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## Gifts

### “Going In First To Serve”

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Hello OH 2 Lions!  
Time is Marching on!

I would like to start my message off with some thank yous. First thank you to my Cabinet members for attending my first cabinet meeting. There were a few “hick-ups” but I felt it was successful. I enjoyed the Pot luck meal, there was a lot of delicious food. I also want to thank you for the donation you gave to PDG Carolyn for the Wahoo fires, and I will be giving Mona \$20.00 (money from the lunch donations after expenses) for the STEPS walk. You all are truly “gift givers”. I almost forgot you brought in 85 food items that were given to Helping Hand, a food bank in Loudonville. Thank you Loudonville Lions for the use of your building.

Thank you to the clubs that have inducted new members, that is so encouraging, that our numbers are rising.

The Zone meetings are beginning August 22 and I am pleased to see that there will be some service projects done at the meetings. I would like you to change your mindset about Zone meetings being boring. I would like you to think of them as a great chance for fellowship, good food, and a gleaning of ideas for projects, or even being “copy cats” if need be or better yet work a project with a neighboring club.

I am excited that we are having 2 STEPS walks in September, more people can participate with out traveling a long distance and raise more money.

I am also thrilled with the idea of having the whole month of October as “Fall in to Service” not just a week. Our schedules are so busy this gives us a larger opportunity to do a service project.

I am looking forward to the New Voices program and how it will increase our membership. The New Voice platform promotes gender parity and diversity, and seeks to increase the number of women, young adults and underrepresented populations with in our association.

## Governors

### Visitation Schedule

Changing the World  
One Project at a time!

The Following is a Project suggestion for each of the 5 causes:

Vision – Conduct a preschool vision screening.  
Hunger – Collect not only food but paper products and laundry detergent for a food pantry.  
Environment – Recycle  
Diabetes – Donate a Diabetes magazine subscription to your local library.  
Childhood Cancer – Collect Lego sets for a hospital.  
Zone chairs please share the little cards with project suggestions on them with your clubs.

All of the State Committee meeting have begun and I am serving as Governor Liaison for the State Convention, Winter Retreat, and the Ohio Lions Foundation. I was amazed at all the Ohio Lions Foundation does, they are like a mini LCIF taking care of Ohio. It Is Great to be a Lion And Give Gifts!

The Winter Retreat committee is asking the Zone chairs to consider holding a 50/50 drawing or a raffle of some type with proceeds going to the Winter Retreat to help defray the registration fee.

In closing, thank you for embracing my cheer I shared in the last newsletter. We will be cheering it at the Zone meetings.

**ROAR!**

“Going In First To Serve”!  
“GIFTS”  
DG Julianne

Sept 5	Zone 7 mtg. Ashland Evening
Sept 6	Jeromesville
Sept 7	Ashland Evening
Sept 10	Perrysville Swiss steak luncheon
Sept 12	Firelands
Sept 13	uron
Sept 14	Marblehead Peninsula
Sept 17	STEPS Walk Fostoria
Sept 18	Bellevue
Sept 21-23	USA Canada Forum, Reno, Nevada
Sept 26	Bloomville
Sept 27	Sandusky
Oct. 9	Republic
Oct. 10	Milan/Edison
Oct. 11	Bucyrus
Oct. 12	Avon
Oct. 15	GAT
Oct. 17	Vermilion
Oct. 19	Port Clinton
Oct. 23	North Fair Field
Oct. 24	Norwalk
Oct. 25	Attica
Oct. 26	Ashland Noon

### 1st VDG Patty

1VDG District Newsletter  
article—September  
2023

Puppies, Puppies and more Puppies!!!! I have your attention, right? Who does not love puppies. I have decided when I retire I want to volunteer at Pilot Dogs. I had the pleasure to visit Pilot Dogs the evening of August 5<sup>th</sup>. They

hosted the DG's and 1VDG's for dinner and a tour of their facility. It was wonderful. BEST. NIGHT. EVER. While the dinner was excellent, it really got good when they turned the puppies loose. I am sure there are probably some photos of them in this newsletter somewhere. So we got to cuddle, pet and get kissed by puppies while the director told us about Pilot Dogs and the plans for expansion so they can have more puppies, and also begin a breeding program. I encourage clubs, and individuals to support this very worthy organization. And speaking about puppies, I would like to share a story. I asked some Lions to share with me when they “knew they were a Lion”. Not just when they joined, but what event touched their heart to the point where they knew they were a Lion for life. PCC Kevin Reidy shared his story and I would like to share it with you. In 2010, our remaining charter Lion of the Savannah/Crestview Lions Club, shared a dream that he had recently had. The dream involved providing puppies to Pilot Dogs. Coincidentally, one of our members at the time had announced that his family's house was full, as a litter of golden retrievers had recently been born. The club voted to "sponsor" a litter of seven puppies to provide for Pilot Dogs. In working with the training/breeding director of Pilot Dogs at the time, Pilot Dogs accepted the litter. On March 27, 2010, Lion Kevin transported the seven pups to Pilot Dogs. Fast forward to the

