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Happy May District OH2!

Thank you all for coming to my party. (District OH 2 Convention) I had a really good time. I want to thank Marj and Dave again for all they did to make it happen. Also thank you to everyone that had a hand in making the convention a success.

I want to congratulate all of the award winners and thank all of you that did not receive awards for all your hard work by serving your communities and supporting me during my term as District Governor. I wish I could give each of you an award.

I am very proud of District OH2, as of this writing we are at a plus in membership.

I would like to report that almost all of my goals were met; all clubs donated to LCIF, all clubs did at least 2 service projects. My goal was to have 100% reporting, but the New Portal says we have 97% reporting. I wanted to start at least 3 new LEO clubs in the district, we started 2, and my final goal was for each member to ask 2 people to join their club. 1 to replace oneself when they no longer can serve and 1 to grow the club. I mentioned earlier we are plus in membership but this will be an ongoing process.

OH2 consists of 54 Lions clubs and 14 LEO clubs covering 10 counties. I had the pleasure of visiting all 54 Lions clubs and 3 LEO clubs.

We had 3 clubs that were struggling but with the help of Guiding Lions they are doing great things and growing their membership. Thank you PCC Greg, PDG Dana and Lion Tim for all the help you gave these clubs. I am pleased to report that we received \$7,000 worth of Walmart gift cards from the Ohio Lions Foundation for Disaster Relief for the 7 families in Plymouth, Richland County that were affect by the Tornado. Thank you RC Mike and ZC Janelle for taking care of the applications and distributing the cards.

I have reported Service Activities on the New Portal and it went well but had trouble finding other things. If you are in the same situation be sure to come to Officers Training May 4, 2024 in Ashland and bring your questions, you might bring your computer too.

I have finished all of my visitations, and am looking forward to installing new club officers, inducting new member's and attending Tiffin Lion's 95th Charter celebration May 11, 2024.

Thank you for the honor to serve you.

DG Julianne (GIFTS)

May

May 4	Officer Training
May 11	Tiffin 95 th
	Charter Night
May17-19	Ohio Lions State
	Convention

1st VDG Patty

April showers bring May flowers. We should have a lot of flowers, right? We have certainly had our share of rain lately, as well as the storms that come with them. In OH2. Plymouth experienced a tornado, just 10 minutes north of my house. Kudos to the coordination of DG Julianne, Z5 Chair Janelle Grube and the Buckeye Central Club for getting gift cards into the hands of the families within days of the storm that were affected by that tornado. Those gift cars came from our Ohio Lions Foundation. I know clubs often wonder what the checks they send are used for. Here is a great reminder of how that money, \$7,000 worth, came back to help families in our District.

If you didn't attend the District Convention, you missed some good food, fellowship and some very nice silent auction baskets. I brought home two, plus PDG Cindy's chocolate pecan pie (which disappeared very quickly). If you did attend, you probably heard the very noisy Minions during the elections. Thank you to all who supported me, voted to elect me as your next District Governor, and donned the Minion shirts and noise makers to make the event memorable.

Last month I visited with the Lorain Lions who recently inducted EIGHT new members and were adding THREE more to the roster. Wow! How did they find them? Simple. They put an article in the local newspaper saying they were looking for Lions. They also advertised on several radio stations. And their efforts paid off. They began receiving calls from folks wanting to know how to join their Lions Club. ELEVEN new members. I also visited with the Ontario Lions and assisted in the induction of two new members. DG Julianne has also installed new members in several clubs. We are growing!!!!! Don't give up. Keep trying to find the people who want to serve and want to become part of our Lion's organization. They are out there!!! I also visited with the Perryville Lions and helped serve their swiss steak dinner. I visited with the Rowsburg Lions and came home with some delicious cheese and some raffle tickets which I was assured one was the winning ticket.

I have my District Governor Schedule ready. It will be shared at Officer Training School. If you have a special event you would like me to put on my calendar, please let me know asap, as my calendar is filling up.

Yours in Lionism,

1VDG Patty Moorman

1st VDG Visitation Schedule

May 4-	Officer's Training
	School
May11-	Tiffin Lions Charter
	Celebration
May14-	Crestline Lions

May17-19 Ohio Lions State Convention

2nd VDG Shirley

Last month I visited the Fremont Club at their noon meeting. In attendance were their Students of the Month from Fremont Ross and St. Joe's Central Catholic High Schools. What interesting and academically formidable young people. A girl and boy from each school gave a short bio and told their future plans. Quite interesting. I met wonderful club members and had a tasty lunch....I even won the 50/50!

I'm looking forward to visiting all the clubs this coming year and meeting all the wonderful Lions and their guests. Watch for my visitation schedule in upcoming newsletters. Come on Spring!!!!!!!!

1VDGE ShirLee Eberle

2nd VDG Visitation Schedule

No Visitations Scheduled for March.

Council Chair May Newsletter

March roared out like a lion, and MD13 Lions have been roaring throughout the month of April to alleviate some of the devastation caused by the unusual number of tornadoes that have crossed our state. Kudos to the Huntsville/Indian Lake Lions Club for their immediate response to the EF3 tornado that has caused so much damage in Logan County. OH1 leaders have set up a fund to provide support during the recovery, partnering with the Logan County United Way as well. District Governors have called on Ohio Lions Foundation to help recovery in areas where other tornadoes have been destructive. Where there is a need, there has been a Lion!

