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I totally forgot in last month's newsletter to say THANK YOU to the Bellville Lions for preparing the delicious lunch at our District Convention, so THANKS AGAIN for the lunch. You surprised me!

It is finally beginning to feel like Spring. It's getting warmer, the days are getting longer and Lions are getting out into their communities. District conventions are over and State Convention is just a few short weeks away. Have you ever attended the Ohio Lions State Convention? It will be May 19-20 at the **Marriott Columbus Northwest**, 5605 Blazer Pkwy, Dublin, OH 43017. Go to ohiolions.org for the registration form and more information. It is a fun time to connect with Lions from all over Ohio, trade pins, fund-raising and service project ideas. You can bring your clean pill bottles, IPCC/State GST Kerry Parker will be collecting them. There is also a business session, which this year has an item to vote on, that being a \$5 a year State dues increase. Here is the language:

MD-13 Constitution Existing language: Section 3 State Revenue and Funds The revenue received under Section 1 and 2 of Article VIII shall be distributed as state funds and as district funds [Refer to Article X Section 1.]. The state funds shall total \$12.16 of the annual per capita dues. The allocation of state revenue among funds will be determined by the Council of Governors upon recommendation of the Finance and Long-Range Planning Committee and will be documented in the MD13 Policy Manual.

Proposed Language, change in RED Section 3 State Revenue and Funds The revenue received under Section 1 and 2 of Article VIII shall be distributed as state funds and as district funds [Refer to Article X Section 1.]. The state funds shall total \$17.16 of the annual per capita dues. The allocation of state revenue among funds will be determined by the Council of Governors upon recommendation of the Finance and Long-Range Planning Committee and will be documented in the MD13 Policy Manual.

Rationale: Since there has been a decline in membership since the last dues increase over 12 years ago, the Ohio Lions membership has dropped over 4000 Lions. This loss of revenue has impacted the two operational funds of MD13 (State Council and Office Operations). These funds are losing approximately \$25,000 each year and are estimated to run out of money around 2025-2027. For this reason, a dues increase is proposed. Cutting costs has been performed during this timeframe. However, there is a limit to this; after that Lion services must be impacted.

An organization that is actively cutting services such as training and recruiting Lion leaders cannot thrive. A thriving growing Ohio Lions is in everyone's best interest. If the Ohio Lions had not lost these members (i.e. over \$40,000 in in one year alone), this proposal would not be necessary. We have been unable to stem our losses in membership. To survive and then hopefully grow, the Ohio Lions need to approve this proposal.

SO, as you might have heard, CC/IPDG Kevin Reidy has issued a Membership Challenge beginning May 1 to June 30, 2023. Each club that adds TWO new members during this time period will be recognized at the 2024 District Convention. IPCC Kerry reported that last year there were 56 clubs in the state (OH2 has 56 clubs) achieved this. To make this more enticing, I am adding something that one of the other Governor's is doing and I liked the idea. I will personally donate \$250 to LCIF on behalf of the club that adds the most new Lions during this time (ending June 30, 2023) AND a fully-funded Pizza party (not including alcohol) at the place of the club's choice in July or August.

We are losing clubs this Lions year. Nevada, Lorain Harbor and Sycamore, just to name a few. Others are at the point of

just a few members and considering turning in their charters. Let's not let this happen anymore. When it does, it hurts the community that they have been serving. Who is going to help?? Certainly not the government (enough said). Let's Serve!! We Serve!! See you at Leadership School!!
DG Cindy

Governors Visitation Schedule

May 2	Election Day (available by text)
May 6	Leadership School
May 13	Ontario Lions 70 th Charter
May 16	Old Fort Lions (rescheduled)
May 17	Seneca Co Project Lifesaver
May 18-20	Ohio Lions State Convention
May 23	Loudonville Lions
June 2-4	Super Weekend
June 17	Zone Chair School
June 20	Bascom Lions Installation
June 26	Tiffin Lions Installation
June 27	Bloomville Lions Installation
June 28	Sandusky Lions Installation
June 29-30	Safety Training, Columbus (for work)



Oh my goodness time passes so quickly, time for another newsletter article!

As you read through this article it may not flow smoothly for I am writing all the thoughts that pop in and out of my head.

I wish to thank all of you wonderful lions for stepping up and accepting an office in your club and giving your time to the officers training on May 6 in Ashland. I ask that after the training please take some time to read the manuals you receive.

I want to send a huge thank you out to Lion Ann Miller her committee and other lions that made the officers training a success.

Treasures, don't feel overwhelmed with the compliance stuff. CC Kevin Reidy is on top of things just give him a call.

Secretaries, Relax a little. I feel the new Lions Portal will not be too difficult. I am a club secretary. District Administrator Debbie Reidy and PCC Kerry Parker will be on hand to help and if need to we will set up a day to have training.

I thank you all very kindly that agreed to serve on my Cabinet for 2023-2024. We will hold Zone Chair training June 17, 2023 followed by the first GAT meeting on June 17, 2023 at Trinity Church in Ashland. You will receive more info soon.

I plan to hold my first Cabinet Meeting August 19, 2023. I would like to have an old fashion pot-luck meal. The time and place have not yet been decided but please put the date August 19, 2023 on your calendars.

1 VDG Patty and I are working on some changes to the Zone meeting Oral Report

Form. A little change can spark our interest.

The first Zone meeting will be Zone 1 November 1, 2023. My hope is that at Zone Break-out Sessions May 6 clubs step up and agree to host there Zone Meetings.

