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District Governor Notes

I can't believe that half of my term is already over. Please invite me to your service projects and fundraisers. Have an interesting meeting ahead, let me know and I'll try to be there.

Christmas is just around the corner and soon the New Year! Will Santa be good to your club? Have you brought new members in? Are you working on retention? I know a lot of you “clear your books” in December. Instead of reinventing the wheel, use the form from LCI and do an exit interview on each person you want to drop. Please send me a copy. I'd like to see why these members no longer want to be Lions.

Now is the time of the year when we think of how fortunate we've been all year. How about sending that little bit of extra we have or that lotta bit of extra we have, to LCIF. There are always people in need, here and afar.

Remember to be good to yourself, and if you're feeling sad and lonely during the holidays because you live alone or miss someone, call a friend, heck, call me! I'm just a phone call away and will always listen. I have time for you. My number is 419 310-3182. If you'd rather speak anonymously, call the hotline #866.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

ShirLee

Visitation Schedule

1st VDG Mike

Visiting clubs throughout the district, I am continually inspired by the spirit of service that defines us. Whether you are delivering holiday food baskets, supporting local families, serving youth, or meeting needs in any of our global causes—Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, Disaster Relief, Environment, Humanitarian Efforts, Hunger, Vision, and Youth—your dedication shines brightly during this season of giving.

Each club's unique contributions remind me that service is not about fitting into a box—it's about responding with compassion to the needs right in front of us.

Thank you for the kindness and leadership you bring to your communities every day. May this holiday season bring peace, joy, and renewed purpose to you and your families.

Warm holiday wishes to each of you, and here's to a bright new year of service together!

Yours in service,
Mike Garber, 1st VDG

1st VDG Visitation Schedule

December 1 Mifflin
December 3 OLPCF
Presentation - Russell J Ebeid
Children's Hospital - Toledo

December 9 Polk

2nd VDG Jessica

This month has been a winding down of my visits for the calendar year. I have only one visit on the horizon for November and two functions to attend so far. It has been a chance to catch my breath and I am very happy for that.

This month I was able to visit two of the northern clubs that host noon meetings. Thanks to Veterans Day and a vacation day, I was able to schedule two visits that would normally fall in the middle of my workday. Both clubs had members that seemed to love the lunchtime meetings. The need for a tight schedule kept the meetings running very efficiently. One of the clubs is exploring an option to have some meetings at noon and some in the evening to capture the interest of as much of their community as possible. I think innovative thinking like this is essential to clubs thriving in tough areas for recruiting. This and being flexible to changing times and various needs of the community will hopefully lead this club into a bright future.

I got the chance to catch up with members from my home club as well as my home zone during the latest Zone 6 meeting last week. I can't wait to bring some of the ideas I'm gathering back to my home area to see what will fit our clubs. I encouraged members who are considering a run up the chairs

to try out a club visit with me and see the fun and comradery there is to be had.

I would like to expand that invite across the district. If you are a Lion who is even remotely considering going for a district leadership position in the future, please let me know so we can figure out a time and date when we can do a club visit together. No pressure and no hard sale tactics. I just want to share my passion for this organization and our district in particular with others who have the vision. If it's a good fit, then the entire district will be richer in the end. If not, at least you can say you explored the possibility.

As we head into the holiday season, I hope you all have a wonderful, refreshing time with those you love. I pray that you are safe, happy and warm during the cold months ahead. Remember that when it's the darkest, a single light can shine the brightest. All it takes is the spark of kindness to light up the lives of others and warm their hearts with hope. Let your light shine!

2VDG Jessica

2nd VDG Visitation Schedule

Dec 4: Lucas Christmas
Gathering
Dec 9: Milan-Edison Visit
(Possible/Not confirmed yet)
Dec 13: Richland County
Project Lifesaver 5k/10k
and Fun Run

Periatric Cancer

Keep those sneakers on ... we still have work to do

We have currently raised \$20,000 for Pediatric Cancer this Lions Year. THANK YOU ALL. But, To achieve the goal, we still have work to do

We are assisting 11 families in our District, the most we have ever had at one time. 1 Bellville/Mansfield, 1 Elyria, 2 Savannah/Crestview, 2 Tiffin, 1 Bascom, 1 Lindsey, 1 Clyde, 1 Port Clinton, and 1 Norwalk. As you can see, they are spread out throughout the District. We need to be able to support these families.

If you have not already supported this cause, please consider sending a donation when you do your annual donations to state and international projects. These families rely on your support.

Thank you so much. I am including a picture of a couple kids; they are always smiling.

Mona



District Committee's Information

OHIO LIONS EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION (OLERF)

The Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation (OLERF) operates as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization, dedicated to discovering treatments and cures for blinding retinal diseases. Your ongoing support and donations directly fund grants and fellowships for researchers across Ohio. These researchers are at the forefront of innovative breakthroughs, driving progress and giving hope to individuals affected by retinal diseases. While significant advancements have been made, the journey to eliminate blindness is ongoing—and your commitment is crucial now more than ever. Please consider renewing your support to help end blindness and vision loss in Ohio and around the globe.