pups' journey: the litter produced three pilot dogs who serviced their human companions. One of those Pilot Dogs, Chloe, was partnered with an area high school student that ran girls cross country. With the cooperation of the Ohio High School Athletic Association, Chloe the Pilot Dog, from the Savannah Lions Club, was able to be the first service animal to compete in Ohio HS athletics to enable the high school junior, then senior to compete in cross country. Lion Kevin—"That's when I knew that I made a difference and that I was truly a Lion."

If you would like to share, I would love to hear your story. Our stories remind us why we are Lions. Our stories inspire and motivate others to serve. I will continue to share with you stories as I receive them.

Where I've been—I attended the Zone 2 BBQ on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Always great food and fellowship. The weekend of August 5 I attended the Council of Governors Meeting in Columbus. August 8, I attended and bought a Maple Bourbon Brown Butter Peach Crumb Pie at Crestline's Family Picnic and Pie auction. The pie was made by Zone 5 Chair Janelle Grube and it was absolutely delicious. I visited with the Bellville Lions on August 17<sup>th</sup> and I picked the right night as it was their steak

fry. I have a reservation for next year. I attended the cabinet meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup>, visited with Elyria Lions on August 21<sup>st</sup> and Lucas Lions on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Then I headed south to Kill Devil Hills to a beach house with a view of the ocean and a step away from putting my toes in the sand to spend time with my daughter, son in law and two grandchildren.

Where I'm going—Alas, I must return from vacation so below is my visitation schedule. Please review and let me know if the visitation to your club fits with your meeting schedule. Also, I would appreciate a confirmation of the place, time and if there will be a meal.



Yours in Lionism,  
1VDG Patty

### 1st VDG Visitation Schedule

Sept 7	Ashland Noon Lions
Sept 10 <sup>th</sup>	Perrysville Lions
Sept 12 <sup>th</sup>	Bucyrus Lions
Sept 13 <sup>th</sup>	Plymouth Lions
Sept 14 <sup>th</sup>	Colonel Crawford Lions

Sept 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Crestline  
Lions Harvest Festival  
Sept 21<sup>st</sup> Hayesville Lions  
Sept 26<sup>th</sup> Loudonville Lions

### 2nd VDG Shirley

As you all may know by now my husband Bill passed away on August 7<sup>th</sup>. He was diagnosed with leukemia in April of this year and had a rough go of it. I must say it was wonderful seeing all the Lions at his visitation in Oak Harbor. Some of you traveled such a long way, but it warmed my heart.

I haven't done much club visitation, I've been busy getting things in order. But come September, Fran and I will be on the road again! So watch for us!

### 2nd VDG Visitation Schedule

Sept 5	Fremont
Sept 7	Port Clinton
Sept 12	Norwalk
Sept 14	Elmore
Sept 18	Bellevue
Sept 26	Sheffield Village (noon)
Sept 26	Milan Edison

Lions of MD13,

I'm working on a change-up! Yes, I'm growing a Winter Beard. I'm starting a little earlier than usual, but I want this to be a great beard just like I want us to have a great year. That word change keeps coming up in our communication this year for at least two reasons. One, International President Dr. Patti Hill's motto is "Changing the World." I really like her idea that by making small choices we decide how our future will unfold. Given that we, MD13, are an organization of over 9000 members and that we have demonstrated we know how to work together, we can make a big difference in our world by many "small" efforts. Two, given that MD13 has lost about 60% of our membership in the past 40 years, we need to make changes in the way we do our membership business. Two strategies for retaining members involve doing more service and communicating with our membership to find out what their needs and desires are. Another way is to utilize our Tail Twister. Clubs with active, innovative Tail Twisters have fun meetings that members look forward to attending. Another way to retain members is to have an active Lion Tamer or morale officer. Have someone (or more than one) responsible for greeting members at meetings. Call members who don't attend and ask why. This is a good assignment for club vice presidents. These "small" changes aren't really changes at all. They are common sense solutions to prevent members from losing interest in the club. Strong clubs do these things routinely. Strong clubs find ways to serve their communities, motivate their members to participate in that service, and recognize their members need to be appreciated so the clubs can prosper and grow as they add new members who want to "change their world" by serving their fellows in need. One change we made at our first Council of Governors Meeting was to create an ad hoc committee to explore the New Voices platform. In doing this, we aim to not only add members, but to listen better to current members who feel they aren't heard. Our District Governors are determined to turn this downward trend in membership around. Let's do the small things that make our clubs alive and well. IP Patti wants to "Change the World." IPP Brian Sheehan told us last year that "Together WE Can!" He's correct. Let's Serve.

