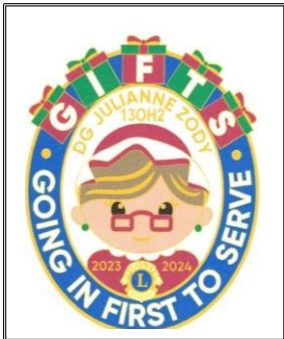




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Gifts

“Going In First To Serve”

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Hello District OH 2 to 2024!!

vol.un.teer, n. one who offers to enter into any service of his own free will.

giver, to supply.

care. Watch over, to do something for, provide for.

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love, passionate, caring.

These words sum up what we as Lions are.

I saw so much of this with all the service projects that were done this past month/Holiday season.

The numerous different types of hunger projects from fixing meals and serving those meals to food delivered and food give-aways. Many, many children and adults received warm hats, gloves, scarfs and coats. The number of families that were adopted and given beautiful Christmases was remarkable. The toy drives were extremely successful. The number of poinsettias that were given to nursing home residents and shut-ins was amazing.

Everyone loves a parade so being in a parade and helping with the organization brought a lot of pleasure.

You all make me so proud to be a Lion and part of this Lion family.

Thank you for all your service and the “GIFTS” that you give.

We have 6 months left in this Lion’s year and plenty of time to keep on serving and asking people to join in the fun. I want to give a huge WELCOME to the District’s new Leo Club, Seneca East Leos. Their Leo advisor is Lion Dana Leber.

Please continuing reading this newsletter, there are a lot of activities on the way.

The Winter Retreat is in January, the District Bowling tournament will be in February and is rumored to chase the “Winter Blues” away. Back to January for a moment; Savannah-Crestview Club will have their Town Hall Kitchen Dedication celebration, the completion of their huge service project that they received a LCIF grant for. The speaker for the event will be PIP Douglas X. Alexander. (Pretty Special when you can have a Past International President as a speaker.)

February 1, 2024 the last round of Zone meetings will begin.

One last note please mark your calendars for the District Convention

April 12-13-14, 2024 to be held in Strongsville.

Again, Thank you for serving!

DG Julianne
“GIFTS”

Governors

Visitation Schedule

JANUARY

1-9-24 Polk
1-11-24 Colonel Crawford
1-12-14-24 Winter Retreat
1-15-24 Tiffin
1-16-24 Ontario
1-17-24 Savannah-Crestview

1-18-24 Hayesville
1-21-24 Perrysville Swiss
Steak luncheon
1-23-20 Rowsburg
1-24-24 Plymouth
1-28-24 CANCEL GAT
meeting

FEBRUARY

2-1-24 Zone 3 Sandusky
2-7-24 Zone 1 Clyde
2-10-24 COG



Fellow Lions,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas, ate to many cookies, and visited with family and friends. It's the time of year when we see family, we may not have seen all year.

The Holidays can also be a fun time for Lions Clubs. Most Clubs have a Christmas Party and are able to add in a lot of fellowship and fun as the year comes to an end. There are games, white elephant gifts, some fun tail twisting. As a District Officer, it is always a privilege to be able to share the end of the year Christmas parties with clubs. This year, in December, I enjoyed Plymouth, Ontario, Savannah, Butler and Crestline. And as we reach the end of 2023, it often brings with it a lot of reflection of what we accomplished for the past year. As I visit your clubs, I hear that long list of accomplishments that you complete. As a Team, every day, you are bringing kindness into the world through

your small acts of service. This could be the vision screenings that you tell me about; the food baskets that you delivered; the toys that you purchased; the backpacks of food for kids that you packed; your visit to the nursing home to simply spend time with someone who has no visitors; the gift card you gave to the family to help with gas taking a child to the doctor. Like Santa's lists, your lists also go on, and on and on. Maybe there is a connection to why we wear red jackets? We just need to add a hat and some white fur. Oh yeah, some of us do that, right Lion Dana?

Another thing we may do a lot during the holidays is have some down time and spend a little more time browsing Facebook. Those of you on Facebook may have seen a post by Lion Michael Gibb. I can't stop thinking about it. If you missed it, I encourage you to find it and read it. For those of you not on Facebook, I want to summarize what it said. He stated his post by talking about how he was feeling a little down, did not have the excitement of Christmas. I can relate to that. We sometimes get so busy trying to juggle things that we can MISS the joy. But he decided to take inventory and reflect on all the blessing that he himself had and realized that he had a lot. More than a neighbor who was struggling with how he was going to be able to feed his family over the holidays. So, what did Lion Michael do? He raided his well-stocked pantry, and his full to the top freezer and made a delivery to this neighbor. And the feeling this act of kindness gave him was over the charts.

He could now check off the box of sufficiently feeling excited and Joyful about the Holiday Season. But as Lions, we know we do not limit the month of December to bringing kindness into the world. What we need to figure out is how do we bottled up the feelings for things like this so that when someone asks us why would I want to be a Lion and Serve, we could let them take a little peek into that bottle. We all have stories like this that we can add to this bottle. I would love to hear them if you would like to share.

Yours in Lionism,

1VDG Patty Moorman

1st VDG Visitation Schedule

4- Lucas

9-Mansfield United

10-Upper Sandusky
13-Winter Retreat
15-Buckeye Central
17-Savannah Dedication
23-Bucyrus
25-Colonel Crawford
28-GAT

2nd VDG Shirley

Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and wishing you a healthy and prosperous New Year.

The New Year means new beginnings for many people.

They make resolutions and try to break bad habits to change their lives around. The same can be said for your Club! Maybe this is the year your club has a solid

membership drive, or this year you commit to 1 big service project a month, or you try to do a service project in each of the 5 pillars of the Lions Club. Could this be the year you choose one pillar and designate the bulk of your fundraising for that purpose? Is 2024 the year your Club makes each member feel special and involved and entices the inactive members back to the pride?

Think about all the wonderful talents each of you has, and how you can contribute to the success of YOUR Club!

BITE 'EM!

