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Greetings, Lions of District OH2!

The month of October certainly went fast with 17 Club visitations, one Club celebrating its 55th Charter Night, helping Plymouth Lions sell roses over Sweetest Day Weekend, and helping the Mohawk Lioness Club make/decorate/bag and sell about 300 dozen donuts at the end of October. Whew! What a lot of on-the-road events with on-the-go Lions Clubs and their activities. And the month of November is rapidly passing by as well with numerous visits including a 55th year Charter Night celebration with the Ashland Evening Lions. Thanks for all you do—and for your hospitality as Lion Connie Sue and I visit with you and help with your service activities, too.

The month of October saw District I3 OH2 add 17 new members with several other prospective members “in the wings.” Way to go, Lions! Club members still need to mentor new members and involve them in Club activities and do a follow-up with members who become former members. We have also had several deaths of Lions who will be missed by their respective Clubs.

The new Mansfield Club is off to a great start and appears to be a diverse one including many Mansfield and Richland County groups and agencies within it. The GMT has done a terrific job with beginning this new Club after a decade's long absence of Lions from Mansfield. A second organizational meeting occurred November 20 at the Mansfield Library. Stay tuned for updates next month.

Reminders: Don't forget to sign up for the Winter Retreat at Maumee State Park (it will be January 18-20, 2019) be sure to submit your monthly activity reports on time to LCI.... consider attending the Lions International Convention next July in Milan, Italy...and contact me as needed if I can be of help.

Hope you had a great Thanksgiving with family, friends, and others. Christmas/ Hanukkah/Kwanzaa and the start of 2019 will be here before we know it. Enjoy each day.

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!

DG KEITH KAUFMAN

1st VDG Kenny

I find it impossible to believe that anyone who has had the opportunity to visit our district clubs and attend our zone meetings as I have, would be anything but amazed at what the Lions of OH2 accomplish. From the thousands of vision screenings that have been performed to the hours spent helping those in our communities who are less fortunate, you truly are an inspiration for me to want work even harder to help even more people. A recent report I received shows just what the Lions of OH2 accomplished last year. Your clubs reported 869 service projects, 20,396 Lions hours worked, and most impressively 1,036,556 people served. Everyone of the Lions in this district should be proud of their accomplishments. I believe we will even exceed these numbers this year, keep up the effort.

“Do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.” Desmond Tutu

Has your club held or are you planning a membership recruitment night? If not, please start planning one today. Good, effective membership recruitment does not just happen, it must be planned. A great guide for preparing your recruitment drive can be found on Lions International’s web site lionsclubs.org, it is titled “Just Ask” and is document ME-300. The best and a very effective process is the “Ohio Plan” which can be found on the district web page under Club Resources. It is estimated that each new member will serve an additional 70 people per year, wouldn’t it be great to see the report saying that OH2 served 1.5 million people this year!

The District GMT Team has been working very hard to re-establish a Lions Club in the city of Mansfield. Mansfield is an area with a tremendous service potential. If you know someone that lives or works in Mansfield please let them know that we have an opportunity for them to make a difference. An informational meeting will be held December 10th at the Richland

County Sheriffs Office/ People’s Community Center east community room, 597 Park Ave. at 7:00 p.m. For more information you can contact GMT Coordinator Tim Kershner 419-685-7693, Governor Keith, or myself. Some work is also beginning on re-establishing Lions in Galion. Again, you can contact any of us or Zone Chair Patty Moorman if you have interest in that area.

As I work to help Governor Keith reach his goals for this year, I have also begun to prepare for next year. I am looking for individuals that are interested in serving beyond their own club level. Working with other Lions to not only expand our presence in communities with out Lions, like we are currently doing in Mansfield and Galion; but also working with existing clubs to increase their footprint in their communities and the sustainability of their clubs through membership, leadership, and service. Some of our plans are already creating a desire by clubs to participate and we haven’t even completed the planning process.