Each club will receive a Visitation schedule May 6, 2023 with the Cabinet meetings, Zone meetings and my Visitation Schedule to your club

I am looking forward to learning about your service projects and hope I can participate in some of them.

As incoming District Governor I have to set goals for the District, one pertaining to each of the 5 causes: Leadership, Membership, Service, LCIF, and Other: Diabetes, Environment, Vision, Childhood Cancer, and Hunger. They must be SMART Goals, Specific, Measurable, Actionable, Realistic, and Time Bound. I am feeling a little pressure there. I Don't Want To Fail. I Know We Are An Awesome District and We Will Be Successful.

Thank You For The Opportunity To Serve You!

"GIFTS"
DGE Julianne

1st VDG Visitation Schedule

The following is my May, June, and July Schedule:

May 6 Officers Training
in Ashland
May 13 Ontario Lions 70th
May 14 Perrysville Swiss
steak luncheon

May 19-20 State
Convention
June 1 Ashland Evening
Lions
June 17 Zone chair
Training and GAT meeting
June 24 Perrysville Car
Show
July 7-11 International
Convention in Boston
July 16 Perrysville Swiss
steak luncheon

2nd VDG Patty



"If you build it they will come." That was the famous phrase from the movie "Field of Dreams" in which Kevin Costner builds a baseball diamond in a rural farm field that is soon filled with baseball legends from the past. What if we took the same approach with our service project? I recently had the opportunity to listen to an International Director who took this approach with a small, struggling club that had lost its energy due to an aging membership. He jumped in as an Associate Member and "built" service projects in their small community. He laid the groundwork; scheduled the day; coordinated with community leaders and put the word out asking for volunteers come the community to help. People from the community showed up. He went out into the

community and found some more needs to meet. He planned a second, and then a third project.

And people showed up. The club began getting new members. People were ASKING to join. And these new Members stayed with the club because they were given a job to do, a task to complete, they had a purpose being part of this service club. They had a reason to show up. The club continued to grow at an astounding rate. Some service projects were small and simple needing only a few Lions. Some were huge requiring many Lions, as well as partnering with other organizations. Big or small, they each touched someone's life and they also gave life back to the once small club.

Some people are Leaders. They have a vision, like to plan and they want to take the lead. They are easy to spot. They are usually the ones you don't want to give a microphone to as they have a lot to say. Some people only want directions to follow. They don't want the microphone. Just tell me when to show up and what I need to do, and I am there. Both are equally important. Without the vision the club does not have direction. Without the workers, the vision sits on the shelf, waiting. When the Vision sits on the shelf the needs of the community are not being met. Who is/are your club leaders? Do you need a little help? Challenge them to come up with 10 service projects for this Lions year. Find out what your community needs are then schedule them, plan them,

advertise them, and then watch the people show up. Make some of them big enough that you need to put out a request for help from the community. Make them diverse enough that you are reaching into different groups and areas of your community. At the end of your Lions year, let me know the impact it had on your Club, your community and you

personally. I know your story is going to be good!!!

Yours in Lionism,
Patty Moorman, 1VDGE

2nd VDG Visitation Schedule

May
06-Officer Training
13-Ontario Charter Celebration

19-20 State Convention

JUNE

2-4 1st VP Training
17-Zone Chair Training & GAT
19-Buckeye Central-Installation
Officers
24-Special Olympics Vision
Screening
25-Crestline Chicken BBQ

Pictures from the OH 2 Convention March 17-18



OHIO LIONS STATE CONVENTION



Ohio Lions
State
Convention

May 19-21,
2023

Marriott
Columbus

Northwest

5605 Blazer Pkwy
Dublin, OH 43017

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614-791-1000

District Committee's Information

Global Leadership Team

Training for incoming club officers and interested Lions is May 6 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Ashland. At press-time we have received information from 42 clubs with a projected attendance of 150.

Lion Ann Miller

OH2 GLT Coordinator

April 14, 2023

Regarding the upcoming state convention ballot

In May 2023, the delegates to the State Convention will vote on a proposed \$5.00 dues increase. This will be the first dues increase since July 2010.

The two administrative funds [State Council and Office Operations] are estimated to go to \$0.00 in the 2025-2027 timeframe as they are losing about \$25,000 total each year. These are the two funds that are most impacted by rising everyday costs.

Since 2017, the Council of Governors have made cuts and changes to the state budget to keep every account in the black. We have sought grant funding from LCI to supplement leadership and membership initiatives to support districts while freeing up state funds. Future cuts will slice into essential leadership and membership services at the club and district levels.

For those that are worried that the costs of building maintenance are at the heart of this increase, know that costs associated with the building are **not** taken from dues money. The Ohio Lions building is designed to be self-funding.

To clarify, with the \$7.00 LCI dues increase approved last June, this additional \$5.00 for MD13 dues totals \$12.00 a year. This is \$1.00 a month.

All of us understand the cost of inflation and how it impacts us. Our state office is no different. A dues increase will be necessary to be fiscally responsible as an organization. This \$5 increase is set so that we don't have to ask for another increase for another decade or more.

As your club considers their vote on this matter, please discuss whether or not it is better to raise the dues now, while we are used to all of our costs rising, or whether we should apply the raise if and when costs eventually even out.

This proposed \$5.00 dues increase is a choice that will have to be made for the future of Lionism in Ohio. Clubs are urged to carefully weigh our fiscal responsibility with member needs.

The Past District Governor Association encourages you to support this dues increase.