By sustaining your support and advocacy for those impacted by retinal diseases, you help drive the search for effective treatments and cures. Together, we've achieved remarkable progress, but

much work remains. OLERF is steadfast in its mission to eradicate blinding retinal diseases and restore sight worldwide.

- Every dollar contributed to OLERF is invested directly in **Ohio** for vital eye research.
- **\$110,000** has been earmarked for research initiatives in 2025-2026, with multiple ongoing projects continuing to fulfill their grant and fellowship commitments.
- OLERF has awarded over \$8 million to Ohio-based researchers, supporting major advancements in the field.
- Significant progress has been made through our funded research. Visit our website to explore informative videos and learn more: <https://ohiolionseyeresearch.org>

Vision impairment ranks among the top ten disabilities for adults over 18, and it's one of the most common disabling conditions in children. Vision-related disability causes a substantial emotional, social and economic toll for millions of people including significant suffering, disability, loss of productivity, and diminished quality of life. An estimated 3.8 million Ohioans have vision problems and, as the population ages, this number will continue to increase. The estimated financial burden to the Ohio economy due to vision problems, refractive errors, visual impairment, and blindness is \$6.1 billion annually.

Every District in Ohio is represented by an OLERF member. You can reach out for further information, request a speaker for club or district meetings, or make a donation. OLERF takes pride in the research achievements made so far and is committed to maintaining its leadership role in advancing eye research in Ohio. It is important to remember that when it comes to our eyes, “We have one pair and no spare”. Help us fund critical vision research with your donations.

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Updated 10/23/25

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2025 District 13 OH-2 Poinsettia Sale Information:

Lions pricing is \$9 for the 6-1/2" poinsettias and \$17 for the 8-1/2" poinsettias. ALL orders must be placed through a Lions or Leo Club. Multiple orders can be placed designating different pick up dates. Mail or email orders to Lion Ann Miller who is coordinating with Pinehaven Garden Center and Cabinet Treasurer Lion Tom Frasz. Final date for pickups and deliveries is December 20. Clubs pay **no** money directly to Pinehaven. They bill the District for total sales.

Pinehaven will have a copy of your club order to match the copy you bring. Club needs to coordinate pick-up time directly with them. If making several pick-ups, you need a completed order form for each. Pinehaven will schedule a delivery to your club with a minimum order of \$250. Delivery cost is extra and this charge IS direct responsibility of the club to Pinehaven Garden Center and is to be paid with the delivery.

Make club checks to DISTRICT 13 OH-2 POINSETTIA SALE. Send check to Lion Ann with your club order, or if paying after delivery, send check and a copy of club order to CT Lion Tom. Money goes into the Poinsettia Sale Fund from which a number of District projects and activities are covered. Thank you for your support of this Lions activity.

2025 District 13 OH-2 Lions and Leos Holiday Poinsettia Sale Order Form

Club Name:

Pot size	Color	Qty Sold	Cost Each	QxC= Total	Order total

•6-1/2" pots with 5-7 blooms cost **\$9.00** each Colors: **red, white, pink, marbled, jinglebell**
(marbled is mauve and creamy white - jinglebell is a red poinsettia with white spots)

•8-1/2" pots colors as above and also **tri-color** with combination of above colors for **\$17.00** each.

(Other available colors need to be confirmed by Chris or Bruce @ Pinehaven @ 440-934-5948)

Make checks payable to **District 13 OH-2 Poinsettia Sale** and send along with a copy of the order to Lion Ann Miller (District Sale Chair) at the address below. **No orders are to be placed directly with Pinehaven.** She forwards order copies to Pinehaven Garden Center and checks to Cabinet Treasurer Lion Tom Frasz. No money is to be paid directly to the greenhouse. Pick-ups may be scheduled beginning **November 17**. You **MUST** take a copy of your club order. All orders need to be entered for pick up by **Dec. 20**. Deliveries can be arranged for large orders. Contact Lion Ann with any questions.

Pinehaven Garden Center
Attn: Chris
39424 Detroit Road
Avon, Ohio 44011

Lion Ann Miller
1514 Township Road 1173 Ashland, OH 44805
Home 419-289-0638 Cell 419-651-6470
babba4ajm@gmail.com

District 13 OH-2 Lions and Leos

Don't Miss the Ohio Lions Winter Retreat

January 16, 17, 18, 2026

DEER CREEK STATE PARK LODGE

Lions are invited to attend the 2026 Ohio Lions Winter Retreat, January 16-18, at the picturesque Deer Creek State Park in Mount Sterling, Ohio. This retreat will provide a fantastic chance to connect with fellow Lions, engage in enriching workshops and unwind in a tranquil winter setting.

Early Bird Registration is \$130 until December 1, 2025. After that, registration will be \$145. Register at OhioLions.org. Reserve your room directly with the Lodge at 800-282-7275 for \$129 plus tax per night.