## Council Chairperson Dave Stockum



### SWOT

What is SWOT? These letters are an acronym which stands for the words:

Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats.

Lions International offers this platform as a way to analyze your club and move forward in a more effective manner. Two major threats to membership growth many of our clubs face are the boring meeting and the unappreciated member, which are detailed in my message this quarter.

Looking at all four of these characteristics for your club is a great way to begin your Lions Year. A little analysis and planning can go a long way to having a successful year!



# District Committee's Information

To date 13 clubs still owe their District Dues. If you somehow have not received or misplaced your invoice please contact CT Tom and I will email you one.

Thanks

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## Diabetes Awareness

This is ShirLee Eberle, the new Diabetes Awareness chair.

I think I'm the perfect person for this job because I am a diabetic. I was diagnosed in April of 2016, after getting into a terrible accident. I was driving and due to my sugar imbalance, I passed out and took out a utility pole, a sign, and landed in a field. I'm truly lucky to be alive. My glucose reading when I got to the hospital was 568; it should be around 100-125. I had to go to classes to learn how to eat correctly, count carbs, sugars in food, and use all that math we thought we'd never have to use. My first A1C (which is a blood test that averages your glucose over a 6 week period and should be between 5 and 7) was 16. I am proud to say my last test was a 5.7! I'm not always good and I eat things I shouldn't but I eat them in moderation and I'm careful especially with my carbs. My biggest problem is I sometimes skip a meal and then my sugar crashes and I have to bring it back up to normal.

In the future I will have articles and interviews with parents of children with Juvenile Diabetes, and children with diabetes. They'll talk about camp and how they get along with other children.

So, for now, this is just an introduction.

ShirLee

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## District Poinsettia Sale

MD 13 OH-2 again will be having a poinsettia sale to raise funds for district projects and to provide a club fundraiser for clubs who so choose. We have been successful in past years, and we look forward to doing even better this year. Clubs have their customer lists from prior sales and new contacts can be made through social media, phone calls, etc. Christmas IS coming and what would this holiday be without our poinsettias?

Information about colors and pricing will be shared as soon as we have information from the greenhouse. Dust off your customer lists from last year and make some initial contacts with supporting businesses, churches, and neighbors. If your club has not participated in the past, this is a great time to start. Complete information and order forms also will be put on the district

website.

This is an easy way to help fund OH-2 projects and to promote our clubs as we reach out to the public.

Lion Ann Miller

OH 2 Poinsettia Sale Chair

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## GLOBAL SERVICE

Lions are in full “**SERVICE**” mode! So many activities have been posted throughout our District. Please post in MyLion (old system is still active). I am willing to assist wherever needed.

**FALL INTO SERVICE 2023-** The statewide Global Service Team met via ZOOM on July 30, 2023. The decision was made to hold the statewide project for Lions and Leos during the month of October. This should allow for more flexibility for clubs to participate. There will NOT be an Intent to Participate form. PLEASE be sure to not only publicize your event(s), but also enter in MyLion. Our goal remains 100% service reporting. Remember meetings, fundraisers, projects are all included in MyLion.

## MAKE CHANGE

A new statewide project titled “Make Change” has begun. Lions International President Dr. Patti Hill has challenged Lions this year to “**Be the Change**”.

This project will be ongoing all year. Suggestions include collecting the spare change that individuals accumulate quarterly to donate to one of the Lions causes. PCC Kerry suggested putting an empty pill bottle in your car, collect the change and then donate to your local Lions club. A new way to recycle used pill bottles. ( We are not collecting pill bottles at this time.). Each quarter could be donated to a different cause.

I will be attending Zone meetings in November to discuss new portal and to provide assistance if needed. I encourage each Zone to have a Service project. Host club can help determine project.

HAVE A GREAT LIONS YEAR AND THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE!!

GST Debbie Reidy

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September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Approximately 300,000 children are diagnosed with this disease on an annual basis. Lions Clubs International added Pediatric Cancer as one of their top health "causes" back in 2016. At that time, Ohio Lions created the STEPS WALK for Pediatric Cancer. This district will have two official walks this year; one in Fostoria on Sunday, September 17th, and one in Savannah on Saturday, September 30th. By doing this, we hope to get more Lions, families, and communities out to support this terrible disease. Registration forms are in the back of this newsletter. Several of our Lion Communities are having their own Walks; which is wonderful. The purpose of the walks is to raise money for Pediatric Cancer. You can also be a VIRTUAL WALKER by completing the form and returning it to me.