Yours in Lionism,

13 OH2 Past District Governors' Association

Diabetic Ketoacidosis

Last month we talked about what can happen if your blood glucose goes too low-hypoglycemia and how to prevent and/or treat it. Today we're going to discuss another complication that can happen if your blood sugar is too high or if you are dehydrated or sick. This complication at the very least will land you in the hospital and it can be deadly. It is a complication that can be prevented by keeping your blood glucose under good control. It is called Diabetic Ketoacidosis or DKA. Typically, people with Type 1 diabetes are at higher risk for this but it does occasionally happen in people with Type 2 diabetes.

When the body doesn't have enough insulin to move glucose into the cells so that the body can use it for energy, the cells starve and the body has to make energy from other sources. The process of doing this causes the blood to become more acidic which can cause breathing to become labored. It can also cause the body to start making ketones, not only in the blood but they can also show up in the urine. This can also lead to dehydration and some people end up in a coma. This can also cause changes in the levels of sodium and potassium in the body. Most of the time people who are experiencing this have very high blood glucose levels, but not always, especially if they are dehydrated or sick.

There are several things that can cause DKA:

- Being sick, having an infection or being under high amount of stress
- Not taking insulin as prescribed

- Having problems with an insulin pump and not seeking help
- If insulin goes bad due to being in extreme temperatures
- Having a delay in being diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes
- Taking an SGLT2 medication for Type 2 diabetes

There are many symptoms of DKA:

- Being extremely thirsty
- Needing to urinate frequently
- Nausea and/or vomiting
- Having a fruity type smell to the breath
- Breathing very deeply
- Being drowsy
- Having stomach pain
- Going into a coma

There are ways to prevent DKA:

- Keep your blood glucose under control. This means you need to take your diabetes medications especially if you have Type 1 diabetes on insulin
- Checking your blood glucose levels frequently especially if you are sick or are under stress
- Keep either urine ketone test strips on hand and use them as instructed or get a blood glucose meter that can also test for ketones
- Stay hydrated especially when you are sick or if you take SGLT2 medications for your diabetes
- Have a backup plan for insulin if you use an insulin pump and are having problems
- Stay in touch with your diabetes health care team especially if you are sick or under a lot of stress

For more information, talk with your health care provider and get a referral to a certified diabetes care and education specialist in your area.

This information came from the Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists website.

Article USA/CA Forum

Lions Learning Happens in Reno

District Governor elect Julianne Zody asked that I assist in promoting the upcoming USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. The 46th annual event will be held in Reno, Nevada on September 21-23, 2023.

Lions from across our nation and the provinces of Canada will enjoy fellowship, renewing acquaintances, and sharing ideas on how Lions can make an impact locally.

Seminars typically scheduled are in the areas of service, membership growth and extension, leadership and grant opportunities available through our Foundation.

Forum also provides recognition to those Lions who engage in self study through Lions University (see information on Lions University go to: lionsforum.org)

Included with this issue is the April edition of the Forum newsletter, promotion flyer and a registration form. Lions may also register, via a fillable form, on the lionsforum.org website.

Join in the fun of Forum! First timers are accorded special recognition at Forum...

Lion Kevin

More information is in the District Upcoming Activities Section of the newsletter.

GLOBAL SERVICE

Plans continue for MyLion and MyLCI to be integrated. Change is hard... Please try to remain optimistic regarding the new system. Remember this is a global system in multiple languages! Will there be glitches? I'm sure, but we will figure it out. Challenges are always good for the brain. Details and information will be forthcoming. I will share information at the Officer Training in May. A form is being developed to record on paper service completed from June 15 until the new system is up and running.

Enter all service before June 15. If needed once the new system rolls out, we may need training. Stay tuned for updates. Looking forward to the true Spring weather!

LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL - SERVICE ACTIVITIES KINDNESS MATTERS AWARD PROGRAM

This service award is designed for clubs that create high-impact service projects within one of the Lions International and Lions Clubs International Foundation cause areas.

Objectives: Encourage creativity and recognize high-impact service projects and reward clubs for high-caliber service activities within each of Lions International's causes. 30 total awards will be awarded at the club level with minimum of 3 awards reserved for Leo Clubs.

DEADLINES:

July 1 to October 31: Nominations open

August 15: Deadline for club service chairperson to submit electronically one nomination to District Global Service Coordinator (Debbie Reidy)

September 15: Deadline for District GST to electronically send one nomination to MD 13 GST Coordinator.

October 31: Deadline for MD GST coordinator to electronically send one nomination to Lions International.

For more details : [lions clubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org)

Search: Kindness Matters Service Award

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Pediatric Cancer Update

At this time, the District has raised over \$11,500 for Pediatric Cancer. This is a wonderful accomplishment. We continue to collect funds for this cause. We want to thank all clubs and individuals that have assisted with donations and fundraising.

At District Convention, we were able to award 14 clubs the Journey of Hope Award. Those clubs are: Bascom, Bellville, Bellevue, Butler Lioness Lions, Crestline, Colonel Crawford, Fostoria, Lorain, Marblehead, Milan, North Ridgeville, Norwalk, Perrysville, and Savannah-Crestview. We also awarded 25 Clubs pins for their annual donation of \$100 or more. Thank you all.