Lot's of great seminars will be presented, including:

Sip & Paint
So What is that Song About
A Little History
Young's Jersey Dairy
Outdoor Adventures & Performances

Culinary Adventures
Origami
Pilot Dog Service Project
Board Games & Euchre

Exploring your Family Tree
Pilot Dogs
Sing Along

We hope to see you there!



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

As Lions Club International Foundation District Coordinator I thank all the clubs and members that have donated to LCIF. The Foundation is so important for us to continue serving our communities. The Foundation has grants that our Clubs can apply for that will improve our communities. This is why all of us need to donate as members. LCIF is asking that all leaders of Lions Clubs and PDG's donate at least \$10.00. Some our leaders has already donated.

At this time our District has donated \$ 11, 2080.00. For us to meet our goal of \$ 54,056.00 we need to step up our donations. Our District is way behind the districts in our state. I am asking that every member donate \$10.00. If members does this we will have donated over \$12,500.00.

For Clubs to receive the "Horst Herzog Award" each club must donate at least \$34 per member.

"Hurricane Melissa made landfall in Jamaica as a Category 5 storm, when a humanitarian crisis of this magnitude strikes, we, as Lions, are ready to help. Right beside us is Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), our global foundation. LCIF is mobilizing funds, including a US\$100,000 Major

Catastrophe Grant for relief in Jamaica, to empower Lions in the impacted areas to help their communities recover.”

“International Director Ski Marcinkowski confirmed that District 49A has already applied for an emergency grant to assist with disaster relief efforts. Conversely, District 49B has not requested a grant at this time, citing the robust support provided by Alaska Native Corporations along the northwest coast. Communication remains ongoing with Lions Clubs in the affected communities of Nome and Kotzebue.”

I will be contacting clubs about me visiting to do a program.

In Lionism,

Carolyn

OH2 Global Membership Team

The final installment of the Lions Virtual website portal is known as **Lions Learn2Grow**.
Two prompts appear for Lions and prospective Lions to explore:

Teach me how to be a Lion

Teach me how to be a Leader

Each prompt provides a wealth of information and ideas to engage prospective Lions and energize veteran Lions with ways to make a difference!

Try it out...it could be used as a conversation starter about Lions service with Millennials, Gen X-Y & Z! ☐

Clubs are reminded of upcoming service weeks of service as an opportunity for you and your club to highlight what you do as Lions:

Hunger: *January 3 - 11, 2026*

Environment: *April 18 - 26, 2026*

What a great way to be visible in your community, inviting and inspiring others with a related service project in order to grow the Lions impact on your service area.

The GMT says:

“GMT” **Giving Meaningful Time**.

Happy Holidays Lions!

Zone Chair Corner

Club News Past, Present and to come

Ashland Evening Lions

Speaker at our November meeting was Ken Kelley, Assistant Superintendent of ACDD. They currently serve 390 clients “cradle to grave” through Early Intervention, Dale Roy School, EIP, Transitional and Adult programs. Our club hosted the Zone 7 advisory meeting on November 24. We are participating in the district poinsettia sale, will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army at Buehler’s on the four Fridays between Thanksgiving and Christmas, and helping with the Christmas Parade on December 6. Associated Charities is our special holiday project. We will meet at Bellas 220 for our December 4 Christmas celebration.

Ashland Noon Lions Club

A Season of Thanks and Giving

Feeling Grateful? We Sure Are!

As the scent of pumpkin pie fills the air and the leaves crunch underfoot, our Lions pause to give thanks. This Thanksgiving season reminds us how fortunate we are to serve a community that cares so deeply. Whether ringing bells for the Salvation Army, lending hands on United Way’s Day of Caring, or brightening lives through baskets for the Ashland Cancer

Association, your Ashland Noon Lions are out there — giving, growing, and grateful.

Serving with Gratitude.

Every project is a reminder of our mission: We Serve. Each act of kindness — large or small — helps strengthen the bonds of our Ashland family. So as you pass the mashed potatoes, take a moment to celebrate the spirit of service that brings us together.

November Meetings (and a Little Pie Break!)

We’ll take a short break on November 26th to enjoy time with family and friends. Before then, the club welcomed several special guests:



Rick Ford, Director, Ashland County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse



Dr. Jon Parrish Peede, President of Ashland University
Sandra Tunnell, the driving force behind Ashland Main Street

Thank you to all our wonderful speakers and the work they’re

doing to make Ashland someplace special.

From Our Pride to Yours.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Thanksgiving overflowing with peace, gratitude, and maybe an extra slice of pie.

Ashland Noon Lions – Proudly serving our community with heart, hands, and humor.

Attica Lions Club

The Attica Lions club has participated in several Attica Holiday community events, including a food booth, a Red Cross Blood Drive, Peace Poster participation, a public library window display, and a mental health presentation.

Our Annual Reverse Raffle BBQ drive thru was successfully held on Nov. 1, and a Holiday Cash Raffle is happening now to benefit Mental Health support in Seneca County. Tickets are \$5 and the drawing will be Dec. 10th at our Christmas Party.

The LEO Club helped clean up the communities with a Pumpkin Pick-Up. In the fall, they also gave away free used library books to children. They have installed officers and initiated 3 new members. Many service activities have been accomplished by the members this fall already.



