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To start, a ***huge THANK YOU*** to the Lions of our district! We just finished a very successful and covid-friendly convention. Good food, great fellowship, despite the assigned seats, and some good laughs too. I left inspired by both the stories of Lion Dave Caperton and the insightful comments from our International Director Gary Brown. The takeaway? ***Our attitude drives our success.*** Building a positive “Together, we can” outlook will determine our growth and service. The fledgling Lions clubs in 1918 came through the flu pandemic and built an international association. With dedication, ingenuity and understanding, we will come through this pandemic stronger than ever.

ELECTIONS Make sure that your club gets their officers into MyLCI.org by April 15. In this newsletter are the District Leadership Training forms to report to Lion Ann Miller by April 21. Training is **May 1-2**, check the forms for times and details. Presidents and Vice Presidents, your session will include the program and goals for next year. Setting goals for membership growth? How about for new service projects? The Global Membership and Service Teams have great sessions planned for us. Leaders never stop learning, there is always something we can learn or improve. Start your new Lions year with the right tools and a solid set of goals. See you in May!

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION If you have ever wanted to know what goes on at International Convention, this is your chance! After March 31, registration goes to \$75, but this gives your club access to all of the sessions, the virtual parade (who knew?) and a vote in the LCI elections (one vote for every 25 members). In addition to the standard election of officers, there is a ballot issue for a dues increase. If your club wants a vote in this, you must have a registered delegate(s).

DIABETES PROJECTS May 10-17 is our district Diabetes Awareness Week, **Mission: Healthy Communities**. If you think coronavirus is a pandemic, read the latest research on the growing rate of diabetes across the United States. 37 million diagnosed and 88 million pre-diabetic. That is 36.7% of the US population!! We can make a difference, starting in our own communities. Healthy eating choices, walking and regular exercise, reducing or managing stress levels. Check out the information in this newsletter and on our district website for ideas on how your club can get involved in this project. The more clubs that participate, the bigger impact we can have across Northern Ohio!

CHALLENGES Remember, the year is *not* over yet! Club presidents and secretaries – step up and join the district challenges! There are 25 clubs that have not sent in goals and 34 clubs that still need to input more service projects. Club presidents, you will find the Blueprint Goal End of Year report in this newsletter. Fill it out and return it to me to participate. Secretaries, as we finish projects, report them online or to GST Debbie. With 3 months to go, we can easily get 40 of our clubs to meet these goals!

And we have several clubs close to the \$25 per member donation mark for the Horst Herzog award. As you are able to do more fundraising, finish off the donations to give a Melvin Jones Fellowship and earn the district honors medal.

Lastly, special thank-yous to my home club, the North Ridgeville Lions and the LaGrange Lions for the time and work you put in to make convention happen. Those not able to attend, know that you were missed and we look forward to being able to have everyone back together at this time next year. Necrology memorial service has been put into a slideshow and is available to watch on our district Facebook page for those that missed the service.

Keep up the good work across the district. *It's GREAT to be a Lion!*

Governors Visitation Schedule

April Schedule

Thur 1 Apr	Savannah Lions
Fri 2 Apr	LaGrange Fish Fry
Mon 5 Apr	Butler Lioness
Tues 6 Apr	Lorain Harbor Lions
Thur 8 Apr	SVOSH & Bottle delivery
Thur 15 Apr	Madison Twp Lions
Sat 17 Apr	Firelands Spaghetti
Thur 22 Apr	Elmore Lions
Apr 23-24	OH1 Convention

May Schedule

May 1 - Officer Training School in Ashland

May 2 - Officer Training on Zoom

May 15	OH5 & OH6 Conventions
May 22-23	State Convention
29 May	Shaull Memorial Service

1st VDG Kevin

First Vice District Governor Kevin Reidy

Roar Lions Roar! It was great seeing those of you who participated in the District Convention! Congratulations to District Governor Kerry and her team. March 20 was a celebration of perseverance over COVID, acknowledging the milestones and accomplishments for our District and to imagine the possibilities and opportunities that await us all in the coming Lions year! Well done!

Lions Leadership School is right around the corner. All club presidents and secretaries should have received an email with registration for

Presidents/Vice Presidents, Secretaries, and Membership Chairs, **in person training** at Ashland's Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturday, May 1, 2021. GLT-C Lion Ann Miller and her team have the socially distanced spacing, food and beverage logistics and presenters secured for engaging training. I look forward to having club participation in this important networking and training opportunity!

Virtual training will be provided on Sunday, May 2 at two distinct time intervals. At 4:00 pm, Club treasurers and marketing/communications chairs will receive training and information on their roles and responsibilities. At 7:00 pm, club service chairs and those club members who utilize MyLion/MyLCI will be provided tips on effective practices.

The importance of registration and contact information for the virtual session is essential in order that session invitations may be entered and sent in advance of the Leadership weekend. **DEADLINE LEADERSHIP TRAINING** (both in-person and virtual) to be sent by clubs to GLT Lion Ann Miller is **Wednesday, April 21**. Thank you in advance for your participation!

Lions International Convention – as DG Kerry indicated, all OH2 Lions have a unique opportunity to register and certify delegates to participate in this year's virtual International Convention, scheduled in late June. Registration will be \$75.00 beginning April 1. With this registration, you will be able to vote on a dues increase issue.

Check out LCICON on the Lions Clubs website to get participate. Convention in 2022 is in New Delhi, India, so participating with a cup of coffee from the comfort of your home will likely be a one-time only experience for Lions...

Looking Ahead – Volunteer Service organizations are only as effective and strong as the membership contained within them. We continue to have the LCI \$35.00 administrative fee waived through June 30! Now is the time to “Just Ask, Be Positive” about your club and organization. We can and should grow our clubs between now and the conclusion of DG Kerry’s term (she really does not want to wear blue at another state’s Lions Convention).

