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The last couple of months have been a real challenge for most of us. I personally have been extremely busy at work and with several project at home. I hope that everyone has managed to stay healthy during this crisis and have found the opportunity to accomplish some of the projects you have been putting off. It has also been a challenging time for Lionism. Many clubs have missed their normal fundraising activities and many service projects. We often talk about making changes to our clubs to bring them into the 21st century. Now is as good a time as any to look at what our clubs do and how we do it. Does it work, not necessarily during a pandemic, but in this decade? If not, it is time to try something new. As far as being a leader (and you are all leaders) in this time, a leader does not choose the timing of a crises like a stock market crash, an attack on the country, the next hurricane or earthquake. Leaders can only control how prepared we are for a crisis and what happens next. Previous leaders of OH2 did not think of a worldwide pandemic when that set up the District Convention reserve fund, but it is there to cover expenses for a failed convention. Fortunately, we avoided most expenses of canceling this convention; however, it was comforting to know that we had that ability if needed. We can sit and accomplish nothing, or we can change our approach. If your club has done a chicken dinner fundraiser, can it be done as a drive thru pick up instead of dining in? There is more need in your community than ever before, are you and your club up to the challenges we now face?

“Life is 10% of what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it.” –John C. Maxwell

As you may know this years State Convention has now been cancelled. There are now plans to be made for a one-day celebration on Saturday September 5th. Stay tuned for more information.

Currently, we are still planning on having Officer Training for Saturday June 20th at Trinity Lutheran Church in Ashland. This also will be a celebration of the year with a short program to give out the awards that would have been given at Convention. It would be fantastic if all the incoming officers for all the clubs could attend this important training. Governor Elect Kerry is planning a great year, and with all our help we can take this district to even greater heights. She will be laying out her goals and plans for next year so please try to be there. Great things happen when the Lions of OH2 are all together on the same page and work together.

Please make sure your officers are reported to LCI on MYLCI and please make sure your members information is up to date. Also please report your officers to Lion Ann Miller for Officer Training. If your club sponsors a LEO club, please make sure the Advisor is registered with LCI and updated with Lion Dan Laffey for the district directory. If you have a LEO club, their projects can be reported using MYLION also, so Secretaries please assist them in setting that up. We are remarkably close to 100% of the clubs reporting activities using MYLION let us get your accomplishments reported. With all the cancellations, there are many open activities in MYLION do not forget to remove those.

Please continue to reach out to perspective members. We have had a good year, but we must maintain the effort to bring new members to Lionism. This crisis has given us the opportunity to learn what is important to us, and I believe you all would agree Community is one of those important things. Many others have reached this same conclusion and the time is now better than ever to include new people in our service commitment. People have come to realize as we have that there is a lot of need in our communities and they want to be shown a way to help. They are looking for organizations like Lions.

I have heard and even seen some pictures of people that have had great success with the District Weight Loss Challenge. One of those is not me; however, I have lost some weight. May is to mark the end of the Challenge, so please collect your club's weights and pledges as best you can and send them to me. I want to thank everyone who participated and I can say there was a lot of fun from it this year. More importantly I believe we did accomplish our goal of raising Diabetes Awareness.

I know some are having difficulty dealing with this crisis and I understand how this can cause a great deal of stress in your life. If you find this crisis to be beyond your ability to cope, please ask for help. Whether your need is physical, mental, or spiritual there are people that can help. If you do not know where to turn please contact me, I will help you find the solutions you need.

We can and will come out of this better for our efforts, if we take the time to improve ourselves and plan. Stay safe and well till we can meet again.

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After over six weeks of Stay-at-Home orders, many of us are starting to feel disconnected, stressed and even depressed. The social institutions that we rely on for energy and connection are now closed down. What does pandemic living mean for us as Lions?

It still means WE SERVE. Our service may look different for a time, but it is as crucial as ever.

As a club, the organizations that we donate to will still need our help. How can you still safely serve a dinner or sell baskets of flowers with social distancing? A pancake breakfast to go? These are the challenges that clubs face. And hopefully they persevere in finding solutions.

As you work through these ideas, don't forget to reach out to the clubs in the district and especially in your zone. You may find that they can help buy a basket or a couple of take-home breakfasts to support your projects. Others may be able to find resources that you need to make your plans work. If you are Facebook-savvy, you can reach out for solution ideas on our District Facebook page: Ohio Lions District OH2 or on the Ohio Lions Support Group page.

