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# “Think Globally, Act Locally”



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Greetings and wishes for health and happy holidays. Thank-you for all of the service done and donations given over this last month. Congratulations on all of the creative ways you have found to do fundraisers, to get club business done, and to reach out to the members of your club and community.

December 1 kicks-off our **Tri-State Lions Membership Challenge**. The Lions of Ohio are teaming up to take on the multiple districts of Indiana and Michigan! From December 1 through March 31, we want to reach out to every potential member in our communities and invite them to share in our service. The state with the highest percentage of membership growth and retention takes bragging rights.

But members for the sake of numbers is not the point of this challenge. We want to grow our clubs by recruiting and retaining like-minded individuals to help us meet our communities' needs and affect change. It is a chance to examine what we are doing and how to keep our club members engaged.

So then, what is your next event? Who is your next guest speaker? Encourage each of your members to *Just Ask* - bring a guest (covid safely) who can enjoy the event.

With this challenge – if there is no fun and no fellowship, we're not doing it right. Here are some ideas to help our clubs grow during this challenge. Try, modify or retool these to fit your club's strengths.

1. Have a “theme”/“special guest” night – each member asks someone they know in that theme. Example: have a guest speaker about a local health program and each one invites a guest interested in health and human services. Themes can follow the 5 global causes (vision, hunger, environment, diabetes, childhood cancer), a group (church, family, school, etc), or an event. Use your imagination!

2. Use the **Ohio Plan**. For more details, this plan is available on the district webpages.

*\*Make sure to make prospective members feel welcome and important – recognize them, have a potential member packet ready for them and follow up.*

1. Use social media, either on your club page or invitations on a community page, to invite members or bring community awareness of your projects.

1. Make personal contact with local businesses to recruit from a variety of places and encourage their input in your club. WORD OF MOUTH is the most affective promotion tool.

\* Be sure club members are ready with business cards with the club's meeting time, dates and place and a place for the recruiter's name and number/email.

1. Have members contribute names and information to create a contact list. Have a membership team contact those on the list with an invite to the next guest speaker or event.

1. Put out a community survey and follow-up with invites and a prospective member social event.

\* Be ready to share the strengths of our organization and the importance of the work we do. Be ready to answer the question "Why join?" with enthusiasm and/or passion for what we do.

1. Be visible in your community (have signage, wear your Lions shirts or vests, be out at community events) – see the District 13 OH2 Facebook page for ideas and artwork for signs.

Our multiple district will be offering leadership, service and membership resources to help us in this challenge. Look in the January newsletter and your email to take advantage of these.

With best wishes for you this holiday season –

Governor Kerry

## Governors Visitation Schedule December

Dec 1 Vermilion  
Dec 3 Madison Twp  
Dec 7 Butler Lions  
Dec 8 Sheffield Village (noon)  
Dec 8 Oak Harbor  
Dec 9 Plymouth

### January

Jan 4 Butler Lioness  
Jan 5 Lorain Harbor  
Jan 7 Lorain Lions  
Jan 11 Lindsey  
Jan 12 Milan-Edison  
Jan 14 Avon  
Jan 15-17 Winter Retreat  
Jan 18 Elyria  
Jan 19 Galion  
Jan 21 Amherst  
Jan 23 Shelby (tent  
Jan 26 Norwalk  
Jan 28 Marblehead Penn



### First Vice Governor Kevin Reidy

PERSEVERANCE: noun – *steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.*

Lions, we are resolute in our Perseverance to serve and improve the quality of life with and for those in our communities. As the pandemic resurges, and a vaccine is expected to be deployed to the most vulnerable in Ohio by mid-December, there is "light at the end of the deep, disparate tunnel."

- Lions, let's persevere in our Club Goal(s) as requested by District Governor Kerry;
- Lions, let's persevere in our efforts to "Just Ask" potential

members and accept the Tri-State Membership Challenge as developed by Chair of Council Kenny;

- Lions, let's persevere in club's efforts to impact 3, 4, or all 5 of the LCI Service Pillars;
- Lions, let us consider the impact that \$25.00 per member pledged to Lions Clubs International Foundation will have in perseverance over natural disasters, be they famine, flame, or flood.

Lions is a noble cause, amid a pandemic, to persevere and overcome barriers in a safe and healthy manner. OH2 Lions – YOU ARE PERSEVERING! Keep Roaring!

Reminders:

1. **Necrology** – a reminder for Club Secretaries to complete and forward to me a necrology form for those club members have passed on this club year. Our District Convention will honor those Lions Eternal and your assistance is appreciated in providing their Lions service. Completed forms may be mailed to: [kreidy1960@gmail.com](mailto:kreidy1960@gmail.com). Thank you.
2. **Liberty Day** Update – Thank you to the following clubs for participating in the Liberty Day pilot: Bellville, Crestline and Plymouth. While Lions were unable to present booklets to eighth grade students this year, the books were presented to these children by their teacher. The lesson plan and accompanying activities are written and waiting to be delivered by Clubs in September 2021 or March 2022. Clubs planning for next year's activities are invited to

participate. More information will be provided in Spring, 2021.

3. **Membership** – Now is a critical time to ask individuals to join Lions Clubs. The waived \$35.00 service fee from LCI expires at the end of December. Just Ask and catch more Lions.
4. **Retention** – CC Kenny referenced, “Strengthening the Pride”, when introducing the Tri-State Membership Challenge in late November. Each member is of value to your club. How are your club members involved and sharing in the fun of Lionism? Are we encouraging the less involved to partner up and share in projects, or explore ideas they may have for your club?
5. **Club Visitation-** I will be contacting those clubs who had cancelled meetings and reschedule with your club, ven if it is a virtual meeting!

Both GST Lion Debbie and I wish all Lions a safe, blessed and Merry Christmas and all the best in 2021!

## Visitation Schedule December

Bucyrus Lions      Tues Dec 8

### 2nd VDG Cindy

District OH2 Lions,

I hope everyone is recovering from your Thanksgiving celebrations, such as they were this year.

I am looking forward to the Tri-State Membership Challenge to see where it will take us.