Goal Setting – Lions Blueprint for a Stronger Club will continue into 2021-2022. Club Presidents are encouraged to begin discussing your club’s upcoming goals (Be sure to complete the current years’ goal(s) too!). With 57 clubs now in OH2, an old basketball adage comes to mind: “you miss 100% of the shots you never take”. Let us recommit to our Roar of success in our communities be setting and meeting or exceeding our goals.

Membership – Multiple District 13 will be participating in the North American Membership Initiative in the 2021-2022 club year. I have asked CC/IPDG Kenny Schuck to serve as OH2 NAMI Champion. In this capacity, Lion Kenny will be working along with District GAT leaders to strengthen our clubs through leader support, member satisfaction, new members

orientation & mentoring and new club growth.

Service – As clubs emerge from the pandemic, Lions’ commitment to service begins at home with your communities. I look forward and encourage invitations in the coming year from you for me to participate in your service projects, festivals, meals, etc. I will do my best to join as many events as is practicable. Service in various forms happens in OH2 with so many projects that benefit our communities.

Where There’s A Need, There’s A LION! Keep roaring Lions of District OH2!

1st VDG Visitation Schedule April

April 13	Firelands Lions Visitation
April 19	Galion
April 26	Galion

May

May 1	District OH2 Leadership – Trinity Lutheran Church, Ashland
May 2	District OH2 Leadership – Virtual 4 pm & 7 pm
May 11	Butler Lions Visitation



Good Morning Lions!

We are three-quarters through the way of our Lions year. Our

District Convention is over, and I would like to congratulate DG Kerry and her committee on a successful Convention!! It was nice to see all that “ventured out” as we get back to normal. Although Convention wasn’t the same as in the past, we did get business taken care of. I would like to thank all that came out to the Convention and voted for me to continue to climb the chairs to 1st Vice District Governor. I look forward to the challenge. □

Hopefully, you have or are in the process of getting your officers elected for the 2021-2022 Lions year. After you get them elected, don’t forget to send their information into Lion Ann Miller for Officer Training Schools on May 1 and virtual on May 2. If your officer is unable to connect to the Zoom training on May 2, it would be nice if someone in the club offered to connect to Zoom and invite that officer to their house for the training and snacks! There is always something new to learn, no matter what office you hold, so don’t be afraid to come/log-in. I am hoping that next year we will be able to ALL meet in person in Ashland. That same officer information should also be reported on the PU101. Please don’t forget to include their cell number and email information.

The Tri-State Membership Challenge ended on March 31st. As of this morning (March 25) Ohio is up 5 and leading. Hopefully, we continue to add members and win the Challenge. DG Kerry and I do not want to wear blue to a state convention. Just because the challenge ends, doesn’t mean that we should stop looking for

new members. As 2nd VDG-Elect Tim says, “Just Ask”!

Finally, my schedule is below. Sadly ☹, I had to erase a couple of my favorite activities in April, hopefully I can attend them next year in person (OSU Spring Game).

Yours in Lionism,
Cindy Beat
1st VDG-Elect
MD13OH2

2VDG Visitation Schedule

April

- April 8 Elmore
- April 10 District 4
Convention
- April 11 LCIF Virtual
Telethon 5-9pm
- April 16 Virtual finish on the
50 race
- April 20 District 1
Convention

May

- May 1 - Officer Training School
in Ashland

May 2 - Officer Training on
Zoom



Living Well *with Diabetes*

Stay Independent

No surprise: Growing older can make physical activities more difficult. A healthy diet, however, may help. Researchers recruited 12, 658 men ages 63 and older (fewer than 10 percent had diabetes) and measured their ability to do everyday tasks, such as getting dressed, carrying groceries, and climbing stairs. They also scored their diets on a healthy-eating scale. Four years later, **the men who ate the healthiest diets were 26% less likely to have physical impairments compared with those who ate the least nutritious food.** The study did not prove that a poor diet causes impairment – men with physical impairments may have had trouble cooking healthful meals, for instance – but the link supports prior findings on the importance of healthy eating. Be sure to include good-for-you foods such as fruits, veggies, and nuts in your regular eating plan.

(Source: *The Journal of Nutrition, Health and Aging* March 20, 2019; *Diabetes Forecast*)

Zone Chair Reports

Zone 5 Chairperson,

Lion Mike Grube

April 15th 2021 All Club's Must Report next years officers to MyLCI

Here are a few coming up:

Zone Events

1. April 3, 2021 1-2 P.M. Plymouth Lion's Club Easter Egg Drive Thru
Contact: President Mindy Bigelow 419-571-1516
2. May 1st 2021 City of Bucyrus Bicentennial and first ever Bratwurst Drop
Colonel Crawford Pitawurst Trailer Appearance.
3. June 27th 2021 Crestline Lions Chicken Barbecue More information coming.
4. July 3rd 2021 Crestline Lions Fireworks More information coming.

District Events:

1. May 1st 2021 Officer training Ashland Ohio Information coming.
2. May 2nd Officer training via zoom Information coming.

Other Zones Events

1. April 3rd, & May 8th 2021 Savannah Lions Carryout Pancake Breakfast
Contact VDG Kevin Reidy or watch District Newsletter

District Committee's Information

2021-2022 OH-2 LEADERSHIP Training

As with everything else in our world today, OH-2 Leadership training will be done in a different way. Last year we of necessity did all training via Zoom meetings. This year we are going to use a combination of venues.

Sat. May 1, at Trinity Lutheran Church 508 Center St., Ashland

Incoming Presidents, 1st Vice Presidents, Secretaries and Membership Chairs



Required

Total attendance because of social distancing limited to 175

Bring your laptop – Trinity has Wi-Fi access

Register 8-9 am Training 9-12:45 pm.

