind to each other - you never know if it's your last opportunity to do so.

DG Pam

❤️ & 🙌 in Service



1st VDG Joshua Barnes

The Lions We Don't Always See

At the last COG meeting, PCC Mike Kerek brought up an idea that really stuck with me: sometimes the Lions who do the most are the ones we hear the least about.

Every club has them.

They are the Lions who arrive early to set up tables, stay late to clean up, make the phone calls, sell the tickets, keep the records, cook the food, move the chairs, and step in whenever something needs done.

They may not always be the ones standing in front of the room. They may not hold a district title or receive much recognition. But without them, many of our clubs and service projects simply would not work.

As we talk about membership, we often focus on bringing new people into Lions. That is important, but keeping the members we already have is just as important.

People want to know that what they do matters.

Recognition does not have to mean an award, plaque, or ceremony. Sometimes it is simply saying, "Thank you. I noticed what you did." That small acknowledgment can mean a lot.

So I would like to take Mike's idea and challenge every club this month to think about the Lions who quietly keep things moving.

Who is always there when help is needed?

Who does the work that sometimes goes unnoticed?

Who deserves to hear that they are appreciated?

Take a moment and tell them.

Strong clubs are not built only by the people in leadership positions. They are built by Lions who continue to show up, serve, and support one another.

Let's make sure they know how much they matter.

**Yours in Lionism,
Joshua Barnes
First Vice District Governor, OH1
Empowering Communities, One Roar at a
Time 🦁**



CLUBS CORNER



Compliance Corner.

It is rapidly approaching the deadline for filing your IRS, OAG, and unclaimed funds filings. If your club is on the Lion calendar year, your filings are due by November 15, 2026. If you are on the January through December year, they will be due next May. All unclaimed funds are due by November 1, 2026. I have attached the instructions on the how to do this. Please call if you have any questions.

CLUB FILING INSTRUCTIONS INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

If club revenue is under \$50,000 then the club should file the 990-N.

There are no financial figures required on the 990-N.

1. Go to the website, www.irs.gov
2. From the tabs at the top, click on "Charities & Nonprofits"
3. Click on "Finding Filing Forms"
4. Click on "Annual Electronic Notice (e-postcard) for small exempt organizations"
5. Click on "Submit Form 990n (e-postcard)"
6. Log in (or create account) and follow instructions

You may use either Login.gov or ID.me to log in.

OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL
The system poses questions and based on your responses, determines what information is needed to ensure proper compliance. Much of the information will be financial in nature, so have a year-end financial report ready.

1. Go to website: www.Ohio.gov
2. Click on the link on the top of the page: "Our State Government"
3. Click on the link in the middle of the page: "Attorney General"
4. Click on the link towards the bottom, under services: "Charitable Registration"
5. Under the Charity Registration drop down menu, click on the box: "Register a Charity, File Reports or Create an Account."
6. Log in (or create an account) and follow the instructions.

UNCLAIMED FUNDS NEGATIVE REPORT

1. Go to website: www.Ohio.gov
2. Click on the link on the top of the page: "Our State Government"
3. Click on the link in the middle of the page: "State Agencies and Departments"
4. Scroll down and click on the link: "Department of Commerce"
5. Scroll down and click on the link: "Unclaimed Funds Reporting" - Not "Unclaimed Funds" which is for claiming money owed.
6. Click on the link: "Launch"
7. Click on the link: "Submit a Report"
8. Click on the link: "Submit a Negative Report"
9. Fill in only the required fields (indicated by red star)
Note that Holder is your chapter's name and Holder Tax ID is the same as your EIN
On the second page, verify the information and type your name, and click on submit.
10. On the Holder Summary page, click on "Print Summary" and retain the printout for your records.



COMPLIANCE TIME!

Final Reminder! T minus 2 **weeks** until your IRS and Attorney General information needs to be submitted.

Commerce **is due NOW** must be turned in!!!

