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“Bring Kindness Into the World”

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! Welcome to 2025. The Holidays are the time to get together with family and friends and to remember those we have lost. In 2024 we lost way too many Lions. Each one will be greatly missed. In December I had the pleasure of visiting with Lorain Lions, North Fairfield Lions, Castalia Lions, Lucas Lions, Sandusky Lions and Clyde Lions. Thanks for your hospitality and for all the ways you are helping your communities. During the holidays there is a lot of charity—toys for kids, coats and gloves for families, food baskets, etc. But then the holiday season ends and the giving season also ends- until its time again. But we, as Lions, don't stop between holiday seasons. We continue to help pack the backpacks that go home with the kids; to build beds for kids who have no beds to sleep in; to purchase eyeglasses for those who need assistance (just to name a few). And the list goes on. As I visit clubs, I hear about all the service projects you are out there completing. Together, we are truly making a difference in our communities. But I challenge each of you to step outside of your comfort zone and plan some new, hands on service projects. Look into your communities and find the needs that are not being met. If you need more hands, invite non-lions to help with those service projects and/or partner with other organizations.

Yours in Lionism, DG Patty

Governors Visitation Schedule

January

- 5 GAT Mtg.
- 6 Butler Lions Visitation
- 7 Bascom Lions Visitation
- 8 Shelby Lions Visitation
- 9 Colonel Crawford Lions Visitation
- 14 Bloomville Lions Visitation
- 16 Hayesville Lions Visitation
- 17-18 Winter Retreat
- 20 Bellevue Lions Visitation
- 21 Rowsburg Lions Visitation
- 22 Plymouth Lions Visitation
- 26 GAT
- 27 Elyria Lions Visitation

1st VDG ShirLee

December can be either a humbling month or a joyous month, Some may be glad it's over or sad to see it's gone. Those dealing with loss have a hard time during the holidays, while those with children or grandchildren seem to enjoy it just a little more. It's important we keep in mind that the holiday season treats each of us differently and as we serve each other we are doing our best to love each other. We should remember that each day should be a great day for all people through our actions.

Let's try to make sure our lives never negatively affect other's lives in this new 2025 year. Let's make sure we are kind, humble, and thoughtful in 2025 when dealing with others and our fellow Lions. Let's try to make 2025 a

year of kindness and generosity.
Of purpose and compassion.

1st VDG Visitation Schedule

January

- Jan. 14 Mansfield United 6pm
- Jan. 16 Lucas 6:30pm
- Jan. 17-19 Winter Retreat
Maumee Bay
- Jan. 22 Plymouth 6:30 pm
- Jan. 26 GAT 3pm

2nd VDG Mike

As we step into 2025, the Lions Club's mission to serve our communities is more important than ever. To meet new challenges, we need to grow our membership with fresh ideas, energy, and resources.

Why More Members Matter

Every new member helps us:

- Do More: More hands mean more help for our projects.
- Bring New Skills: Different skills lead to better solutions.
- Reach Further: Bigger networks mean greater impact.

Invite Someone Today

Think about family, friends, or coworkers who care about helping others. By sharing your Lions Club experiences, you can inspire them to join us.

How We Can Grow

1. Host Events: Show what we do at open houses and service days.
2. Use Social Media: Post stories and updates to reach more people.
3. Welcome New Members: Help them get involved right away.
4. Celebrate Success: Recognize clubs and members that sponsor and keep members.

Let's Grow Together

Let's make 2025 a year of growth and service. Invite someone to join today, and together we can make a bigger difference in our communities.

Yours in Service,

Mike Garber, 2nd VDG

2nd VDG Visitation Schedule

January

- January 6 Clyde
- January 9 Marblehead
- January 14 Oak Harbor
- January 17 – 19 Winter
Retreat
- January 21 Fremont
- January 27 Lindsey

November 25, 2024

Lions Club International
District 13-OH2
Cabinet Secretary, Craig Wiley

To: District 13-OH2 Cabinet Secretary, Craig Wiley

The Oak Harbor Lions Club is proud to present the First Vice District Governor, Lion ShirLee Eberle, for the position of District Governor for District 13-OH2 for the year 2025-2026. Lion ShirLee has the full support of the members of the Oak Harbor Lions Club.