Unfortunately, we have had six kids in our district since May that are affected by this disease. This disease is not easy for adults but it is even worse for the kids. These families have enough in their lives without the worries and the expenses of running their child to treatments, appointments, medication, etc. This WALK provides funds to assist families with these additional expenses. All funds raised by this walk goes directly to the families or hospitals to assist with research.

Please help me HELP these families. THIS IS WHY WE WALK.

If you have any questions or are aware of a child in your community that needs assistance, please contact me at 419-306-2045 or [mona@mjbrowncompany.com](mailto:mona@mjbrowncompany.com).

Thank you !!!!

Mona DiCesare

STEPS WALK Chairperson and Board Member of Ohio Lions Pediatric Cancer Foundation

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## Zone Chair Corner

## Club News Past, Present and to come

### **Ashland (Noon) Lions Club**

Ashland Noon Lions volunteered this month at Amish Safety Day, doing eye screenings. We screened about 100 individuals and referred 16

for additional testing by their eye doctor. We are getting ready for meetings to start again in September and talking about how to get Lions more involved with our Rose Sale this Fall.



## Ashland Evening Lions

AEL Notes for Sept OH2  
Newsletter - Lion Ann Miller

Special treat at Aug 3 meeting was member Lion Norbert Peiker who spoke to us about his early life in Germany during WW2, his educational history, and what led him to become an architect.

We were happy to donate empty totes to the Rowsburg Lions to pack away their sale leftovers. Because of a miscommunication, our visit to Plymouth Lions for picnic will now be Sept. 13.

Our club picnic was August 27. Fellowship, good food and bingo were on the program. AEL is hosting Zone 7 advisory meeting Sept 5. There will be a 50/50 with proceeds to Maui Relief.

August is our 60<sup>th</sup> charter anniversary. We will celebrate on Sept 7 with family and friends. DG Julianne Zody will make her official visit.

## Attica Lions Club

The Attica Lions busy summer continues.  
Our Projects for August included:

- Cooking pork chops for the August 2nd Zone Social

- 9 members attended the Zone Social

- Manning the admission gate at the Attica Fair August 8-12

- One member attended the Zone Advisory meeting on August 23

We donated to each of the following

- AVR Fireman
- Seneca East Stars Stripes and Lights Cross Country meet
- Seneca East Public Library

Our upcoming events include

- Vision screening at the Seneca East School on September 1
- Vision screening at IHC preschool on September 11
- Cooking for the Seneca East Public Library on September 16th

## Bucyrus Lions Club



Uncle Sam (Lion Rick Knodell) showed up at "First Friday" in Bucyrus to tell everyone that "Your community needs YOU" to join Lions. He is pictured here with the Bucyrus Bratwurst Festival Royalty. Bucyrus club members handed out information on Lions Clubs and bookmarks about obtaining eyeglasses. They also told people how to donate usable eyeglasses to be given to people overseas who need them.

The club has donated to LCIF for Hawaiian fire relief. They also gave to the Salvation Army and the American Legion

Auxiliary to help them purchase school supplies for children.

Club members continue to paint fire hydrants in town.

Kendra Stahl, the new extension educator for the county spoke at the club's noon meeting.

## Butler Lions Club

Lions Club members weeded the flower bed at the Butler Community Center and planted



petunias.

Club members participated in the Memorial Day Services at the Butler Park on May 29<sup>th</sup> handing out small America Flags to parade watchers. The Butler Car Show and Butler Remembers activities took place the first two weekends of August.



Lions served "Walking Tacos", Hot Dogs and drinks to car show participants and viewers. Butler Remembers was the Historical Society's project and several Lions members helped organizer Lion Volunteer Cathie Kinley on the second weekend of August. The club's annual picnic at the Butler Event building on August 20 included invited individuals that may be interested in joining Lions. Three attendees gave us a tentative commitment to the

Lions. They have been invited to attend our first meeting of the year in September.

## Elyria Lions Club

The Elyria Evening Lions met August 21 for their annual Installation Picnic. Thank you to Zone Chair Sarah Miller and 1VDG Patty Moorman for attending and installing our 2023-2024 officers! Awards were also given to Boy Scout Kody Young for his fifteen hours of help with the TREX recycling project. Lion Brent was recognized for his service as Club Treasurer and Lion Gayle for her tireless work as our Service Chairman.



## Fremont Lions

Fremont Lions Club was honored to have District Governor Julianne Zody visit our August meeting along with her husband PDG Dana Zody. We were encouraged by her enthusiasm and appreciate her theme for the year, "G.I.F.T.S.", meaning "Going In

First To Serve". Dr. Paul Silcox was the speaker for the second meeting and focused on alternative methods to help those struggling with addictions and stress and anxiety.

