

OH 1 DISTRICT NEWS



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A Word from International President Mark Lyon

Join Our Vision Week of Service

Serve with Lions around the world when you participate in this year's [Weeks of Service](#), and that starts with our Vision Week of Service in October. And it's never too early to start planning for our Weeks of Service to support youth in February and the environment from late May through early June.

Watch this [new video](#) featuring International President Mark Lyon to learn how your club can get involved. And mark your calendar, organize your service projects and invite your friends and family to serve alongside you and your club members!

Amplify Your Service

Inviting new members can bring new ideas, new energy and new opportunities to increase your service impact. Not sure how to get started? Then check out our [Recruitment Made Simple](#) resources.

When **we welcome extraordinary members, we can expect extraordinary acts of kindness.** Just ask Lexington Lions Club member Christi Gage who donated a kidney to fellow Lion Mac Ferguson. [Read their story](#) and get ready to be inspired.

Serve together. Grow together. Rooted in service



DG Pam Olachia

Wow - how the time flies! Can't believe we are already 1/4 thru this Lion year. Now my goals seem a little foggy but still in sight - we have the "want to" to make it happen but may settle for putting the district in a better place to succeed for next year. It can't be shouted out loud enough that we need younger, vibrant members to replace the Lions dying out and those Lions who have become check writers because they're too old to do physical projects. Local clubs need to check with town leaders and determine what the needs are because it changes so rapidly and we need to stay on top of the situation as it changes - or our projects get timed out. Let's keep up with the needs so we stay relevant to our communities. When townsfolk see the difference we can make in the community, they will want to be a part of that positive group getting things done.

I am so proud of our Zone Chairs. They already have joint meetings scheduled for this year and are working hard to keep clubs involved. Keep their job description in mind as their position will be changing again next year and we will need those positions filled again. Because Zone Chairs are in the pipeline to the Governors chair we need to keep filling that position with eager hearts and hands to keep Lions motivated to serve. We are still looking for volunteers to serve our District as a "floating team" of experienced Lions, probably retired, to put the fire back into clubs that have lost their flame. Almost 1/2 of our clubs have less than 20 members. If we had enough floaters, we could assist some of these clubs that are headed for closure. LCI has a great re-building program but we need other Lions to oversee the workings of it. Please contact 1st VDG Josh if you are interested in being part of the team to make this happen. As our GMT he has been active in attempting to turn our membership numbers around. Let's help him out! Speaking of volunteers - I would love to hear from any Lions who can dedicate time and energy to 2 new programs coming our way. Like everything else, without bodies we can't do existing projects or look at new ones. I have completed the foundation but now need assistance to run with Special Olympics and Youth Exchange. As I've said before, both projects are partnerships of LCI and as such have most of the kinks worked out and a clear path to be successful.....and the rewards from both programs are amazing at both a personal level and with the community.

If you ask a non-lion about Lions, they usually respond "something with glasses". We have an opportunity this month to emphasize our commitment to sight by celebrating Vision Service Week from October 8 - 18th. Opening eyes, saving lives. Promote eye health and support sight-saving initiatives in your community during this time. And don't forget to pick up the eyeglass boxes you placed there months ago!

How many of your clubs are celebrating Halloween this year? Locally we partner with the Police Dept to do Trunk or Treat. We buy the candy and assist the local police department in handing out the goodies from the back of your car. Fun for all! And a great communication tool.

Another interesting project is #National Night Out sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch in Pennsylvania. It's a crime prevention event where communities promote police-community partnerships, crime, drug and violence prevention, safety, and neighborhood unity. Corporate partners include 7-Eleven, Starbucks, Dollar Tree, and AT&T. Keep this project in mind as we celebrate the Helping Humanity pillar.

Did you know that *in the 2025 - 2026 Lion year LCI approved \$50 million in grants to expand service to communities?

* the club suspension period has been reduced from 120 to 90 days with automatic cancellation in 2nd month following suspension.

