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Hello Lions!!!

From all the photos on Facebook and your club newsletters showing Easter egg hunts it looks like you had a lot of fun helping with Easter egg hunts. However, if you are like me, you still have a hidden stash of leftover Easter candy that you are slowly making disappear. So, as soon as it's gone, let's get back to eating healthy. After all, Diabetes is one of our focuses. Did you know that in America, there are approximately 38.4 million people who have diabetes, with 8.7 million adults estimated to be undiagnosed. Have you had your glucose number checked lately? Are you one of the undiagnosed people? What about the other members of your club? In order to serve, we first need to make sure we stay healthy and take care of ourselves. I challenge each of you to add glucose testing to your next event or create an event specially for glucose testing. You could invite a speaker to a meeting to talk about nutrition and add in a glucose testing.

As I visited your clubs this month, the topic of discussion was getting your new selection of offices ready for the new Lions year. If you missed a few meetings, you had better check to see if you were nominated and voted to be the club secretary or treasurer next Lions year. It happens!!! In April I had the pleasure of visiting Fostoria, Perrysville, LaGrange, Upper Sandusky, Bucyrus, Mansfield, Polk, Attica, and Republic. I want to thank you for your hospitality. It is always enjoyable to visit and to hear about your projects. I enjoy the questions you have me. I also helped Polk Lions celebrate their 75th charter night and attended the OH6 Convention clear down in Blue Ash, Ohio. Long drive but very enjoyable. I hope to see you at Officer Training School this weekend and the State Convention coming up in a few weeks. Below is my current schedule for May.

Yours in Lionism,

DG Patty Moorman

Visitation Schedule May

- 1- Savanah-Crestview Lions
- 3- Officer Training School
- 5- Butler Lions
- 10- Loudonville Charter Celebration
- 13- Bloomville Lions
- 14- Huron Lions
- 16-17 State Convention



DGE ShirLee Eberle

As I get ready for State Convention and the 100th Anniversary of Helen Keller's request of the Lions to become the Knights of the Blind, a million thoughts keep running through my head! We have Leadership Training on May 3 in Ashland, and Loudonville's Charter celebration May 10.

I'm still looking for a Lion Tamer and a GST (Global Service Team Leader), plus a Compliance Chair. If you are interested, please contact me at 419-310-3182 or steberle6@gmail.com.

ShirLee

1st VDG Visitation Schedule May

May 3 Leadership Training Ashland

May 10 Loudonville Charter Night

May 16, 17, 18

State Convention

May 27 Polk/Installation
June 7 Zone Chair Training

2nd VDG Mike

The idea that "no man is an island," written by poet John Donne, carries special meaning in our communities When it comes to service, no one person can solve every problem—but together, we can make a real difference right here at home.

This is the strength of our local Lions Clubs.

We are part of a global network, but our true power lies in the work we do in our own neighborhoods. Whether it's organizing food drives, collecting eyeglasses, hosting health screenings, or supporting local youth programs, our impact is felt on the ground, where it matters most.

A single Lion can comfort a neighbor in need. But a team of Lions can rally to rebuild a playground, provide vision screenings to an entire school, or deliver meals to dozens of families. These are not just projects—they're acts of unity that shape our community for the better.

Every member matters. Every hour volunteered counts. Because when we come together, we're not just helping—we're transforming lives.

We may be individuals, but we serve as one. And that's what makes our local Lions Club truly powerful.

Yours in Service,

Mike Garber, 2nd VDG

2nd VDG Visitation Schedule <u>May</u>

May 3 Officer Training
School
May 4 2nd VDG Meeting
May 16 – 18 MD-13 State
Convention

District Committee's Information

May 3 from 9-1:30 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Ashland is OH-2 Leadership and 2025-2026 Officer Training.

June 7 from 9-2 at Trinity will be 2025-2026 Zone Chair Training. Lion Ann Miller OH-2 GLT Coordinator

State Convention Committee



Join Us for the 2025 MD13 Ohio Lions State Convention!