All those attending must Register due to Lunches and for social distancing.

Sunday, May 2 there will be zoom training for Treasurers, Service Chairs, MyLion/MyLCI and Marketing/Communications Chairs with times to be announce. Registration forms below



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Send or email forms to: Lion Ann Miller, 1514 Twp. Rd. 1173, Ashland, OH 44805

(cell) 419-651-6470 babba4ajm@gmail.com

Club Name _____

President _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

1st VP _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Secretary _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____ Newer? Yes / No

Membership Chair _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Any other members that are attending must also register due to needing numbers for lunches.

Name _____ Session _____

Name _____ Session _____

Name _____ Session _____

Name _____ Session _____

2021–2022 OH-2 LEADERSHIP Zoom Training Registration Form

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Registration to Lion Ann Miller needed by April 21 to enable mailing of materials.

Club Name _____

Zoom session at 4 pm May 2

Treasurer _____
Address _____
Phone _____ **E-mail** _____ **Newer? Yes / No** _____

Zoom session at 4 pm May 2

Mktg /Communications Chair _____
Address _____
Phone _____ **E-mail** _____

Zoom session at 7 pm May 2

Service Chair _____
Address _____
Phone _____ **E-mail** _____

Zoom session at 7 pm May 2

MyLion/MyLCI – List of any/all attending
Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ **Email** _____

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ **Email** _____

Any other members planning to attend on May 2

Name _____ **Session** _____
Email _____

Name _____ **Session** _____
Email _____

Name _____ **Session** _____
Email _____

Announcement to Lions Clubs regarding Pilot Dogs Executive Director Search

As many Ohio Lions know, for over 70 years Pilot Dogs has provided high-quality canine guides to persons in need. Pilot Dogs' current Executive Director Jay Gray has spent years forming a strong foundation for the organization— and enhancing the lives of thousands of individuals in the process.



Now, as Jay looks to his retirement this summer, the organization's Board celebrates his dedicated service (and years of outreach to the Ohio Lions Clubs), and looks forward to building upon his legacy. To that end, the Board has begun the search for a new Executive Director. A search committee comprised of current and former Board members has been assembled. And Benefactor Group, a Columbus-based firm with a national reputation for nonprofit executive searches, has been retained to facilitate the process.

Selecting the next Executive Director of Pilot Dogs is an important chapter in the history of this beloved organization. The Board is committed to this important task and extends its gratitude to the Lions who have been generous supporters and dedicated volunteers to Pilot Dogs over the past decades. Lions who are interested in the search process, or the position of Executive Director, should visit the Benefactor Group website at <http://bit.ly/pilotdogsprofile> or contact Ron Guisinger (ron@benefactorgroup.com)

This is a new award available from OLPDF for donations to the Foundation.

The **Journey of Hope Award** is given by the Ohio Lions Pediatric Cancer Foundation in recognition of those clubs and individuals that make contributions of \$500 or more to the foundation.

Each club donating directly to OLPCF may name a recipient once there is a cumulative donation of \$500. Likewise, clubs may name one recipient for every \$500 donated - a \$1000 donation receives two awards.

Club News Past, Present and to Come

Ashland Evening Lions

1st VDG Kevin Reidy installed five new Ashland Evening Lions Club members at our March 4 meeting. They are Joy-Lynn Cline, Mandi Ross, Chris Houghton, Jeffrey and Rebekah Spotts all sponsored by OH-2 GMT and club 2nd VP Lion Tim Kershner. He has been doing a super job in promoting Lions by personal contact and through our club Facebook page. Our geranium and spring plant sale orders can be taken through April 16. Delivery of the mass order from the grower will be on May 4 with individual orders delivered later that week. We held nomination for officers with election ballots again be by mailed to be returned to Secretary PDG Myron Amstutz. On March 10, President Woody Conrad presented our club \$500 donation to Major Annalise Francis of the Salvation Army as our contribution toward their Winter Coat Drive.

Our own club member Lion Tim Kershner is the newly elected 2nd Vice District Governor of MD13 OH-2 for the club year 2021-2022. Congratulations 2nd VDG Elect Tim!! During the proceedings the a number of awards were garnered by Ashland Evening including 1st place in newsletter contest for clubs of our size and LCIF Campaign 100 Horst Herzog Award. The April meeting has been moved to April 8 because of the Easter weekend. Program will be on Identity Theft.

IPP Ann Miller

Ashland Noon Lions

The Ashland Noon Lions made club history on March 4th. For the first time in our 100 years as a club, a lady officer (VP Jen Whitmore filling in for Pres Kopp) led a Noon Lions meeting! Well done Lion Jen! You and the other women members have added a lot of life and service to our club, and now leadership too! On a sad note, Lion Dale Wells passed on March 3rd. Lion Wells was a member for 22 years, served 5 terms on the board of directors, and was Lion of the Year in 2007-8. He had a run of 18 years of perfect attendance until health issues kept him away the past few years.

In a quick poll on March 4th, 11 of the 17 members attending have had at least one vaccine shot. We can see the light at the end of the tunnel (and it's the sun, not a train!). Our own Lion Mark Rafeld asked the club for help manning the registration tables at the Ashland County vaccination sites. Several Lions have stepped up to help and are racking up many hours of club service. Check with your local clinics to see if they need volunteers, it's a great Lions project.

Bascom Lions

The Bascom Lion's met on March 2, 2021 with 12 members present. Topics of the night included highway cleanup which is scheduled for Saturday April 10 at 08:00 am. We found out the Bascom Lions were awarded a membership award for 2019-2020. We also received thank you

cards from CASA and Ohio Lion Foundation for our donations. Years of service awards included Jim Hutchinson for 30 years and Dan Pelton for 15 years. Then Rick Osterwalter and Jerry Swander received Centennial awards for new members.