2VDG ShirLee Eberle

2nd VDG Visitation Schedule



Fellow Lions,

I hope your Holiday Season went well with family, friends and fellow Lions. As I wrote this, it didn't look like the weather was going to be prohibitive of anticipated Holiday activities. Of course, this is Ohio, and we all know "if you don't like the weather, wait a day and it will change!" **Happy New Year.** May 2024 bring you all the things that you treasure: happy families, good health, and positive experiences in your personal activities – the Lions being one of those!

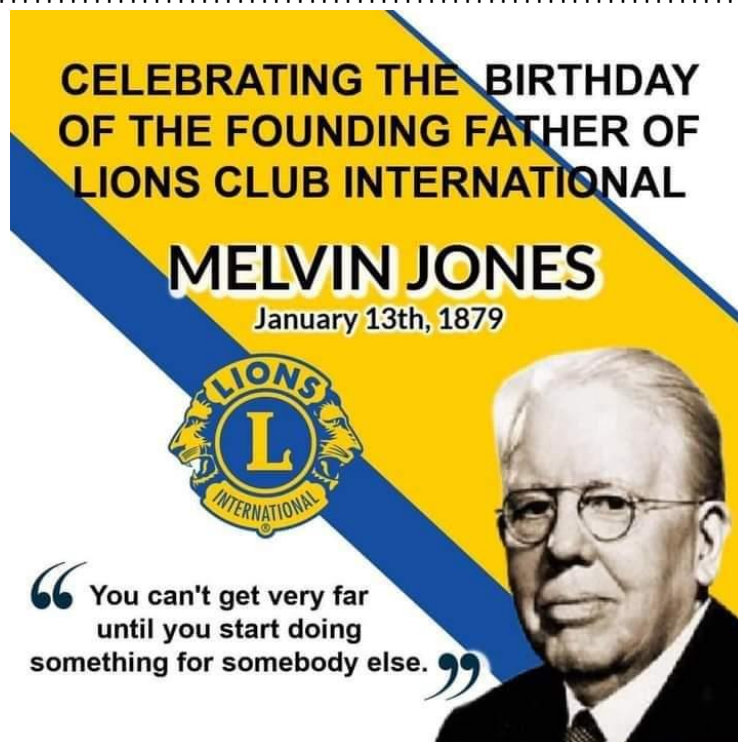
Among the goals for the second half of our Lions Year, membership growth is a major one. We are unveiling the Recruiter's Passport Program at the Winter Retreat on January 12-14 at Salt Fork State Park. If you get this newsletter in time, registration for the Winter Retreat ends January 3. Go to ohiolions.org for registration information. While you are there, you might check out some of the YouTube videos we have produced using last year's Marketing Grant. These videos can be used for membership nights. We are currently planning new videos on our LEO's and some of our foundations.

A second goal is to improve our communication. Keeping our websites updated has been important for our District Governors, as well as producing regular newsletters like this one. On the Multiple District Level, we have published two quarterly newsletters, an international convention and new officers supplement, and a direct distribution program utilizing subscribers' email accounts. Remember that you can find reports to and minutes from the Council of Governors Meetings by entering **cog** in the username slot and **lions** as the password on the MD13 Website log-in.

On February 24, there will be a LEO State Convention at the Event Center near Waldo, Ohio. LEO Clubs are being added to district rolls and their activity is getting reported on MyLlon. They are working on a video competition for their convention. If your club sponsors a LEO Club, congratulations! If not, it's a simple process once you find an advisor, and your District Governor would be glad to provide assistance in the process. Not only are the LEO's having their convention, but the district convention season is not far off. Check your district website for information pertaining to your district's convention. I'm looking forward to seeing many Lion friends at your convention and making a few new ones.

Best wishes,

CC Dave Stockum



District Convention Information



District 13 OH2 Lions Convention
April 12- 14, 2024

OFFICIAL CALL

District Governor Julianne Zody hereby issues the Official Call for the 2023 District 13 OH2 District Convention to be held at the Best Western Plus hotel, located at 15471 Royalton Road in Strongsville, Ohio.

The Convention will be held Friday, April 12, 2024 beginning at 6:00 pm and conclude on Sunday, April 14, 2024 at approximately 10:30 pm.

The purpose of the Convention is to elect a District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor for the Lions Year 2024-2025.

Also to be elected for a three (3) year term beginning with Lions Year 2025-2027 is the positions of

Pediatric Cancer committee representatives.

A letter of interest from OH2 Lions for the above elected state representative positions is to be submitted to Lion Craig Wiley, Cabinet Secretary, on or before February 14, 2024

This call is issued in accordance with Article VI, Section 2 of the International By-Laws, the Multiple District 13 Constitution & By-Laws and District 13 OH 2 Constitution & By-Laws.

Sincerely,

Julianne Zody, District Governor
Lions Clubs International District 13 OH2



District 13 OH2 Lions Convention
April 12- 14, 2024

Dear Lions, Lions Clubs and Area Businesses,

Thank you for your service and your support of District 13 OH2! We hope that you will consider supporting it again by placing an ad in the convention booklet. The ad may give you, your club or your business the opportunity to share what you're doing, a chance to 'toot' your own horn, or to pass on good wishes or a thank you to the District Officers. You could also support a candidate running for any specific office. To make it easier for you, we will be happy to help you design your ad. A list of the ad sizes and prices are below.

Please complete the convention advertising form below and mail it with your check:

1. By: March 1, 2024
2. To: Convention Co-Chair Lion Dave Pond
3685 Olivesburg Road
Mansfield, OH 44903

Make checks payable to: **Ohio Lions District 13OH-2** In Memo: **Program AD**

Any questions, or need assistance designing an ad, please feel free to contact Convention Co-Chair Lion Dave Pond at (419)571-0027 or at davepond@juno.com.