Fremont Lions, wearing red Lions shirts and hats, were on hand 4 of the 7 days of the Sandusky County Fair assisting visitors with parking cars. This is an annual collaborative effort with the Lindsey Lions, August 21-27. The Club decided to present a Lions shirt to any new members in the future. Members also attended the first Zone meeting in Port Clinton on August 22 and held a business meeting on August 29.

Speakers for September include 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor ShirLee Eberle and Tyler Kneeskern, President/CEO of the Sandusky County Chamber of Commerce. Students of the Month will attend and speak to the Club at the first meeting each month beginning in October.

## Fostoria Lions Club

The Fostoria Lions Club participated in the Fostoria Heritage Day/St. Wendelin Mini Festival held on July 29th. We helped Good Shepherd Home at the Seneca County Fair with their Food Building.

Zone 2 held their annual Zone 2 BBQ and we were involved with that. We have two members attend the Zone 2 Advisory meeting held in Republic.

We are in the planning process for a Golf Outing on Wednesday, August 30th that will benefit Pediatric Cancer and will host the STEPS WALK in September.

We have started selling our OSU Fire ring and Basket Raffle tickets.

## LaGrange Lions Club

Aug. 20 - 27 Lorain County Fair- we will have a table set up to share printed info about what our Lions Club does & membership applications will be available.

Aug. 29 We will be hosting the OH2 Zone 4 meeting at our Lions Park

Sept. 9 - 8th Annual Gun Raffle from 12-5 p.m. at Lions Park, 240 Glendale St. in LaGrange- this is a great fundraiser for us & we would love to see you all there. Tickets are \$20 each or 6 tickets for \$100. For tickets &/or info call Ann at 440-315-4278. Lots of side raffles, fun, & FREE FOOD & DRINK. Come join us!

Sept. 15 & 16- We will be working the gates for the LaGrange Engine Show at the Lorain County Fairgrounds.

Sept. 30- Our next Steak Fry/Reverse Raffle- sorry, tickets are all sold out.

Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27- Fall Fish Fry nights. We serve fish, shrimp, half & half, mac & cheese and hot dog dinners from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Drive thru ONLY and CASH ONLY.

## Loudonville Lions Club

Loudonville Lions held another sold out Fish Fry in August and also helped host the Cabinet meeting, with DG Julianne Zody, a great pot luck luncheon was enjoyed by all. Planning begins for a busy September, with another Fish Fry, our annual Golf Scramble, Funnel

cakes at Malabar Heritage Days, Feed the Teams for fall Redbird sports and our first meeting of the year, with the Loudonville Rotary Club.



## Lucas Lions Club

The Lucas Lions have been planning and rescheduling our annual community picnic and duck race (twice!) thanks to this month's thunderstorms. We have decided to cancel the picnic and duck race, and instead have partnered with the Lucas Community Center to have a space during their car show on September 2nd! We celebrate 70 years of service and honor our charter members at 3:00pm. Can you believe we have two current members whose father or grandfather was a Lucas Lions charter member! We are looking forward to resuming our regular meetings in September and have begun planning for our busy fall season!

## Marblehead Peninsula Lions Club

The Marblehead Peninsula Lions Club is spending most of our time efforts in organizing the upcoming Perch Festival on August 26<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see many Lions at the upcoming festival.

However, we did take the time to induct four new members into our club.



## North Ridgeville Lions Club

The Lions Club of North Ridgeville has been busy! On the 2nd Saturday in August, we held our annual Run the Ridge 5K Run/Walk and Fun Run. Over 75 runners raced the 5K and we had about 20 runners in the Fun Run. This event was in support of Pediatric Cancer and portions of the funds raised will go towards helping families of children with cancer.

In September, we will be holding a drive thru food drive for North Ridgeville Community Care in cooperation with our city schools who hold a contest to see who can collect the most food (in lbs). This is a great way to engage the community, collect food and essentials to help our neighbors, and start students thinking about ways they can help others. We will also be sponsoring a spaghetti dinner for the North Ridgeville Senior Center.

At our last meeting, we welcomed 3 new members to our club. We are excited to have Lion Pamela Waterman, Lion Trent Stillwell and Lion Joshua McNulty join us. Lion Trent and Lion Josh are 2023 graduating seniors who came to us from the North Ridgeville High School

Leo Club. We look forward to seeing them grow as Lions



## Perrysville Lions

The Perrysville Lions are serving on!

We held our August Swiss steak luncheon and it wasn't as successful as some due to the hot weather. We put our Car Show to bed for the year by dispersing the funds we raised. We gave to the Ashland County Cancer Society, Pediatric Cancer, and to the Interventions class at McMullian School in Loudonville.

We supported DG Julianne with set up and clean up of her Cabinet meeting.