Lion Dan Brickner

It's up on the air. We are meeting the first Tuesday in April and will discuss the future meetings. We lose our meeting venue after the April 5th meeting so we will need to discuss the possibility of meeting outside at Meadowbrook Park or at a member's family pond. As a side item, this year's officers have agreed to continue on for the coming Lions year. You do what you have to do.

Road cleanup set for April 10th.

That's it for April.
Jim Hutchins, President

Bellevue Lions

The long history of the Magnifying Vision Reader that our Lions Club purchased for the Bellevue Library has finally come to a happy ending! After the Library was remodeled several years ago it was put in a back room and forgotten about. Several months ago, the Library asked if we would like it back and to, hopefully, find someone that could make use of it. Advertising its availability through word of mouth led us to two possibilities which eventually fell through. We posted it on our Bellevue Lions Facebook page and within 48 hours a family in Clyde

responded that they had a use for it with their mother, who was recently diagnosed with macular degeneration. While it is older technology it still serves the purpose it was designed for:



Firelands Lions

The Firelands Lions Club will be conducting a drive through spaghetti dinner on Saturday April 17, 2021 from 4:30 PM 'til 7:00 PM at the Henrietta United Methodist Church. This is a new location and is located at 52148 ST. Rt. 113 near the intersection with Gore Orphanage Rd. Tickets are available from any Firelands Lion or at the door and are \$10 for adults and \$6 for ages 3-12.

Fremont Lions

Fremont Lions voted to have a Food Drive for one of our local food pantries and will be working along with the Fremont Kiwanis to make this a successful project. Lions with chair vice-president Colleen Carmack are collecting for the Sandusky County Food Pantry and the Kiwanis with Linda Combs will be collecting for Fremont Pontifex Food Pantry. This collection will take the entire month of May and delivered to the pantries on April 6th. This Covid has lasted

too long and we felt the need to once again help out families within our community. Hope to have some nice pictures for the next newsletter.

We are also still doing the We Care project where we have adopted a Care Facility in Fremont. This was originally supposed to stop at the end of December but we have had such a good response from our members that we are now continuing into May. We take in special occasion cards and small gifts and crafts for the residents along with a treat for the staff each week.

Our new upcoming officers were elected during our March virtual meeting. Colleen Carmack, president; Donna Thatcher, vice president; Michelle Russell, secretary; Susie McGilton, treasurer; Dave Peiffer, tail twister; Dave Souder, lion tamer; Jim Elder, chaplain; Dan Polter and Jeanne Sutton, one-year directors will join current directors Jim Elder and Chris Mollis.

Our club will continue to have Zoom meetings until our members feel safe enough to go back to in-person meetings at the Eagles Aerie.

Hayesville Lions

The Hayesville Lions Club met March 18 at the Conservation Farm with Exclusively Yours Catering serving a delicious meal.

Dan McNaull, general manager of Firelands Electric was the speaker. In 1937 Firelands was formed. Their lines run around Pinhook, Willard, Celeryville, New London, Wakeman,

Rowsburg, Jeromesville, etc. There are 9,000 members. Firelands is one cooperative out of twenty four in Ohio. They generate their own power. They have the round up program which members round up their bill and that money goes to fund community programs. They give rebates on hot water heaters, electric stoves, refrigerators, freezers, and dishwashers.

Villages and schools are Firelands biggest customers. They are trying to get transmission lines along roads. Ohio Edison owns transmission lines and Firelands pays to use them. They recently bought a track vehicle which has a digger, can set poles, and you can pin a bucket on it. Firelands puts poly wrap around the poles to keep varmints from climbing the pole and causing trouble. There is a plate on the pole to ground it. They built a wooden A frame for osprey nests on the cross arms at Pleasant Hill. Firelands tries to keep costs down. They have capitol credits for customers which are available after twenty two years, but if someone dies, you can redeem them at a reduced rate.

In the 1970's the Ohio Territorial Act divided areas for the electric companies and decided who was to have which company and it still is observed. The Cardinal Plant is coal fired and runs 24/7. A carbon tax may come into practice to govern air quality and farmers would be affected as cattle give off methane gas.

If you put solar in your home you still have a smaller electric bill and must pay on your solar

panels for twenty years. Electric vehicles cost 1/3 of gas ones. The charger on the car takes a long time to charge. You can buy a faster charger that works in eight hours for at least \$1,500.

Firelands have solar panels and customers bought into them reasonably and it cuts down on costs.

Lion Bill Harner gave the secretaries report and Lion Mike Kelly gave the treasurer's report. Lion Dick Dilgard read the slate of officers for 2021-2022. Officer Training is May 1 for Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, and Membership Chairs. All other officers will meet on zoom for their classes on May 2. June 5 the Conservation Farm needs help with fishing from 8 - 12 and 12 :30 - finish. Anyone who can help please call Dean Whitcomb at 419-651-1942. April 1 business meeting will be at Tresa and Greg Hess's home. April 15 Dinner meeting at Hayesville United Methodist Church with Membership Night and with a doctor from Ashland Eye Care speaking.

Loudonville Lions Club

Loudonville Lions Club held their monthly Drive Thru Fish Fry—another sold out event! Local Cub Scouts held their Pinewood Derby at the Lions Club Building this month and our Boy Scout Troop assisted with the Fish Fry. Loudonville and Perrysville Lions joined to hold a Drive Thru Carryout Pork Chop Dinner in March to benefit the Perrysville 24 Hour Library Project. A check for over \$1000 was presented to Loudonville Public Library Living Legacy Foundation

Chair Jamie Black on March 23rd. Lion Ashley Buirley was guest speaker this month, and educated us on her “other” career—Roller Derby! Lions will hold an Easter Egg Hunt in Central park on April 3rd, with over 3000 plastic eggs spread throughout the park, with prizes in each age group.