I find this really exciting, however, we need people to help facilitate this program. I also believe we have areas of our Lions Mission that we can strengthen beyond what we currently do. I would like to see areas such as Environment, Diabetes, and Youth have a stronger district wide emphasis. To accomplish this we need individuals with the desire to help lay that groundwork. If you or someone you know has interest in helping please contact me.

There is a lot to of need in our communities. Our communities need Lions and Lions needs you and more like you. I wish each and everyone of you a Merry Christmas and I look forward to an even brighter and blessed New Year made possible through your Lions service.

1st VDG Kenny Schuck
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2nd VDG Kerry

The saying goes that December is a time of giving, but that is true for Lions year round. As the holidays approach, many Lions are preparing food baskets and toy drives, stocking up food pantries, caroling at nursing homes, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army and other needed projects for our communities. Beyond the Christmas lights and holiday parties, where there’s a need, there’s a Lion.

Service projects, fundraisers and fellowship events are keys ways to keep ourselves and our fellow members active - actively engaged in the community and actively engaging in fun with each other. Take a moment as we move through the Lions events of this holiday season to reach out to the members of your club, especially those that you haven’t seen in a while. Send a card, make a phone call, touch base and see how things are going.

Remember that there are needs in our clubs too. Some members need someone to talk to, some may need a ride to the next meeting, and others have health concerns and appreciate a card. Some members want to know they are valued and not forgotten. These lines of communication and caring about the members of our clubs are part of what make Lions a great association to belong to.

So, in a season where we start to rush to fit everything in and stress to get everything done, I wish everyone peace and joy with family and friends. And I encourage you to take a moment out of the rush to reach out to someone and reconnect.

2nd VDG Kerry Parker



District OH2 Convention

Announcing OH2 annual district convention March 22,23 and 24th being held at the Holiday Inn in Strongsville Ohio.

Please mark your calendar for those dates let's all get on board and support Governor Keith.

More info will be coming so keep an eye out for it.

PDG Terry Spiegel

PDG J.J. Jeavons

Past, Present and Future

Ashland Evening



The November 15, 2018 regular meeting celebrated the 55th Charter Night. The Club was chartered in 1963. Many members and guests attended. International Director Lion Steve Thornton and Becky Thornton, District Governor Lion Keith Kaufman and Connie Sue Kaufman were our honored guests. A special thank-you to Lion Seth Gasche and his committee for planning a very memorable evening.

1st VP Lion Ann Miller gave an outstanding history of the Club since being chartered in 1963. The Ashland Evening Lions Newsletter will print the entire history in segments.

District Governor Lion Keith Kaufman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He said to keep the Club moving because there are lots of needs in the community.

Lion Steve Thornton said he loved the turn-out, and he congratulated the Club. He loved hearing the history of the Club. He told us of events going on in 1963 when we were chartered, and then he said, "Remember how important you are to your community. Congratulations!" Lion President Ed Krakora said the Club will make a donation, in Lion Steve Thornton's name, to Lions Clubs International Foundation.



The Club will continue bell ringing at Buehler's each Friday through December 21. At the December 6 and 20 regular meetings, the Club will be collecting pantry items and money for Associated Charities.

Ashland Noon

The Ashland Noon club completed a busy November with seven members attending the Zone 7 Advisory meeting and a visit from DG Keith Kaufman and Lion Connie Sue.

Highlights for the month included bell ringing for the Salvation Army, participation in the United Way Day of Caring, and the completion of our annual rose sale. Members sold, boxed, and delivered 980 dozen roses, just missing our goal of 1,000. However, considering our biggest customer, a local business, decided not to order the 120 dozen they usually buy, missing our goal by only 20 was a huge success. A special thanks go out to our 13 new members who really stepped up in their first year, and 2nd VP Gene Kopp for leading the sale. As this is our only fund raiser, it is a great relief to know we will be able to once again meet our service goals.

