



## WE SERVE

### “Be Kind to Your Mind”

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Bite ‘em everybody! This is going to be an interesting year! I thought I would include a little bio about myself for those of you who are new or don’t know me really well...yet.

Lion ShirLee Eberle has been a member of the Oak Harbor Lions since 2017. She was club Secretary for three years and then second Vice President and then club Director. ShirLee enjoyed two years as zone Chair for Zone 1 and was First Vice President and Zone 1 Lion of the Year.

In 2022, Lion ShirLee took on the responsibility of Guiding Lion until 2023. She served as club President for the Oak Harbor Club, while serving as Region Chair for Region 1. She also serves as the District Diabetes Coordinator. Lion ShirLee also completed levels 1 & 2 of Regional Lions Leadership Institute as well as Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in Los Angeles.

Lion ShirLee is widowed and has two children, Stephanie Ried, who lives in South Carolina; and Josh Morse, who lives in Maumee, Ohio. She has 6 grandchildren that she is very proud of!

Lion ShirLee graduated from Terra State College with degrees in Law Enforcement, Computer Graphics, and Advertising & Marketing.

Her focus this year is on Mental Health and Suicide Awareness.

Something else that’s going to be different this year is I won’t be visiting the clubs in the evenings for meetings. I will be visiting clubs to share in working at their service projects or fundraisers. But I’m going to need your help, Please call me, or text me, or email me when you would like me to come to your event! I’m excited to work side by side with the Lions of your Club and your Community!

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Remember....Be Kind to Your Mind

## Visitation Schedule

### 1st VDG Mike

As we head into a new exciting Lions year, District Governor ShirLee Eberle challenges us to focus on an important but often overlooked topic - mental health and suicide prevention.

Mental health affects everyone: children, seniors, families, and neighbors. It connects to every area Lions serve, including:

- Helping youth build strength through mentoring and anti-bullying efforts
- Supporting people who face isolation from vision loss
- Reducing hunger to ease stress
- Caring for the emotional impact of diabetes

- Comforting families facing childhood cancer
- Improving communities with clean, green spaces
- Assisting those recovering from natural disasters
- Offering kindness and support to those in need

We don't have to be experts to make a difference. As trusted neighbors, friends and leaders, we can listen with care, act with kindness, and lead with empathy.

Let's make this year's service not only visible but deeply felt. Every act of kindness is an act of hope.

Together we serve. Together, we can save lives – even in ways we may never know.

Yours in Service,

Mike Garber, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG

## 1st VDG Visitation Schedule

July 3	Ashland Evening Visitation
July 4	Port Clinton
July 9	Lions 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Visitation
July 16	Upper Sandusky
July 23	Perrysville Visitation
	Shelby United Visitation

### 2nd VDG Jessica

## 2nd VDG Visitation Schedule

## District Committee's Information

### Global Leadership Team

MD13 GLT is offering all three levels of a Regional Lions Leadership Institute from October 24-26 at Deer Creek State Park. If you have ever thought about taking on a Leadership role in your club and beyond, this is the "Ivy League" of leadership training. This is specifically directed to helping you to develop and improve your leadership skills. There is a cost to participate and a specific requirement to attend the full event. You should have received a mailing detailing the criteria and further information is available from district officers and GLT Coordinator Lion Ann Miller.



**Lions Clubs International  
FOUNDATION**

I am so proud of the Lions Clubs and members of District 13 OH2 for their support to Lions Clubs International Foundation. Our goal for 2024-2025 was \$49,956 and we came close to making the goal. Our total donations for the year is \$44,997.00. The donations to the Disaster Fund was very good. The Disaster Fund does so much good for those that had a disaster in their communities.

I made several club visits this past year and will continue to do so this year. I had the privilege of presenting a session on what the Disaster money does for those in need at our District Convention. I also presented a PowerPoint on grants to the new presidents at Leadership Training.

I will be going to Atlanta, Georgia in September for more training and will share what I learn to our clubs

It is an honor for me to be LCIF District 13 OH2 Coordinator and will continue to educate the members on what the foundation is all about. I am looking forward to representing the district for another term.

LCIF Coordinator,

PDG Carolyn

## Zone Chair Corner

## Club News Past, Present and to come

### Ashland Evening Lions

Thanks to all who supported our spring geranium and plant sale, we were able to make and exceed our budget. Fiscal total of eyeglasses recycled by our club is 14,571 pairs and 5 sets of hearing aids. VOSH made a pickup of the 66 cartons in our

storage shed on June 20. This represents not only our club but those other clubs who bring their glasses to be stored with ours. PCC Kevin Reidy installed our incoming officers at our June 6 meeting. Mayor Matt Miller gave an update on construction projects in Ashland. Scholarship winner, Katrin Parker introduced her

family and shared that she plans to attend OSH main campus in the fall with the goal of becoming a medical researcher. We will have an information and “funglasses” table to promote our club and Project Lifesaver.