The MD13 Convention will be held at the Doubletree Inn in Worthington. Lions International First Vice President Fabricio Oliveira will be the International Guest during the May 17-18 Event. Registration for meals closed April 30, but Lions can attend the business meetings, see the displays, and enjoy the evening hospitality by paying the \$15 registration fee on Saturday the 18^a. This includes all MD13 Lions who haven't registered in advance, including club delegates coming to vote during the Saturday Business Meeting.

There are two months left in the current Lions year, and we have added over 800 new Lions since July 1. Congratulations! We are currently in the plus column in membership growth for the year, and if we continue to add Lions at the rate of 80+ per month, we will have the first positive membership growth as a multiple district since 2007! Don't let down. We all know that the natural course of things is to grow. Nothing ever stays the same. Help us grow by asking a service-minded person to join our association. In respect to current members, take a few minutes and send a card to friends in your club who have had health issues or whom you just haven't seen for a while. We are a family and need to be looking out for each other. We do a great job for those in the community not in our organization that we support with the many service projects we undertake. Don't forget our own partners in service.

Best wishes in the coming months as we celebrate graduations and other school events; births, birthdays, reunions and family gatherings that often occur at this time of year; spring flowering and planting; and all the other activities that take place in the normally great Ohio weather that marks the coming of summer.

CC Dave Stockum

District Convention Information

Some pictures from the DISTRICT 13 OH 2 CONVENTION



















PIP Joe Preston and Joanie Visited Savannah Crestview to see the New kitchen the LCI grant helped in make possible.



District Committee's Information

OHIO LIONS EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION (OLERF)

The Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation (OLERF) is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status organization. OLERF is committed to finding treatments and cures for **blinding retinal diseases.** It takes your continued support by providing donations for our grants/fellowships to Ohio researchers. Our researchers develop new breakthroughs and conduct groundbreaking research that provides hope to those living with blinding retinal diseases. There is still much more work to be done in the fight against blindness, and we cannot do it without you. Now is the time to renew/continue your dedication to ending <u>blindness and vision loss</u> here and around the world.

We have been able to accomplish so much together however, there is still more work to be done and we will not stop until we have eradicated blinding retinal diseases and restored vision across the world.

- All funds received by OLERF remain in **Ohio** for research
- **\$357,000** committed for research projects for 2023-2024
- Special awards (Leadership, Visionary, Founders, Dick Bryan) available for donations of \$500 or more in a 2-year period
- Over \$8 million dollars have been given to Ohio researchers by OLERF.
 - Major progress by our research funds. Check out the videos on our website to find out more. Go to: <u>https://ohiolionseyeresearch.org</u>

Vision disability is one of the top 10 disabilities among adults 18 years and older. It is one of the most prevalent disabling conditions among children and causes substantial social and economic toll for millions of people. This causes significant suffering, loss of productivity and a diminished quality of life.

Half of all blindness is preventable but the number of Ohioans who suffer vision loss continues to increase. The primary causes of loss of vision are cataracts, retinopathy, glaucoma, and age-related macular degeneration (AMD).

Each District in Ohio has an OLERF member. Contact them for more information, to speak at a club meeting, district meeting, etc., or to donate. OLERF is proud of the research being accomplished and looks forward to continuing to be a leader for Ohio in eye research.

OH1 - DG Deb Crawford OH2 - PDG Myron Amstutz OH3 - Nancy Brown OH4 - Jeff Reech OH5 - PDG Jeff Sweeney OH6 - David Jordan OH7 - Earl Paazig At Large - PDG Jeff Hatfield At Large - PDG Joe Jackson At Large - PDG Micheal Gibbs At Large - PCC Betty Robbins

Executive Director - PCC Lydia Houser Legal Advisor - Dave Hunter Executive Treasurer - PCC Woody Conrad Scientific Advisor - Dr. Deb Grzybowski Emeritus - PCC Jeff Hillis Emeritus - Norbert A. Peiker Emeritus - Dr. Bob Goulding Emeritus - Doug Beitzel

OH2 Compliance Report

The next MD13 Compliance Committee will meet via zoom on Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 7 pm. As is done at each quarterly meeting, each district representative share updates on club actions to achieve and/or maintain good standing with the Internal Revenue Service and state agencies, including the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Ohio Department of Commerce (unclaimed funds reporting), Ohio Department of Taxation (sales tax reporting, if applicable) and the Ohio Secretary of State's Office (club articles of incorporation).

The general meeting topics include a method for the committee to monitor clubs' unclaimed funds reporting status and "games of chance" requirements under Ohio Revised Code. Games of chance include 'pools'; an example would be NCAA March Madness bracket selection participation.

At OH2 Leadership & Officer training on May 4th, a session on compliance requirements will be provided. A copy of Legal Considerations for Lions Clubs, updated March, 2024, will be available and discussed. Prepared by OH5 committee member Lion Steve Kaplan, this resource will be provided to club treasurers at the May 4 OH2 Lion leaders school (aka Leadership/Officer training).

Congratulations to DG Julianne on a successful year and in supporting clubs' attaining and maintaining compliance in District OH2. Best wishes to DGe Patty Moorman and her team in the 2024-2025 Lions year. The upcoming year will complete the three year term as Compliance Representative. I have informed DGe Patty that I will not seek a successor term to the position. However, I encourage Lions to speak with DGe Patty about this important Cabinet role.

PCC Kevin Reidy

OH-2 GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM

(WWID) Worldwide Initiative Day was the last Saturday in April to unite clubs around the world.

Why not have a day **every month** to **unite Lions** clubs.

Club membership worldwide is on a mission to grow.