Mark your calendars for May 16-18, 2025, and join us in the scenic Erie Shores and Islands region for the MD13 Ohio Lions State Convention! This exciting weekend is packed with inspiring speakers, engaging workshops, service and entertainment you won't want to miss.

A Weekend of Inspiration and Celebration

Kick off Friday night with a soulful performance by *American Idol* winner Taylor Hicks. Dinner is on your own Friday. Enjoy a casual 1920s "fair foods" and fellowship at the convention as you enjoy a fantastic night of music.

On Saturday afternoon, we will gather at Cedar Point for a Centennial Celebration of Helen Keller's historic speech and the Centennial Charter Anniversary of the Sandusky Lions. Tickets for this event are \$40, which includes parking, and must be purchased separately from convention registration.

Saturday evening, Past International President Frank Moore will deliver an inspiring keynote at the Grand Banquet.

Enriching Workshops & Service Opportunities

Expand your knowledge and leadership skills with sessions on PlusOptix software updates, club development, LCIF grant writing, and a virtual tour of Helen Keller's Ivy Green home. Explore what it takes to become an International Director with guidance from MD-13 Past International Directors.

Make an impact by participating in a service project for active military personnel or joining the Sandusky Lions in *Running Laps With Lions* to support local vision programs.

And help us thank PID Ron Keller and Lion Kitty for their service during the hospitality on Sunday morning. You can register for the whole weekend, or for specific events. Please note that those with Cedar Point season passes *do not need* to purchase a Cedar Point event ticket. Schedules and registration forms are online at <u>ohiolions.org/state-convention</u>.

Register Today!

Zone Chair Corner

ZONE 6 SERVICE PROJECT

OUR ZONE DID A EYE SCREENING AT CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER. THIS WAS TRAINING SESSION FOR ANY MEMBER. WE DID 50 KIDS AND HAD 4 REFERRAL.

ZONE CHAIR 6 ED



Club News Past, Present and to come

Ashland Noon Lions Club

In April, the Ashland Noon Lions heard from speakers: Julie Mitchell co-owner of Fig & Oak, a local shop with purpose; Eric Schneider from the Ashland County Park District talked about Avian Acres Farm; Ben Uselton from BCU Electric talked about how his business started and the process of his retirement and selling the business; and the club learned about chair caning from Tom Herron of the Ashland Senior Citizen Center. This month's projects included a booth at the Earth Day event at the Ashland County Fairgrounds as well as a team helped with Make Ashland Sparkle city-wide cleanup day.

Ashland Evening Lions

Club craft sale on April 5 had 19 vendors and a good customer flow, and was deemed a success by all. We will be planting four white oak trees at a county park as our part in the Ohio Lions "Plant 4 trees" project. The presale for our geranium and spring plant fundraiser is complete and bulk delivery will be on May 6. We heard from the new Ashland County Historical Society director at our April meeting and elected officers for the coming year. Members will help with setup for the OH2 officer training on May 3.

Attica Lions Club

In April, the Attica Lions Club finished a NCAA cash pool contest, and is now doing a 50/50 Healthy Vision Cash Raffle in May, which is "Healthy Vision Month."

A Chicken BBQ is being organized for Fathers' Day in June. The District 13OH2 Officers Leadership & Training session will be attended by 2 members on May 3rd.

We were blessed with a visit from Lion DG Patti Moorman at our last meeting. The club enjoyed hearing her Australia experiences, and discussing the pin she designed, which spurred our club to design our own pin to be useful for trading, especially at this year's Lions International Convention in Orlando, at which 2 members will be attending in July!

Our LEO Club is hosting a live demonstration of "Puppies-in-Training" for the Lions **Canine Companions** program, which places service animals with the disabled. This will be held at the Leber home in Attica on Sunday May 4th, 5:00 pm. Contact our club if you are interested in coming to see this event!

Bascom Lions Club

The Bascom Lions had a successful sold out Pediatric Cancer Fundraiser dinner on

April 5th with donations of \$2700. We have vision screening at Hopewell Loudon school on May 8th and9th. Then we have our annual Memorial Parade and chicken dinner on June 1st. Guest for the month of April was Caroline Brooke from LCIF who spoke of donations and disaster relief. We also passed out a Melvin Jones Awards to John Park and Bob Fruth for their years of service, volunteerism and dedication to the club.