At the November 8th meeting of a letter was read from Lions Club International Congratulations! You've earned a Silver Centennial Lion Pin as part of the Centennial Membership Awards Program. Lion President Mike Namy conferred this pin to Membership Chair Melody Barnes.



December plans include a December 6th initiation of our five newest members, and the popular December 13th Christmas performance by the high school Sing and Swing group, which is also bring your spouse day for the club. All Lions are wel-

come, please let us know if you want to come as we expect a large turnout and need to provide a lunch seating count.

Avon



The Avon Lions and Leo's collected and packed 21 food boxes for those in need for the Thanksgiving Holidays. The food and paper products were collected by the students then sorted for distribution by the police department. This project will be repeated for the Christmas holiday. This giving project has been an annual event in our community for many years. "We Serve" is alive in Avon !!

Bascom

November 2nd, 18 members and three guests met at Saubers Stumble Inn in Bascom. Guest Speaker was Michael Strong Executive Director of the Ritz Theater. He talked about the history of the Ritz and past and upcoming events. Jerry Swander won a special drawing for Ritz tickets. We were shown the winning Peace Poster, Winner was Isabella Humphry out of 68 student participants. Thank you, Lion Larry Beidelschies and Lion Jim Burns, for judging this worthwhile event.

November 12th, four members attended the Zone Advisory meeting in Attica at the American Legion. We had good fellowship and discussed helping the Tiffin Lions with making popcorn balls on Monday and Thursdays from 6pm to 8:30 pm. Volunteers are always welcome. Also, Project Lifesaver is having their basket fundraiser on April 6th this year.

Past, Present and Future

Bascom continued

November 20th, 12 members and 2 guests met again at Saubers Stumble Inn, Bascom OH. Guest Speaker for the night was Tonya Hoffert of the Seneca County Museum. She talked about the history of Tiffin including the 1913 Flood and the Tiffin made Economy Car. Also speaking for us was 2nd VDG Kerry Parker. She talked about the history of local Lions clubs. We were informed that the Lions have taken on Diabetes as a service project and that November is Diabetes Awareness Month. She reminded us that Lions motto is "We Serve" and that we should look into how the Bascom Lions can be a partner in diabetes awareness and prevention.

Two new members were voted into the Bascom Lions. Congratulations to Randy Smith and David Burns for joining our worthwhile cause. We have added five new members since July making us plus 4 for the year so far.

We were informed by the Treasurer, Bob Swartzmiller that we have finally paid out all of the scholarships from last spring. Congratulations to our club... We earned a Membership Satisfaction Award and a patch for our Banner!!!

Bellevue



Bellevue Lions recognized the winners of the Lions International Peace Poster

Poster contest on Dec. 3, 2018 by hosting the winners and family to our evening meeting where all enjoyed pizza/salad/ice cream sundaes. Pictured in the center is 1st. place, Jessica Jarrett, left side is 2nd.- Sienna Fisher, and right side is 3rd., Kate-lynn Cox.

Each year a different theme on Peace is presented from International and the middle school age from 11-13 use their imagination to draw what the theme means. This year's theme was "Kindness Matters" and Middle School Art Teacher, Lindsa Cochran, had the class get to work. Always a fun project realizing that kids from around the world are using the theme to draw the picture. Our winning poster was sent to our Ohio Lions District where it placed 2nd. Great effort from our school.

Bucyrus

Club members PDG Terry and Linda Spiegel judged the local peace poster contest at Bucyrus Middle School. President Joy Hillis will be speaking to the Bucyrus Board of Education Meeting in December to explain the history of the Lions Peace Poster contest and to award prizes to the top four students.

November saw the Bucyrus Lions serving 300 chicken dinners with the help of two members of the local low vision support group.

A local resident was inquiring about help for her autistic son and she was told about Crawford County Project Lifesaver and the Autism Center on E. Southern Avenue in Bucyrus.