And, keep your members as involved as possible. There is a lack of fulfillment among many people across the country at this point. Try to find a service project to give both members and community friends something to do and a way to experience the accomplishment of service. For those that are out there serving - kudos! For those still looking for ideas, think about these and try your own variation.

1. Food collections (make sure you know who you can de-

liver it to!)

2. Sock collections (Veterans associations, homeless shelters and children still need socks year-round, COVID-19 doesn't change that.)

3. Sign staking - with some of the yard signs from Walmart or other vendor - Write a positive message and stake it in a member's front yard. You can have them stake the next person or you can move it around. Spread positivity and reach out to members who aren't getting out.

4. Contact local schools or chamber of commerce or town hall. What needs do they have? Maybe you can have members video record reading children's books for the local elementary children or help create decorations for Memorial Day distance-celebrations.

5. Create a window scavenger hunt by mailing or emailing out images (like a flag) that members and community friends can color/decorate and hang in their window. Put the word out to the paper or on Facebook to have kids play "I spy" as they play in the neighborhood. Change the image after a week or two. Give people something fun to look for.

6. Card shower - send out cards to members that are particularly confined. Or have members each send out three (or so) cards to friends and family to send wishes and connect. [or do the same with a round of phone calls.]

7. Donate blood

8. Contact a local nursing home and penpal with residents who are feeling deprived of visitors. (Tape the letter shut instead of licking it and see what other regulations the nursing home may have.)

9. Sew masks for community members in need

10. Sign campaign - create posterboard / cardboard signs and stand with them to show love to local nursing home residents, hospital workers, businesses.

Organize a thank-you meal for first-responders. (Contact the agency to see what stipulations they have to protect the workers.)

These are just a handful of ideas for those looking to re-engage their members and to reach out to the community.

My thoughts are with all of you and I hope to see you soon.

VDG Kerry Parker
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Global Service "Snippets"



Attention:

Those going and those interested in going to the USA/Canada Forum in Louisville Kentucky September 17-19, 2020.

I have contacted a bus line for the trip and we would need 50 people to fill a bus.

If you are interested please contact me by phone or email.

More details to come.

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Forum Representative
Lion Julianne Zody

Congratulations Service Warriors!

Although many of the planned events for OH2 Clubs have been rescheduled, our members are striving to "Serve Separately Together." We can still be a driving support to many people in need in our communities.

May is the month for an "implementation checkup." Let's reflect on how many suggested services our members supported as part of our April Environmental Focus. Let's also consider how many of these suggested services we might still need to support in May and June.

Did You...

Call neighbors once a week to see if they were OK or needed any support?

Help a shut-in with a grocery order?

Help deliver food to a Food Bank?

Take the trash or recycle bin to the curb for a shut-in?

Recycle your own trash?

Clean up leaves and sticks in your yard or a neighbor's yard?

Keep your social distance 6 feet from other people if you are out-and-about?

Donate a gift card to a needy family for food? medicine? fuel?

Pickup a prescription for shut-ins?

Did you report your service to your Clubs' secretary?

**Kindness Matters--Every Day--
Everywhere**

Thanks for entering your service into the MyLion website.

**Sandra Best, Global Service Team
Phone: (419) 307-6279**



Lions, Lioness, Leos,

At the end of this month of May, please send newsletter submissions, photos by May 25 to me at district13blions@yahoo.com as usual. I will prepare June 2020 District newsletter. At the end of June, send submissions to PDG Dana. See article below:

District OH2 Newsletter information for 2020-2021

Your District newsletter editor for this coming year will be PDG Dana Zody.

The new District Newsletter email to submit your news to will be districtoh2news@gmail.com

I would like to have **Club Activities/Advertisements** in so they can be out a month before the activity is to take place. This would assure that the activity information would be in the hands of the Lions before the activity is planned to happen.

Club news; I would like it by the 25th of the month so I would have time to get it in the Newsletter and sent out by the 1st of the month. This way clubs that meet the first week have the information to pass around at their meeting.

District news such as District leaders and Committee Reports that should be in the newsletter needs to be in by the 25th of the month.

If information is received after the 25th it will probably appear in the next month's newsletter. If there is something that comes up and needs to be sent out to all let me know and I will send the information out as soon as I can.

