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Hello Lions of District OH 2!!

I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and enjoyed the company of friends and family. I have to say the warm welcomes at all the clubs I've visited was greatly appreciated. You continue to amaze me in all that you do. One memorable



visit was with the Bucyrus Lions Club. Thank you so much for the forever memorable trophy you presented to me. Of all the things to be remembered for, I will probably go down in history as the only Governor to have a close encounter with a cow on the interstate!

I have to laugh when you read the bottom... "WE Swerve" Thanks for the memories Bucyrus Lions Club!

All the clubs in the District are praised for their outstanding support to their local communities and Lions International. Keep up the great work and keep asking those to join our great service organization. Most of you are now out ringing the bell for the Salvation Army and adding bows to Hospice trees! This is the time to give your service to those that need us the most. I hope all of you get a chance to touch someone in need this Holiday Season.

Have a great Christmas and be safe

1st VD Greg

ITS FUN TO BE A LION ITS GREAT to be a Lion

I hope this finds all of the Lions of 13 OH2 doing well. It's a time of year to give thanks. As you gather together with family and friends this year think of all of the things we have to be thankful for. There are many people in our District who are thankful for we Lions because of the good we have done for them and their community.

This service takes time and many hands to do. There are currently around 12,000 Lions in the state of Ohio. If you look at how many people are in Ohio, it breaks down to each Lion serving a tremendous number of people. The clubs in our district do a great job with the number of people that we have but imagine how much better and how much more service we could do with more Lions !!

As we gather together to give thanks, offer to share the good feelings that we get from helping others by asking friends and family to join Lions. It's a win-win, you get to spend more time together and we can increase service.

THANK YOU to all of the Lions who attended Plus Optix training in Tiffin and to District Governor Steve for getting the location.

All together we had 38 Lions become certified screeners

NOW lets get work with these machines

My club visits are going great and I'm down to only 3 left. I love hearing about what all the clubs are doing. Its awesome to be a Lion---Merry Christmas to all Hope to see you somewhere soon-----GREG

2nd VD Keith

Fellow Lions of District 13 OH2—

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving with family and friends (Go Bucks, if you are a Bucks Fan!) We have much to be thankful for in the communities we live in and for the Lions who live and serve there and in the surrounding communities.

In November, I visited several of our Lions Clubs as well as attended four second-round Zone meetings. Lions in our communities are doing great things: honoring veterans, honoring local students (through the GOOD Program and Peace Poster recognitions and Students of the Month), supporting Leo Clubs, contributing to area food banks, supporting the Ohio School for the Blind in their planned travel to the Chicago International Convention, fund raisers for Pilot Dogs and other service projects, having white cane and other sales, luminarias, poinsettia sales, gloves/hats/coats/gloves, distributing books and health kits, planning and executing fun times for community members—and the list goes on and on.

A recent new adventure for me with Lions was traveling to Tiffin to help make popcorn balls. Lions, college students, and others helped—we made at least a dent in the usual total number of these delicious holiday items—our work table alone made about 1850, and there were numerous tables there equally as productive.

PROJECT LIFE SAVER continues to gain momentum and followers throughout the Ohio counties—keep it up!

November 19, a group Lions and Lionesses attended a PlusOptix “training the trainers” session in Tiffin. The OH2 District already has four of the new PlusOptix machines for screening and recording/dispersing data from the tests. The District Clubs use the eye-screening of children in the District as one of the Lions’ projects, and with these new machines, we can provide quicker and easier screenings with enhanced results. There is a need for such screenings: if you couldn’t attend the training session, consider contacting PDG and Sight and Hearing Committee’s Sonny Barker to gain that training for you and your Club members.

A reminder from International President Bob Corlew: “Your Club’s Centennial Celebration is the perfect opportunity to share your [Lions] achievements and spread the word about what Lions do in your community. When people learn about the difference you’re making as a Lion, I know they’ll be inspired to join you in service. And there are so many ways to include your community in celebration.”

Keep planning for the OH2 District March 24-26 Convention and Centennial Celebrations there and elsewhere in the District. We have much to celebrate about Lions...and it is GREAT to be a Lion!

Have delightful holiday celebrations with families and friends...stay safe!
2nd VDG Keith Kaufman

Chicago Here We Come!

The bus to Chicago is now full! Our group is booked at the Hilton Palmer House. If you have not gotten your receipt from ZC Kerry, please contact her.