Bascom Lions Club

In November the Bascom Lions sponsored the Good Program to come to Hopewell Loudon School. Attendance was good and the speaker, who is blind, gave a very good message about anti-bullying. During our November meeting, we voted on a Peace poster, with the theme "Together as One". Recent donations include monetary funds to the Jamaican Disaster through LCIF and locally to the Christmas Angel Project. We are currently having a fundraiser selling tickets for a meat raffle with the drawing in December. There will be 10 winners of \$150 of meat from the Ballville Market. Tickets are 3 for \$20. See a Bascom Lion for your tickets.

Bloomville Lions Club

Bloomville Lions Join with Eagle Scout to Help Others See Colors of Nature

The Bloomville Lions Club is proud to have been part of a local Eagle Scout's final project. Patrick Heckler, a member of Scout Troop 444 in Tiffin, Ohio and a student at Hopewell-Loudon High School, presented at a club meeting earlier this year with a vision to help others see the vibrant colors nature provides. Heckler had a goal to raise money to raise funds and install color viewers at two Seneca County parks. "I myself am color blind, that's what really inspired the project," Heckler said. Heckler is not alone, as about 1 in 12 men and 1 in 200 women in the general population are color blind. To help those who are color blind see the vibrant colors of our world, Patrick did some research and discovered EnChroma scenic viewers, which show people with color blindness a bigger spectrum of color. "When I looked through the viewers for the first time, I was able to see the color differences between all the shades of green on the tress and was able to see [the] sunset properly for the first time ever," Heckler explained. As a bonus, the viewers also make viewing nature more spectacular for someone who is not color blind by making colors more vivid. As with most technology, the EnChroma viewer comes with a price. Each viewer was about \$4,000—That's where Lions stepped up. The Bloomville Lions Club donated the entire \$4,000 needed for a viewer at Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve, 6777 S. St. Rt. 19,

Bloomville. This was important to club members because the park is located just 3 minutes, or 1.5 miles from where the club meets. To get to the viewer at Garlo, follow the paved path back to the front of the lake, turn right, and take a short hike to the southwest corner of the lake, where the viewer will be on your left. It rotates up, down, and a full 360 degrees around to enable viewing of fish on the lake, deer on the hiking trails, and leaves on the trees.

Other Lions Clubs in Seneca County—Ohio Lions District 13-OH2—as well as other businesses and organizations, combined to donate the funds for a second viewer that was installed at Steyer Nature Preserve, near Old Fort, 5901 N. CR 33, Tiffin. To reach that viewer, follow the main trail back from the parking area, and head up the hill until you reach the picnic area in the meadow. The Bloomville Lions Club, Seneca County Park District, Scout Troop 444, and our entire community encourage anyone who may be color blind, or just want to see the vibrant colors, to check out the extraordinary view from both viewers.



Lion Merv Wilhem enjoys the enhanced view of the lake at Garlo through the EnChroma viewer



Bloomville Lions Members enjoy their first look into the EnChroma viewer at Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve in Bloomville. (Left to right, Lions Cindy Beat, Jim Wilhelm, Clint Lease, Eagle Scout Patrick Heckler, Lions Brad Williams, Denise Niederkoehr, Merv Wilhelm, Phil Larson, and Patty Larson.

Bucyrus Lions Club

The Bucyrus Lions Club has inducted another new member. She is Michelle Tuttle who is the activities director at the Council on Aging. PDG Terry Spiegel performed the ceremony.

The club continues to work at the Backpack Program to furnish school children with weekend meals. Club members provided 200 bingo prizes for the elderly at the Council on Aging. Lions Rick Knodell, Sandy Brown, Joy Hillis and Michelle Tuttle worked at the bingo event.

Four members attended the latest Zone 5 meeting. The club members donated 7 bags of mittens, winter hats and scarves to the Salvation Army to give out to children in need. The club also gave them a monetary donation for their increased needs this fall. Eight club members volunteered to ring the bells to collect additional money for the Salvation Army.

Other donations were to LCIF for disaster relief, and to

the Council on Aging for holiday gifts for the elderly.



President Rick Knodell and Lion Joy Hillis prepare prizes for bingo at the Council on Aging.

Fostoria Lions Club

Dear Santa:

Fostoria Lions Club has been good thus far this season. Here are a few things that we have completed:

1. Participated with the United Way's Stuff the Bus Event by collecting Food and Hygiene



products for the Community Blessing Boxes and the School's Closet for kids needs

2. We have donated kids' throws and toothbrushes to the Zone Service Project
3. We possibly have a new member, we are working on getting her to a meeting
4. We are taking orders for the District Poinsettia Fundraiser
5. We will be helping Tiffin with Popcorn Balls and purchasing bags for our Nursing homes
6. We continue to attend Project Lifesaver Meetings and

help families affected by Pediatric Cancer

So Santa, you can see that we might be small in size but we continue to serve. Please be good to our members and ALL Lions for what they do. MERRY CHRISTMAS ALL !!!!