We are planning for our October Food Drive, and Halloween, our November Clothing Drive and of course our September, October, and November Swiss steak luncheons.

We are looking forward to seeing some of you at the Zone 7 meeting.

## Port Clinton Lions Club

The Port Clinton Lions Club participated in our local Bridge USA event, sharing information and stories about our club with visitors and local residents alike.

With support from the District Steps program, the State Pediatric Cancer program, and Port Clinton Lions fundraising and member donations, we presented the parents of Hazel Brown checks totaling \$1000.00 and 6 months of gas cards in support of Hazel. Hazel is three years old and has terminal brain cancer.

We hosted a Zone Meeting for the clubs in Zone 1 on August 22, during which we collected \$164.00 to be split between disaster support for Hawaii and the food pantry project as Saint Thomas Episcopal Church. In addition to Zone club member, we were joined by Governor Julianne Zody, PDG Pete DiCesare, PDG Dana Zody, Region Chair Mike Grube and State Pediatric Cancer Representative Mona DiCesare.

Our next scheduled event is a club golf outing on September 21.

## **Plymouth Lions Club**

Lions of Plymouth have participated in both the Silver King festival and the Bucyrus Bratwurst festival, displaying the train among the Silver King tractors and in a parade.

We have also hosted the Zone 5 meeting for August, with over 25 Lions in attendance. We have raised funds for the Plymouth food bank and Upstairs store, as well as held a 50/50 to offset the cost of the winter retreat and assisted in donation funds to send to the

victims of the wildfires in Hawai'i.

## **Polk Lions Club**

Like many clubs, the Polk Lions are on summer recess, but we're already gearing up for the '23-24 Lion Year. Lion Craig Wiley helped out with the Jeromesville Lions' JeromeFest on July 29<sup>th</sup> and has attended the first of two safety meetings at the Ashland County Fairgrounds in preparation for the fair.

Our first major project of the new year comes the third week of September when we drive shuttle at the county fair. This is our sixth year on this combination service/fundraiser project and our second year collaborating with the Savannah-Crestview Lions.

We've been scheduling drivers from our respective clubs plus faithful non-Lion volunteers that enjoy helping out every year.

This project is a lot of fun, not to mention being a great means of visibility and PR for two Zone 7 clubs!

Our club was awarded a \$5,000 LCIF District & Club Community Impact Grant last year to help fund kitchen upgrades at the Polk United Methodist Church, our Club meeting place. Work is currently underway on those upgrades.

Some of our officers will attend the Zone 7 Advisory Meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup>, and our first regular meeting of the new year is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the church.

**We serve!**

## **Savannah Crestview Lions Club**

The Savannah - Crestview Club has been busy getting ready for the start of a new Lions year and wrapping up past projects. We installed a bench at the Savannah Cemetery. Marj and Dave Pond spoke with nearby Bailey Lakes about starting the Trex bench project. We are currently working on bench 11. We also had our annual School Supply Store at both Oakwood Crossing Trailer Park and at Academy Park in Savannah. Families were given coins to purchase items on their school lists. Cookies were also available to enjoy. Many thanks to Lion Judy Kocab for her work on heading up this project.

We had a table at each building for the Crestview Schools Open House and passed out information about Lions Club membership and activities. We screened 64 incoming kindergarteners at the start of school. Also our Lions calendars are in and ready to get out to community members.

With the much anticipated start of work remodeling the town hall kitchen, our September dinner meeting will be at 6pm at the Cattlemen's Restaurant in Savannah and our director's meeting at 6pm on Sept 14<sup>th</sup> will be at the Ashland County Fair grounds after painting lines for parking. We are gearing up for Fair Golf Cart Driving with Polk Lions and will be hosting a Steps Walk September 30<sup>th</sup> at Crestview schools. Our October pancake breakfast will be held at Faith Church, across from the Crestview Campus.

We also welcomed a new Lions member, Ron Oswalt to our club. We are looking forward to continuing our service to the community.



## Shelby United Lions Club

Shelby United Lions hosted State Representative Marilyn John Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> to learn more about the school lunch program. The club recently donated \$250.00 to the Shelby City Schools for delinquent lunch debt. More fundraising projects will be held this coming year to help erase this debt.

The club inducted 5 new members Aug 9<sup>th</sup> and will be inducting 3 more new members Oct 11<sup>th</sup>! Looking forward to growing even more!

Aug 19<sup>th</sup> several members of the club helped the Shelby Memorial Library put on the Fall Kids Carnival. The Lions played Plinko with all the children and everyone one a prize which included 4 fishing poles donated by the Shelby Sportsman Den.

Our first Trex bench is on its way and will be donated to the City of Shelby. We have already started to work on our next bench.



## Tiffin Lions Club



Lion Jeff Kuhn receives 25 year chevron from IPP Mike Smith.