District 13OH-2 Lions Convention Booklet Advertising

Business, Organization, or Club Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Ad Size:

Full Page - \$100 _____ Half Page - \$70 _____ Business Card (approx.. 1/4 page) - \$30 _____

Print Ready Ad: _____ If Yes, Please attach the ad or business card

_____ If No, Please list the information for the ad in the space below or attach an additional page if needed

COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY MARCH 1, 2024

DISTRICT 13 OH 2
CONVENTION DELEGATE REGISTRATION - 2024

Dear Club President and or Secretary:

According to the Constitution & By-Laws of Ohio Lions Inc. and the International Association of Lions Clubs, the election of district officers shall be conducted by secret ballot. To ensure a secret ballot and that the casting of ballots is done only by authorized delegates, clubs and delegates must comply with the following rules:

1. **Each Club is entitled to one (1) delegate for every ten (10) members or major fraction thereof, that have been enrolled in the Club for at least one year and a day as of February 1, 2024. It is the duty of each Club to send a full delegation to the District Convention.**
2. All Past District Governors shall be considered Delegates-at-Large to this Convention, in addition to the delegate quota of your Club. Any delegate shall have but one vote on each question or issue that is submitted to this Convention.
3. The Club must be in good financial standing with Lions International and District 13 OH2. All dues must be current and merchandise paid for.
4. This form, listing delegates, **MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND RETURNED** to the CABINET SECRETARY, by the Club Secretary, on or before March 1st, 2024.
5. Each delegate must be a member in good standing with your Club and must pick up his or her authorization to receive a ballot for the business session from the Certification Desk, prior to **12pm** April 13, 2024. It will be necessary for the delegate to present his or her SIGNED and CURRENT Lions Membership Card.

LIST BELOW, by name, your Club's official delegates and alternates:

CLUB _____	Number of delegates _____
1. _____	6. _____
2. _____	7. _____
3. _____	8. _____
4. _____	9. _____
5. _____	10. _____
PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS:	ALTERNATES:
1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____
4. _____	4. _____

Signed: _____ Secretary of Club Date: _____

RETURN BY **MARCH 1, 2024**
Cabinet Secretary

TO: Craig Wiley
Phone: 330-234-4723
137 W Congress St
Polk OH 44866

email: craigtwilley@frontier.com

District Committee's Information

January Diabetes News

EXERCISE

When you have type 2 diabetes, daily exercise can be great way to stay healthy. Exercise burns glucose and helps muscle cells respond to insulin. It can even make you happier and help with your sleep. And it doesn't need to be strenuous; 20 minutes a day of moderate-intensity physical activity can make a difference.

"As previously recommended, most adults with type 1 or type 2 diabetes should undertake at least 150 min or more of moderate- to vigorous-intensity activity weekly; it is also recommended that these activities occur on at least 3 or more days during the week and that individuals should not allow more than 2 days to elapse between activity sessions to maintain higher levels of insulin sensitivity. However, it is now recognized in this that younger or more physically fit individuals may receive similar cardiovascular and fitness benefits from undertaking vigorous-intensity or high-intensity interval training (HIIT), assuming it adds up to a minimum of 75 min/week."

ShirLee

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.

Looking for information on the new portal?? Check out the website that includes: Frequently Asked Questions (with answers), Suggestions on How to prepare for the new portal and Resources.

lionsclubs.org

Search: lion portal

GOVERNORS SERVICE AWARD

Be sure to keep track of your service to qualify for the **GOVERNORS SERVICE AWARD** that is located in the District Directory pp. 63-65. **FORMS DUE ELECTRONICALLY OR MAIL BY FEBRUARY 28,2024.** Recognition is given at District Convention in April.

MAKE CHANGE

Lions International President Dr. Patti Hill has challenged Lions this year to "**Be the Change**".

Remember this project is ongoing all year. Suggestions include collecting the spare change that individuals accumulate quarterly to donate to one of the Lions causes or local causes.

I will be collecting data on what causes clubs have used as their Make Change project.

OH 2 SERVICE UPDATE

PEOPLE SERVED:	145,449
SERVICE ACTIVITIES:	842
VOLUNTEER HOURS:	21,998
FUNDS DONATED:	\$138,660
FUNDS RAISED:	\$315,307

These figures are accurate from July 1- December 20, 2023.
Our District continues to serve in so many ways!
Keep on Serving!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

GST Debbie Reidy
debre51@aol.com 419-543-1600

2023 District 13 OH-2 Poinsettia Sale Information

22 district clubs participated this year selling a total of 1032 poinsettias. Estimate about \$2800 for the District Poinsettia Fund as well as money into some clubs' treasuries with their fundraising efforts. Some clubs picked up their flowers in Avon. Others retrieved theirs from several clubs who chose to have deliveries. A few purchased poinsettias from other clubs or simply made a donation. Thank you for supporting our fundraiser.

Lion Ann Miller
OH2 Poinsettia Sale Chair

International Convention

Questions in International Convention Contact PDG Francis Hensel at new Email: fohensel@gmail.com

Zone Chair Corner



District 13-OH 2

2023-24 District Governor Julianne Zody
Zone 1 Chairman Mike Garber

Zone 1 Advisory Meeting

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

St. Paul Lutheran Church
147 W. Forest St.
Clyde, OH

Welcome and Dinner @ 6pm

Dinner menu and cost to be determined.

Dinner is optional – Please note with Reservation. (There will only be meals available for those reserving them.)

Meeting begins at 7pm

Open to Presidents, Secretaries, and all interested Lions

Please send reservations including names to Clyde Lions Secretary Beverly O'Donnell at rloblo@woh.rr.com (419) 547-8913 by Thursday, February 1st.

Questions - contact ZC Mike Garber (drgarber@hotmail.com or 419.707.3755)

Service Project: The Clyde Lion's Club requests participants bring paper products for donation to their local food pantry.



District 13-OH 2
2023-24 District Governor Julianne Zody
Zone 7 Advisory Meeting
Host Club: Polk Lions

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

6:30 Social Time
7:00 Dinner and Meeting

Cost: \$ per person

Menu

Please send reservations (including names) to ZC Gene Kopp by **February 5, 2024**
Stanley.kopp@crl.com
567-203-7524

Club News Past, Present and to come

Amherst Lions Club

Two members of the Amherst Lions Club were recently honored with Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards. Lion Bill Makinen is a 53-year member of the club and has served in multiple office positions including president. Lion Dave Rice is a 29-year member who has also served as President and has been a co-advisor to the Amherst Steele Leo Club since its formation in 1996. PCC Kerry Parker did the honors of presenting the awards to Lions Bill and Dave at a recent club meeting.