The pick-up and drop-off times will be specified as we get closer to June, but the stops have not changed - Fostoria, Tiffin, Ashland and Port Clinton.

Also, if you are attending the Chicago convention, and are interested in a group tour of Melvin Jones home, please email ZC Kerry.

November 30, 2016

PDG Myron Amstutz
Cabinet Secretary
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Dear Lion Myron:

The Hayesville Lions Club is proud to present First Vice District Governor **Greg Hess** for the position of District Governor for the year 2017-2018. Lion Greg has the full support of the Hayesville Lions Club and his wife, Lion Tresa.

Lion Greg has been a Lion since 2002, and has served in all club offices except Secretary and Treasurer. His District offices have been Zone Chairman and Tail Twister. His club activities have included Project Chairman, Tail Twister, Club President for the 2nd time, and many other positions in the club. He is best known for his dancing talents and scenery maker for the Follies.

Lion Greg has 14 years perfect attendance, has sponsored 3 new members, was Lion of the Year in 2006-2007, and was awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Lions Greg and Tresa have two children and are the owners of SASCO Specialty Advertising.

We, the Hayesville Lions Club, ask for your support of Lion Greg Hess for the office of District Governor for 2017-2018.

William Harner, Secretary
Hayesville Lions Club

Talent or Illusion

My PBS station is now in the midst of its pledge week. During this fund raising event they always show a group of music shows featuring artists from past eras. Last night they featured Doo Wop groups from the late 1950's and early 1960's.

For reasons that I don't understand, I watch this show. Last night was no exception. Frankly, I always disliked Doo Wop, and I found that it has grown no closer to my heart in the intervening years. However; I have to tell you that it is fascinating to watch men and women in their 70's and 80's re-creating performances better left to teenagers.

To make the music better, these shows enlist an orchestra of very fine studio musicians and back-up singers. Additionally, many of the acts have interspersed younger performers to fill in the sound that comes from aging voices.

To that end, there was one act that featured a man who once had a powerful baritone singing voice, and a younger guitarist. The singer sang, and the guitarist strutted around the stage playing. It was quite an act! Because of the age of the singer the music had been re-arranged with extended instrumental sections so the singer had time to rest.

During these musical interludes of soaring guitar riffs, the guitarist danced, played, made faces and generally put on a show; however, he wasn't the one playing. He strummed three chords "G", "C" and "D7". If you looked closely and ignored the histrionic dancing and the funny faces; and if you looked at the orchestra, there was a middle-aged balding man sitting quietly in a chair playing all of that fabulous guitar.

Who had the talent? Certainly, the singer had a great voice, although somewhat diminished by the years, the orchestra's guitarist was a virtuoso, the pretend guitarist ... not so much. However; despite the fact that he really had no talent for the guitar, he brought down the house by pretending. The audience loved him.

I suppose there is a moral or parallel that I could add, but I leave it to you to draw your own. I no longer play the guitar ... arthritis!

PCC Jeff Hillis



You are invited to the
BELLVILLE LIONS CLUB

60TH

CHARTER ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

Place: St. Paul Lutheran Church

16 Church Street, Bellville, Ohio

Time: Social Hour 6:00 to 7:00

Dinner 7:00

Baked Chicken Parmesan

or

Swiss Steak

Please R.S.V.P. by 01/13/2017

By mailing the slip below

Cost: 20.00 per person Make checks payable to Bellville Lions Club

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Name _____

Name _____

Swiss Steak _____ Baked Garlic Chicken Parmesan _____

Family and Friends are WELCOME! My check is enclosed for \$20.00 each

Send to: IPDG Carolyn Brook, 598 Alexander Road, Bellville, OH 44813

Past, Present and Future

Ashland Evening

The Ashland Evening Lions tried a new fundraising project this fall. Local grocer, Buehler's Fresh Foods worked with us on a "Dash for Food" promotion. The store provided tickets which the club sold for \$5 each for a 90 second chance to fill a grocery cart with whatever they could garner. Tickets were sold over a 4 week period. Certain restrictions did apply of course. The winning ticket was held by member Lion Dean Leiendecker's wife Lavada. They were able to put \$411 worth of groceries in the cart within the allotted time. This was paid out of the club's ticket sale receipts and the balance of the money raised went into the club project fund. We definitely will consider doing the project again in the future.

Member Lion Dr. Jim Patterson spoke to the club on November 3 about diabetes and related eye problems. Ashland Police Chief Dave Marcelli was the November 17 speaker. He presented a thought provoking view of our local drug problem and what law enforcement is doing to educate the public and combat the problem.