Our drive is to reach 1.5 million Lions by 2027. Please accept this mission.

Our mission includes:

- a. **Increased membership** focused
- b. **Teamwork** ready-every lion has an important part to play
- c. Revitalizing existing clubs
- d. Charter new clubs
- e. **Inspiring all lions** through **fellowship and exciting service**

Today we have 1.4 million Lions worldwide. Let's start today increasing

Membership. The Lions on-line site has a Club Membership Chairperson

e-book. Download one for your club today.

lionsclubs.org/membership

lionsclubs.org/mission 1.5 -for information and resources

lionsclubs.org/socialkits-customizable social media graphic

Melody D Barnes, GMT Membership Coordinator

GLOBAL SERVICE

Lions are in full "**SERVICE**" mode! I encourage you to continue posting your service to social media. So many activities have been reported. Lions do make a difference!

LION PORTAL

LIONS, it is finally here! The new Lion Portal went live APRIL 15, 2024!

April 15 to May 13, Lions who have an active account on MyLCI/My Lion will receive an email inviting them to log into the new Lion Portal and create their password. **DO NOT PANIC IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR EMAIL YET.**

After May 13, all visitors attempting to access the previous digital tools will be automatically redirected to the new portal.

For additional updated information, visit: <u>lionsclubs.org</u> - Lion Portal For informational videos about using the Lion Portal, visit: <u>https://www.youtube.com@lionportaltraining</u>

District training will begin at Leadership training May 4 in Ashland. I will keep you posted on training opportunities. Be patient. We will transition to the new system!!

MAKE CHANGE

Lions International President Dr. Patti Hill has challenged Lions this year to "**Be the Change**". This is the last quarter for this project. Let's finish STRONG as Lions always do!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING CLUBS THAT WERE PRESENTED THE GOVERNOR'S SERVICE AWARD AT DISTRICT CONVENTION. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND, ZONE CHAIRS WERE PRESENTED THE AWARD.

Ashland Evening Bucyrus Fostoria Norwalk Plymouth Attica Crestline Loudonville Old Fort Port Clinton Avon Elyria Evening North Ridgeville Ontario Savannah-Crestview

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USA/Canada Forum Report



Louisville 2024 The Louisville September 5-7, 2024 US

The Latest News & Information for the 2024 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

APRIL 2024

THE BENEFITS OF ATTENDING THE FORUM

STEVE SHERER, GENERAL FORUM CHAIR

It's been six months since the Forum in Reno and less than six months till we kick off the Forum in Louisville. Perhaps you are still contemplating attending the Forum in September. Let me remind you of the benefits of attending a Forum.



The Forum is an opportunity for Lions to get together and share old ideas and take home new ones. Lions can embrace new ideas to uplift our organization's service, individually and collectively.

The Louisville Forum will include:

- Over 80 seminars with a focus on building personal leadership skills to make our clubs stronger.
- A Leadership Exchange that gives participants quick access to leadership info in a very short time.
- Exhibits with the latest and greatest ideas to share.
- The Forum Store with Lions swag and more.
- A chance to met and greet our International Officers and Board of Directors
- Four dynamic keynote speakers

All of this under one roof at the Kentucky

International Convention Center, which is within walking distance of all five of our Forum hotels.

And when not attending the seminars or general sessions, a quick trip around town offers several fine restaurants and shops, not to mention the Louisville Slugger Museum, the Muhammed Ali Museum or a short trip to the Bourbon Trail. Or maybe it's just a nice leisure stroll down the Ohio River. There are plenty of things to do to keep you busy while in Louisville.

Also included in this newsletter is a tentative itinerary for the Forum to help you with your planning. Please note that the planning process is still going on, so there could be some minor changes.

Next month we will begin to highlight our keynote speakers. Looking forward to seeing you in September.

Are You A Friend of the Forum?

Friends of the Forum sponsors receive:

- A special ribbon to wear on their name badge at the Forum.
- Their name(s) listed on the Forum website as a sponsor.
- · Listed in the official Forum program, and
- One recognition announcement during one of the general sessions during the Forum.

VISIT LIONSFORUM.ORG/FRIENDS

Zone Chair Corner

Club News Past, Present and to come

Ashland Evening Lions

2024-2025 officers will be installed on June 6. We will honor scholarship recipients and present awards. Flower sale orders will arrive on May 7. We held a fun auction among club members on April 4 with proceeds to benefit the Administrative Fund. Our eyeglasses recycling count stands at 12,930.

Four members attended the District Convention, and our club was the recipient of a number of awards. Four members helped with the Rotary and other local groups during the Make Ashland Sparkle event on April 27. A number of our members will be involved in or helping at District Officer Training on May 4.

Ashland Noon Lions Club

The Ashland Noon club has been active this spring. In March our speakers were all from local non-profits. Lion Angela Woodward of the Ashland Co. Cancer Assoc., Lion Sandy Enderby from Ashland Council on Aging, Lion Dan Lawson from Salvation Amy, and Holly Dawson from Visual Bucket list. All were presented checks from the club, including \$500 to Visual Bucket List. If your club is not aware, their Mansfield based non-profit provides makea-wish trips to children losing their sight due to disease, to give them a lifetime memory before darkness closes in. Holly would love to speak to your club, contact her at hdawson@thevblf.com to hear about them.

We disbursed over \$9,000 to LCIF, pilot dogs, OLF, and many local nonprofits to support their efforts to make our community a better place for all. We will use the Lions tent for tables at the Ashland Veterans Day Celebration and the ACCA Pediatric Cancer Support Day to get the word out that Lions Serve!