Meanwhile, Lion Dave, whose father was one of the original founding members of the Amherst Lions Club in 1951, last month delivered some 1100 pairs of unwanted, used eye glasses to the SVOSH club at the Ohio State University School of Optometry.

Ashland Evening Lions

Our club brightened Christmas for a family thru Associated Charities and rang Salvation Army bells for 4 Fridays. We provided financial support as well as members to help with the Ashland Christmas Parade on Dec. 2 with over 80 parade entries plus a tree lighting and fireworks courtesy of the Mayor. 604 poinsettias were personally handled by our club: 345 were our sales and the balance were from 10 other clubs who chose to have them delivered with ours. Special thank-you awards were given to 5 members for their help with this venture. We are having a new fundraiser – a craft show to

be held on March 23, 2024 at Dale-Roy School.

Attica Lions Club

The Club decided to take on a new project to meet the challenge of Lions Int'l. Pres. Dr. Patti Hill - "Be the Change" to collect spare change and donate to a cause yet to be determined. We donated poinsettias locally and donated to "Wreaths Across America". Lions Mints are located around town, and we are working to do a New Year's Day Bowl Pool and a March Madness Pool for LCI. Blood Drives will be scheduled for 2024, along with more Vision Screenings.

Attica's local "Simple Life Diner" was the location of our annual Christmas dinner, where a joyful group of members and spouses gathered.



One of several tables of Lions enjoying the Christmas meal

The Seneca East LEO Club officially earned its Charter! The students helped make Popcorn Balls with the Republic Lions Club, and assisted in laying wreaths for the veterans. These students also worked the holiday light display at the Seneca County Fairgrounds, and ended the year singing Christmas songs at the Autumnwood Care Center in Tiffin. Happy Holidays to all!



LEO members working at Fairground Lights Display



LEOs singing at Autumnwood Care Center with Holiday Spirit!

Avon Lions Club





December and the holiday season are always a busy time for the members of the Avon Lions Club. We have made the following donations: \$250 to the Ohio Lions Sight & Hearing committee, District 13B OH2, Ohio Lions Research foundation, St. Mary's Choice food pantry, Ohio Lions Vision Concerns committee and the District 13B OH2 Hearing & Speech committee. We made \$1,000 donations to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Maria's Field of Hope foundation. The Avon Lions also purchased poinsettias to support the District 13B OH2 poinsettia fundraiser. We have completed and submitted the 2023-2024 Governor's Excellence & Humanitarian Award forms, the Governor's Service Award application as well as the Lions Clubs International Marketing award documentation. On November 27 & 28, members of the Avon Lions Club volunteered to ring the bell and staff a kettle for the Salvation Army.



On December 14th, we hosted our annual Avon Lions Club holiday party. The following Avon Lions Club YTD Service metrics have been reported in MyLion: 2367 people served, 31 service activities completed, 606 volunteer hours, \$6,009 funds donated, and \$10,534 funds raised.

Bascom Lions Club

The Bascom Lions had their Christmas Party on December 19th with 17 members and 11 wives attending, Entertainment was provided by the Hopewell Loudon Traveling Ensemble. Dinner was from Madison Street Tavern and there was a gift exchange as well. December 3rd was the date for our annual Christmas Tree lighting which community members decorate with personal ornaments in remembrance of loved ones. The tree was on display outside the Bascom Telephone Company. On December 12th we hosted a blood drive at Meadowbrook park with 22 people donating.

Bellevue Lions Club

The month of December started with Bells Ringing for the Bellevue Lions Club. Five members spent Friday, December 1st and December 9th at Hogue's IGA in Bellevue as the bell ringing volunteers for our local Salvation Army. The day was broken down into two-hour shifts per member to collect donations from 10 am to 8 pm. The Bellevue Lions Club also donated to be the kettle sponsor for a two-week window as well. In total we had 10 members work two hours each to collect donations for the Bellevue Salvation Army.



Bellevue Lions hosted a special guest at their second meeting of the month. The "Bellevue Lions Saluting Education Fostering Growth and Excellence" program honored another school staff member, McKenna Davis, from Immaculate Conception School Bellevue. McKenna is the Preschool teacher at I.C.S. She was introduced by I.C.S. Principal Joy Tokarsky. Joy stated that McKenna is the type of person that takes the time to find something to be thankful about with every one of her students.



Pictured from left: Joy Tokarsky, McKenna Davis, and Melissa Caranfa

A special thank you to Lion Jim Pickering for all of his efforts in organizing and being in charge of the peace poster contest for our local school and the lion's zone. We had the top three contestants and families attend our meeting on December 4th, along with the art teacher Jennifer Baltzell. Their posters were displayed, monetary gifts were given to the three contestants, and all in attendance enjoyed desserts. Special guests Lion Zone Chair Mike Garber, and his wife Lion Lorna were also in attendance at the meeting. He stopped by to discuss that he is running for Second Vice District Governor and asked for our support. The Bellevue Lions Club had a motion by Lion Jim, seconded by Lion Erica to support Lion ZC Mike Garber's nomination, and the motion was passed. The Lions are excited to extend their support.



Pictured from left: Jennifer Baltzell, Lyla Young, Rhiannon Geringer, Molly Klakamp and Melissa Caranfa

Bucyrus Lions Club



The Bucyrus Lions Club members gave many donations this past month. Donations of toys to give out went to the Bucyrus Firemen, the Salvation Army and Project Noelle. Requested items were also given to the elderly through the Crawford County Council on Aging. Children's warm hats and gloves were given to the new Bucyrus Goodwill Store for them to take to the local schools for dispersal. Jackets and other items were given to homeless people. The club had a holiday get-together at The Lincoln Diner on County Road 330 outside Bucyrus on December 12th. Members and spouses and guests joined together for an evening meal. PDG Terry Spiegel was presented with a "Builder's Pin" from LCI for sponsoring a total of 10 members during his time as a Lion.

Elyria Evening Lions Club

Elyria Evening Lions met to make their Cheeseballs for the holiday season. Proceeds will benefit local projects with the Office on Aging, Elyria Schools, and Invest Elyria.