If you have questions, contact Lion Carol Collins, your compliance chair, at carolcollins125@yahoo.com

PLEASE! Report your club activities to the portal. Don't hide your light under a bushel! Share your successes for all to see. We need to meet our goal of 100% reporting SOON.





CLUBS CORNER



Look at What the Clubs in Zones 7 and 8 Are Doing!

LIMA: preschool eye screenings, peace poster contest, starlight club, ring bells for the salvation army, academic and musical scholarships.

MIDDLE POINT: Jr fair booth and purchase of a hog at fair auction. Christmas Committee, Thanksgiving Care & Share, Easter egg hunt, scholarship, and support Van Wert County Humane & YMCA.

WILLSHIRE: (I think): bingo, chalk walk, 250th parade float in 3 parades. fair auction, Halloween judging, park decorating for Christmas, man the fair gates,

CONVOY: military banners, flags, bingo, fundraiser, built ramps, participated in military tribute.

VENEDOCIA: new member, Christmas lights, pancake day in March, applesauce and sandwiches for equestrian therapy, bean festival, Van Wert Co fair 4H auctions, \$1500.00 donation for horse arena. Applefest with VW Co fair board, 3 \$1,000.00 scholarships, eyeglasses, Spencerville wrestling, 4 year old cancer patient \$2,500.00 donation.

WAPAKONETA: Mostly, a check writing club. eyeglasses, roadside trash pick up

WAYNESFIELD: car show, STEPS, Good Program, Fat Tuesday



to all of the Lions that are working in their communities!

CRIDERSVILLE: annual blood draw, Halloween festival, Christmas On Main, winter food fundraiser (currently undecided), Easter bunny with meal, Breakfast with Santa, Selling Mascot nuts, collect eyeglasses and purchase when needed, Peace Poster Contest, Good Program sponsor, flags put up on holidays, participated in villages 250th celebration,

COLDWATER: via email from President, during their Town Picnic they were in charge of the parade. planning upcoming fund raisers.

submitted by Lion Dorance Thompson

McComb Lions Deliver Dictionaries to Third Graders at McComb Elementary School



Members of the McComb Lions Club presented dictionaries this week to the 3rd Graders at McComb Grade School. Pictured here is one of the three classes these were given to. Memorial donations received for McComb Lions members, who have passed away, are used to finance the cost of the dictionaries.

submitted by PDG Dan Ritter



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Now Take a Peek at the Activities of Zones 1 and 2 and 3

Zone 1

ARCHBOLD: fish food pantry, building playground equipment, highway clean up, Mom's Meals for athletes, work at the Fulton County Fair

BRYAN: sold Peterson Nuts at Fall Fest, will be selling Christmas Trees, collecting eyeglasses

PIONEER: See & Do Activity in Montpelier, volunteer athletes the Williams Co. Fair, Volunteer at Williams Co. Fair Museum Depot, drove Lion decorated truck in Fayette Parade and Knuckle 4th of July Parade and Montpelier Bean Days July 18th parade, purchase eyeglasses

WEST UNITY: upcoming Feather Party-see bulletin board

Zone 2

PERRYSBURG SUNRISE: eye exams, save plastic for bench, eye screening at Tent City, Build-a-Bed, Trunk or Treat, Candy Day sales, collect eyeglasses, donate food to needy family, Peace Poster Contest

SWANTON: collect eyeglasses, waste management, golf outing, blood mobile, jingle balls, Giving Tree Project, Lions Club raffle at Swanton Corn Festival, scholarships, donate funds to local food bank

SYLVANIA: fundraising project with Sight Center, collect plastic for park bench, collect eyeglasses for VOSH, Purse Bingo, work at marathon, hosted Christmas party for the blind, scholarships, collect food for the community, eye care

WAUSEON: selling Christmas Trees, eye glass collection and recycling, vision screening, youth screening, scholarships to seniors, worked at Fulton Co. Fair, conducting food drive, activities in Strength Awareness and Education