## Ashland Noon Lions Club

The Ashland Noon club continues on summer recess. At our last meeting in May, the club voted to change the meeting day to Wednesdays starting in September. We had many conflicts with other organizations meeting on Thursdays drawing away attendance of our members. At our June board meeting, we worked on a budget to be submitted for approval at the July board meeting. The annual audit committee reported all accounts correct and bills paid. Sadly, we also accepted the resignations of several members due to health problems and job changes. The good news is most had not been active in club meetings and projects and we will be recruiting replacements that will be more active.



Ashland Noon Lions Club – photo from our last meeting of the year on May 29th – officers for next year beginning in September

## Attica Lions Club

A Chicken & Pork Chop BBQ was held on Fathers' Day in June. 400 pork chops and 400 chicken halves were served with a highly successful turnout. Roughly 84% of the club participated in this fundraising project. Community attendance was greatly appreciated

A few members set up a book donation station at the Attica Food Pantry and were able to distribute books with the help of the Seneca East Public Library, to promote summer reading for children.

Also, the American Red Cross (NW Region) partnered with the club and the Attica Fairboard for the Attica Community Blood Drive in June, bringing in 33 credits. Thank you for your continued support - the need is great.

The Attica Lion's Club is in the process of designing a new club pin. It has been many years since this was done and is an exciting venture!

New Officer Installation is to take place on June 25th. We hope to gain a few more new members, and look forward to a fun new Lion's year. We Serve!



## Bascom Lions Club

The Bascom Lions had a beautiful day for the Memorial Parade last month and almost sold out the chicken dinners. At our Meeting in June, President Nathan Reinhart had the meeting at his house. Being his last meeting he gave us a nice speech thanking everyone for all the help in making it a good year. We had special guest PDG Cindy Beat. She performed the task of our installment of officers. She also gave us a speech on Lion leadership. Donations for the month include Hopewell Loudon 8th grade and their trip to Washington DC along with an ad in the Hopewell Loudon football program.

## Bellville Lions Club

The Bellville Lions Club has inducted two members this year and are planning to work hard to increase our membership to five in the New Year. Membership Chair Lion Tim Kershner installed our new 2025-2026 officers on June 19. The club completed putting out the USA flags in the Bellville Village. The club had five officers attend Leadership Training and Zone Chair Lion Edward Brook attended Zone Training. Three members

attended the State Convention. The Club donated \$500.00 to a family that had a house fire, donated \$450.00 to Love Our Hero's, \$300.00 to Gifts to the Yanks, and \$500.00 to the Clear Fork Buyers Club that supports youths that are in 4H Clubs and FFA when they show their animals at fairs. The club has a busy schedule coming up in the new year.



## Colonel Crawford Lions Club

The Colonel Crawford Lions Club had a successful Pitawurst Drive in May, we would like to thank all who bought Pitawurst.

We celebrated our 55th Charter Night on June 14. PDG Patty Moorman installed our 2025-2026 Officers. President - Todd Martin, 1st Vice - Krista McKibben, 2nd Vice - Sherry Garverick, 3rd Vice - Tom Schwenning, Secretary - Jean & Dave Schwenning, Treasurer - Kara James, Membership Treasurer - Ruthann Noblet, Lion Tamers - Buddie LaRue & Rich Rowlinson, Tail Twister - Scott Woodworth, Board of Directors - Todd Martin & Deb Hiler, Tom Schwenning & Jim Erwin, Membership Chair - Joe Noblet & Deb Hiler.

We also dedicated several trees and a rock in memory of

our Lions that have gone before us.

We are excited to announce that we have met and exceeded our plastic recycling goal. We appreciate everyone who contributed to our cause. We can't wait to see our bench!

We will be volunteering at the Crawford County Fair gates mid July.

Stop by and see us at our Pitawurst Trailer at the Bucyrus Bratwurst Festival August 14, 15 and 16.



## Fremont Lions Club

Fremont Lions enjoyed the company of District Governor Elect ShirLee Eberle at the recent dinner meeting where she presided over the installation of new officers for 2025-2026. Outgoing president Steve Anway was presented the President's plaque for his 2 years of remarkable leadership by outgoing secretary, Donna Thatcher. President Elect Greg DeRodes was presented the gavel and shared his willingness to serve as President for the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> time. He reminded us that in just a few days it will be 100 years ago that Helen Keller called upon the Lions to be the "Knights of the Blind". He plans to focus on ways to stress that during the next year through assistance to those in need of helpful sight devices and through education on Glaucoma, especially in the African American population.