Lorain Lions Club

The Lorain Lions Club hosted its' 47th Semi-Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday November 2, at the Italian American Veterans Club Post 47 (IAV), 4567 Oberlin Avenue in Lorain. Over 900 guests purchased tickets. Treasurer Kenneth Kayle reported the pancake breakfast generated a profit of \$7,400. Proceeds support "Lions Conquering Blindness" specifically for Lorain area sight projects.



Members from the Amherst Leos Club and the Lorain Leos Club assisted servicing at the breakfast. LorMet Community Federal Credit Union was the event's key sponsor.

The Lorain Lions Club announced the receipt of two grants from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). A Matching Grant of \$10,000 and a Community Impact Grant of \$5,000 were awarded to support the renovation of the Lakeview Park Basketball Court in Lorain, Ohio. Mitchell J. Fallis

collaborated with Ohio Lions Multiple District 13-OH-2 leaders Carolyn Brock, LCIF Chairperson, Patty Moorman, Past District Governor and ShirLee Eberle, District Governor to develop the grant applications.

The renovation meets two of Lions Clubs International global causes: to support the youth and humanitarian effort. The grant funds will pay for overlay durable concrete on the existing asphalt court along with the installation of two new basketball poles, backboards, hoops and nets.

Lorain Lions Fundraiser for court renovation
To meet the total project cost of \$20,000, the Lorain Lions will contribute a \$5,000 local share. To raise this share, the Lorain Lions Club will host a Hispanic Dinner fundraiser on Saturday February 28, 2026. The event will feature authentic Hispanic home-prepared chicken, pork, rice and beans, plantains, salad and dessert along with soft drinks and coffee for only \$20 per ticket. Call Fallis at 440.225.0408 to buy tickets or for Lions Club sponsorships.

The Lakeview Park Basketball Court Renovation project, rendition above, is scheduled for completion in June 2026.

Loudonville Lions Club

Loudonville Lions received 4 submissions for the Peace Poster Contest this year, with winners selected by the Loudonville and Perrysville Clubs. They were honored at the club meeting November 25th. Lions participated in the Zone 7 Meeting, Held their monthly Fish Fry and completed

planning for the annual Christmas Party and "Feed the Teams" night December 15th. Leo's will hold a breakfast for senior citizens on December 18th. Happy Holidays!



Lucas Lions Club

Lucas Lions had another busy November! On November 8th, we held our Fall Fundraiser. This year, we decided to try something new and hosted a professional Murder Mystery group. We sold 100 tickets, and the event was well-received. We also held a cash raffle, with the winners being announced on November 8th at the Murder Mystery event. We gave away \$500 in prizes total and retained money for future Lions needs.

We also awarded two Lucas 5th graders the GOOD Award for the first grading period. Congratulations Owen B. and Gracey B!

We are also excited to be working Lucas Elementary School to do an eyeglass drive. The drive ends Dec. 12 with the winning class receiving a pizza party before they leave for Winter Break. We hope this can become an annual tradition.



North Ridgeville Lions Club

Our club has had an incredibly productive fall season, demonstrating unwavering commitment to service through proactive community outreach, impactful projects, and collaborative fundraising efforts. Our service calendar began in September as dedicated members volunteered with North Ridgeville City Schools, helping the school nurses conduct vital vision screenings. Later that month, we were honored to sponsor and volunteer our time at the North Ridgeville Senior Center's annual Spaghetti Dinner. A major success was our community-wide food drive, hosted in partnership with North Ridgeville City Schools and St. Peter School. The event spurred

a friendly competition, with the schools battling to bring in the most food by weight! St. Peter School triumphed again this year, contributing a massive 3,146.8 lbs. In total, we proudly collected 7,662.7 lbs of non-perishable food items, all donated directly to North Ridgeville Community Care to help stock the shelves for our neighbors.

In October, we expanded our reach by hosting an informational table at the North Ridgeville Health and Safety Fair, presented by our city's Fire and Police Departments. Our focus was the critical topic of children's mental health, where we shared research-backed strategies and resources for managing anxiety and depression. Additionally, we actively contributed to a global cause by collecting several boxes of used eyeglasses and transporting them to our new donation site, The VOSH OH Eyeglass Sorting Center in Pandora, Ohio. Our fall outreach concluded at the NR Fall Fest, where our friendly Lion mascot greeted the public and we offered games and prizes for children, enjoying a wonderful opportunity to connect and meet with hundreds of community members.

Mark your calendars for our biggest fundraiser of the year, the Annual Night at the Races Fundraiser, scheduled for Saturday, January 31, 2026! Complete details on how to purchase tickets, explore sponsorship opportunities, and support our club's continued work can be found on the flyer at the back of this newsletter.



Oak Harbor Lions Club

As I write this, we are approaching Thanksgiving. One of the things we are thankful for are our District 13B officers and the time and effort they put forward in leading our District. During November 2nd VDG Jessica Skeen visited our club and her goals for the future. During the last month we participated in 2 joint activities. On October 31 we partnered with the Oak Harbor Rotary club to hand out apples, candy, donuts and cider to trick or treaters in downtown Oak Harbor. On November 8 we partnered with Port Clinton and Marblehead Lions to fund and build 5 beds with Sleep in Heavenly Peace organization which has a goal of every child

have a bed to sleep in. We also made donations to the Oak Harbor Holiday Bureau and the Oak Harbor Public Library. We wish everyone Happy and Blessed Holiday season.