Zone 3

CONTINENTAL: golf outing, junior olympics, senior citizen meal, Halloween judging, scholarships to senior

DEFIANCE: Shamrock festival, pancake and sausage breakfast, Halloween Parade, Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot,

GROVER HILL: ice cream sales at Paulding Co. Fair, established free wifi at park and city building

HOLGATE: chicken BBQ, community sign board, Peace Poster Contest, scholarship to senior, highway trash pick up, cheese sale, Vancrst Ice cream, purchase flashcards for Holgate Elementary 3rd graders, Walk for a Purpose

NAPOLEON: ice cream sale at Henry Co. Fair and Pickers Paradise, White Cane Days, Christmas tree sales, float in Holiday parade, 2 scholarships for seniors, eye exams/glasses, senior center meals, Halloween Parade

PAULDING: Halloween parade judging, Christmas Santa Day, purchase eyeglasses

Zones 1,2,3 Hold Meeting, Guest Speaker: Connections with Autism and Other Disabilities

Chelsie Niese explained that there is a desert of services for the counties of Putnam, Henry, Williams, Defiance and parts of Wood Co. This organization provides scholarships for therapy for children, and mentor those adults that need help caring for children with disabilities. This is an area of generational farming. Many are moving away to secure services for their children. The organization would like to bring those families back through support. Money donated covers the scholarships which provide services that are not covered by insurance. If your club would like to donate, contact Lion John Cordes for information.



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Perrysburg Lions are Keeping VOSH Busy!

Perrysburg Lions dropped off 39 boxes of glasses at VOSH in Pandora on October 2. Their space is full of glasses ready to inspect. If your club wants a great service project, call VOSH and volunteer to sort and process glasses. No experience necessary.

Their number is: 419-384-3700



Thank you for continuing to donate your used eyeglasses and hearing aids!



submitted by Lion Miriam Huff

Perrysbug Lions Trunk or Treat



This event was held on October 21.

submitted by Lion Leon Grace

Portage Lions Hold Vision Screening

Portage Lions performed a preschool vision screening Sep 30 at Elmwood School, screening 59 students.



...and are wrapping up their annual Cheese Sale

We are holding our annual Amish Cheese fundraiser, \$8 per pound with 8 different varieties available. Contact any Portage Lion to place your order, now through .October 24



We held the Peace Poster contest at Bowling Green Middle School and will be holding an award dinner October 24.

submitted by Lion Anne Deutschman



McComb Lions Litter Clean Up on October 1st. It was a beautiful and warm day. Thanks to Lion Scott Reigle for heading it up! A *clean* sweep!

submitted by Lion Pat Ritter



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Continental Lions Earn \$3500 for Their Hard Work!

The Continental Sons of the American Legion Squadron 541 in conjunction with many community members make up the Continental Fall Festival committee. The last two years the Continental Fall Festival and the Sons of the American Legion along with the American Legion Riders have teamed up with the Continental Lions Club to provide a hamburger stand for the fall festival. This year through their fundraising efforts with our 50/50 raffle and our hamburger stand, the post 541 family was able to donate \$3,500 to the Continental Lions club for their work during the fall festival. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to our community!



submitted by 1VDG Josh Barnes

MD13/OH1 GST Project

Please see the Christmas flyer attached on the **bulletin board**. The state GST committee has made this our winter project. We are asking each club to consider collecting books to be given to your charity of choice over the holidays. That way your donations stay close to home and we brighten children's lives along the way. Our clubs may choose a hospital setting or a homeless shelter or any other space of choosing.



Arlington Lions Participate in the Lions Courage Kts Project

1st VDG Josh Barnes was present at our meeting with lots of information about projects and activities in the district. It was a pleasure for us to have him attend our meeting. Decided to make 7 Lions Courage Kits for the Elementary office to use for children who are experiencing stress or other mental health issues. Lion Michelle is putting them together. This is an Ohio Lions Project.