Lion Ann Miller

Ashland Noon

The Ashland Noon club completed it's annual rose sale November 17th. Over 1,050 dozen roses were sold and delivered, and an additional 50 dozen were donated and delivered to local nursing homes. Thank you to all who supported us.

Sadly, the board accepted the resignations of four members, two of whom moved and two who no longer supported the club. In addition, the passing of J. Robert Tipton was reported on November 9. He had been a Lion member since 1949, with many years of service to the club. He was 102 years young.

Avon

At the November 17th meeting, members of the Avon Lions Club hosted Mathias

Houck, co-owner of Avon Brewing Company. The Avon Brewing Company's a new craft beer brewpub and restaurant which opened in August of 2016. Mathias talked to the club members about his new venture and brought some of the beers he brews for the members to taste and enjoy!

At the November 17th meeting, members of the Avon Lions Club hosted Mathias Houck, co-owner of Avon Brewing Company. The Avon Brewing Company's a new craft beer brewpub and restaurant which opened in August of 2016. Mathias talked to the club members about his new venture and brought some of the beers he brews for the members to taste and enjoy!

Along with members of the Avon Leo Club partnered with the Avon's Women's



Club and the Avon Police Department to sort the food items donated by the students. Over 30 Lions and Leos sorted the canned foods and put together Thanksgiving food baskets for 17 local residents. Lions then loaded the baskets for the Avon Police to deliver.

Bascom

At a recent club meeting, a donation of \$3500 was approved to Hopewell Township/ Meadowbrook Park toward the cost of a proposed 582 foot walkway in the park from the pool to the ballroom. The above ground concrete walkway would be eight feet wide. The township has received a federal grant for partial cost.

At the November 15th meeting, a donation of \$100 was approved to Ohio State School Blind Marching Band.

Price of meals increase... The price of dinner meals was increased from \$8 to \$10 effective November 1. It has been

several years since the price was increased. Items taken into consideration were the quality of meals and the service we receive from the ladies of the three churches.

For the past thirty plus years, the Bascom Lions Club has sponsored the Trick/Treat Night in Bascom. The October 25 event this year had a good crowd and everyone had a good time. So with Halloween weather, combined with costume judging, cider and donuts, and the H-L Marching Band, our annual event was another great success!

A "Thank You" was heard from Dallas Heck regarding the success of Gun Raffle #10.

Bellevue

Bellevue Lions have added a new member to our ranks. On December 5th, Erica Caranfa, sales manager at Caranfa Ford, was installed by our District 13 OH 2 Governor, Steve Cochie. Pictured from left to right is DG Steve Cochie, Erica Caranfa, and Jim Pickering, her sponsor.



Our Lions Club in Bellevue has been serving the community since 1944 providing eye care and donating to other community and International projects from our various fund raisers. Our fund raisers include a golf outing, spaghetti dinner, broom sales and our new venture selling cheese.

The Bellevue Middle School Art Class, under the direction of Linda Cochran, participated in the annual Lions International Peace Poster contest. This contest is open to ages 11-13 and this year's theme was "A Celebration of Peace".

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Bellevue Continued

Participants use their own design on what the theme is. Pictured from left to right is 2nd place-Kendall Dick, 1st place-Kylie Andress, and 3rd place-Chole Herrera. These three were recognized at our Bellevue Lions meeting December 5th along with their parents. Pizza, Ice cream sundies were enjoyed by all. Our first place winner is sent to next level of judging at the District.



Bellville

Bellville Lions will donate \$50 to the Ohio State School for the Blind Marching Band.

A donation of \$50 will be spent for First Lady Jenny's project of supplying books, coloring books, pencils, etc. for children. \$50 was donated to purchase fruit for the Live Saver 5/10K run.

A card and \$100 was donated for Jennessa Flinton, an Art teacher at Clear Fork schools who has received a kidney transplant.

Bellville Lions 60th Charter Night dinner was scheduled for January 21, 2017 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church. Lions Rich and Joe helped at the Pre-school Vision Screening at the Clear Fork Preschool on October 31 and November 1 with the Butler Lions.

Ten Lions attended Zone 6 meeting hosted by the Ontario Lions on November 14.

The Club Christmas Party is scheduled for December 15. Santa will be there to give gifts to the children birth to 12 years old.