Continue with your service projects and fundraisers. Don't

forget the District Poinsettia sale. I was at Pinehaven this morning, if you haven't been there, it is worth the trip!

Stay safe as you celebrate the upcoming Holidays.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families!

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Cindy Beat

## Visitation Schedule December

No Visitations scheduled for this month.

## Living Well *with Diabetes*

### Avoiding Holiday Weight Gain

The upcoming holiday season offers abundant opportunities to overeat and put on pound, but a recent study provides a simple strategy to help prevent that. Researchers randomly divided 111 adults without diabetes into two groups for a study period that began just before Thanksgiving and ended shortly after New Year's Day.

**Participants in one group were told to weight themselves daily and to maintain their starting weight, which they did; some even lost weight.** The other group, however, received no special instructions, and they gained on average of more than 6 points. Weigh yourself every day to keep tabs on how you're doing and to nudge yourself to adjust your eating habits if the number starts to creep up.

(Source: *Obesity*, May 22, 2019; *Diabetes Forecast*)

# District Committee's Information

Picture of CC Kenny receiving his Melvin Jones Fellow award from the OH2 District, at the last Cabinet Meeting.



PDG Pete presenting Prometeca Fostoria Community Hospital a \$1000. check from the OH2 District Pediatric Cancer Steps Walk



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**

Governor Kerry and I have decided to give a LCIF medal in Honor of PCC Horst Herzog with the motto of "Driving a Vision". This medal will be presented to clubs that all members donate \$25.00 or the club's donation average \$25.00 per member.

We realize that this has been a difficult year for fundraising due to COVID-19. We are sure that our members will step up to help LCIF causes by donating.

As LCIF District Coordinator I thank all of the members and the clubs for all of their donations.

I know that Governor Kerry and I would love to present the PCC Horst Herzog medal to all of our Clubs.

LCIF Carolyn

## OH2 GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM

### DISTRICT COORDINATOR

As we begin to wind down the 2020 calendar year, please remember you have the months of January and February to complete and report Service Activities to qualify for the 2020-21 MD13 OH2 Governor's Service Award. Presentation to be awarded at the District Convention. **Deadline** for completion and reporting is **February 28, 2021**. A form is in the newsletter and is also on pp. 60-62 of the District Directory.

Questions- contact Debbie Reidy 419.543.1600 or [debre51@aol.com](mailto:debre51@aol.com)

Thanks for your continued Service!!

Below is the Service award application.

**2020-21 MD13 OH2**  
**Governor's Service Award**  
**Chairperson**

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Open to all Lions Clubs, Lioness Clubs & LEO Clubs

Complete this form online at  
<http://ohiolionsoh2.com/online-forms/>

The 2020-21 Service Award is linked with serving the Local and World communities. To have your club honored with this award at the District Convention, **SERVICE ACTIVITIES MUST BE REPORTED TO INTERNATIONAL ON MyLion.**

To receive the award you must complete twelve (12) of the following Local, District, State, and International Lions projects. You must complete one (1) local project. NOTE: you can only get credit once for each project.

This form **MUST** be completed and reported by **FEBRUARY 28, 2021.**

PRINT A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS and submit electronic form to GST Debbie Reidy, Contest Chairman

**COMMUNITY-LOCAL** (select all that apply)

- ☐ Conduct a vision screening
- ☐ Eye exam and/or eye glasses provided
- ☐ Work at a fundraiser or project for other community groups or organizations (includes blood drives).
- ☐ Conduct a Health Screening or Health Clinic
- ☐ Conduct an activity at an Assisted Living or Care Center
- ☐ Conduct a roadside or other cleanup; or clean up a public park.
- ☐ Participate in a recycling project.
- ☐ Participate in a community parade.
- ☐ Plant flowers or trees in the community.
- ☐ Assist in disaster relief efforts (individual or community).
- ☐ Provide food or materials to individual families, food banks or youth programs.
- ☐ Transport people, organs or tissue.
- ☐ Change batteries for Project Lifesaver.
- ☐ Support a diabetic activity in the community.
- ☐ Distribute fruit baskets or needed items to community members.
- ☐ Conduct a Cancer-related service project or information program.
- ☐ Conducted a recycling program.

**COMMUNITY-WORLD** (select all that apply)

- ☐ Ring the Salvation Army bell or another volunteer effort for similar non-profit group.
- ☐ Volunteer at food pantry or soup kitchen.
- ☐ Contribute time or funds to support Habitat for Humanity or like project.
- ☐ Used eyeglasses sent to SVOSH, VOSH, etc.
- ☐ Hearing aids sent to Hearing and Speech Committee.

**YOUTH** (select all that apply)

- ☐ Provide a local scholarship.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor Lions Peace Poster or Essay Contest.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Support Youth Leadership programs- 4-H, FFA, FCCLA, Good program.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer at a local school.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor a Boy/Girl/Cub Scout program.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Participate in Liberty Days or provide Liberty Books to Youth.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor a local youth league team.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor a child holiday party.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Provide “take home” books for children in support of early literacy.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor a Student of the Month program.
- \_\_\_\_\_ BONUS If a Lions Club activity included LEOS, members’ children or other youth under 18.

**LIONS DISTRICT** (select all that apply)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Participate in the OH2 poinsettia sale.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Host a Zone meeting
- \_\_\_\_\_ Participated in the district STEPS WALK.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Participated in the district Hunger Project.

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**GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM**

As we move through an unprecedented year of uncertainty, membership loss looms in the background for all clubs, We must learn to transition and learn how to overcome loss of membership and gain new by the most important resources that we have, COMMUNICATION! A vital resource in keeping our members informed by making the call to them periodically not only to keep them updated on club activities but to check to make sure they are doing ok. Trust me it goes a long ways for a Lion to receive that call and know we care about them in their absence! For new members, creative social media ads and Facebook social media Informational meeting ads can be created, and meetings can be held in-person and virtually to obtain members. JUST ASK!

Remember, December 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for the \$35 registration fee/charter waiver for new members and clubs! Its not too late as We start our Tri-State membership challenge with Michigan and Indiana. O-H-!

Welcome to the district the Shelby United Lions Club which chartered on 10/29/2020 and Look for Wellington United Lions to charter before December 31<sup>st</sup>!