We also elected officers for 2024-2025. Lion Josh Hiller will be president, the 103rd new president in our 104 years! We are proud of our record of developing leadership in Lions and the community. All of our officers are signed up for officer

training in May, and several future officers are also attending to learn more.

Attica Lions Club

March was closed out with the LCIF March Madness Pool as a fundraiser. Winners received cash awards. The Attica Lions and LEO club had a successful Solar Eclipse Concession Stand and Bake Sale on April 8th. Members served fried bologna and cheese sandwiches, and homemade Cheesecake. What a beautiful day for this rare totality to be witnessed in our little town! Souvenir magnets & stickers were also sold for fun.

Avon Lions Club

The spring has been a very busy time for the Avon Lions Club. We have added 4 new members, Dan Harrington, Ryan & amp; Tania Gray and Jason Rittenhouse. Guest meeting speakers included Vic Gregovits, President of the Lake Erie Crushers Baseball team and Avon Police Chief Daniel Fischbach. After his talk Chief Fischbach accepted a painting by Lion Eric Jaworowski. The painting was a thank you for the Avon first responders and will be hung in the Avon Police Department headquarters.



The Avon Lions conducted a March Madness fundraiser which raised \$1,250.00. Various donations were made including \$1,000.00 to the LCIF/Texas Wildfire fund and \$1,750.00 to assist a local child purchase a new hearing aid. Avon Lions also donated used and undamaged solar eclipse glasses for recycling in Latin America.



Lion Lynne Stark, who is a principal at Vincent Elementary School was named as the 2024 Principal of the year by the Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators. Congratulations to Lion Lynne for this great and well-deserved recognition.

The Avon Lions Club YTD Service metrics and records have been reported in MyLion prior to the change over to the new software reporting system. We have completed our 2024-2025 new officer elections. **Congratulations to President** Dan Starwalt, Secretary Jason Peterman, Paul Kapalko, Vice Presidents Joe Santoro & amp; John Novak, Membership Paul Stark, Trustees Jerry Gentz, Catherine Starwalt, Jennifer McNamara & amp; Nancy McGhee, Tail Twister Doug Wetzig, and Lion Tamer Eric Jaworowski. New officers have been updated for the upcoming year in MyLion. Upcoming events include the awarding of the William H. Bommer/Avon Lions Club scholarships at the Avon High School Academic awards night. The Avon Lions Club Awards two \$2,000.00 scholarships. The Avon Lions will volunteer to plant flowers and clean up the Lions Community Center at Northgate Park as a part of the Avon Beautiful Day and we will host our annual fishing derby on June 1 st.

Bascom Lions Club

Last month the Bascom Lions had a successful fundraiser for Pediatric Cancer and also donated money to the 8th grade class at Hopewell Loudon for their class trip. Zone 2 Chairman Dave Omler visited our club and gave updates from the District Convention. Then he passed out awards to the Bascom Lions for being a Pediatric Donors Club, for the Journey of Hope Award, and a 2nd place district award for our newsletter. Individual awards were given to Rick Osterwalder, Melvin Jones Award, and Dallas Heck, Lion of the Year 2023-2024 Zone 2. Guest speaker for April was Misty Wheeler from the Seneca County Sheriff's office. She gave a speech that included insight on current scams going on in our area and precautions to take along with information on who to contact if you or someone you know is a victim of a scam. For the month of May the Bascom Lions will be going to Hopewell Loudon School to provide vision screening for the elementary and scholarships for the highschool seniors. Then on June 2nd we will be having our annual Memorial Parade and BBO. See the flier below for details.

These are pics of Rick Osterwalder receiving his Melvin Jones award from Zone 2 chairman David Omlor, and Dallas Heck receiving the Zone 2 Lion of the Year award also from Omlor. Maybe a little late but hope in time for the district newsletter





Bellevue Lions Club

March 27, 2024 - Sandusky Lions member Mike Karniotis, through his contact with Cedar Point has once again included the Bellevue Lions with a donation of 100 small stuffed animals from Cedar Point. These were presented to The Bellevue Hospital who will in turn make them available for families with young children. Pictured making the presentation from left to right are Jim Pickering and Sandy Loparo, Bellevue Lions Club members.

April 6th and 7th - The Bellevue Lions Club participated in a community event for the solar eclipse weekend. Bellevue Lions Club members Adrian, Dave, Melissa and Erica ventured out to Central Park in Bellevue to set up a booth to hand out club information and also to attempt to do eye screenings.

April 15, 2024 - Our final Education Excellence recipient attended the meeting. Rebecca Booze, an English teacher at the Bellevue High School was introduced by Principal Nate Artino. She has been a teacher at the school system for 30 years, and has remained actively involved over the years. Her classes typically obtain very high test scores, some of the highest within the school.







Butler Lions Club

February 2024

Phil Dirt and the Dozers netted the club \$799 for selling 50-50 tickets at the February 3, 2024 event. Several members of the club participated in selling the tickets. Several club members attended the Lucas Lions February 27 Zone meeting.



March 2024

The club hosted the Annual Guest Night on March 4, 2024. Peg Rumbarger served as auctioneer of the event. Guest and Butler Lions purchased assorted gift baskets, odds and ends and of course, apple dumplings, pies and other tasty goodies. Thank you to all who donated and purchased the articles offered. A special thank you to Peg Rumbarger who puts the fun and laughter in the bidding process!