Zone Chairs Corner

Zone 2 held their annual Project Lifesaver Reverse Raffle, Dinner, and Auction on Saturday night, April 1st, at the Tiffin Moose. We would like to thank those from the District that attended or supported our event by purchasing a ticket. All clubs in the Zone participated in this event by assisting in one manner or another. Republic Lions handled the Reverse Raffle along with DG Cindy. Bloomville Lions ran the 50/50, Attica handled the Welcome/Check in table, Old Fort ran the meat/food raffles, Bascom handled the prize money distribution, and Fostoria and Tiffin handled the Basket Raffles and the Live Auction. We had a great evening. Thanks again for your support.



Club News Past, Present and to come

Ashland Evening Lions

Election was held at April 13 meeting and we had an outstanding speaker on subject of global warming and climate change. At April 27 meeting, a local attorney presented information about Elder Law.

We handled the sign-in duties for the +/- 200 volunteers who participated in "Make Ashland Sparkle" on April 29. This is a joint service opportunity with the Ashland Rotary Club and other organizations.

Grower delivery for geraniums and spring plants pre-sold in our spring fundraiser will be May 9.

Ashland Noon Lions Club

Sparkle Ashland is coming up April 29th, and Ashland Noon Lions are preparing a team to help tidy and clean up some areas in our wonderful city. We have recently increased our contribution to the Ashland Symphony. We are also going to restore our monthly club newsletter, in order to increase engagement from current club members, and increase membership.

Attica Lions Club

The Attica Lions had the following Projects since the last newsletter:

- Cooked chicken halves and pork chops for the Attica Sons of AMERICAN Legion appreciation meal
- Welcomed a new member at our April 12th meeting
- Approved membership to a prospective new member
- One member attended the Project Lifesaver Reverse Raffle and invested the Clubs donation to the event
- We also donated to the Seneca East Athletic Boosters

Our upcoming events include:

- Conducting Healthy Vision cash raffle-Tickets are available and can be purchased from any Attica Lion. They are \$5 per ticket with a \$100 prize given out for every 40 tickets sold. All proceeds go to eye care/vision screening projects
- Continue planning for Fathers Day BBQ
- Officer and new member Installation meeting and potluck in June

Our Community Calendar is on line at www.atticalionsohio.com

Avon Lions Club

The Avon Lions Club has been very busy this spring and are looking to finish the year strong with various community service activities. We have completed the election of our 2023-2024 officers and are preparing for a busy May and June. Congratulations to incoming officers, President Dan Starwalt, 1st Vice President Joe Santoro, Treasurer Paul Kapalko, Membership Chair Paul Stark, Trustees Jerry Gentz, Catherine Starwalt, Jennifer McNamara, Nancy McGhee, Tail Twister Doug Wetzig and Lion Tamer Eric Jaworowski. Upcoming activities include partnering with the North Ridgeville Lions to sort and package used eyeglasses for VOSH & SVOSH, the awarding of two \$2,000 William H. Bommer/Avon Lions Club scholarships at the May 15th Avon High School scholastic awards night, on May 20th, participating in the Keep Avon Beautiful day, Memorial Day marching in the Avon VFW Memorial Day parade and hosting our annual fishing derby on June 10th



Bascom Lions

The Bascom Lions are getting ready for their largest event of the year, the Memorial Parade on June 4th at 2pm with a chicken BBQ 11am. Last month the Bascom Lions had a benefit dinner for Pediatric Cancer with good attendance. Thank you to all the volunteers that assisted and made it a success.

Bucyrus Lions Club

The Bucyrus Lions Club met at noon at the FC Bank's Community Room. They voted to donate to the LCIF Disaster Fund. They are planning a pre-school vision screening during the last week of April. This summer they plan to participate in "First Friday" in downtown Bucyrus during June and August. Bob Guinther volunteered for the Backpack Program in May.

Speakers at the meeting were Stephanie Buchanan and Dona Mohr of the Bucyrus Public Library. They told about the many programs at the library and gave out schedules of

events there. They are pictured with Bucyrus Lions President-elect Joy Hillis.



Fostoria

The Fostoria Lions completed their election of officers for the upcoming year and 4 members will be attending Leadership Training on May 6th. We had 2 members attend District Convention. We also participated in the Zone 2 Project Lifesaver Reverse Raffle, Dinner, and Basket Raffles and Auction. The Club approved their annual donation to Kaubish Library for the Kids Summer Reading Program, approved a sight case, and participated in the Bascom Chicken Dinner for Pediatric Cancer.

Fremont Lions

Officers for the Fremont Lions Club for 2023-2024 were recently elected. Assuming the position of President is Steve Anway, Vice President- Greg Derodes, Secretary-Donna Thatcher and assistant Colleen Carmack and Treasurer-Susan Osborne, Directors for two years-Jeff Osborne and Rob Roth, One year Directors-Joan Gamble and Terry Thatcher, Lion tamer-Dave Souder, Tail

twister-Dave Peiffer and Chaplain-Jim Elder. Officers will be installed on June 20 at the dinner at the Victor Event Center.

Upcoming is the presentation of two scholarships for the Student of the Year from Fremont Ross High School and St Joseph High School. Each month the Students of the Month have attended the Lions meeting and shared their activities and future goals. The students have been inspiring and we have enjoyed hearing from them and being able to meet and congratulate them along with their parents. In May our speakers will include Kristie Bilger, the executive director of Downtown Fremont on May 2 and Heidi Osborne, the executive director of Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center. On May 18. A business meeting will be held on May 30.

Also upcoming is the annual fundraising Pancake Breakfast on June 11 at the Fremont Eagles Hall. This provides a great service to our community and helps our club to finance our service projects.

Hayesville Lions Club

The Hayesville Lions Club met April 20 at Hayesville United Methodist Church with Josh Steffen, executive director of Kingwood Center presenting a program on the center.