This may sound like a lot but I believe this is how Keith and Connie pretty much had things set up for getting the newsletter out. Just wanted to make this available to all again.

Thank you in advance for your help in making this the best District possible.
PDG Dana Zody
District Newsletter editor to be

Past, Present and Future

We ask all clubs to send in their officers for the 2020-2021 year
Lion Ann Miller
OH-2 GLT Coordinator

Ashland Evening

Life is different for the Ashland Evening Lions Club as it is for everyone. Because of the "Shelter in Place" directive, our April and May newsletters were mailed to all members. We did our club officer election and selection of club Lion-of-the-Year by mail. By long distance we welcome our latest associate member, PDG Billy Chastain.

Requests for exams and glasses continue to come; and we plan to satisfy all accepted applications. By being creative we were able to have a successful geranium and spring flower sale. We have canceled both May club meetings but hope to meet on June 4 for installation of officers and awards night. This too shall pass, and we continue to live out our motto of "We Serve."

Avon

The Avon Lion's Club hopes all are well and safe during these challenging times, and are handling the uneasiness, stresses and challenges impacting our lives with grace, compassion and a pay it forward outlook.

As Lion's, our mission to serve others continues uninterrupted. That includes our responsibility to help flatten the "Covid-19 Curve." To that end, with social distancing, "Stay at Home" and rules regarding gathering sizes, our April meeting was cancelled, and we are monitoring circumstances to determine the status of our meeting scheduled for May.

In the meantime, the Avon Lion's Club

has made the following donations:

Avon Local Schools Free Lunch Program \$500.00
Avon Care Center \$500.00
Second Harvest Food Bank \$500.00
St. Mary's Church Food Pantry \$400.00
District 13B OH2 Philanthropic Fund \$300.00
LCI \$300.00
Ohio Lion's Foundation \$100.00
District 13B Hearing & Speech \$100.00
Camp Echoing Hills \$200.00

In addition, the Club has acted to increase its two Avon Lion's Club "William F. Bommer" Scholarships, available to Avon High School Seniors, from \$1,000 apiece, to \$2,000 apiece.

Unfortunately, the Avon Lion's Club has elected to cancel its next big community project, The Avon Lion's Club Annual Fishing Derby at Northgate Park, originally slated for June 8, 2020. We are monitoring CDC, State and social Covid-19 related guidelines in case this project can be rescheduled later in the year.

Stay safe everyone.

Bascom

The Bascom Lions are hoping to get back into regular meetings after the Governor removes the Stay at Home Order. The Hopewell Loudon Senior Honors Banquet in May has been postponed. Both our annual Memorial Parade and Chicken Dinner in June have been cancelled.

Bellville

The Bellville Lions Club donated sausage and hamburgers plus \$200 to the Bellville Neighborhood Outreach Center Food Bank due to increased demands of

corona virus quarantine.

The club elected 2020-2021 officers through email.

The wish of the members of our club is that everyone stays well.

Castalia

After looking into the potential loss of sponsorships as well as teams for a Father's Day Golf Scramble, the committee has decided to move the scramble to September 13th. We feel with all the current uncertainties, it would be in the best interest of all to move the event to this later date. The date change has been confirmed with Thunderbird Hills.

Clyde

Clyde Lions like many other Lions Clubs have not been meeting due to the corona virus but do relay information to members via email. At February meeting all officers will remain for 2020/21 club year.

Plans continue for the August 16th District Golf Scramble to be held at Green Hills Golf Course. Please mark your calendars and gather your golf friends to attend. Check the District website for additional information. 2019 was a tremendous scramble attended not only by Lions Club members but with public participation.

By internet vote, members decided to sponsor a Clyde Youth Baseball Team IF organized sports are played this year. Till next time.

Colonel Crawford

Our Colonel Crawford Lions Club is in the same boat as other clubs and not certain as to what the next few months with our projects and activities will bring. Our two main fund raisers take place in July and August, manning the gates at the Crawford County Fair and the big one is the Bratwurst Festival.

Past, Present and Future

Colonel Crawford continued

We, like other clubs, have not met since early March. We are still planning on granting five \$1,000.00 scholarships to graduating seniors. Since there are no plans at this time for an Awards Night to present these scholarships, we will in some manner, get them to the respective recipients.