Lion ShirLee first joined the Oak Harbor Lions Club in October 2017 and has served as a club director; first, second and third vice-president; and president of our club for the year 2022-2023. Since joining as our first woman member, ShirLee has been a driving force in our club's efforts and success. ShirLee is always the first to volunteer for initiatives, activities, and events. She often admits she doesn't know how she is going to do it, but she always figures out a way. Serving is truly part of her DNA.

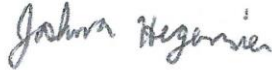
Beyond our club, ShirLee has served as Zone Chairman, Region Chairman, as the Second Vice District Governor for the year 2023-2024, and is now serving as the First Vice District Governor for the year 2024-2025.

In 2021, Lion ShirLee received the Lion of the Year for Zone 1 and also received the Lions International President's New Voices Award in Leadership at the District 13-OH2 annual convention.

On top of all of this, ShirLee serves on other boards of local and county non-profit organizations and donates her time to charitable activities. ShirLee is truly the epitome of a Lion and service runs through her veins. We are very proud to say she is an outstanding member of the Oak Harbor Lions Club!

So, the Oak Harbor Lions Club is proud to present and asks for your support for ShirLee Eberle for the office of District Governor of District 13-OH2 for the year 2025-2026.

Respectfully,



Josh D. Hegemier
President, Oak Harbor Lions Club

cc: District Governor, Patty Moorman
PCC Kerry Parker

First Vice District Governor, ShirLee Eberle
PDG Myron Amstutz

Port Clinton Lions Club
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November 21, 2024

District 13-OH2 Cabinet Secretary Craig Wiley

The Port Clinton Lions Club is proud to present the Second Vice District Governor, Lion Michael Garber, for the position of First Vice District Governor for the year 2025-2026. Lion Mike has the support of the Port Clinton Lions Club, and his wife, Lion Lorna.

Lion Mike first joined the Port Clinton Lions Club in 1984 and served as a club director and 3rd Vice President until his job transfer to Chicago in 1989. Returning home after retirement he rejoined the Port Clinton Lions Club in 2018 and held the positions of First Vice President and two years as club President. Other roles he contributed to include that of the Ways and Means Committee Chairman, Disaster Relief Advisory Board Chairperson and Membership Chairperson. At a District Level, he served as 2nd Vice District Governor and two years as Zone 1 Chairperson.

In 2024, Lion Mike received the International President's Award for outstanding service to Lions International, the Lions Key award in 2022 and Club Certificates of Appreciation in 2020 and 1986.

Lion Mike's wife, Lion Lorna is also a member of the Port Clinton Lions Club.

He retired from USG Corporation after more than 41 years of service as Director, Leadership and Organizational Development. His academic background includes an Undergraduate Degree from the University of Toledo, and an MBA and Ph.D. from Benedictine University in Lisle, IL.

We, the Port Clinton Lions Club, ask for your support of Lion Mike Garber, for the office of Second Vice District Governor for the year 2024-2025.

Mary Kozlok



Secretary, Port Clinton Lions Club

cc: District Governor Patty Moorman
PCC Kerry Parker

1st Vice District Governor Shirlee Eberle
PDG Myron Amstutz

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Zone Chair Corner

MERRY CHRISHMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF THE ZONE 6 LIONS MEMBERS

Thank you to all clubs that help with our zone 6 service project feeding the homeless



Club News Past, Present and to come

Ashland (Noon) Lions Club

The Ashland Noon club enjoyed a festive December. Programs included our annual performance presented by the Ashland High School Sing and Swing with a large turn out to enjoy the Christmas music. For projects, we rang bells for SA, sponsored a family for Christmas for the SA Kroc Center, and supplied aid for

glasses to a person with diabetes (2 Lions signature activities in one!). After our 2-week holiday recess, we will resume meetings January 2nd with a visit from the Bird Sanctuary. We will be hosting the next zone 7 meeting on February 23rd at Buehler's restaurant in Ashland.

Ashland Evening Lions

We enjoyed dinner and fellowship at Perkins Restaurant

on December 5 for our Christmas meeting. Club donated staple goods, nonperishable food items and a total of \$300 to Associated Charities as our Holiday project. Members rang bells for the Salvation Army at Buehlers on November 29 and December 20. Our club sold 327 poinsettias this year bringing our total sold since 2001 to 6307. Again some other clubs used our location to pick up their orders. We again

helped to sponsor the Ashland Christmas parade on December 7 and have received many appreciative comments.