Charles Kelley King was the founder of Kingwood Center. He was an electrical engineer from Maine who had a patent to power trolley cars. He was at Ohio Brass in 1893 and moved up quickly.

He bought 47 acres, a working farm and in 1926 he built the home and soon put in a

swimming pool so he could entertain. Clarence Mack was the architect. King passed in 1952. Kingwood Center started in 1953.

They now have a visitor's center, auditorium and most of the house is open. There is a greenhouse, vegetable and cutting garden. Support buildings such as a fancy chicken coop, carriage house, and workshop are included. The historic duck pond and wetlands were constructed to filter the water.

Sculptures created by Sean Kenney out of lego bricks are fully glued and steel reinforced are throughout the mansion, and mostly on the grounds. A bonsai tree is in the mansion. A Monarch on Milkweed, buck, hummingbird, dragonfly, galapagos tortoise, wheelbarrow, and peacock are some of the creations.

You can join on line at kingwoodcenter.org. They have a cafe run by Buehler's. They book weddings, also. They have 5 gardeners and 3-4 groundskeepers.

Officer Training is on May 6. The business meeting will be May 4 at Stone Lutheran's pavillon by Gene Yeater. May 19-20 is the State Convention.

Loudonville Lions Club

April was another busy month for Loudonville Lions, with the annual community Easter Egg Hunt, with 3,000 eggs distributed throughout Central Park and prize eggs for each age group. We also held a "Feed the Teams" night for all Spring Redbird sports. The Club recognized Lion Scott Baldner for 45 years of service, with a surprise dinner with his children

and grandchildren in attendance. We also held our monthly Fish Fry on Ladies Night Out in Loudonville, offering 1/2 price dinners for ladies. At our regular monthly meeting we had a speaker from Appleseed Mental Health Center talk about services available in Ashland County. We also served breakfast to Mansfield Plumbing Products retirees.



Lucas Lions Club

Our Bingo fund raiser was a huge success! We had 120 bingo players and about 20 Lions working that night so the Lucas Community's Hanley Hall was filled to capacity!



We offered a free baked potato bar that was filled with all kinds of toppings for their potatoes and the prizes were wonderful many valued up to \$200.00 and more. It was a lot of fun and we've had multiple requests to do it again.

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success also, there were about 150 people in attendance. This year the weather was beautiful so we did not get rain and have to have it inside like last year!! As usual the Easter Bunny was there for photo opportunities.



We had Governor Cindy as a guest speaker on April 13th. She presented Lion Mary Dixon with an award for her work on the Silent Auction at the District Convention and President Lion Bill Grubaugh for having brought in 2 new Lion members last year. She also gave each of

us in attendance her Governor's pin.



April 20th meeting come to tell us about the FFA National Convention held in Indianapolis Indiana. They learned a lot and had a great time!

We have a young student at Lucas that we have been helping. She has Neorblastoma and now she has to go to the doctor in Columbus each week, so we voted to donate \$500.00 to help with the gas. We are working on ideas for our 70th year anniversary.

We are going to sell our booth at the Prairie Peddler after over 30 years of offering homemade bean soup, corn muffins, sandwiches and drinks. We have decided to try other fund raisers like Bingo etc. Our booth at Prairie is a very nice one. So if any Lions Clubs or individuals would be interested in purchasing it, please let us know. You can contact our president Lion Bill Grubaugh @ 419-589-9776.

Marblehead Peninsula Lions Club

The Marblehead Peninsula Lions Club is excited to announce that we have entered into an agreement with Danbury Township to rename Lake Point Park. The park will now be known as "Marblehead Peninsula Lions Park at Lake Point". A ribbon cutting ceremony and celebration is hoped to be scheduled around the Memorial Day Weekend.

In other news, the club held a successful Easter Egg Hunt on April 1st, despite high winds and occasional rain, hundreds of children and their parents attended the event. Marblehead Peninsula, Port Clinton and Oak Harbor is meeting on April 27th to enjoy their annual three club dinner meeting. This year's event is scheduled at Camp Runnimuck in Marblehead.



North Ridgeville Lions Club

On April 11, The Lions Club of North Ridgeville was honored to welcome Cordell Brown, founder of Echoing Hills Camp for individuals with disabilities. We are proud sponsors of 2 campers every

year and it was terrific to hear about how Camp Echoing Hills supports children and adults in the state.

On Monday, May 29, we will be hosting the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony in North Ridgeville, in collaboration with VFW Post 9871. If you or your group would like to be part of the parade, please see our North Ridgeville Lions Club Facebook page for a link to register. If you wish to view the parade or ceremony, step off is at 9:45 am from the Senior Center on Bainbridge Road and it will proceed east to Ranger Stadium where there will be free hot dogs and a short ceremony to remember our fallen heroes. For questions, please email lionsclubofnr@gmail.com.

Coming up in August- The Lions Club of North Ridgeville will be hosting the Run the Ridge 5K/1 mile walk/run. Keep an eye out for more details next month!



Cordell is seated

Ontario Lions Club

January:

Ontario Lions Club Inducted two, new members and conducted a new member orientation. We issued a check for our official sponsorship of our local BSA troop 172. Ontario Lions contribution to Lions state projects funding was approved and issued for Ohio

Lions Foundation, Pilot Dogs, Diabetes and Macular Degeneration, as well as Sight & Hearing, Service projects. Valentines' cards for area Foster children were requested by ZC Jeff Burns and completed as a club project, distributing the cards via ZC Jeff. Ontario Lions were commended, in person by District School Superintendent Strickler for our projects and involvement in the school system, and our special attention to the district's 49 Foster kids. Ontario Lions are working to expand the Fire / Police and Lions toy drive for this year, potentially with winter hats, gloves, and coats for kids in need. The Ontario Lions trailer outing schedule was finalized for the season, (with room for a few additions, as often considered).