*if you want to attract young people to your club, explore the updated Advocacy website page for new resources and ideas.. *you have a short window to get your diabetic recipes sent to gst@ohiolions.org by the 15th of October for MD 13 project.

*don't forget to sign up for Guiding Lion training happening on Sat. the 24th. We need YOUR SUPPORT.

A big shout out to those clubs that have already asked me to do their initiation of new members or installation of officers. It makes me proud to do that and see how you all just shine with pride as you grow your club. And the food and conversations aren't bad either.

Until next time,
DG Pam

♥ & 🙌 for Service

The comments in this article are those of the Author



1st VDG Joshua Barnes

Years ago, when I lived in Albuquerque, there was a knock on the door. My friend Katrina and I looked at each other, and I went to answer it.

There was a woman standing there who looked a little disheveled. She said, "Please help. Someone stole my shoes."

We called the police department, but there was not much they could do. We learned that the woman was homeless and living in the park.

Katrina and I had recently gotten out of a homeless shelter ourselves, so we could not afford to simply buy her a pair of shoes. Instead, we took our bus cards and spent the day riding around Albuquerque, following every lead we could find to locate a free pair of shoes for her.

We never found them.
We never saw the woman again.

Every once in a while, I still think about her. At our last State Convention, when we had a shoe drive, she came back to my mind. I found myself wondering if maybe, somewhere along the way, she eventually received the help she needed.

It is curious how life works sometimes. Something that feels like a failure at the time can still produce something meaningful later.

I think the same can be true in Lions.

We can look at declining membership, smaller clubs, and the Lions we sadly lose over the years and wonder whether what we are doing is working.

But we cannot stop serving.

Every pair of eyeglasses we collect, every VOSH trip, every food drive, community event, and service project puts Lions in front of people who may never have known who we were otherwise.

They may not join today. They may not join next month. We may never even know the impact we had on them.

But we are planting seeds.

We never found that woman a pair of shoes, and for years I remembered that day as a failure.

Maybe it wasn't.

Maybe that experience planted a seed in me too.

So let us keep serving, keep inviting others to serve beside us, and keep showing our communities that Lions are still here.

We may not see every seed grow, but that does not mean we should stop planting them.

"Judge each day not by the harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant." — William Arthur Ward

**Yours in Lionism,
Joshua Barnes
First Vice District Governor, OH1
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Holgate Delivers Flashcards to 3rd Graders!

On September 9, Bethany Openlander, Lions Dale, Charlotte, John and I met at Holgate School to deliver math flashcards to 24 third graders.

The kids were very surprised, attentive, and appreciative. Thanks to third grade teacher Chris Yenser for her help with setting this up today. She said the kids have been asking if they were going to get flashcards this year, and the Holgate Lions did not disappoint. Thanks to Lion Cindy Baker for ordering the flashcards, the Lions who participated today, and the Holgate Club for supporting this important project for our school children.



submitted by Lion Linda Rettig and Lion Franell Nelson

Ready! Set! Go!

Sylvania Lions assisted with a water station in Toledo this Sunday for the Garmin race. It is a 5K, 10K, half marathon, and full marathon. We got a little wet but it was fun.

submitted by Lion Carol Collins



Wauseon Lions Busy Serving Their Community

Wauseon Lions served at our local Community meal at the end of August. They served up pizza to those that came out. Around 50 community members were served.

Lion PDG Sheryl Burnette stands at the fair gate booth where the club served our community by selling Fair entrance tickets on Saturday, September 5, which is their Veteran's Day. The fair honors Veterans and their spouses by allowing them entrance to the fair free for the day. We also sold tickets on Wednesday, September 9, which is Senior Citizen Day.

submitted by PDG Sheryl Burnette



Bryan Lions at the Fall Fest Nuts for Sale!



On a beautiful fall day, Bryan Lions Club selling Peterson nuts and Lions brooms at Fall Fest in downtown Bryan on Sept.26th. PDG Lion John Moats, Lions Roger Pool and Lion Larry Harsila.

submitted by Lion Joanne Moats



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submitted by Historian PDG Bill Keller

In the Lion October 1931

October 1931- Lima: Sponsored a "Buy a Bushel of Wheat" campaign, and put much flour into the hands of welfare agencies to help the poor through the winter. Held its Annual Outing for children, but on account of cold rain transferred the "outing" to a theater, and will hold another outdoors later.