Library Director Melissa Mallinak, Loudonville President Janet Abee and Perrysville President Carolyn Beck presenting check to Jamie Black for the library building to be put up in Perrysville.

Lucas Lions

Attended District 13OH2 convention at Strongsville. Eye opening and very glad to be exposed to the bigger picture of Lions. We came away with a number of awards for individuals and for our club as a whole. Recognition is good for even those who would like to remain the background. Thank you, DG Kerry and your amazing team.

When you're reading this, know our community service Easter Egg Hunt is about to happen on April 3rd at the Lucas Park. Thanks to our Park Board, our guests will have access to electricity, water and restrooms. The park will be up and running for the warm season.

Our club members are busy choosing from our “Selective Service” list to pick and participate in service projects of their choice. Hopefully this new approach will be worth sharing with other clubs in the near future.

We are about the launch another member recruitment effort. Hopefully this one will be as successful as our 2020 campaign.

The April 8th meeting will hear the reading of the upcoming slate of officers and committee chairs and a vote will be taken at that time. Best wishes for all who are willing to serve in a variety of capacities for our club. Thanks to each and everyone in advance.

Marblehead Peninsula Lions

One of our club's spring projects is to replace old and broken benches and grills at the peninsula's five parks. As Covid-19 restrictions seem to be loosening, we hope that replacing the benches and grills will encourage much-needed fellowship within our community. Another project that is pending is to again designate a clean-up day for all Marblehead Peninsula parks. Last year, our members volunteered nearly 100 man-hours beautifying our community.

Ontario Lions

Springfield Township fire chief Matt Carey was presented gift cards from Meijer and the Ontario Lions Club. The chief had received a new heart at the Cleveland Clinic.



Lions Tom Frasz and Howard Harriman present gift cards to Matt Carey

Perrysville Lions

Perrysville Lions are planning their 70th Charter Night which will be held May 15, 2021 at the Loudonville Lions Building. ID Steve Thornton will be the speaker.

They are also planning a Car Show for June 26, 2021 in Perrysville. This will be the 18th one.

Along with the Loudonville Lions we served a Pork Chop dinner and raised \$1028 for the Living Legacy Foundation.

Our next Swiss steak luncheon will be April 11, 2021 from 11:00 – 1:00 pm

Plymouth Lions

Sadly, our Club lost another member after a long illness. Lion Mary Jo Burkett was among the first ladies in our club after Lions International decided to accept ladies as full members in 1995. She chaired the committee for Christmas Trees for Diabetes for many years.

Current service projects include holding a Bloodmobile in March which yielded 30 viable units of blood, co-sponsoring the annual Easter Egg Hunt

(which will be a drive thru this year), and getting ready to install a handicap ramp.

Now that Covid restrictions are beginning to be lifted, we are hopeful to be able to celebrate Lion Kirby Nesbitt's 100th birthday with him. His birthday is May 7th. Lion Kirby keeps up with club activities via the newsletter and often corresponds with members. If anyone would like to send birthday wishes, his address is: Kirby Nesbitt, Good Shepherd Home, 622 Center Street, Ashland, OH 44805.

Polk Lions

Polk Lions met for their regular meeting on March 9, 2021, we had guests from Savannah Lions club.

1st Vice District Governor Kevin Reidy talked about their club doing work on the Savannah Townhall and what they were planning on doing this year. He talked about what we could do as a club to help improve our club attendance and get more new members. We talked about what we did last month for the Hickey family. We had a drive-thru spaghetti dinner earlier and we gave the money to Lila Hickey. We also decided to do our Community Birthday Calendar for 2021-2022 year. This will be our 63rd year. Several of our club attended the Zoom meeting. Lion Craig Wiley and Lion Janet Hoffman attended District 13 OH 2 Convention at Holiday Inn at Strongsville. President Lion Katie Wright asked us to bring ideas for projects and names of potential members to our April 13th meeting.

Savannah Lions

April 3 Carry Out Pancake Breakfast
Savannah Lions Club 6:30 - 11:00 am
Proceeds benefit Savannah Lions Projects

Tiffin Lions

Twenty Tiffin Lions met on March 22 with masks and precautions. An informal poll revealed nearly everyone has received shots 1 and 2. Our donation of \$500 was given to a family whose farmhouse burned. Several of those family members have helped with our Popcorn Ball project for years. Club projects were briefly discussed. A Diabetes Project for May 10-17 is needed. The slate of officers is ready with 2nd Vice President is currently open. Next meeting is set for April 5.

Sight Committee has 2,519 pair of glasses and 1894 sets of lenses for the April 8 trip to Columbus and SVOSH. Habitat for Humanity hours are performed as inside jobs: painting pieces of trim, doors, etc.

Upper Sandusky Lions

A flyer hasn't been published yet, but the Upper Sandusky Lions will be holding a beef and pork sandwich meal drive-thru at our fair booth on the Wyandot County fairgrounds on Sat April 24th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm or until sold out. Meal will cost \$10 and will include your choice of sandwich plus scalloped potatoes, green beans, apple sauce, and bottled water or pop.

Thanks!
Becky Krock

Vermillion Lions

Due to the covid pandemic we have not had any meetings for awhile.

District Governor Kerry Parker attended our meeting. She spoke to us. She mentioned that our District Convention was to be held on Saturday, March 20, a one day convention. She had mentioned when the Officer's Training will be held. We need to send 2 goals to her such as service projects, etc. Diabetes Awareness Week shall be May 10-17. DG Kerry presented Joe McDonald with an award for his doing and going above and beyond, the Hall of Fame.

PDG JJ Jeavons passed out awards for Perfect Attendance and Monarch Awards.