Tiffin Lions have been busy selling brooms at Saturday Farmers Markets on Monroe Street. Another summer project was working gates of the Seneca County Fair on July 24. Twenty-four Lions and spouses/friends worked 122 hours on opening day.

Board members recently approved sponsoring the GOOD program at Nobel 4,5 Elementary. A donation will be made to the September 17 STEPS Walk in Fostoria.



PDG Steve Cochie inducts new members James and Julie Yoder and Mark Hassler into the Tiffin Lions

## Vermillion Lions

Our Food pantry collection made by Chairman Dan Dean at our first meeting of the month was \$60 for this month.

The weekend of August 4-5, we helped with the trash at the Beach Market at Sherod Park. All went well.

On Saturday, August 12, as well as Saturday, August 19, we cooked sweet corn and hot dogs on the grill at the Market in the

Park. The donation profit will go to benefit Main Street Vermilion and the second one will benefit the 5th grade class trip. Water was also available.

Jerry's Garden will be dug up soon due to the construction going on at Main Street Beach and the west pier. Therefore we are to dig out whatever plants that we would like to take.

Spouses Evening was on Tuesday, August 15. It was a potluck with hamburgs and hot dogs and buns furnished. There were many who attended and enjoyed the delicious food and company.

Our first home football game was on Friday, August 18. We made our delicious homemade french fries. We will be making our fries at all of our home football games. We also will have them at the Band Night which is Saturday, September 9.

Our budget for the 2023-2024 was approved.

Bingo at our two local nursing homes will begin in

October. Leos will help us as well as the National Honor Society students.

New tires were placed on our water wagon which is used at the festivals.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 5. Our Mayor of Vermilion, Jim Forthofer, will be our speaker.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 8. That is the largest one day festival in Ohio, the Woollybear Festival, here in Vermilion. We will be selling our delicious homemade french fries. Come out and see us and enjoy the festival!

Enjoy the rest of the nice weather!

## Lions that have Passed this month

## 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.



# **LUCAS LIONS CLUB**

## **70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**SEPTEMBER 2, 2023**

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Join us during the Lucas Community Center Car Show as we celebrate 70 years of serving the Lucas community! A ceremony will take place at 3:00pm to honor our 34 charter members from 1953.

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**LUCAS COMMUNITY CENTER  
252 W. MAIN STREET  
LUCAS, OH 44843**



**We Serve**



**July 1, 2023**

**Greetings Potential STEPS Walk Sponsor:**

A relatively new initiative for Lions Clubs International has been to address Pediatric Cancer across the world. Many Lions Clubs throughout the country will be hosting a Walk/Run event sometime during late Summer or early Fall to raise funds for this initiative. These events have taken the name of **"STEPS" Lions for Pediatric Cancer.**

Our District's event will be held around Lakes Lamberjack and Mottram in Fostoria on Sunday, September 17th. Our Fun Walk will start at 10:00. We are looking forward to a fun event to raise funds for a very worthy cause.

We have several levels for our sponsorships:

\$ 0 - \$ 99	Listed on our Sponsorship Banner
\$100 - \$ 250	Company Sign placed along walk/run route
\$250 - \$ 499	Water Stop Sponsorship - <b>Name on Tee Shirt</b>
\$500 and above	Golden Level-Sign placed along route/Recognition during event

**Name on Tee Shirt provided to each participant**

All donations will be accepted. If you or your company can not participate in the run or walk; please consider a donation to this worthy cause.

We would appreciate your support. Please make checks payable to:

Ohio Lions 13OH2 STEPS Walk

Mail to:

Mona DiCesare, Chairperson  
1033 Kennedy Lane  
Fostoria, OH 44830

**Thank you so much !!!!**

Lion Mona DiCesare  
Fostoria Lions Club  
District OH2 Pediatric Cancer Chairperson

# STEPS

## Lions for Pediatric Cancer



# 1 Mile Walk

## Sunday, September 17, 2023

Throughout September, Lions and friends around Ohio will be participating in 1-mile walks to raise money and awareness for pediatric cancer. Join us September 17 - in Fostoria or your local community - to help families fight cancer ONE STEP at a time!

**Lake Lamberjack and Lake Mottram at Fostoria City Park**

*At the west end of West Center Street, Fostoria*

Walks begin at 10am

Or

Make a donation as a **Virtual Walker**



**100% of the money raised will go to pediatric cancer research and to support affected families.**



Awards will be presented for age groups.

**REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9AM - YOU CAN REGISTER THE DAY OF THE RACE**

## To Register:

Mail the form with \$25 registration to **Lions OH2 STEPS** 1033 Kennedy Ln, Fostoria OH 44830 or send via email to [afirechf@gmail.com](mailto:afirechf@gmail.com). Registration includes t-shirt if received before Sept 10.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ SHIRT SIZE : \_\_\_\_\_ VIRTUAL WALKER? **Y / N**

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **OHIO LIONS 13OH2 STEPS WALK**

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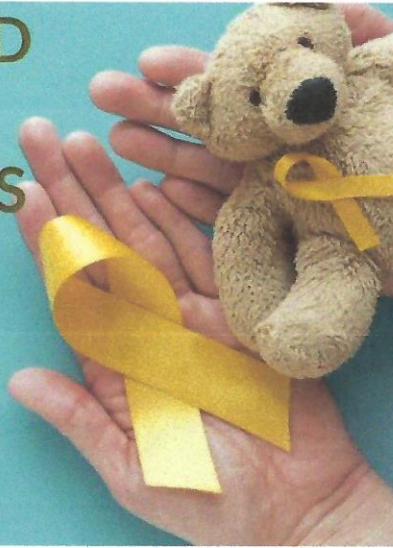
# 13 OH2 STEPS WALK 2023



## CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



Lions have seen and felt the effects of cancer on children and their families, and continue to bring hope through tangible service and support.



- 100% of the money raised will go to pediatric cancer research and support of affected families.
- Childhood cancer survivors are **twice as likely** to suffer chronic health conditions.
- 47 children per day are diagnosed with cancer.
- 1/285 children in the U.S. will be diagnosed with cancer by age 20.
- Only **4%** of the money annually spent on cancer research and treatments are directed towards treating childhood cancer. ***We can better this!***



Akron  
Children's  
Hospital



*Save the Date*

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**

**Lake Lamberjack & Lake Mottram  
at FOSTORIA CITY PARK**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

**STEPS WALK EAST - Crestview Local Schools Campus  
1575 State Route 96, ASHLAND**

**Both Walks begin at 10 AM**

\$25 donation per Registration (includes t-shirt if in by Sept 10)

***Families Welcome & Virtual Walkers encouraged***

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## Lions for Pediatric Cancer



# STEPS WALK EAST

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*We Serve*

# Savannah Lions Pancake Breakfast

**Faith Church**

(across from Crestview Schools)

**Saturday, October 7, 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 go to:  
Disaster Relief Fund

Accepting Used Eye Glasses to Recycle  
Door Prizes donated by Miller's-Hawkins  
Market

# MAKE CHANGE



Lions International President Patti Hill has challenged Lions this year to “**Be the Change**”. And it is often the little things we do each day that work *together* to make change happen. *Every* Lion can be part of this change... and so can our friends and neighbors!

The Lions of OH2 are collecting their loose change so that we can turn that collective change into donations to one or more of the important causes that Lions support. We invite you to join us. Put your change into the jar, and when it is full, the Lions will come by and collect it.

Together, we can MAKE CHANGE and “**Be the Change**”.

# Fill the Shelves



(Pictures of empty shelves at Community Care from Aug 2023)

## FOOD DRIVE

### For North Ridgeville Community Care

Saturday, September 23, 2023

10am - 2pm

Drive through and drop off non-perishable food, toiletries, and/or essential items at Community Care, 34015 Center Ridge Road (behind Arby's) and help Fill the Shelves! No need to even leave your car, our volunteers will collect your donation as you drive up.

Coordinated by the Lions Club of North Ridgeville.  
[NorthRidgevilleLions.Org](http://NorthRidgevilleLions.Org)








# Ohio Lions

## *Fall Into Service* **October, 2023**

Join us as Lions and Leos throughout Ohio work in  
their communities to do what we do best... WE  
SERVE!

1. **Create** a service project suited for your community
  2. **Perform** Service
  3. **Share!**-- **Report** it to LCI on MyLion-- **Post** on social  
media and  
**Share** with your community through local news  
outlets
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Join the Lions of Ohio this year to “**Make Change**”!

Ask your Lions members to collect their change and turn that collective change into a donation toward an important cause.



*Some suggestions for donations...*

## **October – Diabetes**

Donate to a Diabetes youth camp or similar program. Donate and team up to help with a local diabetes screening. Check with your local schools and other agencies to help provide equipment or programming to help those living with diabetes.

## **December – Hunger**

Donate to a local food pantry, Holiday food basket program, adopt a family for the holiday or donate to a meal program for January after the holiday food has run out

## **March – LCIF**

Donate to our international foundation for humanitarian causes or to help victims of natural disasters. Add your change toward your club’s next Melvin Jones Fellow.

## **June – Childhood Cancer**

Donate to your District STEPS program, the Ohio Lions Pediatric Cancer Foundation, or a local family or project.

Then, report your donation on the new Lion Portal



**Make a difference in the lives of others  
– Be the Change.**