Their club has been keeping busy in many ways. Here are a few projects:

Selling and delivering calendars

They donated \$150 to Hancock County Religious Education in memory of Bob Fink.

Over 600 cookies have been baked by Lions Andrew and Sue for the Arlington Fire Department, Arlington volleyball team, football team, and band members.

Working at the home football games

Way to go Arlington Lions!

submitted by Lion Christine Kemerley

OH7 Needs Our Help!

OH 7 has requested that all clubs consider donating to the flood victims from earlier this year. They were hit 3 separate times and ultimately received \$50,000 from LCI. These funds have restrictions on how they can be used, and the guidelines were met as the items were purchased and dispersed to the area hit. What they are finding are gaps in coverage for BEDS and linens. Could your club give a donation to this cause? OH 7 is located in the East Central part of the state. We would like to promote this as a district project also. If your club is interested in donating funds, please send to Dan Osborn, District Treasurer of OH 7, 12355 Scout Rd, Frazeyburg, OH 43822



CLUBS CORNER



Craft Show, Eye Screening, Roadside Clean UP, Trivia Night! Bluffton Lions are Involved

Helping at the Lions sponsored **Craft Show** -Lion Jackie Bourassa, Mark Bourassa, Jan Emmert, Scott Hoff, Brigette Hoff, Mitch Kingsley, Gene Long, Mike Minnig, Dennis Morrison. Raffle tickets were sold and food snacks were for sale. Proceeds will go towards the Playground project which will begin in the spring



Screening eyes of the pre-school and kindergarten children was provided from September 14th thru 24th. Two-hundred ninety-nine children were screened with 25 children failing. Information was sent to the parents to seek optometric care for their child. Lions working with the screening were – Lions Jackie Bourassa, Laura Dagani, Jan Emmert, Dwain Hall, Eugene McCall, Dick McGarrity, Ed Yeager, Dennis Morrison and Barbara Plaughter. Sites for screening – Bluffton kindergarten; Allen East kindergarten & pre-school; Hilty Day Care; Catholic church; Presbyterian church, County Line Day Care. Lion Dwain Hall photo below



October 3rd was the roadside **Clean-up** date. A smaller team provided care to the roadway this year. Attending were Lions Andrew Rager, chairman; Natalie Armstrong, Andy Armstrong; and Larry Hoffman.

Pathway Count is conducted both spring and fall. Lion Dick McGarrity leads the project. Lions helping for 2 hour stints by counting those using the paths are - Lion Jesse Blackburn, Laura Dagani, Brigette Hoff, Mitch Kingsley, Zach Kohli, Ron Lora, Ryan Lowry, Dick McGarrity, Patty Navin, Joe Sehlhorst, Tracy Steele, Clair Winebar and Ed Yeager. At left is Lion Dennis Morrison with a pathway walker.



The October 6th club meeting was coordinated by President Jackie Bourassa as a Trivia Night. Seated are club members enjoying snacks and trivia games.

submitted by PDG Barbara Plaughter (newsletter)



NWOLECF Elections Are Upcoming

As active Lions in Lions Clubs in District OH1, you are automatically members of the **NWOLECF**.

The Northwest Ohio Lions Eye Care Foundation, Inc. (**NWOLECF**), elects officers and directors at our November meeting. This year, due to a limited number of agenda items, we will hold a Zoom meeting on November 12th. We don't want people driving a long way for little business to conduct. All who let Lion Bob Segna know that they plan to participate in the Zoom meeting will receive an agenda for the meeting and a ballot for voting, as happens in our normal in-person meetings and other Zoom meetings.

All officer positions (president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer) plus 2 director positions are up for election. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING IN ONE OF THOSE POSITIONS, please submit your name, your Lions Club name, your Email address and phone number, and the position you interested in filling to Lion Frank Heffner at hefffam@bright.net or phone 419-302-5327. The deadline for submission is Friday, October 30, 2026, so that your name can be added to the ballot.