Bloomville

The Bloomville Lions had another good month in November. Members helped to sell beverages at a benefit for our fellow Lion Scott Holman as he battles cancer. Members of the community came out in droves to open their pocketbooks in support of the meal, raffles, and auction for Lion Scott. The event was very successful and Lion Scott would like to thank everyone for their generous support.

The club also hosted about 40 Lions at the Zone 2 Advisory Meeting and served the meal and beverages to that group.

The club is purchasing famous Tiffin Lions Club popcorn balls for the Bliss Memorial Library Christmas Party. The Bloomville club's Christmas party will be December 13th and the popcorn balls will also be featured there.

The club is hosting a Red Cross Bloodmobile at the Bloomville Community Center on December 21st from 12-5 p.m.

Bucyrus

The Bucyrus Lions Club had a successful Chicken BBQ in November with Debbi Gifford and President Cheryl Luidhardt making arrangements. PDG Terry and Linda Spiegel sold over 100 tickets. Extra dinners were donated to the local Salvation Army.

We held a reception for the Peace Poster contestants and their parents at Bucyrus High School. All of the peace posters were displayed and we awarded \$75 in cash prizes after PCC/PDG Jeff Hillis talked about what Lions do.

The reading action committee donated talking and tactile books to a 2-year old blind child in Crestline. The committee also took 25 children's books and 5 inspirational books for mothers to the Jericho House (halfway house for women). The women can read books to their children when they come to visit. The club donated a Thanksgiving grocery gift card to them also. Carol liams provided an addi-

tional 80 books to the committee to provide for various local needs.

Four members attended the training on the new vision screeners in Tiffin and will be scheduling screenings in the new year. Seven members rang the bell for the Salvation Army. Several members served at the local soup kitchen. One member transported people to the low-vision support group, transported meals to a shut-in and took a handicapped individual to visit relatives on Thanksgiving. A man with glaucoma was given an 8X magnifier and shown other low-vision aids. He also received information on dealing with low vision.

The club donated to the state projects and also to Crawford County Project Lifesaver. Used batteries were taken for recycling and Dr. Christina Fox took donated eyeglasses to Pandora for sorting.

Six Lions, two spouses and two 2-year old cubs attended the Zone 5 Social. Five Lions attended the Zone 5 meeting where PCC/PDG Jeff received the 100% secretary award and a B pin from IPDG Carolyn Brook. 2nd VDG Keith and Connie Sue Kaufman continue to visit district clubs. Joy Hillis attended the Bucyrus Altrusa meeting to find out more about their organization.

District Governor Steve Cochie visited the club and presented a 10-yr. chevron to Christi Crall, a 20-yr. chevron to President Cheryl Luidhardt and the President's Club Excellence banner patch to immediate past-president PDG Terry Spiegel. The club also received a "Plus 1" patch and a four-diamond centennial patch for participating in the four areas of sharing the vision, relieving hunger, engaging youth and protecting the environment.

The club is selling Cooper's Mill fudge, sugared nuts and donuts.

Castalia

Lion Randy and his Duck Pond Sign Committee have officially kicked off the holiday season with their sign lighting across the duck pond. Thanks for the difficult and

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Castalia continued

normally cold work that your group puts forth to carry on this Lions' tradition in Castalia. This year the group had a 74 degree day to perform their work and it was reported that everyone made it back to shore dry.

Lion Gene VanOrsdall reported the Student of the Month for November was Julia Orshoski and for December it is James Fisher.

The Castalia Lions Club made its annual \$1,000.00 donation to Project Share of Margaretta Township.

Lion Ray Downing would like to extend a "thank you" to Lions Tim Riesterer and Bob Finneran for catching and donating the perch for our **Fish Fry**, without their generosity we would not be able to put on this event.

Lion John and his group will hold the Castalia Lions Reverse Raffle on January 28, 2017

Clyde

Malaysia Esquivel and Kristen Harrah both McPherson Middle School Honorable Mention winners in Peace Poster contest.



Colonel Crawford

Lion Margie and I will be taking 808 pair of used eye glasses to OSU school of optometry tomorrow morning. This is the fourth delivery this calendar year.

I will check with Lion Dave to see what our total is this year but it is over 3000 pairs.

Thanks to Lion Don for collecting them in Bucyrus and Shelby. Lion Becky is also picking up glasses in Mansfield. Lion Deb is bringing in some from the New Washington area. Some of our club members also bring them in, a real club project.

Hayesville

The Hayesville Lions Club met November 17th at the Hayesville United Methodist Church with several members of the Leo Club in attendance.