February:

The Ontario Lions attended our Zone meeting, hosted by Bellville, with six 6 Ontario lions attending. The Ontario Lions held a membership Valentines Dinner, with great food, entertainment, and fellowship for our attending members. Ontario Lions had visitation to the Shelby Lions Club. During our visit, GREAT food was provided by the Shelby club, along with a very interesting presentation of a state of the art "Esight" head set device. The "Esight" headset allowed the presenter which allowed the presenter, Matt Connel, (from the Shelby area, and has very limited retinal acuity) to be able to actually read again ! Matt stated that with the headset, he can, in fact read the scoreboards at sporting events. The "Esight" device, created in 2006, has had several levels of continued development

and slated for more, (could be something that Lions can promote ?).

March:

Ontario Lions Club has concentrated on preparing our trailers for this season's outing. New led lighting has been installed in the trailer canopies and ceiling. Along with repairs, deep cleaning and review of equipment have been completed, prior to scheduling of the required Health department's inspection, (closer to our first, scheduled outing. We have also been reviewing pricing and purchase of products to stock for outings. The Ontario Lions Club made a \$250 donation to benefit the Ontario School's March PTO festival. Ontario Lions Club invited the Mansfield Lions Club for a meeting visit, and pizza dinner for our usual second monthly meeting / dinner, (unfortunately the confirmed Mansfield Lions could not attend),

The 2023-2024 slate of Ontario Lions officers has been elected, along with a newly required Marketing & Communications Director. Three Ontario Lions had opportunity to attend the District Convention, (March 17 thru 19). Eight Ontario Lions attended a scheduled visitation to Crestline Lions Club, (our sponsoring club) for a wonderful dinner and great fellowship. We were requested, (and scheduled) the Boy Scouts / Cub Scouts for a future-dated Boy Scouts' event, utilizing our Park for the event. Planned in Oct 2024.

April:

The Ontario Lions Club held another successful, Spring Pancake Day, serving near 500 meals. Our Club, (same day as

our Pancake Breakfast) hosted our third annual, Visually impaired Easter Egg hunt at Marshall Park, (a very weather-challenged, Ohio day. The Ontario Lions hosted our annual, Fire and Police appreciation dinner, honoring the Dispatchers of the year for both, as well as the Firefighter and Police Officer of the year. The Ontario Lions Park was honored by our Boy Scouts to attend a park clean-up day, picking up loads of fallen sticks and twigs, prior to the bulk of our mowing season.

General

The Ontario Lions Club have been finalizing the planning and preparations for our May 13th, 70th Charter celebration, with confirmation of Lion Jacqui Miller's presentation, portraying Helen Keller, banquet dinner and festivities, with raffle prize drawings for all in attendance.

Perrysville Lions

We served a very successful Swiss steak luncheon on April 9th. "SOLD OUT"

We received 2 Journey of Hope Awards. We presented those to 2 of our members, one to Joe Brown for 56 years of service and one to Susan Stake because she is a Cancer Survivor.

We are in full gear planning for May. We will be presenting t-shirts and certificates to 2 students at the High School from the GOOD Program. We will be placing 500+plus Flag on Veterans graves before Memorial Day this is one of our Service Projects. We will also march in the Memorial Day Parade. Our 4 officers will attend the Officers schooling May 6, 2023.

Our May Swiss steak Luncheon will be held May 14, 2023 serving from 11:00-1:00. Our next huge project will be The Perrysville Lions Car Show June 24, 2023. Our 11 members are always on the move.

Plymouth Lions Club

The Easter Egg hunters were out in full force on April 8th to enjoy our Lions annual egg hunt at Mary-Fate Park. American Legion Post 447 Auxiliary furnished cookies for the event.

Eyeglasses were delivered to Columbus and a bloodmobile was held in March.

We also hosted March Student of the Month, Austin Oakley and his family. Austin is the son of Berta Baker. He is involved in student council and has played varsity basketball for two years. Austin is employed at JJ's Pizza in Plymouth. He plans to attend Kent State University and major in marketing.



Savannah Crestview Lions Club

Savannah Crestview Lions held a pancake breakfast April 1st with proceeds toward our scholarship program for graduating Crestview Seniors. At the breakfast we drew the winning ticket for the seats at the Indy 500 race.

Congratulations to T J Truax for holding the winning ticket. We post posted our dinner meeting the first week in April due to conflicts with Easter activities. It will be held the 3rd Thursday of April. We are close to completing our 10th bench with the Trex program.

We have several members planning to attend the State Convention in May.

We will be having a breakfast June 3rd with proceeds going toward the Crestview Area Buyers Club to aid 4H and FFA students at both Richland and Ashland Fairs.

It is with heavy hearts we share the unexpected passing of Lion Jeff Ling. A 30 year member, Jeff was a constant figure in the kitchen for our breakfasts and helped on many other projects as well. He will be missed by many.



Shelby United Lions Club

Shelby United Lions continues to work with Mathew 25 for monthly food distribution and Senior Boxes for monthly food distribution. The word is getting out in Shelby as the program continues to grow and we are able to help those in need.