Colonel Crawford Club

The Colonel Crawford Lions had 5 Lions attend the District Convention in support of our 1st place Peace Poster winner Gracelynn Palenshus. We are so very proud of her. She was escorted by her parents Dirk and Jenny.

The Colonel Crawford Lions just completed their scholarship awarding process and will be providing 5 scholarships to Colonel Crawford seniors again this year in May.

The CC Lions are providing assistance to the Colonel Crawford Athletic Booster Club by selling Pitawurst at the District Track meet coming up in May. This is a new concession stand adventure for the CC Lions which we trust will be a real success.

We installed 2 new members in March and are looking forward to recruiting more Leo to Lion members this spring.

The Colonel Crawford Lions will hold their Spring Pitawurst Drive Thru May 24, 2025 from 11-2 at Hannah Crawford Elementary, Crestline Rd. North Robinson, OH. Tickets are \$20 (4 servings), and can be purchased from any Colonel

Crawford Lion or Leo Club member. These are also available online through the Zeffy link.

https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/pitawurst-drive-thru

Elyria Lions Club

Elyria Evening Lions welcomed a visit from 1VDGE Mike Garber and Lion Lorna in April.

We continue to collect plastic film for another set of benches at our elementary schools. There are five new elementary buildings in Elyria and our goal is to put Buddy Benches at all of them.

Elyria Lions are also proud to sponsor youth projects with our city departments, supporting the Easter Egg Hunt and the city's Summer Camps.



Fremont Lions Club

Fremont Lions Club was so proud to have President Steve Anway recognized as the Lion of the Year for Zone 1. His leadership in starting a quarterly evening meeting was received very well and resulted in three new members who have joined. The new members will be more available in the summer months and we look forward to having them serving in various ways.

Students of the Month have been present from two area high schools each month and a variety of guest speakers from the community have shared invaluable information. A Lions club coffee mug with the "We Serve" motto has been a gift to each speaker. New officers for 2025-2026 have been selected and plans are underway for the Annual Pancake Breakfast on June 8 from 8 am to 12:30 pm at the Fremont Eagles Hall in Fremont, suggested donation is \$7.00. We will also sell tickets for the Millersport Sweet Corn Festival at the event and for the next few months. This is the third year for us to participate with the Millersport Lions on this fundraiser and we appreciate the opportunity.

Hayesville Lions Club

The second reading of the officers for 2025-26 was read. The last day to order banners for Havesville veterans is this Saturday, the 26th. After that you can order your own and pay for it at Truax Printing. The Amvets are putting them up this year with lag bolts. May 2 will be a potluck for possible new members at 6:00 at Stone Lutheran Church and Euchre to follow at 7:15. Meat, drinks, and table service will be provided. Bring a dish to go with the meal. May 3 is Officer Training at Trinity Lutheran Church in Ashland at 9:00. The Lions Follies costumes will be offered to Hillsdale.

Our next meeting will be at 6:00 May 15 with dinner at &I:00.

The state convention is May 16-18. Our Memorial Day Parade in Hayesville is at 9:00. Our scholarship is available to Hillsdale Seniors by calling Greg Hess at 419-685-1547.

Loudonville Lions Club

Loudonville Lions had a fun month, sponsoring our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the community, complete with a visit from the "Big Bunny"! We also participated in an Eagle Scout ceremony for Caleb Hammitt, served breakfast to Mansfield Plumbing Products retirees and held another successful fish fry on Good Friday. Looking forward to our 75th Anniversary celebration on May 10th.







Lucas Lions Club

The Lucas Lions held another successful bingo on April 5th. We had over 120 people in attendance. This year we did Mystery Bingo. When a participant got a bingo they could choose from 18 Mystery bags. Bags were filled with everything from event tickets, restaurant gift cards, overnight getaways and so much more.