The Leo Club helped make Fruit Baskets for the community and stayed for dinner and the meeting. Leo President Adrianna Rogers mentioned some of the projects that the Leo Club does. They have the Haunted Trail, Powder Puff Football, Walk-a-Thon, a canned food drive for Hillsdale Cares, and collect bears for Akron Children's Hospital

Our sausage sale was our second largest ever selling approximately 2200 pounds.

We received a letter from Hannah Rose who was in the Follies. She played soccer at the college she attends in Wisconsin and they won eight games which was their best ever in their history. She had four shut outs.

The Euchre Tournament was on the 19th with the proceeds going to the Hayesville Lions Scholarship Fund.

The Hayesville Lions will have a Christmas Lighting Contest for all Hayesville residents.

Eyeglasses will be purchased for a boy in our community.

There will be no board meeting in December. Our Christmas Party is December 15 at Stone Lutheran Church with a white elephant gift exchange.

Lorain

Be sure to sign up for the annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing that will take place at the Lorain Walmart on Saturday, December 17.

The Board approved the following donations: Diabetes Awareness \$500.00; Lions International Relations \$100.00; LCIF \$500.00; Ohio Lion's Eye Research \$500.00; Ohio Lions Foundation \$200.00; Sight and Hearing Committee \$200.00; Speech and Hearing \$200.00. A total of \$2200.00 was approved.

Membership: The Board voted to accept the application of Bob Cobos, sponsored by Lion Ed Baker

Project Lifesaver: 4 more Police departments were trained in October, including the Lorain Police Department .



Leo Club: Lions Tim and Ralph attended the Leo Meeting at Lorain High. The club has elected officers, set committees, and have over 35 members. Nine Leos helped at Second Harvest and eighteen



helped at the Pancake Breakfast.

Our club will be ordering T shirts for the Leo Club to give to members after they have done at least 6 hours of community service.

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Loudonville

Our club enjoyed two travelogues this month. At our November 8 meeting Dr. Steve Allerding talked about the year he spent in Antarctica at the South Pole. He showed beautiful slides including photos of the northern lights which they are privileged to see every night. On November 22 Dr. Walt Miller reported on his trip to Ireland, a beautiful and interesting country.

We received a thank you letter from local person Norma Snyder for donating the best quilt trophy which she won at the Loudonville Fair.

Mohican Area Community Fund sent note thanking us for \$250 donation.

Mike Thornton, Public Library director, has promised us workers from the Public Library next October for our Fair Tent. We will be ordering plastic eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt soon. Jan Abree took care of the local station WZLP request for advertising monies for basketball games. Scott Baldner will mail thank you cards to all the individuals and organizations who helped us at the Fair.

Our membership is currently quite busy gearing up for the Children's Christmas Carnival we will host for children of local and surrounding communities on December 3 after the downtown parade. Chairman Dave Hunter reports we will have visits with Santa, photos with Santa, games, prizes, food including cookies. Then on December 13 we will have our club's annual Christmas potluck along with donating items for Helping Hand, and bringing items for a Silent Auction.

Leo Advisor Jeff Frankford reports Leo membership is growing by leaps and bounds. They now have 39 members, up from 37 last month. Leos are hosting the canned food drive for Helping Hand this year. They have been collecting food for two weeks. They are running the concession stand at Budd School for all home junior high athletic events. They will be volunteering at the Day of Sharing on December 6. Their pancake breakfast for

senior citizens will be served on December 23. Kids are signing up to help with the Lions Children's Carnival also. We Lions are mighty proud of "Frankie and his L e o s".

From all of us to all of you, a very Merry Christmas!

Madison Township

At their November meeting, the Madison Twp. Lions club honored the winners of their Peace Poster contest this year. Pictured are McKinzie



Webb from Madison Middle School and Audrey Van Dyne from St. Marys Middle School.

Also pictured is Deborah Dubouis from the Mansfield Richland County Library who had an interesting program on what is available from the library besides books.



Mohawk Lioness

PLUS OPTIX vision screening training was held at Zone 5 Meeting, Nov. 21 at Bucyrus Woodlawn UMC.

Results of Halloween donuts—250 dozen donuts made/sold/donated.

Thanks to Dave Schwenning and 39 Preschool children received vision screening with 11 referrals. Thanks Barb, Dianne, Larry and Rita Buddie LaRue assisting from Colonel Crawford Lions on Friday morning.

Donations of \$100 each be given to Amy & Matt Miller and Ryan Weaver (Albert's grandson) for recent house fires.