October 1936-Bluffton, raised money for a new hospital building. Around \$3,000 was subscribed, and the Lions put up \$1,052 of it. Working for a sewer system and disposal plant.

October 1948-Fayette, put on its annual Harvest Festival with much success. Club spent \$900 building carnival stands, and conducted its own concessions with the exception of the rides. Gave away a car as a grand prize. When all expenses had been met there was a net of \$2,000. Club is now working for a comprehensive garbage disposal unit. Lion labor has completed a parking station on town property, with accommodations for 100 cars.

October 1950-Waynesfield, reports that it operated a lunch stand at the county fair in conjunction with the P.T.A. The stand grossed \$3,500 for the six days and netted approximately \$750. Not so long ago, the club sponsored a clean-up campaign for the community.



October 1951-Vanlue (closed) purchased a wagon and built a 16x20 portable bandstand on it for the use of the school band. When not in use the bandstand may be folded up, right on the wagon, and stored in any place large enough to accommodate the wagon itself. A majority of the club members worked on the building of this bandstand. It will be donated to the school for community and school activities, and paid for from returns of a donkey ball game sponsored by the club.

October 1969- Moon pioneer Neil Armstrong receives Lionism's Medal of Distinction and plaque from Int. Pres. W. R. Bryan during homecoming ceremonies for astronaut in Wapakoneta, Ohio. Armstrong has been honorary Lion since 1962, his father an active member since 1959. Plaque cites astronaut's achievement in moon landing and "distinguished career dedicated to the peaceful exploration of space and the promotion of greater understanding ... "

October 2007-Maumee (closed) Lions and the Merickel-Farley Trout Club teamed up to take visually impaired youth to a trout pond for an afternoon of fishing.

October 2015...Still Roaring

Sixty-year members made Lionism what it is today- and often still pitch in on projects.

John Garvin, 102

Lion since 1954- Passed away Feb 10, 2016
West Mansfield Lions Club, Ohio (Defunct)

District 13-E Governor Micheal Gibbs has a cherished memory of John Garvin. "One time, I visited his club when he was only 99 years old," Gibbs recalls. "He stood up and made an impassioned plea for names of people who would make good Lions. He told people he would go out and make the contacts, and do all he could to get them to join." That enthusiasm has marked Garvin's life as a Lion. "One year, we made a concerted effort to gather used eyeglasses," says Garvin, an MJF "We gathered over 1,000 pairs within a few months." Garvin also supports his club's annual Turkey Raffle. "This last November, 101-year-old Lion John was all over, helping out where ever he saw a need," Gibbs says. "We even got him to spin the wheel a few times and call.



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Perrysburg Holds Candy Day Fundraiser

Perrysburg Lions held a "Candy Day" fundraiser at our local family-owned Kazmaier's Supermarket in Perrysburg. Thanks to the Kazmaier family, the gracious customers who donated and shared stories of their history with Lions, or wished us well with our endeavors. Also, thanks to our Lions who volunteered: Chuck and Linda Hablitzel, Marc Woodward, Cathy and Sarah (the poodle) Painter, Dr. Bob Goulding, Leon Grace, and Faith and Craig Gauger.

Our next fundraiser will be at Walt Churchill's Market in Perrysburg on Saturday, 26 September from 9am to 7pm. We accept cash, Venmo, and PayPal. You can also donate your glasses, sunglasses, or hearing aids while we're there.

Your donation helps us to offer free eyeglass appointments and free glasses to those in-need. We also support "Let's Build Beds" to build and deliver beds to children who don't have a bed to sleep on. I'm guessing that they have supplied beds for over 8,000 children in the Toledo area, SE MI, Wood Co., and Findlay, among other places.

submitted by PDG Craig Gauger (Facebook)

Something to think about at your next meeting...