May 27th 3:30 -6:30 has been set for our next drive thru meal. We will once again have two chefs working hard to have their dinner be the top seller! As soon as we have the address, we

will share the flyer with everyone in hopes that you will come & support the us and the Shelby community.

Elections were held and the following members will hold these offices. Lin Jenkins, President, Rich Banichar, 1st Vice, Michael Coffeee 2nd Vice, Secretary-vacant, Meranda Gregory, Treasurer.

Tiffin Lions Club

President Mike Smith observes as District Governor Cindy Beat presents Hall of Fame Award and International Presidents Appreciation Award to PDG Steve Cochie.

The slate of officers was elected at the April 3rd meeting. Sight co-chair Al Karcher boxed 395 pairs of glasses, 150 lenses and 100 glasses cases collected from eight sites for SVOSH pick up.

A recent activity called "President's Rule" found three Lions paying a fine for not wearing a watch! What will the Rule be at the next meeting?



Vermillion Lions

Our Students of the Month were Grace Starcovic and Madison Stout. They are excellent students. They are involved in many school activities. They also do community service.

Our pantry chairman, Dan Dean, collected \$86 at our first meeting of the month.

Jim Ferguson is the Chairman for our 3 digit raffle. We are selling 3 digit tickets. They are good for the whole month of May. Tickets are \$5 each. You have 31 chances to win. Watch the 3 digit lottery drawing at 7:30 PM every evening to see if you have won.

Our donation to Safety Town was sent to them.

We have been doing bingo at our two local nursing homes.

Pride Day will be on Saturday, May 20. Lion Judy Williams said that she would be in charge of purchasing the donuts for the people who will be working that day. We will supply the refreshments also. We will be in the gazebo at the park.

Our next meeting will be at Sherod Park under the pavilion. We will have a cookout. Everyone is to bring a dish to share. We will be dedicating three benches which we purchased in honor of 3 of our Lions members who are not with us anymore, PDG Del Orwig, Lion Jerry Massanova, and Lion Don Dobos. Name plates will be placed on the benches.

On June 16 - 18 we will be selling our delicious homemade french fries for our annual Fish Festival. Mark your calendars.

Hope that everyone is trying to enjoy our unpredictable spring weather. And Happy Mother's Day to all of our Mothers!

Lions that have Passed this month

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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.



Note: Last page is a fun activity from 13 HO 7 District and a Possible money making item for your Club. Check it out.



Ontario Lions Club

70th Charter Anniversary

The Ontario Lions Club requests the
pleasure of your presence at the

Ontario Methodist Church
3540 Park Avenue West
Ontario, Ohio 44906

On Saturday the 13th of May 2023
6:00 PM
\$25/person

R.S.V.P with number of guests by May 1st to:
Ontario.lions.club@gmail.com

Memorial Day Parade & Service

- Monday, May 29th •
- Parade 9:45 a.m. •
- Memorial Service
at Ranger Stadium •

The 2023 Memorial Day Parade will begin at 9:45 a.m. at the Senior Center on Bainbridge Road and conclude at Ranger Stadium with the Memorial Service in association with the North Ridgeville Lions Club and VFW Post 9871

Kids Bike Decorating Contest & Awards, Best Float and Best Marching Group Awards, and car awards for "Best in Show" and "Crowd Pleaser".

You can register your unit (free) at northridgevillelions.org or Facebook @NRLions

Contact Parade Director Dennis Boose at 440-327-8528 for details.





We Serve

Savannah-Crestview Lions

Pancake Breakfast

Savannah Town Hall

Saturday, June 3, 2023

Serving from 6:30 A.M. until 11:00 A.M.

**Menu: Pancakes, Sausage, Sausage Gravy
& Biscuits and French Toast**

Price Per Donation

Proceeds to the

Crestview Area Buyers Club

**Accepting Used Eye Glasses
and Used Pill Bottles to Recycle**

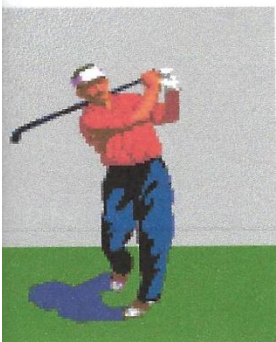
Bloomville Lions Golf Scramble



**Saturday June 3, 2023
8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start
Clinton Heights Golf Course**

\$60 per golfer includes:
Game of golf, cart, hot dog at the turn,
lunch, hole prizes, and great fun!

Call or text Brad Scheiber at
419-934-1383
to enter your team.



BELLEVUE LIONS CLUB



17TH .. ANNUAL "UNIQUE PAR 3" GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday – June 9, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

2 Person Scramble/18 holes

Twin Lakes Golf Course

100 Decker St. Bellevue, Ohio

\$50.00 per Person

**TWO DIVISION WINNERS—MEN'S AND
MIXED(MALE/FEMALE, TWO WOMEN, ADULT /CHILD (15 OR
UNDER)**

– Different Hole Prizes – Putting Contest, 50/50 ,

TEAM _____

**DEADLINE June 2, 2023 Payable to: Bellevue Lions Club/C/O Jim
Pickering 214 Yorkshire Pl. Bellevue, Oh. 44811 419 483 4992 or**

jimdottiep@live.com



Port Clinton Lions Club



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Thursday, June 22, 2023**

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Enjoy a leisurely Amish lunch in Walnut Creek
And shopping in Berlin

Games, Raffles and Giveaways on the Bus
Bingo
Gift Cards
50/50 Drawings
And more

Round trip motor coach – Cost \$75.00

For information or reservations, go to the Port Clinton Lions Facebook page, or call Lorna Garber @ 630.881.8230

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THE RENO REVIEW



The Latest News & Information for the Reno 2023 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

A MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL CHAIR

JAMA WAHL



Sharing our knowledge and expertise with other Lions allows growth and enhances the potential for bigger and better service, as well as an engaged membership. This is true at the club, district, multiple district or international level.