Fremont Lions just held their annual Pancake Breakfast which

was a success and are continuing to sell the raffle tickets for the Millersport Lions Sweet Corn Festival. They participated with 4 other local service clubs providing food items and a donation of \$1250 to the local homeless shelter along with an upcoming dinner one evening for the residents.

It is with sadness that we report the passing of long-time Lion member, Paul Deffenbaugh who served in numerous ways in the community.

We are taking a break from meetings in July and plan to resume on August 5 at noon at the Fremont Eagles Hall for the next lunch/meeting.



## Hayesville Lions Club

The Hayesville Lions Club met June 19 at Stone Lutheran Church for Induction of Officers. Greg Hess installed the following members.

President-Keith Yeater, 1 VP-Heidi Yeater, 2VP-Willie Daniels, Sec.-Greg Hess, Treas.- Mike Kelly, Tail Twister-Gene Yeater, 2 year Directors-Tresa Hess and Jim Tugend, 1 year Director- Kyle Crawford, Publicity/Marketing Chair-Shirley Slater, Membership Chair- Heidi Yeater, LCIF Chair- Heidi Yeater.

Pres. Keith wants all of us to tell him what you liked last year and what you didn't like of the different things we did. Our next meeting will be the picnic on August 21. Also, what you think the club might do this coming year.

Lion Greg presented a program on the Plus Optics device that will be used for vision screening.

5400 were screened last year. Preschool children are the main ones tested. They can screen 50 children in an hour. Heredity and nutrition play a big part in the health of the eyes.

## Lorain Lions Club

At the June 5 regular meeting the Lorain Lions elected a new slate of officers for the upcoming year. Leading the pack is 17-year member Tom Bruno, who stepped up to be the incoming resident. Outgoing president Barry Buck was lauded for his leadership and the positive increases in membership, participation and fund raising.

Lorain Lions annual hanging basket sale led by Lion Bruce Diso, sold 239 baskets, making the Lorain Lions a net profit of \$1685

Also at the June 5<sup>th</sup> regular meeting we had the honor of having our new Lorain County

Sheriff Jack Hall as our featured speaker. Sheriff Hall brings to the job a high level of expertise and enthusiasm, as illustrated by the myriads of new initiatives the department is undertaking. The Sheriffs department and the Lorain Lions are partners with Project Lifesaver, a tracking wristband based program for individuals in memory care.



*Lorain County Sheriff, Jack Hall, left, was the guest speaker at the Lorain Lions meeting and congratulated by President Buck*

## Loudonville Lions Club

Loudonville Lions held their last regular meeting for the summer on May 27, with PDG Julianne Zody installing new officers with a humorous Disney character theme. Four Redbird graduates were presented with \$1000 scholarships with their parents in attendance. The club also honored Lion of the Year Tom Young and Cub of the Year Paul Menches. Next up is our July 5th Chicken BBQ in conjunction with the annual Car Show in Central Park. Lions will be serving up 450 chicken dinners plus brats and hot dogs. Lion Ashley Buirley and her daughter Grayson painted

our rain barrel submission this year.



## Lucas Lions Club

The Lucas Lions Club has enjoyed a restful June. We only held one meeting this month-June 19, where IPDG Julianne Zody installed our new officers: President, Kristin Wilson, 1st Vice Pres. Mike Dourson, 2nd Vice Pres. Jim Roland, Treasurer, Bill McFarland, Secretary, Dan Stotts.



We are also making progress on becoming a 501-C3. Lions International has approved our application, and now we will file with the State of Ohio. Lion Tom Cunningham will be the Treasurer of our 501-C3.

We are anticipating a busy July and August. On July 18th, we will host the finale dinner for the community VBS program. Last year, we served over 300 children and their family members. We are also looking forward to our Annual Community Picnic and Duck Race on August 16th at 1 pm, and our Community Car Show on August 30th. WE SERVE!

## North Ridgeville Lions Club

On Memorial Day, our club hosted the annual North Ridgeville Memorial Day Parade, in partnership with VFW Post 9871. The parade was followed by a ceremony remembering and honoring all

those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Dozens of Lions volunteered to make this event a success, whether it was designing and building our float, directing parade participants, hosting the ceremony, or grilling and serving up 300 free hot dogs to our community members. It was a wonderful day of solemn respect for our fallen heroes.