Several club members donated candy and filled the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, March 30.

May 2024

No formal meeting was held at the Black Dog Tavern when the club met on Monday, March 25 for annual night out. A few items were discussed by Lion Ericka and the following decisions were made: Members voted to give \$100 to LCIF for Disaster Relief (Texas/Oklahoma fires, Tornadoes in Ohio). Donated \$50 to Bellville Lions in memory of Lion Bill Brook Okayed payment of \$450 for Prairie Peddler 2024. Menu for 2024 Prairie Peddler not yet finalized.

Crestline Lions Club

Crestline members attending the **District Convention:** Left to right. Zone 5 Chairperson & Club President - Janelle Grube Region 1 Chairperson & Club 1st Vice President - Mike Grube Club Secretary and Administrator - Bob Parr Club member - Kitty Herold Branch Club President & Zone 5 Lion of the Year - Clayton Herold International Relations & Club Treasurer - Bob Moorman & District 13 - OH2 incoming District Governor -Patty Moorman



Crestline Lions Noon Branch Club

The Crestline lion's noon branch club donated funds to Crestline High Schools resource offer to help purchase a set of "Drunk Buster" goggles to help with a special day as Jr's and Seniors prepare for prom. The goggles allow students to simulate the effects of driving while the influence of alcohol. In picture is Leo Club advisor/ Noon Branch secretary Erin Spackey, School Resource officer Durbin and Senior and LEO club president Hunter Gibbons.



Crestline High School LEO

Crestline High School LEO club had a Elementary peer positive day! LEO members passed out stickers, gave High fives and positive affirmations!



Fremont Lions Club

Fremont Lions were pleased to have ShirLee Eberle visit and speak at their April 16 meeting. We wish her well in her new role as the 1st Vice District Governor Elect! At the same meeting, we heard from four high school Seniors and look forward to presenting a \$500 scholarship to one student from both Fremont Ross and St. Joe Central Catholic High Schools in May.

In June we will host the Annual Pancake Breakfast on June 9, 8 am -12:30 pm at the Fremont Eagles. Suggested donation is \$7. We will also be selling tickets for the Millersport Sweet Corn Festival Fundraiser at the Pancake Breakfast and until early August. This is the second year for us to sell tickets for this great fundraiser, as all selling groups keep one-half of the amount they sell! In June, we also have our Installation Dinner and are very pleased that current officers will serve a second year.





Hayesville Lions Club

The Hayesville Lions Club met April 18 at Hayesville United Methodist Church with Missy Dropsey giving us " Local Area Things to do". She is a second grade teacher at Hillsdale Schools, works at the Bell Stores, and at Brookside Pool. Seniors can swim free at the pool from 10-11 Monday -Saturday and 12-1 on Sunday and the pool is heated now. The pool has several family events such as Big Splash with big balls and prizes, some night swims, and glow sticks. Two weeks every summer they give

swim lessons for \$20. They teach about life jackets. The pool opens the Saturday before Memorial Day.

Brookside has miniature golf and is open an extra month. Free ice cream at the park stand for anyone who gets a hole in one. There are tennis courts, shuffleboard, and the wonderful Myers Memorial Bandshell.

Brookside West has a dog park.

She had bandshell brochures and papers on the 19 county parks. At Freer Field there will be and Art Class and Zumba.

The Hayesville Club has raffle tickets for guns for sale at Fin Feather and Fur and by members.

May 2 business meeting is at Schucks. May 4 is Officer Training School at Trinity Lutheran Church. May 16 is the dinner meeting at the Conservation Farm with a pot luck at 6:30. A tour of the house is first. June 27 is Installation of Officers at Stone Lutheran Church.



LaGrange Lions Club

The LaGrange Lions were in charge of the Silent Auction at the District Convention. Thank you to Bev Fox, Kelly West and Ann Sabo for taking on this responsibility. We enjoyed seeing people we knew and meeting new friends. We had a lot of fun and the raffle baskets were great.

We are currently selling gun raffle tickets for our 9th Annual Gun Raffle scheduled for Sept. 14, 2024. There will be an early drawing on May 14 and the first prize is a Sig Red Dot Laser, second prize is 6 free gun raffle tickets and third prize is 3 free gun raffle tickets. If you are interested in participating, please call Ann @ 440-315-4278 for tickets. Cost is \$20 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$100.

Lorain Lions Club

The Lorain Lions Club celebrated Lions Worldwide Induction Day on April 4, 2024. Patty Moorman, First Vice District Governor of Ohio Lions, District 13 OH 2, was the keynote speaker.

"Lions Worldwide Induction Day is a significant opportunity to welcome new members and showcase the importance of giving back to our community," says Dr. Richard Marcucci, Lorain Lions Club president. "We are committed to serving those in need and building a stronger Lorain."

The Lorain Lions Worldwide Induction Day was a success as 11 members were inducted and received a Lorain Lions Lighthouse pin and Worldwide Induction Day Certificate of Membership. The Sponsoring Lions received a Certificate of Sponsor from Lions Club International President Dr. Patti Hill along with a Lions International Sponsor pin and a Mission 1.5 million sponsor pin.



Patty Moorman, First Vice District Governor of Ohio Lions, District 13 OH 2 was the keynote Speaker at Lorain Lions Worldwide Induction Day celebration accompanied by Glenn Owen, Lorain Lion Tail twister.