There is still much we can do as clubs in our communities so let’s work together through this bump in the road and do what we always done! Come Together And Serve Our Communities!

Have a blessed Holiday Season!

Lion Tim Kershner - GMT

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**OHIO LIONS EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

The Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation began as the Eye Research Committee in 1952 after a Representative of the National Eye Research Foundation addressed the Lions at the State Convention in 1951 and remarks were turned over to the Blind Welfare Committee for study.

At the 1952 State Convention, the committee report was accepted and the Council voted to form an Eye Research Committee. Each of the eight Governors was to appoint a committeeman from his district and Council Chairman W. R. Bryan appointed Everett Steece from the Columbus Downtown club to chair the committee.



In 1953, the committee raised \$3,600 and allocated \$1,200 to the Department of Ophthalmology, University of Cincinnati, \$1,200 to Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland and \$1,200 to the Medical College at Ohio State University, Columbus. The \$1,200 allocated to OSU was used to purchase equipment to measure the amount of oxygen administered to prematurely born babies. It had been shown a high rate of blindness in “premies,” the cause: too much oxygen while incubated. The College of Optometry at OSU became a funded agency in this year.

Foundation status was granted to the committee in 1957 and it was given 501(c)(3) tax exempt status by the IRS and became known as the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation, OLERF.

Other funded agencies were soon added and in 1978 OLERF received a bequest from the estate of Clela Strong, Sandusky of \$138,000, to be used for education and only the income from the money be used. The next year, the Foundation established the Fellowship fund and added that all future bequests and memorials be included in this fund with the same stipulations.

In 1987, the Bryan Diabetes Fund was established for diabetes research in honor of PIP Dick Bryan’s wife who suffered from diabetes.

In 1992, OSU requests OLERF to buy and build an eye research lab at a cost of \$500,000 to be paid over ten years. A final payment of \$55,000 was made in 2002.

The Neiderhauser fund for Age Related Macular Degeneration (AMD) was established in 2009 in honor of PDG Richard Neiderhauser, long time Executive Director of OLERF, who lost his sight to AMD.

In 2016, OLERF was named a beneficiary in the will of the late Lois Hagleberger Huebner, of Springfield, who passed away in December 2015 at the age of 107. The \$2.25 million bequest was placed in long term investment. The following year, the Lois Hagleberger Huebner Fellowship was started as a Young Researcher Award with a grant of \$107,000 per year for two years. OLERF is now funding two Young Researchers annually.

The Foundation recognizes clubs and Lions for donations to the General Research Fund, Bryan Diabetes Research and Neiderhauser AMD Fund. All monies received by the Foundation are used for research. Foundation Trustees are all volunteers and receive no compensation.

The Ohio Lion Eye Research Foundation is asking Lions and Lions Clubs to continue the tradition of annual contributions so OLERF can continue supporting research at OSU Optometry, OSU Ophthalmology, Case Western Reserve, University of Cincinnati, Northeast Medical College, Akron Children’s Hospital and Lois Hagleberger Huebner Young Investigators.

Thanks to your contributions, OLERF has awarded over \$466,000 each year for the last two years.

Submitted by;

PDG Myron Amstutz, Treasurer  
District 13-OH2 Trustee

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## **INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST 2020 OH 2 DISTRICT PARTICIPANTS**

This year was just to much of a struggle for the teachers and kids to get much accomplished in the world of Art. Theme this year was “Peace thru Service”. There was only 6 clubs that participated and listed in alphabetical

order—Amherst Lions-Sophia Vicens, Bellevue Lions-Viera Theis, Hayesville Lions-Tessa Butcher, Lucas Lions-Arbor Lybarger, Madison Twp. Lions-Timothy Ellis, and Old Fort Lions-Kendall Grine. Thank you to all the clubs that did participate. The OH 2 District winner was from Bellevue Lions and her poster is on the way to State Judging. Thanks to Gov. Kerry Parker for getting the judging done. Hopefully we can display the posters in some way when the District convention rolls around.

Submitted by Peace Poster Chair Lion Jim Pickering

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**OHIO LIONS STATE OFFICE BUILDING TRUSTEES**  
**2020-21 2<sup>nd</sup> QTR REPORT**  
**NOVEMBER 7, 2020**

Council Chair Kenny Schuck

**Report #5**

Council of Governors 2020-21  
International Family Members

The Ohio Lions Building Trustees met for their second quarterly meeting of the 2020-21 Lions year in late October. One trustee joined the meeting via Zoom. Also joining via Zoom were F&P Liaison, PDG Norman Cupps and DG Liaison, DG Ollie Paxton Tipple.

We have been working to find hand sanitizer dispensers and sanitizer solution to place in the building for several weeks. A source of units was located and an order placed only to have the order cancelled due to lack of supply. A OH6 zone chair offered to supply us with sanitizer units and solution recently and the units should be installed prior to the COG meeting in November.

2<sup>nd</sup> floor window update: The delivery of the windows has been delayed due to the shortage of materials to the manufacturer for the production of the windows. The most recent communication for the supplier is that the windows are expected to be delivered to him in early November. Once the windows arrive we will be meeting with the vendor to schedule details and target date to begin the installation of the new windows.

We are also addressing a tear in the awning across the front of the building. The trustees have engaged a vendor to replace the current awnings on the building. He will be working with us to schedule the awning replacement at the same time as the window installation. The plan is to remove the current old awnings prior to the installation of the windows in order to facilitate the window installation and secondly, not to damage the new awnings with a mishap with the window installation.

In reviewing the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financial information for the building we realize some of the utilities have undergone significant cost increases. We are currently evaluating these costs and plan to contact other vendors for price quotes and comparisons for these services.

One of our goals is to strive to maintain the Lions State Office Building as a well maintained building and in good repair for both the Ohio Lions and our tenants, This can go a long way to provide a proud location for all to conduct business and welcome guests and customers.

The Building Trustees will continue to diligently serve the Lions of Ohio. We do our utmost to operate and maintain the Ohio Lions State Office Building in a responsible manner. As chair of the Building Trustees, I truly appreciate each trustee's input and dedication to the elected task of overseeing the Ohio Lions State Office Building.