On April 12th we held our annual Easter Egg Hunt. This year the Community planned events to coincide with our Egg Hunt. The FFA offered a pancake breakfast, the cheerleaders hosted a craft show and our local ministerial association offered bible bingo for the kids. With these additional activities and beautiful weather we had an amazing turn out!

We are busy planning our second annual graduation breakfast for May 23rd. It's been wonderful to work with our local school and parents to offer this event.





Mansfield United Lions Club

The Mansfield United Lions Club is proud to share some exciting updates! Since our last report, we've welcomed five new members into our club—three in March and two in April. Please join us in giving a warm Lions welcome to Justin, Jim, Candice, Frescia, and Tim. We're thrilled to have them on board and look forward to the energy and ideas they bring to our mission of service.

We're also proud to announce that Charter Member Lion Cindy was recently honored with the *Lion of the Year* award by District Governor Patty Moorman. Cindy's dedication and leadership continue to inspire us all—congratulations, Lion Cindy!

It was a pleasure to host District Governor Moorman for a visit. Her message of growth and community-centered volunteerism resonated with our members, and we're eager to support her vision in the months ahead.

Planning is underway for our upcoming *Strides for Diabetes* walk, and we'll be sharing full event details soon. In the meantime, if you know of any potential sponsors who may want to support the event, please reach out to us

at mansfieldunitedlions@gmail.com. Every connection helps make a difference!
Together in service







Marblehead Lions Club

Over 30 Marblehead Peninsula Lions stuffed thousands of eggs with goodies for hundreds of local children to gather at James Park last Saturday. Special thanks to Wee Willy for sponsoring three baskets And to Dairy Dock for sponsoring big egg raffle.







North Ridgeville Lions Club

On Saturday, April 12 we hosted our annual Easter bunny Pancake breakfast. Children and adults of all ages had fun snapping photos with the Easter bunny and playing games. Each child received a coloring book and a chocolate bunny and baskets were raffled off, as well. It was a great success thanks to the event chairperson, Lion Brian N., and all of the volunteers who gave of their time to make it happen.

We welcomed a new Lion, Lion Scott, sponsored by Lion Josh M. on Tuesday, April 8. On Saturday, April 19, members of our club met with members of the Avon Lions Club to sort and count 4201 pairs of eyeglasses to be taken to The Ohio State University SVOSH (Student Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity) where they will be sorted, measured and packaged. Student volunteers then spend a week in underserved countries conducting eye exams, dispensing glasses and providing ocular health education. We love collaborating with other clubs and this project was even featured on the front page of the Chronicle Telegram on April 21.

Up next is our annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on May 26. See the flyer at the back of this newsletter for details.







Ontario Lions Club

The Ontario Lions started April with a very successful fund raiser with our Pancake Cake Day at the high school. It was well attended with it being the largest crowd we have had in several years.

It is such a great privilege to announce that our Immediate Past President, Lion Jim Henry, was honored this month with the Melvin Jones Fellowship. He truly has the heart of a Lion. We appreciate his guidance, heart and service.

We also held our annual police and firemen's award to the outstanding members of their departments.

Ontario Lions held their 4th Easter Egg Hunt for the visually impaired and donated Easter baskets to the children at the Women's Shelter.

It is with great sadness that we report fellow Lion Bob Brewer passed away on April 9th. Lion Bob was well known for his kindness, sense of humor, service to the club and community. Farewell Lion Bob.







Perrysville Lions

We continue to collect Plastic for the Trex Bench project, collect used eye glasses for recycling, and collect and recycle aluminum cans.
4 Lions attended Polk's 75th Charter night.

We have 3 Project Lifesaver patients that we change batteries for.

We treated the residents of McMillan Assisted Living with Easter treats and held our April Swiss steak Luncheon which was a SELL OUT! We thank you all for coming.

We are gearing up for our 22nd Annual Car Show to be held June 28, 2025.

Polk Lions Club

Thanks to all who chose to celebrate our 75th Charter Night with us! It was a wonderful evening!

Great to see so many of our Lions' family and friends! Thanks to the Ashland High School Jazz Band for providing such toe-tapping entertainment! Good food, good fellowship, good friends!