Hayesville Lions Club

The Hayesville Lions Club met December 14 at Hayesville United Methodist Church for their annual Christmas party. A white elephant exchange was enjoyed by all. We received thank you letters from a class that had the Good program given to them.

Lorain Lions Club

The Lorain Lions Club participated in the **District 13, OH-2, Zone 4** poinsettia sale and sold \$498.50 of poinsettias. **Lorain Lions Club donations:** The Lorain Lions Club was proud to make the following donation: Good Knights of Lorain County \$250, Prevent Blindness Ohio \$250, Blessing House \$500, We Care We Share. \$500, and Second Harvest Food Bank North Central Ohio \$500.

The Lorain Lions lent a helping hand to Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio on November 28, by inspecting, sorting, and packing

food for the hungry. Lorain Lions volunteer on the fourth Tuesday of every month at Second Harvest. Lorain Lions had 12 volunteers contributing 73 man-hours during November. The Lorain Lions Club has been serving at Second Harvest for about 35 years. Lorain Lions are fighting to reduce hunger in our community.



Lorain Lion Barry Buck hustling to make a difference at Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio, in Lorain

The Lorain Lions Club supported the Lorain Salvation Army Corps by sending 17 members out to ring the bells at the red kettles on December 16 at the Walmart Supercenter in Lorain. Lions worked 90-minute shifts from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and collected \$1,610, including the Lorain Lions contributed \$400 to the red kettles.



Lorain Corps Salvation Army Captain Shean Bolton, Lorain Lion Tom Bruno and Salvation Army Captain Tanish Bolton practice ringing the bells.

The Lorain Lions Club hosted guest speaker, David Blevins, Executive Director, of Lorain County Solid Waste District at its November noon meeting. Lion Mitchell Fallis shared with David that one of Lions Clubs

International causes is supporting the visually impaired and Lions Clubs recycle glasses. David offered to support this cause by accepting a Lions eyeglass recycle box to be placed at the Lorain County Collection Center. The Lorain Lions were invited to tour the collection center on Dec. 5 to learn about recycling along with dropping off the Lions eyeglass recycle box.



David Blevins, back row from Lorain County Solid Waste District and Lorain Lions in front row

Loudonville Lions Club

Loudonville Lions opened the month of December with our annual Children's Christmas Carnival following the Loudonville Christmas Parade. The event included games and prizes, pictures with Santa and refreshments. We also held our Lions Christmas Party, with 40 members and guests enjoying Christmas music along with a silent auction and collection of food for Helping Hand. The Leo Club collected over 190 pairs of shoes for charity and hosted a breakfast for Senior Citizens. Finally, the club held a taco dinner for "Feed the Teams" night for winter sports teams. Over 50 youth and coaches enjoyed the meal. The Club also sponsors a lighted star on the hill above town during the Advent season.



Lucas Lions Club

Lucas Lions had a very busy first week of December. We started off with our annual Community Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 4th. Where the Lucas Mayor spoke, and Christmas blessing/prayer was given by a local pastor, the high school band played Christmas songs and Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived in the back of a firetruck! After Santa

plugged in the tree the Lions provided hot chocolate and cut out cookies.

On December 7th we enjoyed our Lions Christmas party. We enjoyed great food from Cub Country BBQ, played games and made a marshmallow snowman. We had 21 Lions in attendance plus their guests and Lions widows.

This year was also the second year we provided a Santa Mailbox custom made by Pioneer Career & Technology Center. We partnered with the Lucas Postoffice to house the mailbox in their lobby. Kids could write a letter to Santa. As long as they provided a return address, each child got a personalized reply and Christmas stickers. We received 27 letters!

Finally, we completed service projects selling admission tickets at home basketball games & volunteering at the food pantry. Merry Christmas!



Madison Township Lions

Hello from, a cold and wet Madison Twp. Lions We start off our month with a very ambitious members meeting. That end of year type of meeting can be a little testy. However, this meeting went relatively smoothly. More importantly we were able to complete our donations to Project Life Savers for the 5k/10k as well as 3 of our local food pantries.

Our last service activity was very well attended by members and family, we were able to achieve 55% participation, not to mention having 1 of our more youthful members run 10k with a personal best. Regarding our Christmas Party, this year we were able to reach out and invite some of our deceased members' spouses. Unfortunately, we finish up the month by having to say goodbye to Lion Ron Secrist We are currently preparing for the hopeful onslaught of Ticket sales for our Lions Club Awareness Dance with Phil Dirt and the Dozers Saturday February 3rd 2024 at Fairhaven Hall at the Richland County Fairgrounds in Mansfield

Tickets can be purchased on-line at www.Madisonlions.org. In closing we hope to see everyone at our awareness dance. Stay Warm and please be safe. Have a Happy New Year

Mansfield United Lions Club

Mansfield United Lions Club initiated four new members on Monday, December 11, 2023, during our monthly meeting. District Governor Julianne Zody was our guest speaker and shared her goals for the coming year in her call-to-action speech, she then warmly inducted our newest members, Jonah S., Victoria H., Bryan G., and Helen M. A big thank you to DG Julianne Zody for being with us. We also welcomed her husband Dana Zody, PDG, and Tim Kershner to our meeting.

The MULC has been busy collecting items for a child in need during this Christmas season and volunteering at the Candice Williams Helping Hands Fund Thanksgiving meal at the Friendly House in Mansfield. We prepared meals and helped serve our local community. MULC plans to volunteer at The New Store in February and to collect cards for Richland County Children's Services for Valentine's day, if any other clubs are interested, please reach out to us at mansfieldunitedlions@gmail.com. We look forward to 2024 and the services projects we have planned for the upcoming months.

We continue to collect glasses at various locations in the area including the information desk at OhioHealth Mansfield Medical Office building next to the hospital. Our goals for 2024 include hosting a diabetes walk and continuing our goal of educating the community on the risk of diabetes and how to make small changes for big strides.

We invite you to join us Monday, January 8, 2024, at 6:00 PM for our next meeting at Burton Park located at 1177 Sunset Blvd., Mansfield, OH 44907. Happy New Year from our club to yours!