Five Bucyrus Lions attended the Zone 5 meeting. PDG Terry Spiegel spoke about the upcoming District Convention and encouraged people to attend. President Joy gave her report and told that she would be speaking to diabetes support groups in Bucyrus and Galion about low

vision aids. She also talked to Col. Crawford President Deb Hiler about the fact that Bucyrus Wal-Mart is now on board with the ScripTalk prescription reader and that local residents can pick up applications there for a machine that reads their Wal-Mart prescription instructions aloud to them.

Club members will participate in the Bucyrus Firefighters toy drive and will also bring children's hats and gloves to the December meeting to be given to the local schools.

Castalia

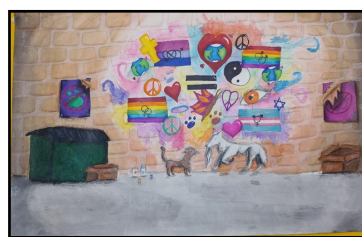
Lion Randy and his Duck Pond Sign Committee have officially kicked off the holiday season with their sign lighting across the duck pond. Thanks for the difficult and normally cold work that your group puts forth to carry on this Lions' tradition in Castalia. This year the group had a decent day to perform their work and it was reported that everyone made it back to shore dry.

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

Lion John and his group will hold the Castalia Lions Reverse Raffle on January 26, 2019.

The Castalia Lions will perform their annual project of packing food boxes for the Salvation Army, 12/15/2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Sandusky Mall. Lion Tim will notify us of the location during our December meetings.

Hayesville



Hayesville Lions sponsored the winning

Past, Present and Future

Hayesville continued

International Peace Poster contestant for the year 2018/2019. We had 12 entries from OH2.

Lorain



School Leo Advisor Molly Tyson with two of this year's Leos who attended our November 1 dinner meeting.

The club heard a very informative message from Victoria Landis of the Little Lighthouse Learning Center in Lorain at our November 1 dinner meeting. It's one of only three top certified early learning centers in Lorain County.

Many thanks to Lion Dave Burns for once again organizing the belling for the Salvation Army. This will take place on Sat. Dec. 15 at the Walmart in Lorain. Lions and Leos have signed up for 90 minute shifts beginning at 9:00 A.M. Leos who are members of the Lorain High Band, will be providing music during some of the shifts.

Lorain Harbor

Yes, we are still recycling. Take them to Lion Bev's house. Along with saving the earth from more trash, we make a small profit from the redemption of the cans.

This is a simple but effective project that doesn't cost you anything.

We did well on the Sweetest Day Flower Sale and the Fall Cheese sale. These little things might not seem like much as they don't bring in a lot of money, but we are out in the public and every cent we make is more for us to use to serve others.

Loudonville

Here is another great update from Lion Lois. Please note we need help for the Christmas Carnival. Both for set up and after the Christmas Parade in Loudonville. Cookies are needed as well.

Also note that our annual Christmas Potluck Dinner is December 11--bring a dish to share and items for the Silent Auction and for Helping Hands. Ham, buns, drink and table service will be provided and guests are welcome.

Mohawk Lioness

Our Halloween float took 3rd place in the Sycamore Halloween Parade. Prize winnings will be shared with the Sycamore Lions club.

The joint Lioness/Lions Christmas Party will be held on December 18 at 6 pm at the Plank Road Tavern in McCutchenville.

Norwalk

The club hosted 23 Lions and 19 Veterans and 10 family members and one additional guest and two new Lions ready to be inducted into the club. Each of the Veterans spoke about their service and some of the stories were inspiring and all were interesting. We had a short presentation by Jim Ruffing about Veteran's services available to Huron County Residents. He mentioned the Marine Corp League program of Toys for Tots and offered to place boxes in member's businesses. We

also had a presentation by Terry Trumppower VFW Chairman of the Poppy's for Memorial Day speak about the program he runs and his efforts to organize grave side salutes to departed veterans. President Ken Leber passed out \$5 gift cards for the Veterans to Sherri's coffee house.