We Serve,



## Club News Past, Present and to Come

### Ashland Evening Lions

Club met on Nov 5 at the FLAC Building. A number of Ashland Noon Lions joined us for an intra-zone visitation. Lions Dr. Mohinder Gupta and Dr. Jim Patterson shared their experiences during their latest vision trip to the Dominican Republic in January 2020. Dr. Gupta and his staff performed surgeries in a stationary facility while Dr. Patterson and his staff did mobile eye screenings at various locations. Non-perishable items and money were collected as a Thanksgiving donation for Associated Charities. We will be doing this again at the December meeting to support them for the Christmas holidays. Members are ringing bells for the Salvation Army at Buehler's on Fridays, November 27 through December 18. The annual poinsettia sale in support of the District and as a fundraiser for the club is underway. Club is having deliveries from Pinehaven Greenhouse on Dec. 4 and Dec. 11. Several other clubs will also have their poinsettias delivered in Ashland at that time. Help is needed at The Miller Playhouse for unloading, sorting and delivery. Club members will be providing

crowd control on Dec. 5 for the Ashland Christmas Parade. Next meeting is scheduled for Dec 3 with a Christmas theme.

Submitted by IPP Lion Ann Miller

### Ashland Noon Lions

The month of November started well for the Ashland Noon Club with well attended meetings the first 2 Thursdays. Five members also attended the zone 7 advisory meeting November 11th. Despite covid, our rose sale fund raiser met it's sales goals and delivery is November 19th. Unfortunately, due to the governor's new mandates, our venue at Ashland University is reducing maximum attendance to 10 people, well below our usual attendance. After discussion with club officers, President Kopp sadly suspended meetings until the first of the year. Board meetings will be held via zoom monthly so club business can continue. We all pray the coming months bring better news. Stay safe and continue to seek out ways to serve!

### Avon Lions

The Avon Lions Club held its first face to face club meeting since June, in October, and

experimented successfully with its first Zoom meeting on November 19, 2020. Our current membership is 48, with the addition of one new member this month.

Photos attached depict Avon Lions and Leo's obtaining boxes and turkeys from Meijer and assembling Thanksgiving Food Baskets with food donated from Avon High School. The Avon Lions Club partnered with Community Resources Group (CRS) and the Avon Police Department, on Saturday, November 21, 2020, at Avon Isle, creating Thanksgiving Food Baskets for several families in our community. The Club purchased the turkeys from Meijer, who also provided the boxes. The Avon Police delivered the baskets to recipients. This project was a joy and was completed on Avon Lions Club Day in Avon, the Saturday before Thanksgiving, as proclaimed by the Mayor in 2019.

Upcoming community service opportunities for the Avon Lions Club include participation with the Salvation Army Bell Ringing fundraising event, on December 5, 2020, from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Avon Walmart. Lions will cover one entrance, while Leo's cover the

other, utilizing two-person teams for the duration of the event.

We have set a pretty high collection goal, to exceed that of 2019. Additionally, on December 19, 2020, the Club will once again partner with CRS and the Avon Police Department to provide Christmas Dinner Food Baskets to several families in our community.

We hope all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and wish the same for the upcoming Holidays.

## Bascom Lions

Brooms sales have ended for the year at the Seneca County Flea Market. Thank you, Larry and Eric Beidelschies, for once again doing a great job of selling brooms.

November 29<sup>th</sup> was the Annual Bascom Memorial Tree lighting at 3pm. We set up a tree in the center of Bascom and anyone from the community can decorate it in memory of a loved one.

The Bascom Lions are happy to announce another new member. I'm pleased to announce Rod Daniel has joined us and we now have 4 new lions for the year.

Business for the month included donating money to Daniel's pond for hosting our meetings the last few months. Also, it was approved to spend money on Chrome books and supplies for a visually impaired student.

## Bellevue Lions

News in Nov. is all positive. We are still meeting 1<sup>st</sup>. & 3<sup>rd</sup>. Monday but now at Seybert Methodist Church—6:20 PM no meal. The other positive news is showing a picture of Bellevue's local winner in the International Peace Poster contest-Viera Theis. Now for the rest of the story as Paul Harvey would say. I just received word from OH 2 Dist. Gov. Kerry Parker that Bellevue's entry in the District judging has won the District. Her poster is now on the way to State. Bellevue is now gearing up for two days of ringing the bell for Salvation Army.



Viera Theis.  
Winner of Bellevue and now  
OH 2 District Peace Poster. On  
the way to State judging.

## Bellville Lions

The Bellville Lions club completed a new service during the "Fall Week Service" which was "Shoe Boxes for Children in Countries around the World". We completed 22 boxes. We also presented 172 Liberty Day Books and program to the Clear Fork Eight grade.

We have added two new members and transferred two members to Mansfield United Club.

The Club had their family Thanksgiving dinner meeting at Der Dutchman. First Vice Governor Kevin attended and talked about what is happening in our District and in the State.



Shoe Boxes for Children.

## Elyria Evening Lion

Elyria Lions have finally finished their flagpole season with a final fall installation in North Ridgeville. Beginning November 15, Lorain County Health and Dentistry began distributing the "Keeping Kids Warm" packets made for a **Fall into Service** project. Each packet contains two pairs of socks, a winter hat, winter gloves, a scarf and a children's book. The club is currently designing a Christmas tree for participation in the Elyria Arts Council contest.



## **Fostoria Lions**

The Fostoria Lions along with PDG Pete and ZC Mona provided Thanksgiving Day meals to the 3 shifts at the Fostoria Fire Department and the Community Sharing Kitchen. We are also in the process of delivering the Poinsettias that we purchased as part of the District Fundraiser.

## **Hayesville Lions**

The Hayesville Lions Club met November 19 at the Conservation Farm with District Governor Kerry Parker and Past Council Chair Sharon Parker present.

Governor Kerry Parker presented Dean Whitcomb and Dave Nebergall with 10 year awards. She , also, inducted Jerry Pracker into the club. Jerry was sponsored by Kenny Schuck. Gov. Parker presented President Dean Whitcomb with a Presidents pin.