Marblehead Peninsula Lions Club

Our club's Santa was busy this year spreading cheer throughout the community and hosting our annual tree lighting ceremony the day after thanksgiving. Also, Marblehead Peninsula Lions Club recently held their annual Christmas party and a great time was had by all that attended. As we experience this holiday season, we are thinking of all Lions and we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

North Ridgeville Lions Club

The elves from the Lions Club of North Ridgeville have been

very busy helping Santa this month. We kicked off the month shopping for gifts for teens in our community. We were able to spend over \$2300 on toys and gifts to give to North Ridgeville Community Care. Caregivers then have a day to "shop" for their children and choose from a wide variety of gifts. Several of our members donated their time to the Santa calling event sponsored by our city Parks and Rec dept. "Helpers" pretended to be Santa and Mrs. Claus and called children in the city to spread Christmas cheer. We wrapped up the month with our Annual Chili Dinner/Holiday Party. Over 60 members and their families came out to celebrate and share in food, fellowship, and fun. Coming up in January, we have our Annual Night at the Races fundraiser. Join us on Saturday, January 27 at 6:30 p.m for a night of virtual horse racing, raffle baskets, sideboards and delicious food catered by Sterk's. Tickets are \$35 and can be ordered online at <https://lionsclubofnr.square.site>. Please see our flyer at the back of this newsletter for more information. We would like to wish everyone a blessed, joyous holiday season. We, as Lions, have so much to be proud of and grateful for. Happy Holidays!



Oak Harbor Lions Club

At our last meeting on December 12, 2023, Barry Cochran, Treasurer, was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. A member for 25 years and Treasurer for several years, Barry was quite deserving. Congratulations Lion Barry!!!!



Perrysville Lions

We were active serving by:

- (1) Making a donation and manpower to the Green-Perrysville fireman's toy drive providing toys for 350 children.
- (2) Ringing the Salvation Army bell.
- (3) Selling Poinsettias.

We will resume our Swiss steak luncheons on January 21, 2024 serving from 11-1 from the Perrysville Community

Building, Bridge Street
Perrysville.

Plymouth Lions Club

Lions of Plymouth finished our end-of-the-year cheese sale in December, and had a wonderfully insightful visit with VDG Patty. We also collected donations of hats and gloves to provide to the local food shelter and helped a Plymouth student obtain a new pair of eyeglasses. In the new year, we will be hosting a blood drive as well as celebrating our students of the month!

Polk Lions Club

Our October service project was handing out candy at Polk's Trick-or-Treat on Halloween. The weather was chilly that evening with a few snow flakes flying, but that didn't stop the approximately 250 children who walked by and received a full-size candy bar!

November was an active month. We donated \$255 to pay one veteran's way on the Ashland County Veterans Honor Bus to Washington. Three of our club officers attended the Zone 7 Advisory Meeting at Jeromesville. First Vice Governor Patty Moorman visited our club on November 28th, accompanied by fellow Crestline Lion Dave Rowland. Late that month, contractors wrapped up the major work on kitchen upgrades at our meeting place, the Polk United Methodist Church. This project was funded in part by a \$5,000 LCIF District & Club Community Impact Grant. In December we bagged and delivered approximately 350

pounds of roasted nuts. This annual sale has become our second biggest fundraiser. In lieu of our December meeting, we celebrated the Holidays by dining out at O'Bryan's in Ashland on December 12th. Eight members and six guests attended. While there members picked up 22 Christmas "Care" gift bags for delivery to elderly residents in our community. We will hold a Soup Supper on Tuesday, January 9th before our first regular meeting of 2024. This public event is eat-in by donation at the Polk UM Church, with proceeds benefiting local hunger relief.

District Governor Julianne Zody will be visiting that evening, and we are inviting the public to stay after dinner for the meeting, to meet DG Julianne and learn more about Lions. (Look for the flier in this issue of the newsletter.)

We serve!

Port Clinton Lions Club

The Port Clinton Lions Club closed 2023 with Christmas Spirit.

On Nov. 29th we packaged food for our local food bank. A reverse advent calendar with food donation suggestions was shared with members.

An additional 295 pairs of used eyeglasses were collected, and eighty-four poinsettias were sold in support of the annual District Sale.

On December 19th we hosted a Tri-Club Christmas luncheon for members of the Port Clinton Rotary, Kiwanis, and Lions clubs, with enthusiastic entertainment provided by the Bataan School 5th grade choir and bell choir.

On the 21st we held our annual club Christmas Party including a multi course dinner, gift exchange and games.

In support of our community, members rang the Salvation Army bell on three separate days.

Our next event is a Lasagna Dinner fundraiser on January 20th at the Port Clinton High School preceding a Basketball game.

Republic Lions Club

November and December are always the Republic Lions busiest months. Each year after the Ohio State / team up north, game we hold our annual gun raffle. This year was our 34th year. The crowd was well over 400 people. We raffled off 30 guns on the main tickets and 20 guns on the floor raffles. We also had our bonus ticket (2 guns and a safe) and a cash prize ticket. We had over 80 winners in all, some from surrounding states! The next weekend we have our community project of making popcorn balls. We get help from area high schools (Seneca East and New Riegel), the new Leo club at Seneca East, local 4-H clubs, basketball teams, boy scout, cub scouts and TU women's Golf team. Plus a few other organizations, clubs and individuals not listed here, but without their help it would be impossible to be successful. We made roughly 750 dozen colored softball size popcorn balls in about 5 hours. The Republic Lions would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New year!



Savannah Crestview Lions Club

The Savannah - Crestview Lions have been busy spreading some Christmas cheer during December. We welcomed 1st Vice district Governor Patty Moorman and husband Lion Bob to our dinner meeting at Cattlemen's Restaurant. It was a great evening of fun and fellowship as we were quizzed by our own Lion tamer, Steve about holiday knowledge and by VDG Patty about why we are Lions. We also had fun playing bingo. We collected sweatpants and leggings to give to the Crestview Elementary clinic to help as needed.

This is the time of year for our fruit basket delivery as well. We assembled 75 bags of fruit, candy, and Christmas greetings

to be given to shut ins and widows in the area.

We will be hosting one more pancake breakfast at Faith Church (across from Crestview Schools) Jan 6th before we move back to the Savannah Town hall.