We will be celebrating our 64th year of existence at our annual Charter Night Celebration on June 28. We express sincere appreciation to our outgoing president, Lion Paul Wolanski for his steady leadership throughout this year. We also will be inducting our new incoming president Lion Angela Finney and all of our board members. We look forward to a fun night of fun, food, friendship and Lionism. Finally, coming up on Saturday, August 9, we will host our annual Run the Ridge 5K Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run in support of Childhood Cancer. See flyer at the back of this newsletter for more details.



## Oak Harbor Lions Club

Food Trailer Season has begun. The club had our food trailer in downtown Oak Harbor on May 16-17 and raised \$1700 for the Family Advocacy Center of Ottawa County. The next downtown event will be June 20-21 and all proceeds will go to the Oak Harbor Fireworks fund. Our next food trailer event will be at the Ottawa County Fair from July 14-20. Look us up if you're at the Ottawa County Fair. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year. On June 10, 2025 our Governor Elect ShirLee Eberle installed our officers for 2025/2026 and inducted our 3 new members. The club also contributed to LCIF for the Tornado Relief Fund.

## Ontario Lions Club

The Ontario Lions held two trailer outings. The first outing to benefit Diabetes Awareness and cure over Memorial Day weekend. The second outing was held June 14th and 15th to benefit The Visual Bucket List, a charity started in Mansfield Ohio.

We are very excited about a couple of upcoming events. We will have our food trailer at our 4th of July festival on the 27th and 28th of June benefitting Ohio Guide Dogs. We will also sponsor our annual frog jump at the festival. Our family picnic is also held in July as well as

Safety Town for our preschoolers.

## Perrysville Lions

On June 7<sup>th</sup> we provided the lunch for the Zone Chair training.

We continue our recycling projects: collect and recycle used eyeglasses, aluminum cans and other aluminum items, and plastic for the Trex Benches.

We held our 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Car Show with the proceeds going to Ashland County Cancer Society and Pediatric Cancer.

We will hold our July Swiss steak luncheon July 13 and we will be hosting 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Mike at our July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## Polk Lions Club

Polk Lions held an Old Fashion Ice Cream Social on June 21. We served over 160 community residents! It was a hot day, nice breeze, good food and good friends! Thanks to all of the Lions who came! It was wonderful to see so many of you!



On July 15, we will be hosting another community meal, as well as a Free Health Clinic. Come early at 4pm and have your blood pressure checked and a glucose screening, then stay for the meal at 5.

## Port Clinton Lions Club

Greetings from Port Clinton where summer has almost arrived!

The big news for the club this month is the successful bus trip to Souder Village in Archbold, Ohio. We had 30 people on the bus enjoying the sights, sounds and tastes of the Village. A key drawing point was the "1920's Main Street" area which seeks to create the feeling of a town main street from that era. The street contains a church, gas station, barbershop, hardware

store, bank, ice cream parlor, and a doctor's office. The village has a host of shops demonstrating various arts such as broom making, spinning, barrel making, and a blacksmith shop. Wares from the various shops are available for purchase. We had 10 EXCELLENT COMMERCIAL SPONSORS from our town that fostered our success. We had warm fellowship on the bus with games, refreshments and conversation. On the way home, we stopped at the Chateau Winery in Helena, Ohio for wine tasting and live music. A splendid day for sure.



## Savannah Crestview Lions Club

Our summer program featuring Outback Ray and his animals is scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 at Academy Park weather permitting. Lunch will be served prior to the show. The

Veteran banner project is rolling full steam ahead with another 19 banners hung this past week, and another 15 banners waiting to be hung. We will see you at the Ashland County fair as we assist with driving golf carts and helping park cars. Enjoy your summer!

### **Tiffin Lions Club**

Brooms were sold at the Farmers Market. Future Farmers Market broom sales dates are: June 7, June 21, July 5, July 18, August 2, 16, and 30. Time for setting up will be 8:15am on Washington St. Open from 9:00am to 1:00pm. For sight we had one case approved. We collected 182 glasses and 70 cases for this

month. It took 9 stops with 2.5 hours.

We are going to have are Installation of Officer's and potluck meal on June 30 at 6:00. Steve Cochie is installing the officers.

Our club will be working at the Seneca County Fair gates on July 21, 2025.

### **Vermillion Lions**

The Vermilion Lions Club is sad to report the loss of a valuable Lion. Lion Dr. Bill Hendricks, a 54 year member of our club. He was a three time president and served in all offices of our club.

The month of June we participated in the Festival of the Fish, selling our famous

french fries (32 boxes-1600# of potatoes). We are getting our Chuckwagon ready for VHS Football games and Battle of the Bands this coming school year to sell our famous french fries again.