Halloween picture



Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed build picture

Old Fort Lions Club

The board voted to pay \$427 for a 74 year old widow's new glasses. Our community calendars have arrived and will be distributed soon. We handed out apples to High School and Elementary kids on November 14th Diabetes Awareness Day. Our club will be celebrating with a Christmas Party on December 2nd. We will be handing out Goody Bags, punch and cookies to Elementary children after their Christmas Program. Santa will be on hand for pictures and gift wishes.



Ontario Lions Club

The Peace Poster contest winner was Zoey Jones, eight grade at Ontario Middle School. Thanks to the Ontario school system and superintendent Keith Strickler.



Our Pancake Day was held on November 1st and was well attended. The girl schouts assisted with table settings and clean up. Miss Ontario, Morgyn Beasley also lended a hand.



Used eyeglasses were collected at Stingel Elementary with the winning class to have a pizza party on the 21st.

Perrysville Lions

We are 11 strong but we get a lot done.

We started off the month by hanging the villages' 58 Christmas decorations which we store, maintain and replace broken bulbs.

We are conducting a Clothing Drive. We will sort the clothing box and deliver them to the Free Store at the Nazarene Church in Loudonville.

We served our last Swiss steak luncheon for the year and gave the proceeds to Christmas for Families.

After Veterans Day we removed the worn grave flags from the Veterans graves in 2 cemeteries.

We continue our recycling projects; collecting plastic bags and aluminum cans.

We have 4 members attending the Zone 7 advisory meeting.

We will not hold our December Swiss steak luncheon due to Mrs. Santa being away from the kitchen visiting good boys and girls. We Will Hold The next Swiss steak Luncheon January 11, 2026 from 11:00 to 1:00 from the Perrysville Community Center. Happy Holidays Everyone!

Polk Lions Club

We have been busy collecting plastic bags! Our first delivery was 329 lbs. We are 1/3 of the way to our goal of earning a free bench for the community!



Our elves are busy working on Christmas Tree Lane, gathering trees and lighted displays to delight our guests! Get in the Christmas spirit! Enjoy munching on Christmas cookies and sipping on hot chocolate, while listening to Christmas music as you tour the Lane Dec. 5 from 4-8pm, Dec. 6 from 2-8pm, and Dec. 7 from noon to 4pm. Admission is \$1 or a non-perishable food item, which will be donated to Ashland Special Needs Ministry,

Port Clinton Lions Club

Hello from Port Clinton where northern winds foreshadow the coming of winter! SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE: The Lions' clubs from Ottawa County, that is, Port Clinton, Oak Harbor and Marblehead got together on Nov. 8th to build beds with the Oak Harbor chapter of Sleep In Heavenly Peace, a group dedicated to the mission of building beds for children who have no bed. The local chapter was started in 2022. It builds & delivers beds to children in need. While a year-round outreach, the group particularly loves delivering beds on Christmas Eve.

SPEAKING OF CHRISTMAS: 4 lions attended the Ottawa County's 29th annual Red Kettle Kick-off on Nov.

13th. We will be ringing the bell at 2 locations in Port Clinton in December.



Rowsburg Lions Club

We held our Pancake and sausage breakfast on November 15th and served free breakfasts to all Veterans in honor of Veterans Day.

We discussed and will be having our Christmas dinner on December 9th to be held at the Ashland County Fairgrounds in the Fair office.

We are taking orders for our next cheese sale and orders need to be turned in by December 4th. Delivery will be on the 10th.

We are also selling tickets for a meat bundle raffle. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Drawing to be held at our Christmas dinner on December 9th. See any member for tickets or for cheese orders

Savannah Crestview Lions Club

The Savannah-Crestview Lions assisted a community family whose 18 month old daughter faced a serious health issue.

The Lions November pancake breakfast proceeds benefitted Blair Holbrook.

In addition, the Lions Pediatric Cancer Foundation provided both a donation and fuel cards to assist parents Alexis and Chandler Holbrook with travel and expenses for Blair's care and Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Savannah-Crestview Lions Kevin Reidy and Debbie Reidy present Chandler Holbrook with local and district checks to assist in daughter Blair's recovery.



The Savannah Crestview Lions held its local Peace Poster contest and recently recognized three Crestview Middle School sixth grade students for their artwork.

This year's peace poster theme, "Together as One" was depicted by the club's 1st place

winner, Brynn Pire. Runner up was Nathan Robertson, followed by Parker Bond.

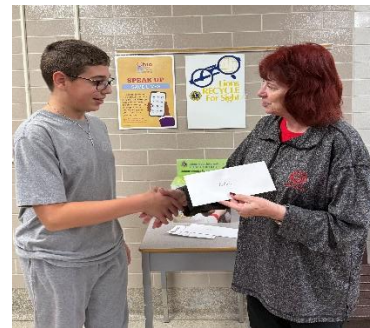
Lion Debbie Reidy noted "we thank art teacher Erin Denninger for including the peace poster activity within her classroom. The students did a fine job with this year's theme."