We are organizing the bell ringing for Saturdays in December at Sheild's IGA. The location is inside the store so you do not have to stand in the cold and on a given December Saturday afternoon you may see many of your friends doing their Holiday food shopping.

Old Fort

Derek Hunker reported that we will make a good profit on the gun raffle. Derek did a fantastic job organizing and running the show again. Great job Derek! We had 200+ in attendance, 1295 tickets sold, 20 guns and a cross-bow raffled.

On Saturday December 15th we will be meeting at 8:00am at the Old Fort Community Center to PACK and DELIVER fruit baskets for the sick, needy, homebound or ones who have lost a spouse or child in our school district.

Ontario

Hope all had a great Thanksgiving!! The Ontario Lion's Club in November inducted 2 new members at our dinner meeting on November 20th. The Modern Woodmen of America Youth Service Club presented our Lion's President Randy Hanlon with a Hometown Hero award.

We will be helping the Ontario City Recreation Department at the doors of their Craft show at the Richland County Fairgrounds on December 1st, and then hosting our Christmas party with Santa and Misses Claus as our Guest on December 18th.

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Ontario continued

Mrs. Claus as our guest on December 18th.

Perrysville

At the Cabinet meeting Nov. 28 Lion Sec. Julianne was presented Excellence award for her year as President.



Perrysville Lions will donate to Ashland County Bookcase Project: (books, bookcases, and a large stuffed animal as a reading Buddy). Donate \$85.00 to the District Poinsettia fund raiser. Giving Christmas to Families The proceeds from today's luncheon will be donated and whatever is need to make it \$500.00. Our (Adopt a Family for Christmas) service project has been given a Boy 12 and a Girl 10 from Perrysville that we will shop for.

Traci and Susie volunteered to help students wrap gifts on December 8. P D G Dana has borrowed another Low Vision Reader from Ashland Evening Lions to Florance Maurer in Lakeville.

The Zone 8 meeting was November 27th at Hayesville Elementary School. Zone Chair took the reservations, Carolyn, Susie, Joe, PDG Dana and Julianne will attend.

Bernard thanked everyone for the cards, visits, and phone calls following his surgery. We will be starting Bingo at Colonial Manor January 9, 2019, 3 or 4 members will be needed.

New Member Night is set for January 6, 2019 to be held at St. John Lutheran Church at 7:00 pm.

PDG Dana told of the little boy that he changes the batteries in his Lifesaver bracelet. The boy does not speak, there

is an app for an I pad that would help, the cost is between \$300.00 and \$500.00. PDG Dana asked if the Club would like to help. Motion carries.



Christmas Lights in Perrysville being put up. Thanks to Zeb Brecheisen, Joe Eggerton, Zack Eggerton, Dude Sprang, Scott Weirick, Charlie Henwood, Rich Kline, Lions Carolyn Beck and Dana Zody.

Plymouth

October and November were very busy months for the Plymouth Lions. Our biggest project was selling Roses for Sweetest Day. We also made donations of \$300 for the Community Christmas Basket Program and \$100 for the Project LifeSaver 5/10K Run. Two eyeglass cases were approved and a Bloodmobile was held. Fifty-five 4th-graders were eye-screened and six referrals were made. Our club participated in the Elementary school's Fall Festival and passed out candy.

Our Club welcomed new member, Joe Morabito, P.H.S. Principal, who introduced our Student of the Month at our last dinner meeting. October students are Natalie Snyder and Anthony Montgomery,



and November students are Emily Akers and Kade Collins. All are active in their school, extra-curricular and volunteer activities.

Polk

Polk Lions had members and volunteers who drove the shuttling at the Ashland County Fair at a November meeting.