Gov. Kerry challenged us with five areas of service which are: vision, diabetes, environment, pediatric cancer, and hunger. She mentioned the Winter Retreat which will be held at Salt Fork this year. The governor told us to Act Locally by doing service in the community, vision screening, give money to LCIF and to eye research fund, and to hospitals and research. We also, need to serve around the world with water projects, vision, diabetes, and pediatric cancer.

Bill Harner gave the secretary's report and Mike Kelly gave the treasurer's report.

Jim Tugend thanked all who helped with the sausage packing and selling. Two hundred pounds were given to Hillsdale Cares.

Willie Daniels is handling the candy sales. Greg Hess thanked all who helped with the Spaghetti Dinner Drive thru.

The Hayesville Lions Club will judge the Christmas lighting in Hayesville in December and three homes will win prizes.

We won't have a Christmas Party due to the pandemic. Jan 7 is the business meeting at Dean Whitcomb's home. Jan. 21 will be the dinner meeting at the Conservation Farm with the Superintendent of Schools presenting the program.

## **Loudonville Lions**

Loudonville Lions participated in the Zone 7 Meeting this month and held another successful Drive Thru Fish Fry. We also made donations to Hospice in memory of Roger Lowe and Dale Stake and a donation to the school for Christmas shopping for local kids. The Leo Club completed their fall cleanup at the Youth Center. We have 39 Leos this year. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

## **Lucas Lions**

Big thanks to Gary Matthes, Carolyn Brook and Alicia Weikle for helping us get up to speed with vision screening. With their help and Lucas School nurse, Tiffany Shafer we were finally able to do screening for our home school system. Thankfully we

evaluated 181 kids and dodged the virus all at the same time.

At a recent meeting, Ronny Eckelberger gave a presentation to the club regarding his work in restoring damaged tombstones in local cemeteries back to their honored place in our history. He has been doing this work for the last three years at his own expense. Father time, vandals and neglect seem to be the biggest enemies.

Hopefully Lucas's main square will soon be the location for a beautiful Christmas tree provided and decorated by the village. The Lions traditionally provide the festive program of carols, and an inspirational message. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will provide treats for all after the lighting of the tree. Stay away, Covid, we wish to be jolly and merry if only for a short while.

We are thrilled to share the story of one of our Leos being recognized at his career center for Student of the Month. Cam does a great job in his home town as well in Shelby, location of PCTC.

## **Marblehead Lions**

Despite Covid-19 affecting our club's activities, we had a rewarding fall. We donated nearly \$2,500 to 11 different charities, including local food banks, Lions Diabetic and Pediatrics Cancer Research and the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation.

We continue to be grateful to over 20 local businesses that donated prizes for our Perch



Festival raffle including Bassett's Market that donated a 90-second shopping spree. In October, one local shopper sped around Bassett's Market and grabbed over \$400 in food and grocery products for her family. During the Week of Service our club volunteered nearly 100 man-hours to clean up six Marblehead Peninsula parks as well as the historic Keeper's House and Wolcott Cemetery. "I am proud of our club and the members who came together to donate their time. Cleaning up these areas is a great service to our community. As Lions, we follow our motto, 'We Serve,'" said President Tod Kelly.

In addition, we thank Baumann Auto Center for donating a mobility scooter to our club. We will have it available for anyone who needs it. We continue to collect used eyeglasses at numerous locations around the community. Finally, on November 27, our Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony was a virtual fundraising event this year.

During this holiday season, we want to again thank the generous businesses and individuals who allow us to SERVE our community.



## Norwalk Lions

We have postponed meetings and any gatherings until after the first of the year. Members will then decide taking into account the COVID Virus spread and the Governors guidelines on containment. Norwalk Lions will ring the Salvations Army Red Kettle Bell at Schild's IGA Norwalk for two Saturday's in December. Additionally, our Adult Scholarship Project at EHOVE Vocation School has two winners for 2020.

### SCHOLARSHIPS:

Bader Family \$1000  
Scholarship to Nolan Conney  
Electrical Tech.

K. Flickinger \$1000  
Scholarship to Kathy Van  
Glider PHLEB Tech. (Blood  
work).

Merry Christmas from the  
Norwalk Lions  
Dick Boose  
Secretary

## Old Fort Lions

At Camden Falls **Derek** handed me two new member applications for **Shawn and Sarah Zimmerman** from Bettsville. They have a daughter **Gabby** who is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. This is **Derek's** 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> members he has sponsored into the club. A fantastic milestone!

You just need two more **Derek** to catch **Carl Miller's** 12.

We will be able to watch Basketball Games on YouTube Live per **Supt. Laura Bryant**

If we get to play basketball this year.

## Ontario Lions

The Lions of Ontario Ohio converted a book drop off into an eyeglass drop off at the Ontario Senior Civic Center. Thanks to many Lions for their time and talent! This location is the newest addition to 11 other sites that we service.



## Perrysville Lions

The Perrysville Lions Held our monthly meeting November 8, 2020 prior to serving our monthly Swiss Steak Luncheon. The luncheon was sold out and proceeds were given to "Giving Christmas to Families."

The club completed Their "Christmas Light" project by

checking, replacing bulbs and with the help of the Perrysville Fire Department hung 52 trees November 21.

Donations were made to 8 of the Lions Foundations.

The next Swiss Steak Luncheon will be January 10, 2021 at the Perrysville Community Center serving from 11:00 – 1:00. The proceeds will be given to Diabetes Awareness.



## Plymouth Lions

Plymouth Lions held a Bloodmobile in November and made a donation to the Plymouth Historical Society. Plans were finalized to safely participate in the 5th Annual Christmas in the Village. Santa, aka Lion Lawrence, will be in the parade train's driver's seat. He is a real hit with the kids and last year a little boy shyly whispered, "Are you really Santa?"

Jayden Potts and Edgar Sanchez were recognized as November Students of the Month. Interviews are being taped at the school for our members to watch during meetings.