Progress is being made on our town hall kitchen project. Recently we were able to get a sneak peak at the progress. We are excited to show it off at the Dedication with PIP Douglas Alexander and others on January 17th, 2024.

It is with sadness that we recognize the recent passing of long time Savannah Lion Dick Algoe recently. He was 97 years old and will be missed by many.



Shelby United Lions Club

My what a busy year the Shelby United Lions have had! We have so much fun working and accomplishing together but also happy to see the calendar year come to a close so that we can take a breath and plan for the new year. Hopefully that includes growth and making new friends in the club and community.





Tiffin Lions Club

Most of the Tiffin Lions action in December has centered around the Popcorn Ball Project. It is a wonderful time when community members, Lions Clubs, and Sentinel Career and Technology Center students join Tiffin Lions in a grand production that is well liked treat near and far. Thank you all for all the help.



In December 6, 90 popcorn balls were donated to Christ Church at Tiffin for two Food Bank distributions in December.

Donation of 180 popcorn balls was made to Tiffin Fire Department for children on December 7. December 14, 160 balls were donated to VFW Post 2858 for distribution on December 17 (with other donated items} to every Seneca County

Veteran who resides in Seneca County Assisted Living or Nursing Homes including local Vets at the VA home in Sandusky.

60 popcorn balls were donated to Phillips Electric and Ewald's Furniture for donations of cardboard and help with electrics. 120 balls went to Salvation Army and 1800 balls to Tiffin City schools.

Upper Sandusky Lions Club

We have been a busy club this month. We decorated the trees in downtown Upper Sandusky for Christmas. We decorated the entrance to the park for Upper's Fantasy of Lights. We prepared and served a Christmas Meal for residents of Wyandot Senior Village, and donated to their

Reflection Garden. We rang the bell for the Salvation Army on two different Saturdays. We presented Student of the month awards at Upper Sandusky High School. Members shopped and purchased Christmas Presents for local children whose name's were on the local Angel Tree. We worked the entrance to Upper's Winter Fantasy of Lights taking donations one evening. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Vermillion Lions

We helped our residents at Kingston and Mill Manor Nursing Homes with Bingo.

The Leos helped us with this event. The residents are always so happy to see us and especially to see our Leos.

We had our Christmas dinner and auction on Tuesday, December 5, at The Nest. Lions and spouses enjoyed a delicious meal. Everyone had an enjoyable time.

The Ringing of the Bell for the Salvation Army took place. We and the Leos helped with this project.

Operation Christmas Joy takes place in our community for the needy here. There was packing of food and gifts as well as delivering which we did participate in. The Leos helped out also.

Our Leos had Cookies and Crafts for all of the children of the community. at our high school There were stations of many kinds such as face painting, writing letters to Santa, coloring pictures, making ornaments and frosting cookies. All of the little ones had a great time.

Sorry to announce that we lost a long time Lion member, Bob Mey, this month. He will be deeply missed.

We hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and goes into a Prosperous New Year.

PDG Association

The 13-OH2 PDG Association got together for their annual Christmas party. The group collected hats and gloves that were taken to a local charity and tested their skills building "Santa's hats". The PDG Association wishes a very Happy New Year to all!



THANK YOU to Zone 5 Chair Janelle Grube and Region Chair Mike Grube for representing our district at the recent Regional Lions Leadership Institute at Salt Fork State Lodge. The leadership weekend was a success with more than 25 Lions from around the state attending.



Lions that have Passed this month

Vermillion Lions are sorry to announce that we lost a long time Lion member, Bob Mey,

Hayesville Lions are sorry to announce that they lost a member Lion Eugene “Andy” Anderson. He was a Member for 59 years.

Tiffin Lion Gene Waltz, 80, passed away December 7, 2023. He became a Lion in 1987. In his 36 years of serving, he sold roses, went door to door for broom sales, helped with popcorn ball project production and distribution. Held offices of Director, 3rd, 2nd, and 1st Vice and President. He oversaw the Community Service Awards given to a graduating Senior at Calvert and Columbian and to Sentinel Career and Technology Center Drug Free Fund.

It is with sadness that we recognize the recent passing of long time Savannah Lion Dick Algeo recently. He was 97 years old and will be missed by many.

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.





We Serve

Savannah-Crestview Lions

Pancake Breakfast

Faith Church

Located on Rt. 96 across from Crestview Schools

Saturday, January 6, 2024

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:
Local Hunger Project

Accepting Used Eye Glasses to Recycle

Door Prizes donated by Miller's-Hawkins Market

Enter by printing your name and phone number on back of ticket. Drawing will be held at 11:00 A.M.

POLK LIONS CLUB SOUP DINNER



Come together with friends, family, and neighbors to benefit local hunger relief. This is an eat in event by donation with special guest District Governor Julianne Zody!

**Tuesday,
January 9th from
5:00 pm-6:45pm**



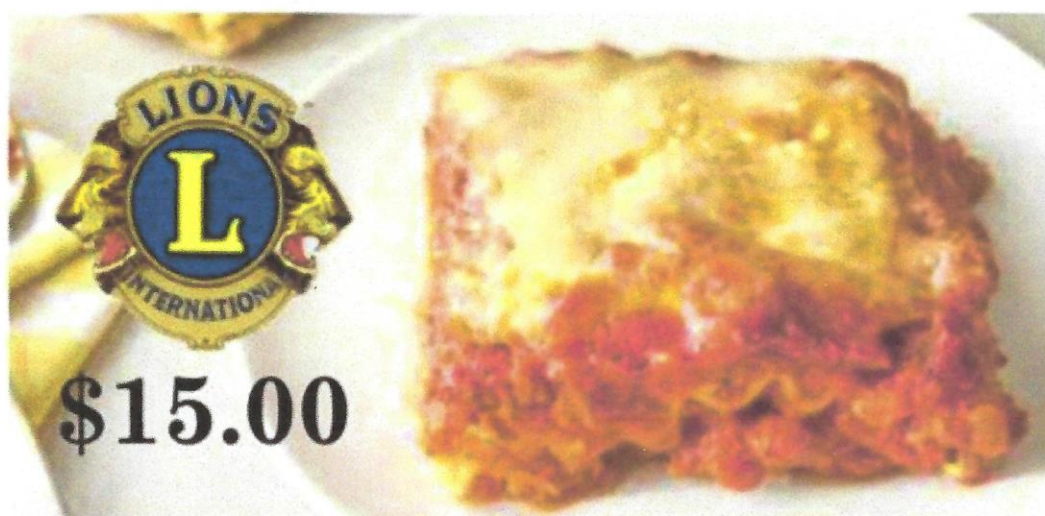
**Polk United
Methodist Church
424 North Main St.
Polk, Ohio 44866**