There was much discussion on ways of doing some fundraising.

A new slate of officers is being worked on.

There was discussion concerning our upcoming scholarship for a Vermilion High School senior.

Our Pantry Chairman, Dan Dean, collected \$134 at our meeting.

We lost a valuable Lions member in December 2020, Jerry Massanova. He had been a Lions member for many years and was always volunteering to help out with our many projects and activities. He will be deeply missed.

We have two members at Kingston Nursing Home for rehab, PDG Del Orwig and Bob Mey.

Our next meeting will be held on April 6 at our property.

Happy Spring to all!

Wellington Lions



On March 14, 2021 the Wellington United Lions Club Celebrated Charter Night. The Officers and members of the Wellington United Lions Club wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to

everyone who has given their time, donation and efforts to ensure the successful startup of our club. We would also like to thank the Wellington VFW who donated the use of their facility for this evening's Charter Night Celebration. This generosity and support are a great foundation for the start of our club.

Special recognition to the following for monetary and contributory donations:

Crestline Lions Club
Hayesville Lions Club
Lions Club of Ashland
Shelby United Lions Club
Mansfield United Lions Club
Lions Club of North Ridgeville
Richard and Debbie Reidy
Savannah Lions Club
Norwalk Lions Club – Club Banner
Immediate Past Council Chair- Lydia Houser

The officers and members look forward to this journey of serving our community and providing support to those in need. Thank you

Lions that have passed this month

Lion Dale Earnest Wells of the Ashland Noon Lions Club passed away March 3, 2021.



Lion Mary Jo Burkett of the Plymouth Lions was among the first ladies in our club after Lions International decided to accept ladies as full members in 1995. She chaired the committee for Christmas Trees for Diabetes for many years.

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 2 month before the activity so it can be seen before the activity.



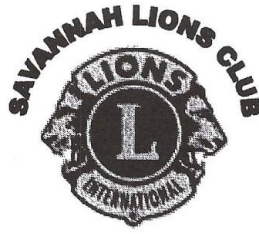
The flyer features a background of colorful Easter eggs (green, pink, teal, orange, yellow) on a light wood-grain surface. The text is centered and includes the event title, target audience, date, location, and logos for the organizing club and a local fire department.

Easter Egg Hunt
Children
Ages 0-12
all special needs children welcome

Saturday, April 3rd @10am
Clear Fork Resort
341 Resort Dr. Butler

Mask and Social Distancing Guidelines
will be Observed





We Serve

Savannah Lions Pancake Breakfast

Savannah Town Hall

Saturday April 3, 2021

Serving **TAKE OUT ONLY** from 6:30 A.M.
until 11:00 A.M.

There will be three breakfast to-go choices:

Pancakes and sausage

French Toast and sausage

Sausage gravy and biscuits

All breakfasts will come with a side of applesauce.

There will no beverages served.

Price Per Donation

Proceeds go to:

Savannah Lions Projects

Accepting Used Eyeglasses to Recycle

FISH FRY

CARRYOUT ONLY

Drive up, order and wait in car.

Fridays - February 12 to April 2

50-50 Drawing
\$\$ Every Week \$\$

4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The LaGrange Lions Club
240 Glendale Road
LaGrange, Ohio 44050



Menu

Lake Perch Dinner	\$12
Shrimp Dinner	\$12
Half Perch & Half Shrimp Dinner	\$12
Half Dinner (Perch <u>or</u> Shrimp)	\$8
Mac & Cheese	\$6
Non-Lenten Kids Meal	\$4

65" LED 4K
Smartcast TV Tickets
Winner drawn May 11

No Phone Orders

CASH ONLY



Shelby United
Lions Club



Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

April 10th 4-7 pm (or until sold out)

Car Side Orders/Pick-up Only



Location: 81 E Main St. Shelby
(orders taken on 2nd St. entrance)

Dinner includes: Spaghetti with meat sauce, Salad, Bread & Cookie.

Donations accepted.

All proceeds will benefit Lions Club projects in our community.

www.lionsclub.org

**PLEASE JOIN US IN THE
MARCH KINDNESS FOOD COLLECTION
A JOINT EFFORT OF THE LIONS AND KIWANIS CLUBS OF FREMONT, OHIO
BENEFITTING THE SANDUSKY COUNTY FOOD PANTRY AND PONTIFEX**

A recent newspaper article indicating an increased demand and fewer donations to the Sandusky County Food Pantry prompted the President of the Fremont Lions Club, Nora Mollis, to initiate a food collection. A call to other service clubs to join the effort was made, and Past President Linda Combs of the Fremont Kiwanis Club was immediately on board. Below are the details of this project:

- Collect items the entire month of March
- Items requested are listed in order of need, but any non-perishable item is acceptable as long as the expiration date is good; **canned soup or chili, canned fruits and vegetables, canned beans, cereal, oatmeal, mac & cheese, peanut butter, potato flakes, saltines, tuna, hamburger helper, noodles**
- Monetary donations are also accepted
- Collection sites will be at these locations
 - Edward Jones, Michelle Russell: 216 S. Front St., Fremont
 - Edward Jones, Ken Kreilick: 2140 Enterprise Dr., Suite A, Fremont
 - Otto & Urban , Lynn Urban: 905 E. State St., Fremont
- Deliver items by driving in to the Eagles parking lot on **April 6, 2021 from 12:00-1:00**; members on site will empty your car or truck and make arrangements to deliver to both locations

**Questions? Contact Colleen Carmack, Fremont Lions @ 419-680-3722
or Linda Combs, Kiwanis Club @ 419-559-3896**



APRIL 10, 2021

SPAGHETTI DINNER

INCLUDES SALAD, BREAD AND DESSERT

The Bellville Lions Club Annual Fundraiser supports the Honor Flight Network and The Honor Bus programs that provide our veterans an all-expense excursion to Washington D.C. that honors and recognizes their service to our country, which include visits to the veteran memorials that highlight the sacrifices and triumphs of those who served, past and present. Join us in remembering our heroes at our spaghetti dinner drive-thru event.