Approved Nancy Balliet as a NEW MEMBER. Installation to be at November 15th meeting.

Original Charter of Mohawk Lioness Club protected/stored by Pauline Fadley displayed by Jackie Honaker recommended being given to Mohawk Historical Society.

December will be our combined Christmas Dinner at White Shutter Winery near Upper Sandusky.

Norwalk

The annual Christmas Party for Seniors is being catered this year by Catering by Design and the food will be picked up December 24th and reheated at the Senior Center the next day. Lions Wayne and Carole Babcanec, Lion Jon Ewell and Lion Kevin Hipp have volunteered to help. They will provide food and \$20 Chamber of Commerce Gift Certificates to attendees. Lions Dick and Charmaine Boose have volunteered to purchase and distribute gifts to the sight impaired in our area.

The club is in need of a Historian. If you will serve, talk to Dick Boose.

EHOVE has offered to feed us dinner and take us on a tour of their new building, Jon Ewell will investigate further.

Sight and Hearing reported that we have two magnifying machines that can be loaned to people in need. Contact Carol Hartzell if you know of someone in need.

Lion Jon Ewell passed around a sheet to get volunteers for the Bell Ringing.

Esteli Clinic made a request for more eyeglasses both reading glasses and minus distance glasses. The glasses will be shipped to Nicaragua at the expense of the Esteli Club and they will handle customs.

Norwalk Lion donations include \$100 to the Summit Banquet Club and \$500 each to Milan and North Fairfield for assisting at the track.

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Old Fort

The club made \$700 on the Pancake and Sausage Supper. They will donate \$500 to a needy family for Christmas again this year. Donations will cover \$270, half the Boy Scout charter dues and the Cub Scout charter dues of \$816.

The 2nd Annual Gun Raffle was a big success. Derek did a fantastic job organizing and running the show behind the microphone. Great job Derek! We had 250 in attendance, 24 guns raffled, 300 more tickets sold.

Old Fort Lions blood drive is Tuesday, December 20. The drive will run from 1 to 6 p.m. in the Fort Seneca Church Annex. They would appreciate help setting up at 11:45 and loading up at 6:45. The minimum age to give is 17 years. If you are not sure you can donate please call the Red Cross at 1-800-828-1975 with your questions and concerns. The rules have changed over the years and you now may be able to give. Every Old Fort Lion is encouraged to give and if you cannot, please try to get someone to give in your place.

Our annual Lions Peace Poster contest was held. The top three winners out of 4 entries were: 1st place, \$50 Jaislynn Woodall- daughter of Brian and Kristin Woodall. 2nd place \$30 Sara Pemberton- daughter of John and Jill Pemberton. 3rd place Myles Miller son of Anthony and Erin Miller.



Annual Fruit Basket Project. On December 17th we will be meeting at 8:00 a.m. at the Fort Seneca Church to pack and deliver fruit baskets for the sick, needy, homebound or ones who have lost a spouse or child in our school district. Please mark your calendars concerning this very worthwhile project. If you know of new persons deserving a basket, please contact Jerry Hill 447-9456.

Perrysville

Letters were received from Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation and Diabetes Awareness thanking us for our support.

A thank you note from the Perrysville Association of Churches for the \$150.00 donation was read.

Email from LCIF supporting Hurricane Matthew relief efforts was read. A Thank you from Girl Scout Troup 1752, along with an invitation to the Benefit Chili Supper and open house Friday October 21

We checked Christmas lights and sorted eyeglasses October 30th. The Fire Department will be asked to hang the lights November 20th or when they can. Bernard will take clothing drive flyers out November 1st.

The club will donate \$100.00 from Car Show account to Ashland County Cancer Society.

Plymouth

Plymouth Lions are happy to announce their Parade Train engine has been overhauled and made an appearance in Shelby's Polar Express Parade.



Six members attended the Zone picnic and eight members attended the recent Zone meeting. A \$100 donation was made to Project Lifesaver's 5K/10K at Charles Mill on Dec. 10th. Two eye cases were approved.

Upcoming activities are ringing the bell for the Salvation Army in both Shelby and Plymouth, and travelling to Tiffin to help make popcorn balls.

Republic

President Scot M called the November 14th meeting of the Republic Lions' Club to order at the Town Hall, at 8:00 PM.