October 8: World Sight Day-kicks off "Weeks of Service"

October 10: Mental Health Day-a new LCIF Global Cause

October 16: World Food Day-support the Global Cause of Hunger

Bluffton Recognizes Members With Perfect Attendance



Perfect attendance pins for 2025-2026 presented to

Lions Jackie Bourassa, Mark Bourassa, Jan Emmert, Gene Long, Dennis Morrison and Barbara Plaughter (absent) Brigitte Hoff.

submitted by PDG Barbara Plaughter

🎃 Paulding Lions Halloween Parade & Costume Judging 🧛

The Paulding Lions Club is bringing back a longtime community tradition on Saturday, October 31, 2026.

Lineup: 3:00 PM at the Paulding County Carnegie Library

Parade: Around the square

Costume judging: Courthouse lawn at the gazebo

Bring the family, wear your best costume, and join us for an afternoon of Halloween fun in downtown Paulding.

We're excited to keep this Paulding Lions tradition going and hope to see a great crowd there!





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Purse Bingo With Sylvania Lions and the Sight Center of NWOH

Sylvania Lions host designer purse bingo Thursday., September 20. Great success was had. Partnering with the Sight Center of Northwest OH and Sylvania Lions allows us to serve our clients.

submitted by Lion Carol Collins



Archbold Lions Have Gone Fishing

During the Archbold Carp Fest, the Archbold Lions club conducted a 50-50 via Zeffy, an electronic charitable site to support various community projects.

One of our new ways to support international Lions goals, is the use of some of the 50-50 money to go towards pediatric cancer, gas cards or local families facing added expense due to cancer hitting their families. At least two local families are going to benefit from this 50-50.

The club was able to collect \$1414, so \$707 will be used toward projects. One winner was drawn for the 50-50 share.

Four Lions members handled the day on Sunday, September 13, while all members were encouraged to share the QR code for about three weeks prior to the Carp Fest.

submitted by Lion John Poulson





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/OH1STEPSVirtualWalk>

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

Yours in Lionism,

Joshua Barnes

First Vice District Governor, OH1

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DISTRICT NEWS

MARK YOUR CALNEDARS!
Report your activities in the portal
between October 8-18 to get credit
for participating.



Vision Service Project Ideas

- **Organize Vision Screenings:** Host a free community vision screening event for adults or children, utilizing programs like Lions KidSight to detect early vision issues in young children. [1, 2]
- **Eyeglass Recycling Drive:** Set up collection boxes in local businesses, schools, and community centers to gather used eyeglasses for the [Lions Recycle For Sight](#) program. [1, 2]
- **Support Service Animals:** Connect with local organizations that train guide dogs and service animals for the visually impaired to see how your club can donate, volunteer, or host an awareness day. [1]
- **Family Fitness Walk:** Host a "Strides"-style family walking event focused on eye health awareness and raising funds for local sight programs. [1]
- **Educational Support Group:** Launch a monthly support group or educational workshop for visually impaired individuals and their families in your area. [1]

NWOLECF

August 13, 2026

Twenty Lions were present for the meeting.

Old Business

Lion Bob Segna reported that 11 responded to the use of the CCTV units. Three no longer use them and are returning them. Six cases were reviewed. Two needed Sight Center attention, one is on hold, one dropped and one needed documents to be submitted. One moved.

The committee took a break to celebrate PDG John Moats birthday. Cake was served. Happy Birthday!

New Business

Sight & Hearing: PDG Bill Niejadlik reported current CEO of Pilot Dogs has left position after many problems and complaints. Lions have suspended donations to PD. The money has been sent to other Lion S&H Committees:

(40% State S&H;
 40% to Prevent Blindness Ohio;
 20% to Canine Companions).
 Some may be sent to LD of Michigan.
 Also, a new version
 of the PlusOptic machine is due out soon.

Jingle Balls: PCC Darlene reported that Bellefontaine Lions donated 19 balls (2 sizes sent since the company is out of the small soccer balls) to the Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities to use for their Special Olympics teams and the pre-school students. Blind students enjoyed using them A total of \$661 remains in OH1 account.