Attica Lions Club

Since the fall was so full of service projects and meals, the Attica Lions Club celebrated with a club Christmas Dinner at the "Simple Life Diner" in December. Members enjoyed good food, stories, and laughter. A few LEO Club members helped the Republic Lions to make popcorn balls. Just for social fun, the club went Christmas Caroling in Willard at the Villas to entertain their residents.



Bascom Lions Club

The Bascom Lions were busy in December. At our 1st meeting of the month we were visited by 2nd VDG Michael Garber who gave us an update on what is going on in the district. Then on Dec 8th, we brought the community together for our annual Memorial Christmas tree lighting. We followed that up with a blood drive on Dec 10th where 17 people donated. We wrapped up the month on Dec 17th with a Christmas Party attended by 23 members and 16

guests. There was a gift exchange and entertainment by the Hopewell Loudon Traveling Ensemble. Donations for the month included the Salvation Army and Christmas Angels, a local shelter. For Fundraising we currently have a meat raffle going on with tickets still available and we are planning a Pediatric Cancer meal in April.

Bucyrus Lions Club

The Bucyrus Lions Club members and their guests enjoyed dinner together at The Lincoln Diner. The new members Terry Fawley and Wendy Clark enjoyed reminiscing with club members whom they had known before joining.

The "Pennies for Pages" money was donated for 3 magazine subscriptions to 3 children in Project Noelle. The children also received Rudolph-themed candy and Hidden Pictures pages. Project Noelle is for children who have family affected by the drug problem.

New members and their sponsors.



Fremont Lions Club

Fremont Lions have enjoyed hearing from several elected officials who have been the speaker at recent meetings. Fremont Lion Colleen Carmack, Sandusky County Recorder for the past 23 years was one of the speakers and many of the Lions

attended her retirement party on December 13.

Plastic continues to be collected and a TREX bench will be installed soon at the Fremont Reservoir where many enjoy the walking path. Christmas cards have been taken to the Veterans Home in Sandusky and to Parkview Care Center, the nursing home in Fremont that we adopted several years ago. A Christmas Party was enjoyed by the club and we look forward to a quarterly evening meeting in January when 3 new members will be inducted. Wishing our fellow Lions a very Happy New Year as we all continue to serve in various ways!

Hayesville Lions Club

The Hayesville Lions Club met December 19 at Stone Lutheran Church with a white elephant exchange enjoyed by all with much laughter.

Award pins were given to Heidi and Keith Yeater for ten years, to Mike Kelly for 25 years, to Marc Morgan for thirty years, and to Don Ritchie for 65 years.

We were reminded to think of people to be invited to join our club.

Our business meeting will be January 9 at Heidi and Keith Yeater's home.

Loudonville Lions Club

A busy month for Loudonville Lions, with our Children's Christmas Carnival, our annual Christmas party, Feed the Teams for winter sports and the Leo Club Breakfast for Senior Citizens. Thanks to Scott and

Mike Baldner, who restored a family sleigh, we participated in the annual village Christmas Parade as well. Over 150 children and parents enjoyed games and pictures with Santa after the parade. 40 Lions and guests enjoyed dinner with Christmas music and a carol sing, Christmas Trivia and a silent auction, and collected canned goods for Helping Hand food pantry. 40 athletes and coaches enjoyed a taco bar and homemade brownies and the Leo Club pancake breakfast for senior citizens included Christmas music by the LHS choir. Leo's also volunteered for Day of Sharing. Joy to the World!



Marblehead Lions Club

Although the weather was frigid, the fire was warm and hot chocolate was served. Santa thrilled young and old alike. The kids were able to share their Christmas wishes and take home a small gift during the annual tree lighting ceremony. (See attached photo) The Marblehead Lions made a donation to the local school mental health program. The school's superintendent, Cari Buehler was on hand to accept the check. (See attached photo) Port Clinton, Oak Harbor and Marblehead Lions applied for a grant from Portage Resale and received a \$5,000 award towards the purchase of a sight testing machine that will be used by the three clubs at local schools.



Oak Harbor Lions Club

The Oak Harbor Lions Club had the following speakers at our meetings: Veterinarian Dr Mike Stone talked about his 57 Belgian Horses he has and the shows around the country they attend and we also had at another meeting Terence Witter who served as a Photographer for the Air Force during Vietnam and for the Navy from 1975-1991. Our most recent service project was ringing the bell for the Salvation Army on December 17. We also made contributions to Joyful Connections and Cherry Street Mission. We are also donating \$500 toward the purchase of a Vision Screening Machine with Lakeside-Marblehead and Port Clinton Lions Clubs. We wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

Ontario Lions Club

The Ontario Lions celebrated the season with our annual Christmas party with Santa, children, gifts and lots of ice-cream! We also assisted the Ontario Police Department in distributing gifts to those

families who are in need in our community.