Chevrons were given out to members who had anniversaries of 5 to 10 years. Nevin R. 60 years, Carlton W. 60 years, Terry W. 30 years, Vernon B. 30 years, Dennis B. 25 years, Mike T. 15 years, and Scot M. 10 years. Not present were: Ray R. 45 years, Nick H. 40 years, Mike C. 10 years, and Tom N. 10 years.

Thank you notes were received from the Republic Food Pantry and the Republic United Church of Christ. We donated \$250.00 to the Republic Food Pantry.

Pop Corn Balls were made Sunday, December 4. We need to get all the help we can to make them.

Lion Jerry B informed us that the bleacher seats have linseed oil applied to them.. A pile of dirt has been moved at the Park.

Sandusky

It's hard to believe but the holidays are upon us! On November 19th club members took part in the Ringing of the Bell for the Salvation Army at Kroger's. There was a chill in the air, along with some snowflakes, but our hearts were warmed by the overwhelming generosity of the public.

On November 21st our club purchased all of the items needed for a delicious Thanksgiving dinner for 6 less fortunate

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Sandusky Continued

families. Once purchased and boxed up, the groceries were taken to the Volunteer Center in Sandusky for distribution to the families.

Our club finished the month of November with participation in the annual Festival of Lights event at Sawmill Creek. Not only do we have a light display along the Festival of Lights route at Sawmill, but we also participated in the Ringing Swinging Silent Auction which was held on November 25th from 6-9 pm at Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron. This fun event is always a great way to kick off the holiday season.

Upper Sandusky

Picture #1 - Our appreciation to our Veteran members, our Speaker; Theresa Miller, Veterans Office



Picture #2, Zone Social held at the Shawshank Woodshop for the Tailgate Party.



Vermilion

Student of the Month was Teresa Alberton from Vermilion High School.

In the downtown park our Lions, Leos and Leo advisor decorated the gazebo and some of the park for the Christmas holidays, on the day before Thanksgiving.

Lions and Leos continue to help two local nursing home residents with Bingo.

Our Christmas dinner and auction will take place on Tuesday, December 20, at the Nest. Spouses will also enjoy the festive evening.

Lions and Leos will be helping the Salvation Army by ringing the bell during the holidays.

December 15, some of the Lions will help with unloading the food truck. In the evening, Lions, Leos and community members pack food for the needy in Vermilion. Then on December 17, Lions, other organizations and community people deliver gifts and food to the needy families in Vermilion.

The Leos are having Cookies and Crafts on December 15 at the high school for the little ones in Vermilion. The children will be making ornaments, decorating cookies, playing games, etc. Children and families will be able to have their pictures taken with Mr. & Mrs. Santa. What a fun time for all!

We wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.



Looking to see what the 2017 pin looks like? Also lots of interesting things going on at the Winter Retreat, 2017. Look on the next page.

**Get registration form at :
www.ohiolions.org**

Ohio Lions Winter Retreat



OHIO LIONS WINTER RETREAT

Deer Creek State Park
January 13-15, 2017

Putt-Putt Tournament

All Lions attending can play 4 holes of Putt-Putt and win a FREE registration to the 2018 Winter Retreat. Also, their caddie will get a registration at half off.

Blue Frog Promotion

Clothing & Lions items: Location on the second level.

Centennial Service Challenge Weekend

All lions attending the retreat can be part of the LCI Centennial Service Challenge.

Lions Centennial – “Shoebox Float Building” (4:00 Session)

Attendees will be in groups of 3-4 Lions to build a miniature float that would showcase the Lions Centennial Celebration and that they would want to use in a parade. We will need about 40 standard size shoeboxes, all other supplies will be provided. All Floats will be pull on display for judging. The top 3 floats will be put on display at the State Convention.

Cupcake Decorating (4:00 session)

The cupcakes for the Saturday evening birthday party needs to be frosted and decorated. 10 to 12 Lions are needed to help.

A 3rd 4:00 session is being worked on.

Schedule of Events

Friday, January 13:

3:00 – 6:00 – Registration

6:45 – Seating for Dinner

7:00 – 9:00 – Dinner & Guest Speaker

Recognizing PDGs for the Past 100 Years

2nd VDG Brandon Johnson

9:00 – Social Time

Saturday, January 14:

7:00 – 8:30 – Breakfast on Your Own

Morning Sessions:

9:00 – 9:45; 10:00 – 10:45; 11:00 – 11:45

12:15 – Seating for Lunch

12:30 – Friendship Luncheon

Afternoon Sessions:

2:00 – 2:45; 3:00 – 3:45; 4:00 – 4:45

6:15 – Seating for Dinner

6:30 – 8:30 – Dinner & Party

Lions 100th Birthday Party

8:30 – Social Time

Sunday, January 15:

Worship Service: 9:00 – 9:30

PDG Jeff & Carol Snyder

9:45 – 11:00 – Breakfast & Closing

Sessions

LCI Centennial Convention, State Convention and 2018 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum – **Committee Chairs**

Pilot Dogs, Early years and Present –

Pilot Dogs, Inc.