Our club is very thankful for having some funds in a reserve account so if the Bratwurst Festival does not take place or if the attendance is down, we have funds to carry out the majority of our projects that serve our local community and those less fortunate throughout the world. Current world situation: "We are all in this together."

Loudonville

Although the Loudonville Lions Club building is closed and we have not been able to hold meetings, Fish Fry, etc. we did proceed with our Spring sale of hanging flower baskets from Richardson's Greenhouse since we could do it with "No Contact". By advertising in the local paper and on Facebook, we took orders and handled everything by mail. Over 160 baskets have been sold to date. This sale supports our scholarship fund as well as a local business. Continue to stay safe. We Serve!

Marblehead Peninsula

During this uncertain time, the members of the Marblehead Peninsula Lions Club hope you and your family are safe and staying healthy.

Since there are no activities happening with our club, we would like to tell you a little bit about us and our beautiful peninsula.



Did you know the Marblehead Peninsula Club started in 1984? We have 53 members who work with local merchant groups, the food bank and Danbury Local Schools. In addition to a multitude of projects, including our Annual Perch Festival, each year we award a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating Danbury High School senior.

The Marblehead Peninsula is a tourist destination and is known for fishing, boating, water sports and a variety of attractions. Did you know the Marblehead Lighthouse is the oldest continuously operating lighthouse on the Great Lakes? It was built in 1821 out of limestone from the area. In 1998, it became an Ohio State Park. It is one of the state's most photographed sites.

Did you know there are more bald eagles' nests along the Lake Erie shore than anywhere in Ohio? On Earth Day, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources announced that of the state's 707 nests, 90 are found in Ottawa County, followed by 50 in Sandusky County and 32 in Erie County.

Again, stay healthy and be safe.

Old Fort

We voted online to cancel the May meetings. We are hoping to resume in June.

Sandy Best reported 19 people helped clean-up the cemetery on April 24th. Seven of the helpers were Lions.

She also reported six seniors turned in applications for a Lion Scholarship. The committee is deciding on how to distribute the money without interviews. They may just distribute \$500 to each of them.

Perrysville

Our First Teleconference went very well:

Because School has been cancelled for the rest of the year due to the COVID-19 Virus, Susie was going to call the school to see if teachers had



students in mind to receive the t-shirts. Susie would see that the school got the t-shirts.

The VFW called and asked if we would place the Flags on the graves at Greenlawn and Union cemeteries. We agreed and will place flags May 13, at 6:00 p.m. Rain date will be May 20 at 6:00 p.m. Leadership training was rescheduled to June 20 in Ashland.

The club cancelled the Ice cream luncheon and the Car show and decided to reschedule the Ice Cream Luncheon on July 12 and have Swiss steak luncheons on October 11 and October 25. Bernard informed us of his new phone number: 567-231-3303.

PDG Dana is ready to take aluminum cans to the recycle and ask is anyone had any. He also mentioned that we might start saving plastic caps from pop bottles, they can be recycled.

Next meeting will be May 13 at Greenlawn Cemetery when we are finished placing the Flags.

Past, Present and Future

Tiffin

Tiffin Lions have not met since mid March. Requests for glasses continue to come in and will be addressed. One pair of glasses was paid for in April. Next projects will possibly be broom sales at spring and summer Tiffin Farmers Market and White Cane Days in June.



Vermilion

Due to the uncertainty from the corona virus, Vermilion Lions did not meet from the end of March and all April. Our officers did keep us up to date by emails including voting by emails. We voted by email for current officers to stay on for Lions year of 2020-21. Our new member is Ken Lewis.

Collection of money for the food pantry was \$340 for April. This sum was taken to the food pantry.

Students of the Month were Claudia Wilson, Liberty Oliver, and Brandon D'Egidio all Vermilion High School Seniors. Two students out of the nine Students of the Month for this year shall be chosen for \$1000 scholarships.

We donated \$200 towards our Grace's Kitchen. Grace's Kitchen makes meals for the people in need in our community every Tuesday and Thursday at dinner time at Grace Lutheran Church in Vermilion.



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at Tiffin Moose Lodge



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DISTRICT GOVERNOR OR CLUB SECRETARY SIGNATURE

By signing this form, I certify that I am the current district governor or club secretary and have verified the above member is an eligible military service member.

District Governor or Club Secretary Signature: _____ Date: _____

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