The Lorain Lions Club hosted keynote speaker, Arnie, Milner, Holocaust Remembrance Day event organizer at its noon meeting on Thursday April 11. Milner said, "The Holocaust Remembrance Day events are free of charge. The first event will take place on Sunday, May 5th starting at 4:30 p.m. at Warner Hall, Oberlin Conservatory, 77 West College Street. Oberlin. The second event will be held on Monday. May 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lorain Palace Theatre, 617 Broadway in Lorain." "The event will feature two parts, the first half will feature showing "Violins of Hope,' violins rescued from the Holocaust, coming in from Tel Aviv, Israel. The second half features Carol Wilner sharing her story and experiences of surviving the holocaust." "These events are a unique opportunity for our community to hear history firsthand, before there are no living survivors left to tell their story."



Arnie Milner, Holocaust Remembrance Day organizer was the keynote speaker at the Lorain Lions meeting

Loudonville Lions Club

Loudonville Lions held another sold out Fish Fry on "Ladies Night Out" with 1/2 price meals for ladies. For Earth Day, we did a clean up in Central Park, which included picking up lots of small branches from recent wind storms. We also served breakfast to Mansfield Plumbing Products Retirees. DG Julianne Zody joined us for our monthly meeting and inducted new member Dennis Newcomer. We also presented \$1000 scholarships to four local Redbird Seniors graduating in May. Leo Club completed work on the discus and shot put areas at the stadium. A busy and productive month!







Lucas Lions Club

It was a busy month in Lucas! We welcomed our newest Lion, Kelly Mongold, on April 18th. Kelly is the Lucas High School Guidance Counselor and we are excited about the new opportunities and knowledge she will bring. On April 20th, we held our third bingo night, which turned out to be another successful fundraiser for our club. Several people stayed late to learn about what Lions do and how we serve our community. We are now looking forward to our first graduation breakfast for Lucas Seniors on May 24th, our **Community Duck Race** Fundraiser on August 17th, and the Community Car Show on August 31st.





Mansfield United Lions Club

Strides for Diabetes 1-Mile Walk: We are thrilled to announce the successful completion of our Strides for Diabetes 1-Mile Walk. Thanks to the enthusiastic participation of our community members and the dedication of our volunteers, we took significant strides towards raising awareness about diabetes and promoting a healthier lifestyle. We look forward to next year's event! **Alta Floral Greenhouse Gift** Card Sales: Another accomplishment of the past month was the fruitful sales of gift cards from Alta Floral Greenhouse. The monies generated will help us in advancing our mission of serving those in need within our community.

Moving into May with Angel Blessing Bags Collection: As we step into the month of May, we are excited to launch our new service project - the collection for Angel Blessing Bags. These hygienic bags, filled through donations, play a crucial role in supporting members of our community as they enter New Beginnings Rehab locally. This project holds special significance for Lion Stan Lemon and the entire club as we strive to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those battling addiction.

Why Angel Blessing Bags Matter: It's essential to recognize the significance of the Angel Blessing Bags project. With over 37 million Americans aged 12 years and older being current illegal drug users as of 2020, the need for support and compassion for individuals entering rehab is more critical than ever. These bags serve as a beacon of hope for those who enter rehab with nothing, offering them essential items and a sense of comfort during a challenging time. If you feel compelled to join us in this impactful initiative or would like to learn more about how you can contribute, please reach out to us at

mansfieldunitedlions@gmail.co m.









Marblehead Peninsula Lions Club

The Marblehead Lions have held their elections for 2024 and 2025. Congratulations to Francisca Tuttamore and her team as they prepare for the upcoming Lion year beginning July 1st. Officers have been updated in the Lions portal. The club is preparing for a Memorial Weekend Pancake Breakfast on Saturday May 25th beginning at 8:30. The Marblehead VFW and our Lions Club share a special bond. We hold our meetings there and they are a strong supporter of our annual Perch Festival. At our last meeting Deb Gerrard of the VFW presented our club with a check for their Perch Festival support AND surprised our club with an additional contribution of \$2,500 in support of all our club does for the local community.



North Ridgeville Lions Club

The Lions Club of North Ridgeville has been busy preparing for our Annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on May 27. This year, we are honored to help unveil North Ridgeville's brand new Veterans Memorial during our memorial service following the parade. Parade step off is at 9:45 a.m. at the North Ridgeville High School. See flyer at back of newsletter for more details.

A little competition is always fun, but always better when it benefits the community! Our club is competing against the NR Rotary Club and the Kiwanis Club to see who can bring in the most Household Essential donations for NR Community Care. We lost last year but are determined to win that trophy again! We will keep you posted!

At the beginning of April, with the help of our Leo Club, we held a Pancake Breakfast, and gave away free solar eclipse sunglasses to participants. The event was a great success with nearly 100 breakfasts sold. We look forward to growing this event even bigger in the future!





Polk Lions Club

The Polk Lions Club's 66th annual Community Birthday calendar order has been sent in, and we look forward to distributing calendars to our customers in May and June. This is our club's longest running fundraiser.

Two members attended the recent District OH2 Convention in Strongsville.

We will review scholarship applications from Mapleton High School seniors in the next few weeks and make our selection(s).

We are excited to be partnering with the Village of Polk, The Polk-Jackson-Perry Fire Department, and our local churches to hold a community festival this summer to commemorate the village's 175th Anniversary. So far we have received several generous sponsorship donations; and details are falling into place for this celebration! We will prepare and serve a free community dinner at the Polk UM Church on Tuesday, May 21st. This event is part of our commitment to meet the need of "Food Insecurity" and is made possible in part by an LCIF grant for kitchen upgrades at the church.

