

January 13, 2025

My Fellow Lions,

 On behalf of Governor Patty, it is my privilege as Convention Chair to invite you to celebrate our Lions year at the 2025 District 13OH-2 Convention and Celebration. It will be held March 14th, 15th and 16th at the Wyndham/Doubletree Hilton, Westlake, Ohio. Joining us this year as our special guests will be Past International Director Dr. Diane Pitts and her husband Lion Joe. The Pitt’s are from Chappells, South Carolina and we are looking forward to their participation in our weekend.

 We are planning a fun and informative couple of days for you, as well as time for you to socialize and enjoy the company of other Lions from around the district. On Friday evening you can choose to try your luck at Euchre OR you can help judge the Masked Lion Singers.

 On Saturday, The Amazing Duck Race takes place at 8:00 AM, Saturday, at the swimming pool. There will be four winners. Proceeds will go to Pediatric Cancer. Make sure you purchase your tickets for a chance to be the winner. You will have an opportunity to attend seminars on building a Cub program. You will hear and see how Lions clubs came together, working with LCIF, to provide Disaster Relief. Twenty-Four years ago our country experienced the tragedy of 911. We will hear from Lion Shirley that was on one of the planes diverted to a small town and how the kindness changed the lives of the people on the planes. Lion Barry Buck will talk to us about building beds for kids that have no beds to sleep in and we will hear from a motorcycle club that focuses on helping neglected children feel safe. Blue Frog Productions will also be here this year, selling Lions clothing and paraphernalia.

Again, this year we are having the Parade of Club Banners to begin the Awards Luncheon, with the Banners remaining for display during the Grand Banquet.

 Friday night we will have the Governor and Vice Governor’s Hospitality Room along with the Euchre Tournament, but pace yourself as Saturday night we will again have the Hospitality Room as well as other fun entertainment. This year as we are celebrating Governor Patty’s Lion year which began last July in Melbourne, Australia and we are ending the Lions Celebration with a visit from the Almost Blues Brothers Saturday evening.

 On Sunday we will have our Worship service led by District Chaplain Julianne Zody and our Necrology service led by 1st VDG ShirLee Eberle. Please make sure 1st VDG ShirLee is informed of any deaths in your club as soon as possible so that they may be properly included in the service.

 Club Presidents you are invited to attend the Coffee with the PID Dr. Diane Pitts and District Governor Patty Moorman on Saturday morning to discuss your clubs role in the District and International Organization. During this session, Club Awards will be presented to Club Presidents for Humanitarian, Service and Governors Excellence Awards.

 To make this or any district convention a success we need not only your participation, which is the most important part, but also your help. There are several ways you may be able to help us and contribute. By bringing silent auction items and door prizes you help defer some of the costs of the convention and you add to the fun of the weekend. Tickets are available from all Zone Chairmen and your District Gover Team for the Duck Race. We also are seeking Ads for the convention program to help cover some of the expenses. A copy of the Ad sale sheet is included in this pack.

 We are also planning a PowerPoint slide show of your Lions in action. Please email me your best pictures to lionsoh2convention@gmail.com for inclusion in the show. Peace Posters from each Zone will be displayed.

 We hope to see every Lion of District 13OH-2 at convention and we hope you all come to have fun.

 Yours In Lionism,

Janelle Grube, Convention Chair

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