Lions Clubs International

"Living Our Service Journey" - Bellville Club President, Donna Schroeder

BELLVILLE LIONS CLUB BENEFIT SPAGHETTI DINNER DONATION \$10.00

PROCEEDS BENEFITS OUR VETERANS THE HONOR FLIGHT & THE HONOR BUS

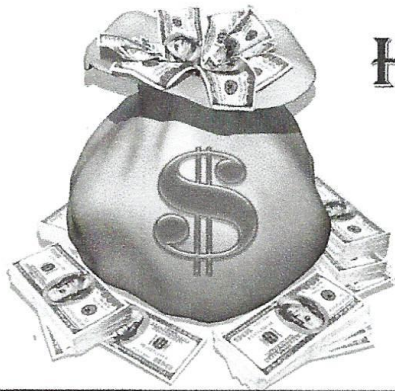
SATURDAY APRIL 10, 2021

4:30-6:30PM DRIVE THRU

LOCATION: LOVE OUR HERO'S 24 BELL ST BELLVILLE, OHIO 44813

CONTACT INFO: BELLVILLE LIONS CLUB

598 Alexander Rd W Bellville, OH 44813 PDG Carolyn Brook 419-571-4630



HEALTHY VISION CASH RAFFLE

ATTICA LIONS CLUB

TICKETS \$5



Proceeds to benefit LIONS Sight Projects

**For every 40 tickets sold,
a \$100 Prize will be awarded!**

All tickets will be included in each drawing

CASH RAFFLE DRAWING

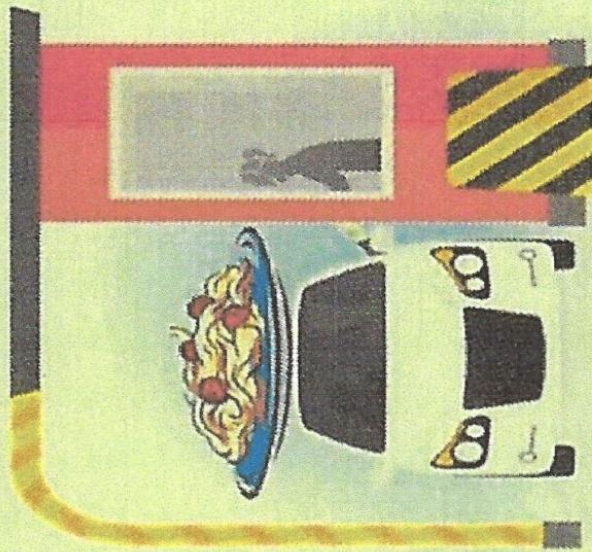
will be held via Live Stream on Facebook
SUNDAY, MAY 16TH at 2:00 p.m.

<https://www.facebook.com/atticalionsohio/>


May is
Healthy
Vision Month

**Tickets available at
local Attica Businesses,
or contact any
Attica Lions Member**

**SPAGHETTI
DINNER
DRIVE THRU**



Firelands Lions Club

**Saturday, April 17 2021
4:30 - 7:00 P.M**

HENRIETTA Methodist Church

52148 State Rt. 113

**Adult: \$10.00
Child: \$6.00 (Ages 3-12)**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Blueprint for a Stronger Club



Club Goals Status Update

Submit the final results of your process by June 30 to qualify for the Presidents Challenge Award.

We are on a journey to more service!

This year our district is participating in the *Blueprint for a Stronger Club* to maximize our membership and maximize our service. Tell us about the process in your club and community.

ASSESS

Our club completed an assessment using:

The feedback from the assessment(s) was interesting / useful because we learned that:

ESTABLISH GOALS *Our club goals*

Given the assessment results, our club set the following goals:

MEMBERSHIP:

SERVICE:

CLUB OPERATIONS:

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

OTHER:

RESULTS

Look back at the assessment results and the goals that you set. Given the actions taken, summarize the results. What were the positives? What were the downsides?



What's next?

Provide 2-5 upcoming activities or ideas to continue improving retention, new membership, service, and leadership development.

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Have ideas?

Based on your results, what recommendations do you have for the district, for your zone, or for the upcoming leaders in your club?

May 10-17, 2021

District Diabetes project "**MISSION: HEALTHY COMMUNITIES**"

Join the other clubs around the district for a Diabetes Awareness Week. If you are looking for ways to participate, check out these resources.



Activity/Project ideas

Activity 1 – BLUE FRIDAY

Get word out to your club members and as many community members as possible to “Go Blue” (the nice light shade for diabetes, NOT navy for that state up north!) Promote Blue Friday as a way to increase Diabetes Awareness. See about getting coverage for Diabetes Awareness in the local paper that Friday.

Activity 2 – Media blasts

Share Diabetes Awareness tips, Facts about Diabetes, and/or Living Healthy tips on your social media sites. Encourage members to do the same. Consider pulling information from sites like:

- <https://www.facebook.com/WDDBlueFridays>
- <https://www.facebook.com/AmericanDiabetesAssociation>
- <https://www.facebook.com/TheDiabetesSite>

Activity 3 – Share a public survey

Lion Margaret Lin shared this last November. Post it to your club’s Facebook page or social media. Get your community webpages or local newspaper to share the link from their webpages. Find ways to get the information out to more people....

- <https://www.facebook.com/MansfieldUnitedLions/posts/712146046099837>
- <https://www.diabetes.org/risk-test>

Activity 4 – Share educational videos

Check out this free and informative online series about prediabetes and diabetes care from nurse and dietitian educators at OhioHealth. Lion Annette Baxter & Lion Margaret Lin, both from Mansfield United Lions Club are two of the educators who present in this series along with their colleagues!