Vermilion Lions are starting to sell 3 Digit Raffle tickets for month of October. Proceeds from this go to LCIF, for MJF award to a deserving Vermilion Lions member. Continuing with busy month of October, we are selling a dozen red roses for Sweetest Day for \$20.00. We will again be selling our famous fries at the Vermilion Woollybear Festival on Sunday October 5th. Come to Vermilion and enjoy some of our french fries with us.

## **Lions that have Passed this month**

It is with sadness that we report the passing of long-time Lion member, Paul Deffenbaugh who served in numerous ways in the community.

Norwalk Lion Jon William Ditz died peacefully after a brief illness from an aggressive cancer on Thursday, June 12, 2025, with Joyce, his wife of 70 years, at his side.

The Vermilion Lions Club is sad to report the loss of a valuable Lion. Lion Dr. Bill Hendricks, a 54 year member of our club. He was a three time president and served in all offices of our club.

The Sandusky Lions club Secretary Penny Williams Passed away this month. She will be really missed by her club members.

## **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.



## ANNUAL LUCAS LIONS CLUB COMMUNITY PICNIC & DUCK RACE

When: Saturday, Aug. 16th.

Meal served at 1pm. Race starts at 2pm

Where: Lucas Park, 2806 Lucas Perrysville Road

### What is a Duck Race?

Participants can purchase ducks to be released down the creek.  
The top five finishers from each race will receive a cash prize  
and advance to the final race!

#### **NEW - KIDS ONLY RACE**

Kids 12 and under can purchase  
ducks at a reduced price. Top three

Kids Race Finishers will receive a

Walmart gift card!

#### **Kids Only Race**

\$1= 1 duck

\$5 = 6 ducks

#### **All Ages Race**

\$5 = 1 duck

\$20= 5 ducks



The Lucas Lions Club meets the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month at the  
Lucas Community Center at 6:30pm. Join us to see how you can get  
involved in serving the Lucas Community.



# FREE Health Clinic

July 15 4-5:30pm

Polk United Methodist Church

Blood Glucose Screenings

Blood Pressure Checks

Prior Registration Preferred, but not  
Necessary

Brought to you by the Ashland Co. Health  
Department and the Polk Lions Club

Visit the clinic, then enjoy the Community  
Meal, serving 5-6:30pm

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs

Macaroni and Potato Salad

Baked Beans

Water Melon and Brownies

Please register for Blood Glucose Screenings and A1C  
Tests (Needs 3 Hour Fast)

Name	Address	Phone

# RUN THE RIDGE

Presented by the  
Lions Club of North Ridgeville



In Support of  
Childhood Cancer



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## 5K Run/Walk & Kids Fun Run

### Saturday August 9th

Ranger Stadium - North Ridgeville

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Race Day Registration & Packet pick up: 7:30am

Kids Fun Run: 8:50am

5K Run/Walk starts: 9am

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#### WHAT YOU GET:

Commemorative Finisher Medal

Custom race shirt - guaranteed to all registered by August 1st

Hermes live 5K chip timed results

Post-race refreshments

Awards to 1st place overall and three-deep age group winners in five-year increments

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Register Online at: <https://tinyurl.com/NR-Lions>

or scan the QR code to get started



For more information visit [hermes.cleveland.com](http://hermes.cleveland.com)



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## **Marblehead Peninsula Lions Club**

**33rd Annual Perch Festival**

### **Parade Entry Form**

Saturday, August 23, 2025; Step-off promptly at 10 a.m.

**The Marblehead Peninsula Lions Club, in conjunction with the Danbury High School Parent Association, invites you to participate in the annual Perch Festival Parade. Enter a float, special interest vehicle, walk, ride on a golf cart or drive your vehicle.**

**Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate overall length needed for your entry:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate approximate number of participants:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of your entry:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Area dignitaries will be introduced at the opening ceremony at James Park immediately following the parade. Please list names and titles:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- **Lineup begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, August 23, 2025.**
- **Lineup location is at Lifeboat Lane and Main Street (State Route 163) between Clemons Cemetery and Lucien Clemons Park.**
- **Police escort at beginning and end of parade.**
- **Parade ends at James Park.**
- **Participation in the parade is free.**
- **Encourage your friends and family to watch the parade along Main Street!**
- **Ample parking available across from Lucien Clemons Park.**

**Please mail completed form to:**  
**Marblehead Peninsula Lions Club**  
**P. O. Box 312, Marblehead, OH 43440**  
**Or email form to: [Tutt@cros.net](mailto:Tutt@cros.net)**  
**Entry deadline is August 19 2025.**