Below, from the **NWOLECF** Policy Manual, are the duties of the Officers and Directors:

Section 4

A. Duties of the Officers and Directors

Foundation President – The Foundation president is the chief executive officer of the Foundation. He/she presides over meetings and calls the Foundation to action to fulfill its program of service works; coordinating the efforts of board members to implement all activities of the Foundation in both fellowship and service. President receives all requests for aid applications, reviews with Medical Director (see Section 5) and makes recommendations for action at Board Meetings. An Audit Committee will be appointed at the first Board Meeting of the new calendar year to report back to Foundation at next Board Meeting.

Foundation First Vice President – The Foundation first vice president not only serves as a leader ready to step in for the president, but as a catalyst to annually assess Foundation activities and suggest implementation of new goals. He/she also serves as requested by the Foundation president to lead specific committees or projects.

Foundation Secretary - The Foundation secretary keeps the history of the Foundation's official proceedings, assists in every communication effort to members and the public. This board member serves as the communications liaison between Foundation, clubs, district and association. Keeps minutes and copies of financial reports.

Foundation Treasurer — The Foundation Treasurer serves as the main book keeper of Foundation funds, making timely deposits of donations, cash & investment proceeds and payment of approved expenses. Treasurer is responsible for performing a reconciliation of all accounts when their statements are received. The treasurer prepares a Financial Report for each board meeting, using a spreadsheet to verify calculations and any other required reports. The Treasurer maintains a file of all receipts, invoices, authorization letters, etc. supporting documents, financial reports, checkbooks and statements for seven (7) years. The Treasurer provides advice and oversight of investments with Board approval. Treasurer is responsible for the filing of annual IRS 990 form and the Annual Non-Profit Report with Ohio Attorney General Office. Act as Statutory Agent for Foundation with State of Ohio and issues Statement of Continued Existence when required. There will be a second signatory on all accounts. Only one signature is needed on checks but more than one Lion will be allowed as a signature. The Financial Term for the Foundation shall be the calendar year, January 1 – December 31.

Foundation Directors: Directors have an obligation to ensure that the mission of the Foundation is honored and resources of the group are used wisely in support of its purpose. The Directors provide oversight, advice and support for program and policy development.

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PDG Raffle Time!

The MD13 Ohio Lions PDG Association is conducting our yearly raffle. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

This year, proceeds benefit the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation & OLERF Diabetes - (50% of the proceeds will go to OLERF and 50% will go to OLERF Diabetes).

PDGs are encouraged to participate with their own purchases, sharing tickets for sale with other Lions, or asking non-Lions to support the raffle.

If paying by check, please make the check payable to:

MD13 Ohio Lions

On the memo line, write: MD13 PDG Raffle.

Cash is also accepted. At this time, purchase by credit card is not accepted.

Deadline for ticket purchase & money collection is May 1, 2027.

Raffle drawing will be held at the MD13 Convention on May 22, 2027. There will be 5 winning tickets drawn - \$500, \$250, \$125, \$75, and \$50. A maximum of 1,000 tickets will be sold.

Thank you for supporting this MD13 PDG project!

Questions? Please Email me at PDG-Raffle@ohiolions.org or my cell phone number listed below.

We Serve!

PCC Darlene Roll
OH1 PDG Raffle Coordinator
MD13 Ohio PDG Raffle Coordinator
419-371-5515



Lions,
Please help us spread the word about the OH1 STEPS Virtual Walk for Pediatric Cancer, running October 5 through November 15.

Because it's virtual, people can walk wherever they are and at their own pace. One hundred percent of donations will support pediatric cancer research and hospitals.

Please share the registration link with local churches and nonprofit organizations in your community. They can pass it along to their members, post it in a newsletter or bulletin, or join the walk themselves.