We have been busy setting up the Christmas Tree Lane at the Polk Community Center. Open hours are December 1st, 2nd, 8th and 9th from noon - 5 p.m. each day. Bring a donation of \$1.00 or a non-perishable food item. Money will go to a family that recently had a house fire and the donated food items to Associated Charities. Our goal of this project is to share Christmas spirit while assisting the needy in the community.

At a recent meeting, our guest speaker was Steve Dickerson, Hillsdale Leo Club Adviser. He gave us some important information on the Leo club and would like to see one started in the Mapleton School area.

We held our annual nut sale. Recently we donated to the Ashland Bookcase Project. Three Polk Lions attended the Zone 7 Advisory Meeting in Savannah. We will be doing our fruitless baskets for our local shut-ins in December.

Republic

President Roger B called the November 26, 2018 meeting of the Republic Lions' Club to order in the Town Hall. He thanked everyone for helping with the Gun Raffle.

We received a thank you from the Republic Food Pantry for our donation of \$250.00 to assist 35 families.

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Tiffin



Only two more working nights until Popcorn Ball Project is wrapped up for 2018! We appreciate District Lions clubs members, Tiffin University, Sorority, Heidelberg College, high school, Sentinel Vocational and Tiffin community members help at this year's storefront site at Westgate Mall.

Donations have been made to 130 families and 253 children through Salvation Army. Church Foodbanks will include popcorn balls in distributions. Seneca County Youth Center clients will know we think of them. And we are just starting.

An eye exam and glasses were purchased for a resident.

Vermilion

On November 21, Lions and Leos helped decorate the gazebo in the downtown park for the holidays. Student of the Month was Hannah Schuetz, a very active Vermilion High School senior and is Leo Club President.

We inducted a new member, Chris Williams with sponsor Dave Thompson. Lions and Leos will play bingo at Kingston and Mill Manor Nursing Homes this month. 27 plants sold so far in Holiday Poinsettia Sale. We had a request for glasses for a man who works at a stone company. He was forwarded on to the Lorain Eye Center and we will pay his bill.

Our football fries were sold at all home

varsity football games for a great fundraiser. Chairman Jerry Massanova said half of the proceeds go to the Vermilion Athletic Boosters and we earned the other half. The Band Festival profit will go to the Vermilion Band Boosters from our delicious homemade french fries.

Ohio State/Michigan football game fundraiser was November 24, at German's. We made a nice profit which will be split with Operation Christmas Joy and the Salvation Army. We wore shirts which were made for this event with the OSU and Lions logos on them.

Donations will be distributed to our local organizations, such as Operation Christmas Joy, Salvation Army, Lucy Idol, Food Pantry, and the Vermilion High School Speech & Debate in December.

Lions and Leos will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army during this holiday season. Our annual Christmas dinner will be held on Tuesday, December 18, at The Nest. We are to bring a wrapped gift to be auctioned off. Proceeds go to a community charity.

Danny Dean and Fred Lunn oversaw the Santa House repair. A Vermilion Eagle Scout, James Wade, did the repairs for his Eagle project. Vermilion Lions Club paid for the supplies. Santa has a beautiful house to sit in and to visit the children during this holiday season. Great job, James Wade.

Chairman Adrianna Sellers is taking care of collecting socks, hats, gloves and small hygiene items for Valor Homes for the homeless men and women Veterans. They will be delivered the middle of December.

Operation Christmas Joy will begin December 12 with the unloading of the food at the YMCA. December 13 will be the wrapping of the gifts and the packing of the food by the community. December 15 will be the delivery date with Leos loading food and gifts into the vehicles.

Also, on Thursday, December 13, Leos have their annual Cookies and Crafts evening for the children of our community at the Vermilion High School. The children will visit Mr. & Mrs. Claus. There will be tables set up to decorate cookies, make ornaments, make decorations, color pictures, write a letter to Santa and have games to participate. Punch will also be served. Fun for all!

From our Club to Yours, we hope that all of you have a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Healthy New Year!



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