Committee changes were as follows: The audit committee replaced PDG Dean Carruthers with Lion John Cordes. Lion Joanne Moats asked to be replaced on the nomination committee. PDG Craig Gauger stepped in.

Upcoming Meetings:

- November 12, 2026-Bluffton Town Hall-6:30 p.m.
- February 11, 2027 – ZOOM – 7:00 p.m.
- May 13, 2027 – Napoleon, 6:30pm



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



Turn Your Attention to Diabetes

Diabetes is a silent killer. If untreated, diabetes can lead to severe complications, such as blindness, kidney and heart disease, stroke, and amputations. Many people first become aware that they have diabetes when they develop one of its life threatening complications.

Diabetes is more common among older Americans, African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders.

Diabetes is a disease in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin, a hormone that is needed to convert sugar, starches, and other food into the energy needed for daily life. The cause of diabetes is a mystery, although both genetics and environmental factors such as obesity and lack of exercise appear to play roles.

You may know about diabetes firsthand or because someone you love has it. But you may not realize that:

Every year, 193,140 Americans die of diabetes.

Every week, 12,000 people learn that they have diabetes.

Every day, 144 people with diabetes go blind.

Every hour, 3 people with diabetes must undergo a foot, ankle, or leg amputation to save their life.

Every minute, 20 people with diabetes undergo kidney dialysis.

Lions and Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) have long shared a concern with the American Diabetes Association for individuals suffering from diabetes. Since 1982, LCIF grants totaling more than \$3.6 million have been approved for the Lions Diabetic Research Program. Also, many LCIF grants have assisted Lions at the local level in diabetic awareness efforts. Interested Lions should contact their LCIF Chairperson, susanrdavis@me.com for additional information.



COMPLIANCE TIME!

T minus **6 weeks** until your IRS and Attorney General information needs to be submitted.

But-only **4 weeks** until Commerce must be turned in!!!

Just a reminder. This can be done now! If you have questions, contact Lion Carol Collins, your compliance chair, at carolcollins125@yahoo.com



LCI Dues are due NOW. They no longer send paper reminders. EVERYTHING is done online. If you need help with submitting your dues, please contact Lion Carol or PDG Bill Keller: lionwdk@gmail.com immediately!

REMINDER! Guiding Lions

PCC David Gauch has agreed to be the facilitator for Guiding Lion certification on the morning of Saturday, Oct 24, starting a 9 am. Plan on 3 hours, maximum, to complete this in-person course. This will be held at the Bluffton Town Hall, 154 N Main St, Bluffton, Ohio 45827.

Message from LCIF Chairperson A.P. Singh

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) transforms the generosity of Lions, Leos and our supporters into meaningful service and lasting change. Through [grants](#), our global foundation provides resources that enable us to address important needs, expand successful projects and reach more people in communities around the world. LCIF also helps strengthen our association. When people see Lions improving lives through impactful service, they are inspired to get involved. By [supporting](#) our foundation and sharing these powerful stories, we can help clubs grow, deepen their impact and welcome more people to join our humanitarian mission.

Time to Make Change

The Coin Challenge is ON! Begin collecting coins from the sofa, car seats, sidewalks, pockets and purses, one month's tail twisting, desk drawers, back packs, suit cases, swear jars 🤔

Be creative!!! Hunt!!!

This will end on October 31. This is **not a trick but a treat**. Send your club check to me. I will credit your club donations to LCIF. I send in donations on the 1st of each month. My goal this year is to have 95% club participation. We contributed a total of \$3109.59+ last year. Challenge for 2026: \$3,000.

Baby steps. I am looking forward to this Challenge! Let's **ROAR!**

PDG Susan Davis
933 Thornapple Lane
Findlay, Ohio 45840





STATE NEWS




COME JOIN US!
FOR A **WINTER RETREAT**

AT **SALT FORK STATE PARK LODGE**

JANUARY 15-17, 2027
11073 Natural Resources Rd 3 Kimbolton, OH 43749

WHO: Calling all Lions, LEO's and Guests!