Members have been reporting volunteer hours logged while working on various projects, including painting the entryway at the UM Church, and changing clients' batteries as part of Project Lifesaver.

We serve!

Perrysville Lions

We held a successful Swiss steak Luncheon serving 100 steaks.

We are planning our June 29, 2024 Car Show. We will be participating in a Community Resource Event where we will promote our club and Project Lifesaver on April 30, 2024. We will be placing Flags on 500 plus Veterans graves on May 15, 2024 and holding a Mother's Day Swiss steak Luncheon on May 12, 2024 from 11-1:00 at the Perrysville Community Center. Carry-out only!

Republic Lions Club

Republic Lions held a Chicken BBQ in March and was a sellout and we hope to sell out again on May 5th. We will be selling Chicken halves dinner along with green beans, apple sauce, rolls, cupcakes and our famous homemade potato salad! Meals are 12.00. Serving begins at 11:00 AM at the Republic park. Other news our meetings will be held at the Park until further notice. The town hall has been closed due to structural damage. We have sent out our annual scholarship applications to Seneca East High School. We will be holding our Annual Father's day golf scramble at Clinton Heights golf course if you have a foursome and would like to play contact Matt Miller!

Rowsburg Lions Club

At our March 26th meeting we hosted to 6 members of the Ashland Lions evening group. Our guest speaker of the evening was Burton Williams who spoke on the subject of Submarines. He served for 6 years on one of the subs named the "James K. Polk". It was a very interesting talk on serving time and living on a submarine. Before our April 9th meeting, we cut, wrapped, labeled and weighed 115 pounds of cheese from our cheese sale. During our April 9th meeting we were happy to learn that the roof on our building will be replaced as well as some downspouts and gutters.

Our Community project of repairing The Teeter Totters on the playground have been done with special "Thanks" to Lions members Steve Englet and Doug Sloan, and are in full use already. Also, a special "Thanks" to Lion member Steve Engle and wife Donna for donating a toddler swing for the playground.

We will be selling tickets for a meat bundle raffle. Prizes will be a \$300 Meat Bundle and a \$100 Meat Bundle with drawing to be held at our May 28th meeting. Proceeds to be used for local community projects and scholarships. If interested in purchasing a ticket, call any member or Bob Doneleson at 419-651-5725. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.00.

Election of officers was held with Steve Englet, President; Bob Donelson, VP; Dan Stone, Secretary/Treasurer; Carl Chapman, Tail Twister; Bob Smith, Judy Emmerich, Ralph Wertz, and Alicia Williams, Directors.

At our April 23rd meeting, we were honored to have as a guest our newly elected District Governor, Patty Moorman. She spoke about the District convention. She spoke on getting new members and how to keep members we now have. She also explained how the "Bite em" originated. Discussion during the business meeting consisted about bricks on building that need repaired, drainage problems were discussed and expanding the parking lot.

Our next Pancake breakfast will be May 18th and our last cheese sale till fall will be June 27th.



Sandusky Lions Club

The Sandusky Lions Club was given over 500 plush/stuffed animals by Cedar Point. Lion Mike Karniots received them, he and his wife, Lion Rhonda sorted, labeled & tagged each one, all before beginning multiple deliveries. Lion Mike and Lion Jim Williams are shown delivering to just a few places, but many other medical facilities, police, sheriff and fire departments were given as well.









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Savannah Crestview Lions Club

Savannah-Crestview met for our monthly dinner meeting at the town hall and welcomed DG Julianne and PDG Dana Zody for the evening. After the meeting we helped Convention Chair Marj Pond put items in the registration packets for the OH2 convention. The following Saturday we held our montly pancake breakfast with proceeds going to help with our scholarships for graduating seniors at Crestview. Just before the OH2 convention PIP Joe Preston and his wife Joni were able to visit the town hall and see the renovations made there.

We have held a second free monthly lunch at the townhall and had several new people come and enjoy the meal. Our next one will be on May 15th with a menu of baked perch, green beans, fruit, water or coffee.

We will be holding one more pancake breakfast this year. It is on June 1, 2024 at the town hall with proceeds going to help the Crestview Area Buyers Club purchase animals from Crestview students at both the Richland and Ashland Fairs.





Shelby Lions Club

Shelby United Lions have been busy! Members worked with Richland Outreach Center to give over 300 family members a special Easter. We recently earned our second Trex bench and already working on our third. At the beginning of April, we teamed up with Richland Childrens Services to bring awareness to child abuse. Members hung blue ribbons in downtown Shelby for the month. We have had many requests on facebook to know what the ribbons were for! How exciting that people are becoming "aware".

DG Julianne Zody & PDG Dana visited with us recently. We also hosted a guest speaker from Richland County Childrens Services and shared a meal. DG Julianne led us in cheer!

Recently several members attended the District 13 OH2 Convention. We were honored to receive awards and recognition for our efforts to serve in the past year.

Our new officers have been elected: Tail Twister- Shelly Krystofik, Vision Chair-Debbie August Greene, Marketing & Membership Chair-Desi Spillman, 2nd Treasurer-Jane Gregory, Treasurer-Meranda Gregory, Secretary-Neen Porter, 2nd Vice President-Mike Coffey, 1st Vice President-Rich Banichar, President-Lin Jenkins.



April is Child Abuse Prevention month. Members of Shelby United Lions Club hung blue ribbons for awareness of Child Abuse.