Peace poster winner Brynn is congratulated by Lion Debbie Reidy



Peace poster runner up Nathan Roberson is recognized by Lion Debbie Reidy



Parker Bond is thanked by Lion Debbie Reidy for his peace poster artwork.

Shelby Lions Club

Nov. activities.

We will be participating in the downtown Shelby Christmas activities. The Shelby Lions Club will be assisting in children's pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. We will be providing snacks and beverages. Neen Porter is chairing the event.

The Shelby Lions club is purchasing 90 hats and 110 pairs of gloves for Shelby city Schools. We are also providing Mental Health bracelets for Shelby city schools. The bracelets Were provided by District Governer Shirlee Eberlee.

The Shelby Lions Club will be assisting the Shelby Helpline in distributing Christmas food boxes.

The Shelby Lions Club participated in November's Mathew25, delivering fresh produce to 60 Shelby families. We will be collecting winter ware for the homeless and needy.

Tiffin Lions Club

We will be making our popcorn balls on November 24, and December 1, 4, 8, 11, and 18. We will start at 6:00 at the Tiffin Moose. Clubs welcome to help. Please call Lion Mike Smith at 419-618-3667 for details.

We had 38 people attend our Fun Halloween Party at the Izaak Walton on October 27, 2025. Social was at 5:30 and

feed at 6:00. We had shredded chicken, macaroni and potato salad. Dessert was pumpkin pie.



Lions that have Passed this month

Don Ritchie of the Hayesville Lions passed November 3. He was a former member of the Warsaw Lions Club. He was a dancer in both the Hayesville Follies and the Warsaw Show.

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.



Lions Club of North Ridgeville presents:

NIGHT AT THE Races

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

50/50 SIDEBARDS RAFFLE BASKETS GAMES



Saturday, January 31, 2026

Doors Open - 6:30pm

First Race - 8pm



St. Clarence Pavilion

30106 Lorain Rd, North Olmsted



Tickets: \$40 donation

Includes buffet dinner, beer/soda



COUNT ME IN FOR THE FOLLOWING:

☐ Event Tickets
_____ x \$40 each = _____

☐ Buy a Horse
_____ x \$25 each = _____

Owner's Name: _____

Horse Name: _____

Horse Name: _____

Deadline for Tickets, Ads and Horses:

01/13/26

SCAN ME
for Tickets



BUY A PROGRAM AD:

☐ Race Sponsor (only 10 available!) \$150
Includes a full page ad and your company
advertised on the big screen throughout the event

☐ Full Page ad (10.5"x3.75") \$100

☐ Half Page ad (5"x3.75") \$50

☐ Quarter Page ad (2.5"x3.75") \$25

Please attach artwork for ads or email digital
copy (preferred) to LionsClubofNR@gmail.com

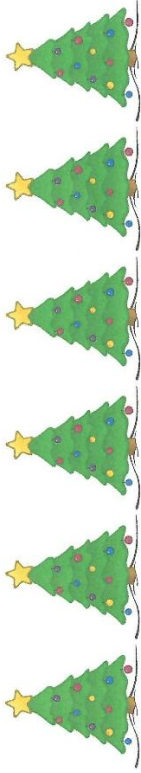
Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

More info: @NRLionsClub
LionsClubofNR@gmail.com

Proceeds go towards the programs supported by the Lions Club of North Ridgeville



*It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like
Christmas when you visit*

Christmas Tree Lane!

Enjoy strolling through Christmas displays while listening to Christmas music, munching Christmas cookies, and drinking hot chocolate!

Admission is 1 nonperishable food item or \$1,
which will be delivered to

Ashland Special Needs Ministry.

Join us in the Polk Community Center:

Dec. 5, from 4-8pm

Dec. 6, from 2-8pm

Dec. 7, from noon to 4pm

Brought to you by the Polk Lions Club.

STUFF THE STOCKING

HELPS LUCAS LIONS CLUB SHARE THE GIFT OF SIGHT

Do you or your friends and family have used eyewear sitting around and you don't know what to do with it? Donate!

Lucas Elementary School will hold a used eyewear drive

NOVEMBER 17-DECEMBER 12

The homeroom class who brings in the most* donations will earn a pizza party sponsored by the Lucas Lions Club.

*The amount will be determined based on ratio of class size to glasses collected.



PLEASE DONATE USED GLASSES

The Lions Club collects used eyeglasses to help provide affordable vision care to people in need around the world. Donated glasses are cleaned, sorted, and distributed to those who lack access to proper eye care, helping improve vision, education, and quality of life.