WHAT: A Weekend Retreat at the Beautiful Salt Fork Lodge. Opportunities for Fellowship and Fun!

WHY: Recharge your energy, Learn New things, Feed your Mind, Body and Spirit.

Potential Saturday Sessions

- Big Foot
- Art Session
- Cambridge Glass
- Family Tree
- Using Technology to Promote Your Club
- ROAR Service Project
- Lions Portal
- LCIF
- Local History

More Details To Come!

Friday Night Dinner Music Singing/Dancing	Saturday Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Games Euchre Tournament	Sunday Morn. Message & Send Off!
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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, they will be doing the ROAR Project as the service project this year.

Plan to attend on January 15-17, 2027 at Salt Fork Lodge.

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.

Lions Club Logo on Ohio License Plates



It is possible to customize your Ohio License plate with the Lions Club logo. Be a proud Ohio Lion and show your support by ordering yours today!

To order your plates simply go to www.oplates.com or your local deputy registrar / BMV and request the Lions Club logo license plate. There is a \$25 additional charge for the Lions Club organizational plate, however \$15 of that is a contribution to the Ohio Lions Foundation.



BULLETIN BOARD



Courage Kits

VAN BUREN LIONS CLUB APPLE BUTTER FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

VAN BUREN HIGH SCHOOL
VAN BUREN, OHIO

FREE ADMISSION

80+ CRAFTERS, VENDORS, & FOOD TRUCKS

Lions Club

Homemade Bean Soup over an open fire
Collection of Old Eyeglasses at the Bean Soup Booth

****For more information, please follow us on Facebook at Van Buren Lion OH****

PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT BENEFITS TWO SCHOLARSHIPS, FFA COMMUNITY GARDEN, VETERANS MEMORIAL, HOADLEY PARK, ENHANCEMENTS TO THE VAN BUREN VILLAGE SQUARE, AND VARIOUS OTHER PROJECTS THAT BENEFIT THE VAN BUREN COMMUNITY.



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LIONS COURAGE KITS

— Reach Out and Restore **ROAR**

A Regional Leadership Learning Institute (RLLI) Project MD-13 Ohio

The **Lions Courage Kits** were created through an RLLI project and approved by the MD-13 Council of Governors.
These kits support **Lions International's** new global focus on Mental Health Awareness and Support.

Comfort & Support for Mental Health Challenges

♥ Stress Relief 💡 Encouragement

Each Courage Kit is designed to provide comfort, encouragement, and hope for individuals facing mental health challenges. Lions Clubs can assemble and distribute these kits within their communities — in schools, hospitals, first responder agencies, veterans, shelters, and other organizations.

Our goal is to grow this project beyond Ohio — making it statewide, nationwide, and eventually worldwide.
You are not alone. You matter. There is hope.

If your club would like to participate or learn more about starting Lions Courage Kits in your community, please reach out to the creators: **DG Faith Cataldo-Gauger, OH1**; **1VDG Nina Cleaver, OH3**; **1VDG Benjamin Dunn, OH6**; **2VDG Tony Winner, OH6**; **Lion Nikki Becher, OH3**; **Lion Neal Cleaver, OH3**; **Lion Staci Winner, OH6**; **Lion Kevin Plummer, OH7**; **Lion Teresa Ponn-Lemaster, OH7**; **Facilitator: PCC David Gauch**

#LionsServe #MentalHealthMatters #LionsCourageKits #WeServe #MD13Ohio

Ohio Lions State Convention

Ohio Lions State Convention

May 21-23, 2027

Embassy Suites
Dublin, OH



Check the ohiolions.org for registration information in the coming months



BULLETIN BOARD



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 ☐

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 ☐

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!!!





BULLETIN BOARD



OHIO LIONS 2026– 2027 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



October 2026

State Committee As scheduled
(throughout the month via Zoom)

October 8-18, 2026
Vision Awareness Week



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



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