## Port Clinton Lions

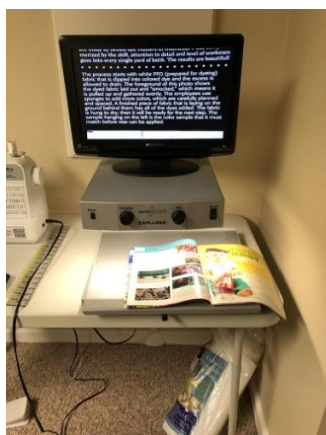
The Port Clinton Lions Club was honored to have District Governor Kerry Parker Speak at our October meeting. She encouraged the members to "think globally and act locally" She also presented chevron pins for years of service to Casey Madison 10 years, Pat Adkins 15 years, Leah Tusen 15 years and Terry Hartley 35 Years.

In keeping with Kerry's theme act locally we have been working at the Food Bank At St. Thomas Church, organizing and packing food donations for local families.

We will also be ringing the Salvation Army bell to collect donations for those in need.

A donation of \$400.00 was made to LCIF in memory of PCC Horst Herzog.

The district Poinsettia sale is underway and a MagniSite Explorer was donated To the club for use in our area.



## Savannah Lions

The Savannah Lions are gearing up for our fruit gift bag project. We assemble and hand out fruit gift bags to the elderly and shut-ins in the area. Make sure to check our Facebook page and visit our website to see profiles of some of our members. There have been four Lions members featured so far, and more to come. Also check our social media for a link to GBC all occasion cards ordering information. There you will be able to order all occasion cards with a part of the proceeds coming back to the Savannah Lions Club. This is the same company that produces the calendars we normally sell. Our next service project will be replacing the ceiling tiles at the Savannah Town Hall. This will be the beginning of many new renovations and improvements at the town hall in the coming months. Make sure to stop by on December 5<sup>th</sup> for our take-out only pancake breakfast. We are serving from 6:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. The Savannah Lions wish you a holiday season filled with joy, hope, love and many blessings for you and your family.

## Tiffin Lions

Sadly we note the death of fifteen year Lion Ray Myer on November 10. He served in many projects but is remembered most for measuring the brown sugar for the popcorn balls.

Red is a great Lion color but not so great when it is a Covid level and for safety the club meeting was cancelled in November. Habitat for Humanity work at



the Third Street house is inside during the winter. If you drive along Third Avenue, you can see several of the many houses Habitat built in the past.



Lion Park has been cleaned of dead flowers and leaves and is ready for creative talents to drape and hang Christmas lights!

## Upper Sandusky

The Upper Sandusky Lions installed another handicap ramp locally. The Elks gave the Lions a ramp they no longer needed, so we put it to good use. We also hung Christmas lights in the trees downtown and in the trees at the entrance to the city park for the Fantasy of Lights display. We will soon be assisting the Salvation Army with bell-ringing and purchasing gifts for Angel Tree children.

## Vermillion Lions

We had no meetings this past month due to the covid virus.

## Lucas Leo

Our Lions and Leos will be decorating the gazebo in the park for the holidays.

We are selling poinsettias.

We have a Football Board for the Ohio State/ Michigan game which will be on December 12. Each square is \$20. You can purchase the squares at The Nest from Lion Louie.

Salvation Army ringing of the bell will be done by us during this holiday season.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to One and All.

This appeared in our Lucas School newsletter. Cameron Kegley is the President of The Lucas Leo Club, and has been a dedicated member, and has been willing to help our Lions club when we needed help!

### Cameron Kegley Named Pioneer Student of the Month

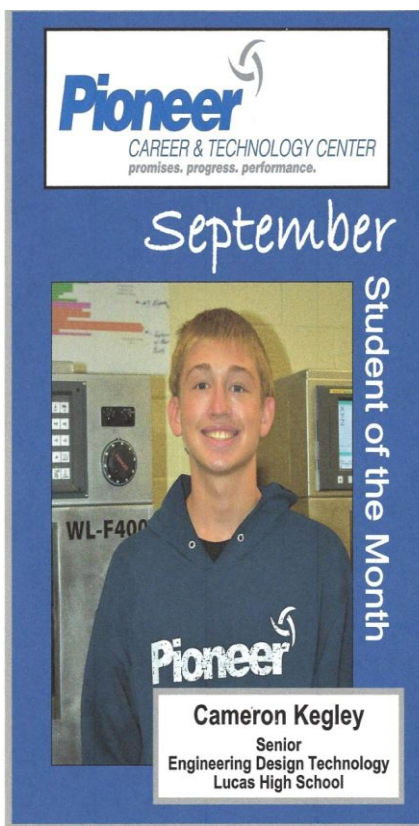
Pioneer Career and Technology Center announces Cameron Kegley as our September 2020 Student of the Month.

Cameron is enrolled in the Engineering Design Technology program at Pioneer. He was nominated by his EDT instructor, Matt Hanning. He is a senior from Lucas High School and is the son of Jamie Dearing.

Cameron plays baseball and basketball at Lucas High School and is in the Leo Club. As an early job placement student, Cameron is working at TLC Kanvas Designs in Mansfield.

According to Cameron, Pioneer gives you a head start on your career. His advice to future students is to use every second wisely to learn as much as you can to pursue your career path.

Cameron is undecided about his plans for the future.



# Lions that have passed this month

Tiffin Lions is sad to note the death of fifteen year member Lion Ray Myer on November 10.

## Upcoming District Activities

All Lions Clubs that would like to have their activities promoted in the District Newsletter are welcome to do so. This will possible get more lions to them. Please send flyer 1 month before the activity so it can be seen before the activity.



Lions of Ohio,

I am excited to announce that we, the Lions of Ohio, have entered into a membership recruitment challenge with the Lions of Indiana and Michigan. This challenge will run from December 1st through March 31st. The objective is to bring more new members into Lionism and retain more members than the other states.

This is not just a contest, but also an opportunity. We can strengthen our clubs, improve our service to our communities, and have some fun along the way. Even though we will once again be demonstrating to our neighbors that you don't mess with the Buckeyes, we will also be working with them. Together we will be sharing ideas to improve our organization and help our clubs thrive. The Governors and the MD13 leadership team are working to put together information to assist your club. We are putting a Zoom seminar together with Lions from around Ohio that have had success starting new clubs and recruiting new members.