We are already planning our next event, Valentine's Day dinner.

We wish all the club's season's greetings. We are excited about the possibilities of the coming year and can't wait to see how it unfolds.

Happy New Year!
May God bless all of you



Perrysville Lions

Even though we did not have a business meeting in December we were quit busy with Service

projects. We helped with food handouts, toy drives, pancake breakfasts with Santa, Salvation Army bell ringing, and visiting and delivering Christmas cards to residents in an assisted living facility.

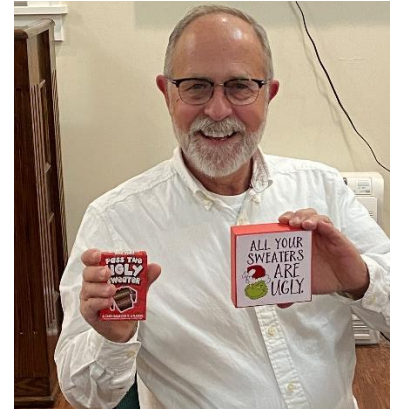
We recycled 252 pairs of glasses and 24 cell phones. We continue to collect plastic for the Trex benches. We also changed batteries in three Lifesaver clients' bracelets.

We will be doing our monthly Swiss steak luncheon January 12, 2025, serving 11-1 carry out only from the Perrysville Community Center.

Polk Lions Club



Our elves, with the help of their friend, the Grinch, delivered mini decorated Christmas trees and Grinch crunch to nursing home residents.



Polk Lions enjoyed good food, fun, and fellowship at their Christmas party! As usual, Killer Bingo was a hit!





Christmas Tree Lane was a success! Because of the generosity of our community, the Polk Lions were able to donate 160 pounds of food and a sizable check to Ashland Associated Charities!

Port Clinton Lions Club

Greetings from Port Clinton! THE BELLS ARE RINGING: Lions are ringing bells in Port Clinton for the Salvation Army on two dates this month. We're filling 8 2-hour slots with 2 lions per slot. OTTAWA COUNTY LIONS WORKING TOGETHER: The Port Clinton, Marblehead, and Oak Harbor Lions' Clubs teamed up and submitted a grant application to Portage Resale, we are extremely pleased to announce that Portage Resale has donated \$5,000 to purchase a vision screening device. The remaining costs will be divided evenly among the clubs. Each of the clubs will use the vision screening device to screen Preschool to 5th grade students in their respective areas. The purpose of the Plusoptix vision screening device is used to detect the most prevalent vision disorders in children as early as possible. The earlier a vision disorder is detected, the better it can be treated. With the measurement of the Plusoptix vision screening device, it is possible to detect most prevalent

childhood disorders that may develop; amblyopia (Lazy Eye) including: Hyperopia (Farsightedness), Myopia (Nearsightedness), Astigmatism (Blurred vision), etc. Portage Resale is a local organization that raises money through the operation of a thrift shop. The organization makes annual grants to various charitable programs in the Port Clinton area. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all from the Port Clinton Lions Club!



Rowsburg Lions Club

At our November 26th meeting we were reminded to have our cheese orders in by December the 4th. It was discussed that in the future any cheese left from our cheese sales, we could donate to a community project in need of food for distribution. Discussion was brought up about expenses we will use our grant money for on our remodeling projects. It was discussed about getting a motion light above the back door of the building. We discussed about getting quotes for more insurance on our building.

Lion member Mike Feliciano brought up that his church, the Hillside Church of Rowsburg was going to have a tree lighting service to be held on December the 7th at the Rowsburg Community Center and invited members of the Lions Club to attend and help meet and greet guests.

On December 10th we held our Christmas dinner and on December 11th we met to cut and wrap our cheese orders.

Sandusky Lions Club

The Sandusky Lions Club had a fun evening at their regular meeting place, but for their annual Christmas party. While they traded gifts, bought tickets for 50:50's, told stories and played a game or two, they were graced by the presence of our DG Patty Moorman and her husband, Bob.