A vital part of every Forum that involves this sharing of knowledge is our seminars. Each year the Forum Seminars Team determines:

- the number of seminars to be presented, based on the space available
- the topics of these seminars
- who the facilitators will be
- who the moderators will be
- when and where each seminar will be held
- what activities will be planned to support facilitators and moderators

Essentially, they plan the seminar experience for attendees. The goal is to have something for every Lion.

The Forum is a learning opportunity for every Lion. So, whether you are a new Lion or a seasoned Lion, the Education Team promises seminars to engage, enlighten, enthuse and excite. Why not come to Forum and bring a friend?

We want to see you Reno!

Up and Away with Leadership

Jama

LEADERSHIP IS LEARNING

MARK MANSELL, EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIR

"Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other."

– John F. Kennedy

At the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, almost everything is focused on learning. From the general session speakers to exhibition booths, from talking with other Lions from across North America to all the seminars being offered; the Forum is about helping you learn and thereby helping you become an even better leader.

With seminars, you will get the opportunity to hear from the leaders of our association including our International President. Want to learn about the new Lions Portal? We've got you covered! Learn how to start new clubs, initiate new and innovative service projects, or get the latest news about our Foundation. It will all be waiting for you in Reno.

We will be offering 10 different learning sessions starting Thursday afternoon and running through Saturday afternoon. Each session will offer nine unique seminars so you can create a customized learning experience that meets your learning needs. Want to learn even more? Bring your Lion friends and work as a team to cover even more topics and then share what you learned.

Learning is at the foundation of being a leader! The Forum is an exciting opportunity to stay current, embrace change, and learn new ways to serve as a Lion leader. We are confident there is no more powerful learning experience for Lion Leaders in such a short period of time than by attending the USA/Canada Lions Leadership (Learning) Forum! See you in Reno!

47th ANNUAL USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM**Reno, Nevada****Thursday, September 21, 2023 - Saturday, September 23, 2023**

The Forum begins on Thursday morning and ends after the closing banquet on Saturday evening.
Please book your hotel stay accordingly.

Registrant A

<input type="text"/>	SUB-DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> LION	<input type="checkbox"/> LEO	<input type="checkbox"/> NON-MEMBER
Name _____				
First	Last	Initial	Nickname (Titles will not be included)	
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Phone () _____ E-Mail _____				
Primary Phone		Alternative Phone		Please print clearly
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(name of mentor must be listed to receive credit for your attendance)				
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Please check all that apply:				
Special Meals: <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetic <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> Hindu Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____				
(Please specify needs and include any allergies. It may not be possible to accommodate all special meal requests)				
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(Please let us know how we can help with your specific challenge, i.e.: hearing device, Braille, wheelchair access...?)				
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a Pin Trader <input type="checkbox"/> I will need a table for pin trading _____ Number of tables needed _____				
(Pin trading tables will be available at \$60 each)				
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to participate in the Strides walk on Thursday afternoon, September 21, 2023. (Cost is \$25 per person)				
T-shirt size _____				

Registrant B

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	Early Bird	Postmarked after May 31, 2023	Postmarked after July 31, 2023
Registrant A	\$285 \$ _____	\$320 \$ _____	\$345 \$ _____
Registrant B	\$285 \$ _____	\$320 \$ _____	\$345 \$ _____
Leos	\$150 \$ _____	\$150 \$ _____	After 9/1 \$175 \$ _____
Hotel Deposit	\$150 \$ _____	\$150 \$ _____	\$150 \$ _____
Strides Walk Reg A	\$ 25 \$ _____	\$ 25 \$ _____	\$ 25 \$ _____
Strides Walk Reg B	\$ 25 \$ _____	\$ 25 \$ _____	\$ 25 \$ _____
Pin Trading per Table	\$60 \$ _____	\$ 60 \$ _____	\$ 60 \$ _____

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There is no investment on your part. For every ticket your members sell you keep 1/2 of the proceeds and only have to return the other 1/2 of the proceeds, all ticket stubs and any unsold tickets before opening day of the Sweet Corn Festival. It doesn't get much easier than that for a way to raise big dollars quickly. The tickets sell easily because of the top prizes, the funds benefit worthy causes and the event has been around for over 76 years.

If you want to learn more about this proven fundraiser or want to place an order for an allotment of Major Prize Tickets, contact Lion Kelvin Hite at 614-354-3159 or kelvinhite@gmail.com today. Kelvin serves as the Chairman of the Major Prizes for the Sweet Corn Festival, Past President of the Millersport Lions Club and currently 2VDGE for District OH-7.

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The Sweet Corn Festival is the oldest and largest annual project of the Millersport Lions Club which was founded in 1946 and will be held on August 30 - September 2 at Historic Lions Park in Millersport. Patrons can enjoy hot dripping ears of sweet corn, a large midway, tractor pulls, square dancing, contests, clogging, our heritage village, and lots of festive foods. There is a grand parade on Wednesday at 6:00 pm; queens' pageant on Thursday at 7:30 pm; national headline artists on Friday and Saturday at 8:30 pm; and a 5-K Run on Saturday at 9:00 am.

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