Register or share the link:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Holgate/OH1STEPVirtualWalk>

Thank you for helping more people hear about the walk and its cause.

Yours in Lionism,
Joshua Barnes
(419) 906-8378



DISTRICT NEWS



OH1 Newsletter – Reminders



Scholarships:

From the Ohio Lions Youth Committee: 2 scholarship applications will soon be available, both with February 28, 2027, deadlines. Watch for information on the OH1 Email news, on the OH1 Facebook page, and in Emails to Lions Clubs and Leo Clubs by **November 15, 2026**.

- **Ohio Lions Leo Scholarship** – available to graduating high school seniors who are active members of Ohio Leo Clubs. 5 scholarships, each \$750.00, will be awarded.

- **LITPC (Lions International Trading Pin Club) Scholarship** – available to children and grandchildren of Lions Club members and to Leo Club members. A scholarship in the amount of \$5,000.00 will be awarded.

- Contact District OH1 Youth Chair, Lion Darlene Roll (youth@ohiolions.org) with questions.

LIONS INTERNATIONAL

PEACE POSTER

Peace Poster/Peace Essay Deadlines:

From the Ohio Lions Youth Committee – Peace Poster & Peace Essay submissions must be postmarked or delivered to OH1 District Governor Pam Olachia by November 15, 2026.

- Her mailing address is 3727 Groves Road, Lima, OH 45805.



STATE NEWS



Think Snow!



Winter Retreat is On The Way

Lion Linda Savage is chairing the Winter Retreat this year. She has shared some of the things discussed at their September meeting. The following activities: Scavenger hunt, Buckeye necklaces, Lions trivia, Music trivia, Euchre Tournament, Mixer and Singalong, Cookie Showcase, Games and Shenanigans and a Sunday Sendoff. Also, the **ROAR Project** is the service project this year.

Plan to attend on January 15-17, 2027 at Salt Fork Lodge. Check in is at 4PM and registration begins at 4 PM Room rates are \$134 plus tax and registration is \$140 per person. There will be a BIG FOOT presentation after dinner.

Bring extra change as there will be empty envelopes at the tables, a chance for a cash prize, to raise money to defray expenses. There will also be a silent auction through the day on Saturday.

If you have any suggestions for the retreat, contact Lion Linda Savage at linda.savagehair@gmail.com. The committee meets monthly.

Find the **complete registration form** on the bulletin board, **page 14**.





BITS and PIECES

DG Pam Olachia

* Leader Dogs for the Blind has served 376 clients historically in Ohio. This includes 301 Guide Dog Teams, 58 Orientation and Mobility clients, and 17 Teen Summer Campers. Currently they have 30 active Leader Dog teams in Ohio. This equates to over \$30.1 million in Leader Dog services provided to Ohio residents at absolutely no cost to them, or the state.

* New resource available on www.lionsclubs.org : Club Officer Guide. It is designed to support club officers throughout their term. Check out tools and resources to help officers excel in their roles.

* Young Lions Hub: They are the future of our Association. Learn to make membership appealing to this important group and how to keep them engaged once they join. Go to lionsclubs.org/younglions

* Join the Pride! This movement was born to restore pride and excitement, and to reignite the Lion spirit in every community. Learn more about advocacy, education, fundraising, marketing, membership, service, and technology. Go to lionsusa.org & info@lionsusa.org & #USLionsRock

* The next USA/Canada Forum will be held on September 16-18, 2027 in Huntsville, Alabama.

* Since 2014, LCIF has partnered with the United Nations office on Drugs & Crime (UNODC) to implement Lions Quest in communities across the globe. As an evidence-based program for drug prevention, LQ builds social and emotional competencies and supports in families, schools, and communities to ensure that youth grow and stay healthy and safe into adulthood

* The Lions Constitution, Chapter 5 states that non-functioning clubs may be put on status quo

* The official colors of Lions Clubs International are purple and gold. (Never changed to navy and gold.)