After sharing pizzas, salad and a light dessert, Patty entertained us by helping us visualize many interesting sites and sounds of Australia. She was fortunate to go to Melbourne for the international conference this past June. Like many travelers, the Moormans went early to their destination, and stayed after the convention to enhance the experience. Since then, we had our monthly meeting with 2 Students of the Month, plus several awards were available for varied lengths of club service.

As this article is shaping up, we are helping at a large drive-through lights display. While we are collecting a set fee for each carload, we are actually "earning" ½ of each car's fee over the course of two evenings, right before Christmas.

We look forward to being able to help others with the funds which are coming into our new foundation account, which is set up to help educators in our vicinity with special expenses which. This will enhance their ability to help all students have equal opportunities to see, learn, practice and understand the meaning of love, generosity, kindness and life skills.

We stand together to wish all our fellow Lions, near and far, a very happy, safe and peaceful holiday season, and head into 2025 prepared to invite people to our activities and service projects.

Be merry and bright



Savannah Crestview Lions Club

Savannah-Crestview Lions continue to serve our community. We held a pancake breakfast with proceeds going toward Lion State charities, we packed 70 fruit bags and distributed them to shut ins and widows in the area, and we donated 75 pairs of undergarments to the Crestview Elementary clinic. We also held a free luncheon for the community and served over 25 people who enjoyed good food and a time of fellowship. At our

Christmas party we enjoyed a potluck, played games, and were able to award numerous Milestone Chevron Awards to members for years of service.

In January we will be having a pancake breakfast Jan. 4th, another free luncheon on Jan 15th and will be joining with Polk Lions serving a spaghetti supper Jan 31st at Mapleton with proceeds going toward scholarships at both schools. We continue to support Clearcreek township as they make more improvements at the townhall. We look forward to serving the world in need.



Tiffin Lions Club

Tiffin Lions completed the 56th year of Popcorn Ball project on December 12. Many thanks to area Lions members and family,

Sentinel Career and Technology Center students and staff, community members and Tiffin Moose for facility use in November and December. Set up and put away was aided by G and L Oil lift truck and their storage.

Many donations of popcorn balls were made to area food banks, Tiffin Fire Department, schools, nursing homes, Veterans, and to the NOAH (No One Alone at Home) Christmas Dinner at Camden Falls.



Sentinel student and Lion Paul Dunder are stirring and measuring for delicious treats.

Three eye exams and glasses cases were aided. A Home daycare requested vision screening for children who were not Head Start children. Margaret Werling and Connie Cole checked six children. We serve!

Lions that have Passed this month

Tiffin Lions were saddened by the passing of Lion Albert "Bert" Wahrer, on November 24, 2024 at 87 years old. He was a 31 year member joining in July, 1992.

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 possibly get more lions to them. Please send flyer 2 months before the activity so it can be seen before the activity.



2025 Ohio Lions Winter Retreat

January 17, 18, 19, 2025

MAUMEE BAY STATE PARK RESORT
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Lions Club of North Ridgeville presents:


NIGHT AT THE Races

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

50/50 SIDEBOARDS RAFFLE BASKETS GAMES

 **Saturday, January 25, 2025**
Doors Open - 6:30pm
First Race - 8pm

 **St. Clarence Pavilion**
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 **Tickets: \$35 donation**
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Proceeds go towards the programs supported by the Lions Club of North Ridgeville



We Serve

Savannah-Crestview Lions

Pancake Breakfast

Savannah Town Hall

Saturday, February 1, 2025

Serving from 6:30 A.M. until 10:30 A.M.

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

Price Per Donation

Proceeds go to:

**Savannah Volunteer Fire
Company**

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 10:30 A.M.



We Serve

Savannah-Crestview Lions Pancake Breakfast

Savannah Town Hall

Saturday, March 1, 2025

Serving from 6:30 A.M. until 10:30 A.M.

Menu: Pancakes, Sausage, Sausage Gravy
& Biscuits and French Toast
Price Per Donation

Proceeds go to:
Youth Activities

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 10:30 A.M.

Fundraising Opportunity



Food Stand at Prairie Peddler

Good location with established menu and complete set up. The Lions food stand has been in operation at this event for over 30 years.

The Butler Lions are looking to sell their booth and equipment located at the Prairie Peddler Festival; this is a two weekend event with over 200 vendors.

3170 St. Rt 97, Butler, OH

Event is usually last weekend in September and first weekend in October

If interested in this opportunity please contact
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