Even with the current restrictions, your club can work on preparing for a membership event. Through email, Zoom, or even by phone you can compile lists of potential members and begin reaching out to them. Does your club have a Facebook presents in you community? Work on developing one. If you need assistance, there are Lions who can help you. There are even some great free online tutorials on social media, websites, and basic computer use.

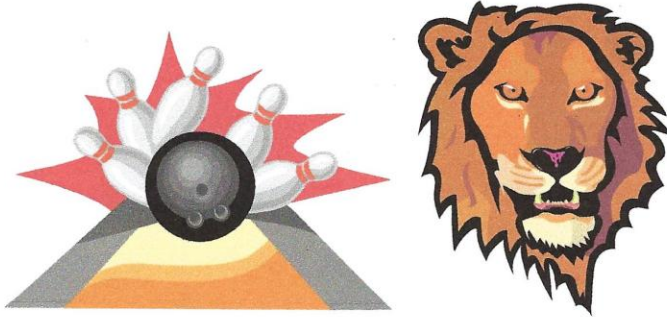
Together we can make our organization stronger. Together we can help more people in our communities and around the world. Together we will be successful.

There will be more information to come. Including how we will recognize those that bring in new members. Let's not wait. Let's start today (just don't enter the new members into LCI before December 1st). If you or your club have questions or would like assistance, don't hesitate to contact your Zone Chair or your Governor team.

Yours in Lionism,  
Council Chair Kenny Schuck  
kennyschuck@gmail.com



# Zone 2 Fun Day Bowling



Where: Seneca Lanes Fostoria Ohio

When: Sunday February 7th 2021 at 9 AM (Snow Date 2/14/21)

Cost: \$12/Bowler \$3 for shoes if needed

Cash Breakfast available starting at 8:30 AM

All Lions, Lioness, Leos and **Guests** are invited. Bring a prospective new Lion Member. Fun with Friends, Raffles & Prizes. Signup Now. **4 person teams.**

Send entry to PDG Pete DiCesare at 1033 Kennedy Ln.

Fostoria, OH. 44830 or email [afirechf@gmail.com](mailto:afirechf@gmail.com)

By Jan. 29th 2021. Make checks payable to; Fostoria Lions Club. Questions call Pete at 419-348-5686.

# WINTER RETREAT 2021

## Lions Got Talent!

**Calling all Lions,  
If you got talent  
WE NEED YOU!**

We are having a talent show at the Winter Retreat on January 16, 2021. You can register at the retreat or contact Lion Debbie Horn @ [country\\_girl740@yahoo.com](mailto:country_girl740@yahoo.com)



All District OH2 Lions are invited to the 2021 Winter Retreat that will be held at:

Salt Fork State Park  
14755 Cadiz road,  
Lore City, Ohio

January 15 - 17 2021

## Come and Join us for the 2021 Winter Retreat as we "ROAR INTO THE 20's"



**WEEKEND ACTIVITIES**

- THEME FOR THE WEEKEND THE 20'S
- LIONS TALENT SHOW ON SATURDAY
- SCAVENGER HUNT ALL WEEKEND
- FUN SESSIONS
- SERVICE PROJECTS, NOTE CARDS, FOOD DRIVE, EYE GLASS COLLECTION

Salt Fork State Park  
January 15-17, 2021  
\$120.00 if paid by Dec. 1, 2020. \$140.00 after.  
Register at [www.ohiolions.org](http://www.ohiolions.org)

## Winter Retreat Service Projects:



1. Note Cards- write "pick me up" notes to others.
2. Food Drive-bring a can or two of food
3. EyeGlasses/Ballcaps Collection

*At the end of the weekend the Food Drive and EyeGlasses and Ball caps will be split between the districts.*





# WINTER RETREAT, JANUARY 15 - 17, 2021

## Schedule

January 15, 2021

<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>3:00 - 6:00</b> <b>Lobby</b>	<b>6:30</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>9:00 – Midnight</b>	
	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>Entertainment</b> <b>Eric Melleby</b>	<b>Social hour</b>	

January 16, 2021

Session Times	Session # 1	Session # 2	Session # 3	Session # 4	Session # 5
<b>9:00 - 9:45</b>	<b>Disaster Relief Info</b> Lion Debbie Horn Do you know what should be in an Emergency Kit for a natural disaster? Join us to find out and learn how our very own Lion Debbie Horn's career in Disaster Relief come full circle into Lions	<b>Ask the Experts- Lions Officers- ID's, PID's, Zone Chairs, District Governors</b> ID Steve Thornton, PID's Steve Sherer, Jerry Smith Have questions about Lionism? Come ready with them and get answers	<b>Cambridge Museum of Glass</b> Cindy Arent See and learn about beautiful Cambridge Glass	<b>Grave Yards by Beth Santore</b> Beth Santore Learn about the symbolism of grave-stones and their styles	<b>Condiments at Large...A Seasonal Salt Fork Mystery</b> Lion Jacky Grimm & IPDG Josie Prokop Assemble your team or fly solo as you use cunning, wits and deductive skill to solve the Salt Fork Mystery
<b>10:00 – 10:45</b>	<b>MyLion for Every-one</b> (Hands on Help - Bring your laptop, tablet, smartphone) DG Ric Houser Want to learn about MyLion. Come join DG Lion Ric Houser (MD13-OH6) give you the ins and outs of the system for reporting activities, keeping in touch with other clubs and Lions,	<b>Family Feud</b> Lion Linda Savage Come Join the FUN! We guarantee you will have a good time.	<b>So you Aren't playing with a Full Deck..that's OK</b> IPDG Josie Prokop Not all games require 52 cards. Learn basic card and party games for small and large groups. Participants will get an overview of several games and chose which ones to explore in class.	<b>Women Leaders in History</b> IPDG Jackie Miller Come and learn about some great women in history - Suzanne Wesley, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Annie Oak-ley, Betsy Ross, Helen Keller and Jacqueline Kennedy and the triumphs and tribulations they endured in their	<b>Wild Flowers or Weeds by John Hickenbottom</b> John Hickenbottom Learn to identify wild-flowers and weeds.
<b>11:00 - 11:45</b>	<b>Learn How to Plan a Great Event</b> PCC Ron Keller Learn how the 5"P"s (Proper Planning Prevents Poor Performance) will make your next service project, fundraising event, celebration or convention a resounding success. A professional events manager that has planned and managed hundreds of events for the Millersport Lions	<b>Photo Basics (Bring your Camera)</b> Marcie Guy Taking a great photo is easy if you know a few basic skills. This session is the perfect place to learn some basic photography skills that can be used on a phone camera all the way up to a DSLR to capture and create beautiful images	<b>Black Belt Mentality with Jabba body</b> IPDG Jackie Miller Come prepared for class participation! Learn some simple, easy techniques everyone needs to know and be aware of to protect themselves in today's world. Physical and non-physical techniques will be taught. Dress comfortably in easy to move about clothing and tennis		