* Funds are available for legally blind individuals, as defined by the State, for financial assistance and special needs due to their condition. Contact Jim Faust at OLF Board of Trustees or go to the OLF website.. Grants are also available for vision-impaired persons who are not legally blind

*The 2027 State Convention will be May 21-22 in Dublin, OH. Mark your calendar now

*The State Constitution and By-Laws report is calling for a Chairperson to replace PDG Davie Luttrell at the end of his term, due to illness

* A new club designation, Leo-Lions, is being introduced by LCI. They will be treated similarly to Campus Clubs

*Past District Governor's must be Lions in good standing in a club in good standing to be a Delegate to the International Convention.

*District GST Carol Collins has sent flyers and other visual aids to the Zone Chairs to distribute to their clubs to encourage service and give members different ideas

*Check out the Journey of Hope Fellowship that specifically designates funds toward the Gas Card program. With gas prices so high these families that must travel back and forth to hospitals are in a real bind. Please have your club consider contributing a gas card to these pediatric cancer patients through the Ohio Pediatric Cancer Foundation at [419.306.7004](tel:419.306.7004)

* Lions, get on the phone and contact your local senior living facilities and centers. NWOLECF has CCTV's available to "lend" either to individuals or institutions. Many older folks cannot operate a computer but find these old fashioned pieces of equipment quite adequate in opening new horizons.



More Bits and Pieces

* District Convention Co-Chair Lion Miriam Huff is looking for creative, crafty people to help make our Convention in April, 2027 fun-filled and heart-felt. Contact her at [419.410.9525](tel:419.410.9525) or huffmiriam@yahoo.com. If there is something you would love to experience or contribute, just call with your suggestions.

*Our busy Compliance Chair, Carol Collins reminds us that all IRS and OAG reports are due by November 15, 2026. Unclaimed funds reporting is November 1st. Check your Newsletter for detailed instructions.

* Reminder to collect recipes suggested for diabetic patients. Good nutrition is key to managing diabetes. together we can support wellness in our communities. Send to gst@ohiolions.org even if it's past the original date. I heard they plan on making a book out of the collection in time for Christmas!

*Zone 4 Van Buren Lions turned in their charter to LCI. October 31, 2026 was their last day. They were chartered 3-18-1971 and had 11 members. They had a great project supplying homemade applesauce to the community - but they were tired. They have taught the high schoolers how to make applesauce and donated their equipment to the school. Books are submitted, funds divided in the community and flags burnt. Any Lion willing to help re-build a Lions Club in this community, please contact GMT Josh Barnes at [419.906.8378](tel:419.906.8378)

*Our Website/Information Tech, Lion Rick Carter would like us to let other clubs know that the email blasts are available. To sign up to get emails about things going on in the District you need only send an email to webmaster@ohiolions.org and let him know which club you belong to. Easy enough.

* And our Audio/Video Chair PDG Dan Ritter reminds us that clubs and Lion committees are welcome to use the District ZOOM account by contacting Lion Rick or himself to make arrangements to set up the online meeting at dritter2795@gmail.com

* From July 1st to August 31st, 2026 Lions have added 51,172 members world-wide. These new members' lives will be changed forever, as yours has since becoming a Lion, and the lives impacted by these members will be countless. Clubs formed in the same time frame: 474. Just as your club transforms your community, these groups unite to create lasting change in theirs

*I believe I have come across an exciting, cost-free outlet for some of our district projects. Stay tuned in and I'll explain in detail next month!

Governor Pam's Challenge:

Clubs reporting 8 or more service activities, donations, or fundraisers in the Portal before December 31, 2026 will be recognized at our District Convention in April, 2027 for achievement in the first half of the Service year. Those clubs reporting Service Activities between January 1st, 2027 and June 30th, 2027 will be recognized for achievement in the second half of the Service year.