Port Clinton Lions Club

Greetings from Port Clinton where things are greening and the lake is warming up. BRIDGE USA: (from last month) The Club was addressed by our Mayor, Mike Snider concerning this program. It brings thousands of students to the USA annually to work seasonally in a variety of capacities. The U.S. Department of State works with employers, universities & other groups to bring students to the U.S. to pursue seasonal work and academic research & study.

Several thousand students come to our area to work at Cedar Point as well as restaurants, hotels & other seasonal work. These students were sorely missed in 2020 thanks to Covid 19



The mayor is seeking to build a strong local program to support students in our area as we are competing against other areas of the country for these workers. He seeks to bring employers, churches, community service groups and area government agencies and officials together to do this. He is asking the Lions to consider what we can do in this endeavor. REGIONAL RECOGNITION: The PC Lions Club was recognized recently at the District OH-2 convention! We received the following awards: Journey of Hope, Club Service Award, Ace of md13 Service Reporting, 2024 Humanitarian Award & the Governor's Award. Nothing quite like getting some positive reinforcement! PORT **CLINTON VETERANS'** PARK: WE were recently addressed by Earnie Hopkins and Dave McDougall concerning their efforts to improve & preserve our Veterans' Park. They've been at it a long time. They don't know how long though. Various changes over the years include: paved

walkways with inscriptions on bricks of doners to the park, an Eternal Flame, and markers for the U.S. Space Force & U.S. Merchant Marines recognizing their role in protecting our country. Earnie & Dave are modest fellows who pursue this endeavor for love of their country. They are members of our local American Legion chapter.



Rowsburg Lions Club

We held our meeting at the Hillside Church of Rowsburg while renovations were being done at the Rowsburg Community Center.
It was discussed to serve Ice Cream and drinks at the Amish Morgan Horse Sale to be held at the Ashland County Fair grounds.

Insurance for the Rowsburg Community Center building was discussed and decided to go with a local insurance agency. The renovations in the **Rowsburg Community Center** are almost completed. Front entrance needs to be done yet and floors done after furnace ducts are cleaned. Completed are a new ceiling with 6" insulation, keeping original lights re-wired, primed and painted walls, woodwork redone, chalk boards cleaned and restored. Outside bricks were replaced where deteriorated.

President Steve Englet had put a lot of his own time into the renovation of the building and it was suggested that he be compensated for his time. He said he wanted to donate money for his time for a new basketball hoop for the youth of the community at the center. Thank you Steve for your time and generous gift to the community.

We will be having our last Pancake breakfast on May 17th till fall.







Savannah Crestview Lions Club

Savannah-Crestview Lions have continued to serve the community. We held a pancake breakfast with moneys going toward scholarships for graduating seniors at Crestview. We also held another free luncheon with the biggest turn out to date. We held a dinner meeting inviting others to join and had a presentation by the Crestview Middle School student council who are seeking support with a project to improve their playground area. We agreed to help donate funds for the project and donate another bench as well.

We welcomed DG Elect ShirLee Eberle to our business meeting and enjoyed her message of being kind and helping others. We also received a patch for our Melvin Jones Foundation.

We will be holding one more pancake breakfast on May 10th with funds going toward the Crestview Buyers Club which helps students from Crestview when selling their animals at both the Richland and Ashland Fairs. We will also being holding one more Free Luncheon May 21st before taking a break for the summer months.

Shelby United Lions Club

Shelby United Lions have been busy as usual. We had several members attend the District Convention, inducted two members, hosted DG Patty Moorman, completed our 3rd Trex bench to be dedicated to the City of Shelby, hosted Zone 6 zone meeting, donated eggs to F.I.S.H of Shelby, donated to our area diaper pantry, sponsored Little League & Girls Softball and have almost completed our annual Meat

Raffle. We were honored to have 2 members (Lin Jenkins & Rich Banichar) recognized at the District Convention for their work in the club & community. We are putting our summer and fall plans into place and may be busier than ever! This is how "we serve".