Tiffin Lions Club

On April 1, Lion Mark Miller brought a Magnification Machine to the meeting to demonstrate the ease of use and availability for members and community.

Lions Margaret Werling and Paul Klaiss and Steve Cochie demonstrated the Plus Optix machine used to test eyes from infant through adult. Mark Miller reported 141 children tested this Lion year, with 13 referrals.

Guest Lion Ann Smith of Bradenton, FL Lions told of

Sight and Hearing tests Florida requires and Bradenton Lions perform for 4th through 6th graders.



Vermillion Lions

Our Student of the Month was Brooke Jenkins. She is the State Champion in Girls Wrestling. She is involved in many school and community activities.

Our Food Pantry Chairman, Dan Dean, collected \$80 from our members at our first meeting of the month for our local pantry.

At our second meeting of the month we had 3 members from our Vermilion High School Speech and Debate team come and perform. Two of the girls on the team are going to Nationals. They presented a very good debate.

We sent a donation to the Logan County Lions Club for the victims of the Tornado in Logan County.

Bingo was at Kingston and Mill Manor Nursing Homes this month. We helped the residents with their bingo. Next month is our last bingo for this school year. We will begin again in the fall.

We had 5 members attend the District Convention. We received awards for donations to Journey of Hope, Pediatric Cancer, for donations for our two Melvin Jones (Horace Hurzog), and the Humanitarian award. A certificate for our Leo advisor, Mike Palm, and a certificate for us supporting our Leo Club was also presented. We had one deceased member from our club this year, Bob Mey who was recognized at the Convention.

PDG Jim Jeavons presented Ken Lewis with a key award for having two people become Lions members to our club.

The sign up sheet is out for our upcoming Fish Festival which is on the weekend of June 14-16. We will be selling our delicious homemade french fries. Mark your calendars.

Our Annual Reverse Raffle went over very well thanks to all of the help from our members. We made a nice profit from it. Planning for next year's Reverse Raffle will be done soon.

PDG Jim Jeavons and Lion Gloria Showalter (Liason for the Leos/Lions) attended the Leo meeting. PDG Jim Jeavons presented the certificates to advisor Mike Palm for our Leo club and for him being the Leo advisor. Also a sign up sheet was given to the club for helping us at the Fish Festival. The Leo Club is having a Mother/Son event at the Vermilion Elementary School. There will be games, snacks, and refreshments. They are also collecting used glasses. Hope that everyone is enjoying our unpredictable spring 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.





Lorain Lions Club

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser At Italian American Veterans Club Post No. 1 4567 Oberlin Avenue. Lorain

Call Lion George George at 440.288.9475 to purchase tickets Menu: Pancakes, Grilled Sausage and related Condiments, Serving from 8 A.M. to 1 P.M. **Dine-in and Drive-thru event** Coffee, Tea, Milk and Orange Juice Tickets are \$7 per person Sunday: May 5, 2024



SIGHTFIRST local vision projects including eye exams, eye glasses Proceeds support "Lions Conquering Blindness" and surgical eye treatment.

Desserts are available for purchase plus 50/50 and Lottery Basket Raffles



When you arrive, we will accept unwanted used eyeglasses and sunglasses to recycle under the banner "Lions Recycle for Sight"

We will accept cash donations to donate to Wee Care Closet

who supports Lorain County children in need.



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Veterans Memorial Memorial Service at Monday, May 27th Parade 9:45 a.m.

9:45 a.m. at the North Ridgeville High School on Center) with the Memorial Service in association with the North Ridgeville Lions Club, VFW Post 9871, and the Veterans Memorial Committee The 2024 Memorial Day Parade will begin at Veterans Memorial (across from the Senior Bainbridge Road and conclude at the new

awards for "Best in Show" and "Crowd Pleaser". You can register your unit (free) at

Kids Bike Decorating Contest & Awards, Best Float and Best Marching Group Awards, and car

northridgevillelions.org or Facebook @NRLions



Your Lions Club, LEOs, and Guests are Invited! To learn about



Warsaw, OH

"a unique experience for individuals with disabilities"



Promo speaker Jimmy McNutt

Wednesday May 8, 2024 7:00-8:00 PM

Attica Fairgrounds Entertainment Building Sponsored by the Attica Lions Club

Please RSVP number coming from your club by May 1st, 2024 to Dick and Dana Leber dmwleber19@gmail.com

Donations to the cause will be accepted

PARADE STARTS AFTER THE SERVICE @ 2PM	MEMORIAL CEREMONY AT SANDRIDGE CEMETARY @ 1:15 PM	DINNER STARTS SERVING @ 11AM	JUNE 2, 2024	ANNUAL MEMORIAL BBQ DINNER AND PARADE		BASCOM OHIO LIONS CLUB, INC
			Call or text Brad Scheiber at 419-934-1383	Game of colf cart hot doo at the turn	Bloomville Lions Golf Scramble	



BELLEVUE LIONS CLUB



18TH .. ANNUAL "UNIQUE PAR 3"

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday – June 14, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

2 Person Scramble/18 holes

Twin Lakes Golf Course

100 Decker St. Bellevue, Ohio

\$50.00 per Person

TWO DIVISION WINNERS-MEN'S AND

MIXED(MALE/FEMALE, TWO WOMEN, ADULT /CHILD (15 OR UNDER)

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

TEAM _____

DEADLINE June 7, 2024 Payable to: Bellevue Lions Club/C/O Jim Pickering 214 Yorkshire Pl. Bellevue, Oh. 44811 419 483 4992 or

jimdottiep@live.com