We Serve

Lorain Lions Club

Hispanic Dinner Fundraiser

(To Renovate Lakeview Park Basketball Court)

I.A.V Post #1

4567 Oberlin Avenue. Lorain

Saturday: February 28, 2026

Serving 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Dine-in or carryout format

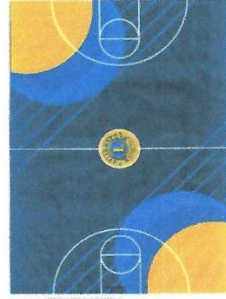
Tickets are \$20 per person

For tickets, call Mitchell Fallis at 440.225.0408

Only 300 tickets will be sold until Feb. 15 2026

**Menu: Chicken, Pork, Rice and Beans, Fried Plantains, Salad, dessert coffee and soft drinks
50/50 Raffle and Chinese Basket Raffle, Hispanic Costume Contest. DJ Music**

**Sponsorship opportunity - your name or organization placed on
vinyl banner displayed at fundraiser and basketball court grand opening**



**Proceeds to fund rebuilding the Lakeview South
Basketball court including the Lions logo at center
court. Lions Clubs International Foundation has
provided a \$15,000 grant to partially fund this
project. Lorain Lions local share is \$5,000.**

Join us for a Zone Social

Night on the Red Carpet

Ashland Shine's Theater

Date to be determined-March or April

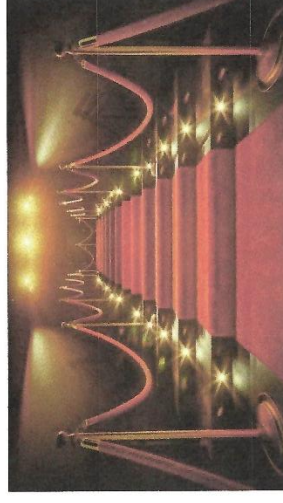
Relive the Golden Age of Hollywood

Live Entertainment, Movie Clips,

Trivia, Raffles

Feast on Hors d' Vores & Mocktails

Semi-Formal Attire \$35



Presidents, please present this to your club. We are in the planning stages of this event. Right now, we are trying to determine if there is enough interest in this event to proceed. Please text your response (positive or negative), to Lion Sandy Welch 419-651-7372, or Lion Kevin Reidy 419-543-7024, by Dec. 31 with your interest, so that details can be finalized.
Thank you!



We Serve Lorain Lions Club

Lakeview Park Basketball Court Renovation (Sponsorship Form)

Silver Sponsorship \$100

Your name or organization on Lakeview Basketball Court Banner /posted at the February 28 2026 Hispanic Dinner Fundraiser and at the Ribbon Cutting Grand Reopening ceremony of the court

Gold Sponsorship \$250

Everything from Silver Sponsorship plus donate 3 basketballs to the youth during the Ribbon /cutting Ceremony

Platinum Sponsorship \$500

Everything from Silver and Gold Sponsorship plus donate 10 basketballs to the youth during the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Receive special recognition at Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and have name or organization posted in News print and social media

Name or Organization: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Ohio Zip code: _____

Contact: _____ Telephone: _____

Platinum Sponsor: _____ Gold Sponsor: _____ Silver Sponsor: _____

Total Amount due: \$ _____ **Sponsorship Deadline February 15, 2026**

Call Mitchell J. Fallis at 440.225.0408

Make check payable to Lorain Lions Club and mail to: P.O. Box 298 Lorain Ohio 44052



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**OHIO LIONS
WINTER RETREAT**

2026 Ohio Lions Winter Retreat

January 16, 17, 18, 2026

**REGISTRATION FORM
DEER CREEK STATE PARK RESORT
MT. STERLING, OH**

REGISTRATION:

Full registration paid by December 1, 2025 will be **\$130.00**. Full registrations December 2, 2025 – January 3, 2026 will be **\$145.00**. No registrations will be accepted after January 3, 2026. Make all checks payable to: "THE OHIO LIONS" and specify LIONS WINTER RETREAT in the memo line and return with this registration form to: Ohio Lions, 2082 Stringtown Rd, PO Box 155, Grove City, OH 43123; Fax: 614-539-5055; Email: ohiolions@gmail.com. To use your credit card: go to www.ohiolions.org & use PayPal and send your registration form to the address above. **NO CANCELLATIONS WILL BE REFUNDED OR REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER JANUARY 4, 2026.**

Please provide an Email address to receive updates on the Winter Retreat!

District

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

Will attend Sip and Paint (\$30 fee) _____ (LIMITED TO 25 PEOPLE)

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED: \$ _____

SPECIAL NEEDS: Please List any special dietary needs required, including the need for a Diabetic Meal.

Registrant's Name: _____ Needs: _____

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Session Facilitators

_____ Yes, _____ would help as a session facilitator at the Winter Retreat.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Hotel reservations must be made through the hotel by calling 1-800-282-7275 and ask for the Ohio Lions Winter Retreat block. Room reservations must be made prior to December 1, 2025 to get the \$129.00/night plus tax rate.

After December 1st the room rate may increase. The resort only has a limited number of rooms and may sell out. The State Office will not accept hotel reservations or room deposits.

Check out www.deercreekstatepark.com for all of the winter events and resort amenities that are offered at the lodge. Make this a family outing!!!