BULLETIN BOARD



IMPORTANT: Zoom Foundation
Meeting Thursday Nov. 12, 2026
TIME 7PM Click this link to join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6802820166?pwd=UnBJc0hlNG4rU2tKWW9ZYXFzRnlXQT09&omn=81427445848>

(This link includes the Passcode)

If the link does not work, join meeting by following these steps. 1. go to www.zoom.us 2. click on "join a meeting" 3. add in the Meeting ID: **680 282 0166** Passcode: **123789** 4. Host will let you into the zoom.

Or, if you are using a Zoom app, just enter Meeting ID **680 282 0166** and Passcode: **123789**

2027 Officer Election Ballot to send Nov. 7

2027 Ballot Reply by 7pm **Wed. Nov. 12th** to NWOLECF@ohiolionsoh1.org

You MUST Reply with your vote by email with subject **"NWOLECF 2027 Ballot"** & also receive handouts.



West Unity Lions Club

Annual

Feather Party Bingo

At

The Kissell Building

Memorial Park

West Unity, Ohio

Saturday

November 14th, 2026

Food & Refreshments 4:30 P.M.

Bingo & Door Prizes 6:00 P.M.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Ohio Lions State Convention

May 21-23, 2027
Embassy Suites
Dublin, OH





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Ohio Lions Winter Retreat
January 15, 16, 17, 2027
Registration Form
Salt Fork Lodge and Conference Center
11073 Natural Resources 3 Road
Kimbolton, OH 43749
www.saltforkparklodge.com



EVENT REGISTRATION:

- Registrations will be \$140.00. Deadline for registrations will be January 4, 2027. **NO CANCELLATIONS WILL BE REFUNDED AFTER JANUARY 5th, 2027.**
- Make all checks payable to: "THE OHIO LIONS" and specify **LIONS WINTER RETREAT** in the memo line.
- **Return this registration form** to: Ohio Lions, 2082 Stringtown Rd., PO Box 155, Grove City, OH 43123;
Fax: 614-539-5055; Email: ohiolions@gmail.com.
- To use your credit card: go to www.ohiolions.org & use PayPal. *Send this Registration form to the address above.*

Please provide an Email address to receive updates on the Winter Retreat!

District

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____ Lion LEO Other

Please List any special dietary needs required, including the need for a Diabetic Meal.

\$140.00

I would like to be a moderator ☐

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Optional Saturday Session, Wine Tasting Event (upcharge T.B.D.) : Interested ☐

Total



LODGE RESERVATIONS (Check-ins at the Lodge begin at 4:00!)

- Lodge reservations must be made by phone: **1-740-435-9000**.
- Ask for the **Ohio Lions Winter Retreat group rate of \$134.00/night plus tax with 1 to 4 persons per room.**
- After November 30th, the room rate may increase. The resort only has a limited number of rooms and may sell out. The State Office will not accept Lodge reservations or room deposits.

Check out www.saltforkparklodge.com for all of the winter events and resort amenities that are offered at the lodge. Make this a family outing!!!





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OHIO LIONS 2026– 2027 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



November 2026

07 Saturday: 2nd Council Mtg. 1:15 p.m.
State Office

November 21, 2026

Saturday Cabinet Meeting at Bluffton Town Hall, at
9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. with breakfast

December 2026



Courage Kits



January 2027

15-17 Winter Retreat
Salt Fork State Park



February 2027

13 Saturday: 3rd Council Mtg. 1:15 p.m.
State Office

27 Saturday Cabinet Meeting at Bluffton Town Hall



March 2027

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS 2027

05-07 OH7 Convention
12- 14 OH5 Convention
19-20 OH4 Convention



April 2027

02-03 OH1 Convention

03 Saturday Cabinet Meeting at the convention

09-10 OH3 Convention
16-18 OH2 Convention
23-24 OH6 Convention

May 2027



21-23 State Convention

21 Friday 4th Council Meeting
21-23 Fri-Sun State Convention



June 2027

June 4-6? VDG-Elect Training - Super Weekend