Our new officers are: Rich Banichar, President, Kyle Bailey Vice President, Mike Coffey 2nd Vice President, Suzie Eickhoff Secretary, Meranda Gregory Treasurer, Dave Luster Tail Twister, Carli Bailey Marketing/Membership Chair.

Lin Jenkins-President Shelby United Lions







Tiffin Lions Club

Tiffin Lions met April 7 to select dates to offer brooms for sale at Farmers Markets beginning in May through October. Next year's officers signed up for OH2 Leadership Training at Trinity Lutheran Church in Ashland.

Glasses collected in April: 180 pair & 61 cases at seven sites for three Lion hours. Two glasses cases were covered this month.

At the April 21st meeting an invitation to Sandusky Lions 100th Charter Anniversary celebration May 17 at Ohio Lions Convention in May was read to the members. Sandusky Lions sponsored Tiffin Lions in 1929 and we are now in our 96th year!

At the monthly Board meeting, a donation was made to the Multiple Sclerosis in honor of a local resident who will participate in a Walk in May. A donation was given to Tiffin Moose Lodge for the use of their facilities in November and December for Popcorn Ball Project.

Presidents Rule was for a fine if anyone was wearing shorts they owed the Tail Twister!

Vermillion Lions Club

Vermilion inducted three new members into the club. President Jim Elk is pictured with the new members. Passed the hat at our first meeting in April to collect money for the Vermilion Food Pantry, we collected \$90.00 for them. We will be playing bingo again

in May with residents at the two nursing homes in Vermilion. We honored two Vermilion High School Students of the Month and their parents and will be presenting three scholarships at the Senior Awards Program on May 20th. Passing around work sign-up sheet for upcoming Festival of the Fish in Vermilion on Father's Day weekend. Come and enjoy our famous hand cut, fresh made french fries.



Lions that have Passed this month

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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.









Pancake Breakfast

Sponsored by
The Marblehead Peninsula Lions Club
Saturday, May 10th, 2025
8:30 am – 11: 00 am
at the Marblehead VFW Post 7572
421 Main Street
Marblehead, OH 43440

This year, donations and proceeds from the 50/50 drawing will be given to Randy & Megan Rakosky who suffered the devasting loss of their home that was destroyed by fire early this year.







ATTICA LIONS CLUB

TICKETS *

Proceeds to benefit LIONS Sight Projects



For every 40 tickets sold, a \$100 Prize will be awarded!

All tickets will be included in each drawing

CASH RAFFLE DRAWING

will be held via Live Stream on Facebook

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28th between 8-9pm

https://www.facebook.com/atticalionsohio/ www.atticalionsohio.com



Tickets available at local Attica Businesses,or contact an Attica Lions Member

BASCOM OHIO LIONS CLUB, INC



ANNUAL MEMORIAL BBQ DINNER AND PARADE

JUNE 1, 2025

DINNER STARTS SERVING @ 11AM AT MEADOWBROOK PARK

MEMORIAL CEREMONY AT SANDRIDGE CEMETARY @ 1:15 PM

PARADE STARTS AFTER THE SERVICE @ 2PM

Fremont Lions ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY, JUNE 8 8 AM-12:30 PM

Fremont Eagles Hall, 2570 W. State St. Fremont Enjoy pancakes, ham, and beverage for suggested donation of \$7.00



You may Eat in or Drive-thru for Take out Advance tickets from Lion members and Tickets also available when you arrive.





PERRYSVILLE LIONS 22nd ANNUAL CAR SHOW

Saturday June 28th 2025



1970

Bridge Street
Registration Fee \$10.00
Registration 9:00 - 10:30
Show 10:30 -1:00



1947

Dash Plaques for the first 50 entries

Trophies awarded @ 1:00

Best of Show

People's choice

Best GM

Best Ford

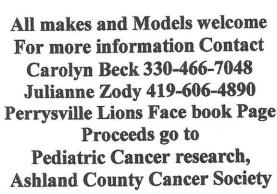
Best Mopar

Best Other

50/50 Drawing

Door prizes





And other Lions Projects in the community



Cars that want to park together must arrive together.