	Club, MD-13, US/Canada Lions Leader-ship Forum, Ohio State Fair, Ohio Festivals & Events Association, Sweet Corn Festival, and the City of Colum-bus for over 30 years		shoes. Signed release will be re-quired.		
<b>LUNCH 12:15 -1:30</b>	<b>Luncheon Special Program</b>				
<b>2:00- 2:45</b>	<b>Photo Editing (bring your Laptop, IPad, tablet)</b> Marcie Guy A few simple edits can take a photo from wow to WOW. This session is all about learning how to turn every photo into a WOW though the power of edit-ing. You will learn what the common basic editing tools are, what they do, and how to use them.	<b>Cookie Decorating</b> DG John Davis Come Decorate Cook- ies with our very own District Governor John Davis.	<b>Trees of Ohio</b> IPDG Bill Schultz learn to identify trees of Ohio	<b>Life of Helen Kel- ler and Anne Sul- livan</b> IPDG Jackie Miller You know about Cedar Point, but do you know what Hel- en and Anne did before and after Ce- dar Point? Come and learn about the life of these great ladies and how Hel-en brought to the world the importance of helping the blind live a better life.	
<b>3:00 - 3:45</b>	<b>Progression of Lions</b> RC Beth Cauley, IPCC Lydia Houser How has Lionism changed since 1917? Come find out what has changed and why. See what needs to happen to keep it going into the future.	<b>NAMI (North American Member-ship Initiative</b> Lion Michael Gibbs "What is NAMI? The North America Mem- bership Initiative is a focused program de- signed to address and reverse the decline in Lions membership in CA1 and CA2. This bottom up approach focuses on the heart of Lions Clubs, the Clubs because without them the rest of the organiza-tion is irrelevant. The Goals of name are to: Rejuvenate districts with new clubs, Revi- talize clubs with new members, and Re- motivate members with new fellowships and exciting service	<b>Dickens Village</b> Tom Davey See how things are done behind the scenes at Dick-ens Village	<b>Trains</b> David Dane Learn about trains	

<b>4:00 - 4:45</b>	<b>Cheese Tasting</b> Lion Rita Shisler Come Learn about Cheese from one of our very own Lions. She is the best and her cheese shop is so cheeseey!	<b>Day tripping around Ohio</b> Lion Jacky Grimm Re-discover the excitement, adventure and wonder of Ohio. Participants are encouraged to share their 'special finds' as we reveal some hidden treasures in Ohio.	<b>Do's and Don't's &amp; Majesty of Montreal-International Convention 2021</b> CC Kenny Schuck Want to have fun? Want to meet Lions from all over the world? Want to participate in or just watch a fun parade? Want to see a neat Parade of Nations? Want to see some entertainers? Want to hear distinguished guests? Want to see the incoming LCI President sworn in? Want to enjoy the sights of Montreal? The questions are endless! Come join this session and have questions about the Montreal International Convention for 2021 answered.	<b>Understanding Diabetes &amp; Diabetes Service</b> Lion Ernie Richman What is Diabetes? Types of Diabetes, Prevalence of Diabetes, Live of a Diabet-ic, Diabetic camps for Children, Resources at Lions Club International, Diabetes Organizations, Applying for an LCIF Diabetes Grant, Diabetes Service Project Ideas	
<b>DINNER 6:30</b>	<b>DINNER Special Program</b>				<b>8:00 Lions Talent Show</b>

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2020**

<b>8:15 – 8:40</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>				
<b>9:00 – 10:30</b>		Breakfast Buffet			

**VENDOR DISPLAYS – Saturday all day**  
Blue Frog Promotions: Clothing & Lions items:  
Pin Traders  
Games





# 2021 Ohio Lions Winter Retreat

January 15, 16, 17, 2021

REGISTRATION FORM  
SALT FORK STATE PARK RESORT  
CAMBRIDGE, OH

## REGISTRATION:

Full registration paid by December 1, 2020 will be **\$120.00**. Full registrations December 2, 2020-January 4, 2021 will be \$140.00. No registrations will be accepted after January 5, 2021. Make all checks payable to: "THE OHIO LIONS" and specify LIONS WINTER RETREAT in the memo line and return with this registration form to: Ohio Lions, 4074 Hoover Rd., Grove City, OH 43123; Fax: 614-808-3170; Email: [ohiolions@gmail.com](mailto:ohiolions@gmail.com). Or use your credit card and go to [www.ohiolions.org](http://www.ohiolions.org) & use PayPal. NO REFUNDS AFTER January 6, 2021.

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

District

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ I/WE will be attending the Sunday Breakfast(Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Children's meals available: Total number of children: \_\_\_\_\_ (price per meal to be determined)

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

Registrant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Registrant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

## Session Facilitators

\_\_\_\_ Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ would help as a session facilitator at the Winter Retreat.

## HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Hotel reservations must be made through the hotel by phone **1-740-435-9000**. Room reservations prior to December 10, 2020 may be made by requesting the Ohio Lions group rate of \$109.00/night plus tax. After December 11<sup>th</sup> the room rate may increase. The State Office will not accept hotel reservations or room deposits.

Check out [www.saltforkparklodge.com](http://www.saltforkparklodge.com) for all of the winter events and resort amenities that are offered at the lodge. Make this a family outing!!!