“What Do I Do Now?” – **2VDG Mike Kerek**

Vosh Trips – **PDG Barbara Plaugh-er and PDG Dan Ritter**

Teleconferences – **PDG Nick Schmunk**

Ohio Lions Presidents & More – **PDG Rob Murry**

CHEESE!!! – PDG Rita Shisler

Helen Keller & Anne Sullivan, After the Speech – **Lion Jackie Christensen**

Lions Quest – **Lions Paul Nutter, PDG Charlie Newland & PDG Sheryl Schlater**

The Ohio Plan for the Second Century of Lionism – **Membership Steering Committee**

1VDG Bill Niejadlik

DG AJ Westlund

PDG Craig Geiger

State GLT Committee

(Note: Sessions are subject to change)

The 4 Centennial Challenges



Bring food and paper products



Bring school supplies



Bring used eye glasses



Each person will receive a litter bag

For each donation to the above Centennial Challenges you will receive a drawing ticket. On which you will need to place your name and District. These will be placed into a drawing and the winning two in each category will take half of the items collected back to their District or club for distribution.



District 13-OH2 Lions Convention March 24th - 26th 2017

Dear Lions, Lions Clubs and Area Businesses,

Thank you for your service and your support of District 13-OH2! We hope that you will consider supporting it again by placing an ad in the convention booklet. The ad may give you, your club or your business the opportunity to share what you're doing, a chance to 'toot' you own horn, or to pass on good wishes or a thank you to the District Officers. You could also support a candidate running for any specific office. To make it easier for you, we will be happy to help you design your ad. A list of the ad sizes and prices are below.

Please complete the convention advertising form below and mail it with your check:

1. By: February 28th 2017
2. To: Convention Chair Lion Greg / Connie Swartz
76 Darby Rd.
Tiffin Ohio 44883

Make checks payable to: Ohio Lions District 13OH2

Any questions, or need assistance designing an ad, please feel free to contact Convention Chair Lion Greg Swartz at (419) 937 - 8598 or at gregswartz@sbcglobal.net

District 13-OH2 Lions Convention Booklet Advertising

Business, Organization, or Club Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Ad Size:
Full Page - \$100 _____ Half Page - \$70 _____ Quarter Page - \$50 _____
Business Card - \$30 _____

Print Ready Ad: _____ If Yes, Please attach the ad or business card

_____ If No, Please list the information for the ad in the space below or attach an additional page if needed

COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY FEBRUARY 28, 2017

March 24th, 25th, 26th, 2017

Castaway Bay

2001 Cleveland Road Sandusky Ohio 44870

All room reservations should be made directly through Castaway Bay by calling (419) 627-2500. Room rates are \$89 per night plus tax. Be sure to mention that you are attending the Ohio Lions District 13-OH2 Convention to obtain this special rate. Promo Lion You must be registered for the convention to receive this rate. Cut off is 02/28/17

MEALS
Saturday A

- 1 - Full Registration - \$60
2 - Conventions Activities Only (NO Meals) - \$15
3 - Saturday Awards Luncheon - \$20
4 - Saturday Grand Banquet - \$35
5 - Child Registration (12 and under) - \$20

MEALS

Saturday Grand Banquet

Choice of:

A: Boneless. Breast Chicken Marsala

B: Sliced Strip Loin With Mushroom Sauce

Rice Pilaf – California Blend

Chocolate Mousse – Peach Cobbler

CONTACT INFORMATION
PLEASE PRINT

Club Name:

Contact Person:

Email:

Phone: _____[illegible]

**Make checks payable to:
Ohio Lions District 13-
Oh2**

Questions: gregswartz@sbcglobal.net

Send to: Convention

Chair Greg Swartz

76 Darby Rd.

Wiffin, Ohio

44883

*** Room types are for easily accessible room to convention activities. Please only request rooms as needed. Easily accessible rooms are for those who may need a room a little closer to the elevators.

 AFTER March 11th ADD A \$10 LATE FEE TO EACH REGISTRATION*****