What is prediabetes?

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/209182353685755/permalink/234345344502789/>

Maintaining Healthy Blood Sugar Levels During Covid-19

Diabetes: What You Need to Know

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/209182353685755/permalink/237940037476653/>

Physical activity and diabetes

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/209182353685755/permalink/237758537494803/>

Monitoring blood sugar levels

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/209182353685755/permalink/239680607302596/>

Managing hypoglycemia (low blood sugar)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/209182353685755/permalink/243349896935667/>

Diabetes sick day management

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/209182353685755/permalink/237891374148186/>

Making a diabetes emergency plan

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/209182353685755/permalink/243694300234560/>

Diabetes moving forward and resilience

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/209182353685755/permalink/243694300234560/>

Activity 5 – **Distribute flyers**

You can put them out at local medical facilities, churches or businesses. You can pass them out “White Cane Day” style at local grocery stores or other locations [Collect donations for diabetes, if desired] For those of you that help with food pantries and food distribution, include flyers about diabetes awareness or health eating or tips to prevent diabetes with your May distribution.

Here are several ideas, but contact your local health department for ideas or materials. Printing your own may be a better option, but \$6 for 50, even with the shipping may be more economical.

- <https://www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease/pdf/factsheets/diabetes-H.pdf> (pick a page or two to have printed)
- <https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/library/factsheets.html#about> (variety of different fact sheets specific to diabetes)
- <https://www.diabeteswellness.net/diabetes-brochures>
- <https://shopdiabetes.org/collections/patient-education-handouts/products/prediabetes-what-is-it-and-what-can-i-do-brochure-bilingual-50-pkg-1> (\$11 for 50)
- <https://shopdiabetes.org/collections/patient-education-handouts/products/diabetes-risk-test-brochures-2016-version-bilingual-50-pkg> (\$6 for 50)
- BOOKMARKS from LCI: (\$3 for 25)
<https://lionsclubsinternational.myshopify.com/collections/diabetes/products/stri104en>

Activity 6 – **Volunteer with the local health department, or blood drive**

Activity 7 – **Host a fundraiser**

Use funds to support the American Diabetes Association, in support of a local JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) participant, or to send a child with Diabetes to Camp Ho Mita Koda.

Activity 8 – **Host a Health Walk**

Organize Lions members and the community to promote walking for better health at a local venue. Wear (light) blue shirts for unity.

Perrysville Lions Club

Cordially invites you to our

70^{t h} Charter Anniversary Event

Saturday May 15, 2021

Loudonville Lions Building

643 Wooster Rd, Loudonville OH

Social Time 6:00 pm with Dinner at 7:00 pm

Cost \$20.00

Menu: Baked Chicken, Baked Potato, Mixed Vegetables, Garden Salad, Rolls,
Coffee, Drink and Anniversary Cake

Our Guest Speaker will be ID Steve Thornton

Please RSVP by May 1, 2021 to
Treasurer Carolyn Beck, 615 N. Market St, Loudonville OH 44842
and make checks payable to Perrysville Lions Club

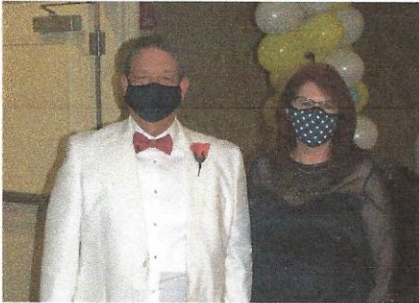




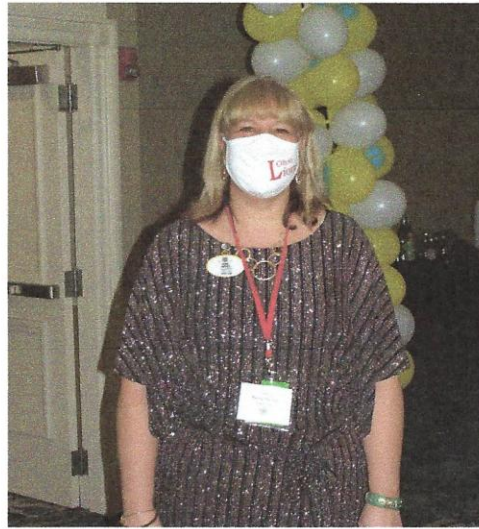
International Director Gary F. Brown and His wife Barbara



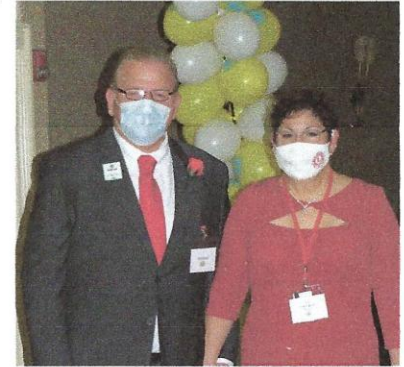
Guest Speaker Lion David Caperton



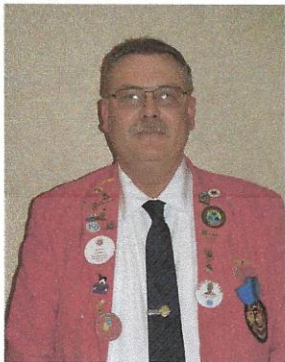
First vice/Governor Elect Kevin Reidy and Lion Debbie



Governor Kerry Parker



Second Vice /First Governor Elect Cindy Beat and Husband Mark



Second Vice Governor elect Tim Kershner



PPC Ron Keller and Lion Kitty Candidate for International Director