Port Clinton Lions Club

Lasagna Dinner

Includes: Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, Bottled Water and Desert

5:00 pm, Saturday, January 20, 2024



\$15.00

Held at
**Port Clinton High School
Cafeteria**

(Port Clinton vs Oberlin)

For Tickets Call or Text

Lisa Recker 419-656-1290

Or

Mary Kozlok 419-341-1325

OH2 Lions District Bowling Tournament
Saturday, February 25, 2024 Starting at 1:00 pm
LURAY LANES 647 E. Main St. Ashland, OH

Let's have some Rip Roaring Fun!!!



WHO: LIONS TEAMS of 4 (bring multiple teams!)

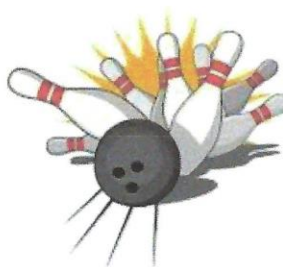
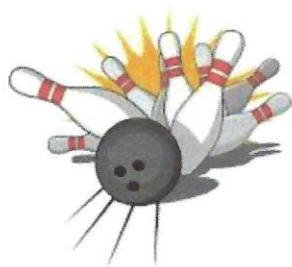
WHAT: BOWL 3 GAMES - 9 PIN no TAP!

WHERE: LURAY LANES 647 E. Main St. Ashland, OH

WHEN: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024 - 1:00 - 4:00 pm

WHY: FELLOWSHIP - DOOR PRIZES - OH2 "Hardware"

COST: \$15.00 bowler or \$60.00 per team



REGISTRATION: \$15.00 each bowler = \$60.00/team

Payable to Savannah-Crestview Lions Club MEMO: OH2 Bowling

% Dave Pond, Treasurer

3685 Olivesburg Road

Mansfield, OH 44903

ENTRY DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2024

OH2 Lions District Bowling Tournament
Saturday, February 25, 2024 Starting at 1:00 pm
LURAY LANES 647 E. Main St. Ashland, OH

REGISTRATION:

CLUB NAME: _____

TEAM MEMBERS:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

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ENTRY DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2024 "We Serve"

2024 OHIO LEO CLUB CONVENTION

Calling all LEOs and Lions!

The 2024 LEO Club Convention is just around the corner!

- **Includes service projects, games, opportunities to meet new people, and fun!**
- **Saturday, February 24**
- **Registration: 9:30am-10:00am, event ends at 3:00pm.**
- **All Occasions Catering in Waldo, Ohio**
- **\$20 (Lunch and T-Shirt)**



Interested or have questions?

Talk to one of your LEO Club Planning Committee Representatives and/or email youth@ohiolions.org.

We hope to see you there!

Lions Club of North Ridgeville presents:

NIGHT AT THE Races

Join us for an evening filled with
entertainment, food and fun!

50/50 SIDEBORDS RAFFLE BASKETS GAMES



Saturday, January 27, 2024

Doors Open - 6:30pm

First Race - 8pm



St. Clarence Pavilion

30106 Lorain Rd, North Olmsted



Tickets: \$35 donation

Includes buffet dinner, beer/soda
BYO spirits and snacks



COUNT ME IN FOR THE FOLLOWING:

☐ Event Tickets
_____ x \$35 each = _____

☐ Buy a Horse
_____ x \$20 each = _____

Owner's Name: _____

Horse Name: _____

Horse Name: _____

Deadline for Ads and Horses: 01/16/24

Deadline for Tickets: 01/18/24

SCAN ME
for Tickets



BUY A PROGRAM AD:

☐ Race Sponsor (only 10 available!) \$150
Includes a full page ad and your company
advertised on the big screen throughout the event

☐ Full Page ad (10.5"x3.75") \$100

☐ Half Page ad (5"x3.75") \$50

☐ Quarter Page ad (2.5"x3.75") \$25

Please attach artwork for ads or email digital
copy (preferred) to LionsClubofNR@gmail.com

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

**More info: @NRLionsClub
LionsClubofNR@gmail.com**

Proceeds go towards the programs supported by the Lions Club of North Ridgeville

BRECKSVILLE KIWANIS & BROADVIEW HEIGHTS LIONS



EMPTY BOWL PROJECT

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024

DONATION: \$15.00

5:00PM—7:30PM

CUYAHOGA VALLEY CAREER CENTER

8001 BRECKSVILLE ROAD, BRECKSVILLE, OH 44141

TICKET INCLUDES: SOUP, SALAD, BREAD, BEVERAGES & KEEPSAKE BOWL

"Empty Bowls" is an international project to fight hunger, personalized by artists and art organizations on a community level. The project was created by The Imagine/RENDER Group, a 501 (c)3 organization. "Empty Bowls" allows local artists, art groups and craftsmen to create and donate bowls. Guests are invited to choose a bowl and enjoy a simple meal of soup, salad and bread in exchange for a minimum cash donation. The guests keep their bowls as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world. All proceeds from the event go to a local food bank.

All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Brecksville Food Pantry and South Hills Lend-A-Hand Food Bank in Broadview Heights.

FOR INFORMATION AND TICKETS

RICH DELROSO - 216-433-6774 - richard.l.delroso@nasa.gov

KEVIN KRCMAR - 440-590-2380 - klkrmar@gmail.com

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT:

STAR SPORTS - 7033 MILL ROAD - BRECKSVILLE

BROADVIEW CHIROPRACTIC & HEALTH - 1100 W ROYALTON ROAD
BROADVIEW HEIGHTS